

IS WINTER ATTRACTION

Government Engineer, Back From Crater Lake. Says Roads Can Be Kept Open Throughout the Year Without Great Difficulty.

SCENIC WONDER EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL IN MID-WINTER

On Fair Days Lake Has all of Summer Color in its Waters and With Snowy Cliffs is Wondrous

That the time will eventually come when Crater Lake will be open the year around instead of during the present four short months during the season and that its mid-winter aspect will prove a greater drawing card than the wondrous beauty of the summer months is the belief of Benjamin F. Heidel, highway engineer, office of public roads, department of agriculture, who returned Saturday evening from a trip to the lake. He was accompanied by M. L. Erickson, supervisor of the Crater national forest and Harry H. Heide of the Mail Tribune. Mr. Heide made the trip for the purpose of studying winter conditions on the summit of the Cascades and believe that a plan to keep winter road broken to the lake is entirely feasible. "Having viewed winter conditions near Crater Lake at their worst," states Mr. Heide, "I am led to believe that roads can be kept open the year around to the lake. With the erection of necessary buildings of stone, such as the one now in the course of erection on the rim; the trip can be made comfortably and well. Whatever discomforts are experienced will be more than offset by the pleasure of viewing the lake in mid-winter, when in my opinion, it is even more beautiful than in the summer months. The cliffs are a pure white, covered deep beneath huge snow drifts, with a few exceptional spots where the cliffs are snow-free. On a bright day the water of the lake has much of the color which is their chief charm in summer.

"I am firmly convinced that the lake will some day attract thousands of tourists in mid-winter. The road can so be constructed to make it easy of access. Personally I feel that the lake, deep in the icy embrace of winter, is far superior from a scenic standpoint than its summer aspect."

Mr. Heide's party left for the lake two weeks ago making their way from Prospect to the lake on snowshoes. They encountered a blizzard at the rim making it necessary to lay over, closely confined within the cabin found there, for three days when the weather cleared. Many views of the lake were obtained.

The party reports that the lake was not frozen over and no floating cakes of ice were visible. On the Klamath side trappers and others who have visited the lake in mid-winter, in former years, state that never have signs of its freezing over been observed. Both of the large Klamath lakes are frozen over and the ice is covered with a snow from two to three feet in depth. Sleighing is general throughout the Klamath valley.

From the lake the party made their way to Fort Klamath on "reebs" where they traveled by stage to Klamath Falls and home by train. Mr. Erickson remaining at the east slope to look up forestry matters.

SKATING RINK BARS ENLISTED NAVY MEN

SEATTLE, Wash., March 4.—The management of a local skating rink has barred enlisted men from the United States navy at Bremerton from entering their amusement pavilion in uniform, and trouble is brewing. The commander of the battleship Maryland wrote Mayor Billing today complaining that some of his blue-jackets were barred a week ago, and an investigation and immediate remedy is demanded. It is a federal rebuke to discriminate against a United States soldier or sailor.

WILL TACKLE TARIFF NEXT

Revision Downwards Will Be Begun Now—Wool Schedule First on the List to Be Followed by Series of Bills

NECESSITIES OF LIFE TO BE LOWERED AT ONCE

New Ways and Means Committee Will Begin Sittings at Once—Old Guard Snubs Taft.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—The sixty-first congress died today in disunion and wild disorder, bequeathing to its successors an extra session called for one month from today by an angered, disappointed president. The republican majority in the senate, with almost contemptuous disregard, ignored Taft's cherished plan for reciprocity with Canada, passing it to the mercies of a democratic house.

Amid scenes a convulsive confusion, the house democrats, with an hours filibuster, delivered a sudden and unexpected death blow to the presidents beloved permanent tariff board plan, just after it had passed the senate and its passage seemed assured.

Weeks ago Taft knew that the "old guard" which passed into history today, would not sustain his efforts for a reduction of custom duties with Canada, so had drafted and ready his proclamation calling an extra session of congress for April 4.

Assured of an extra session, leaders in congress tonight arranged for a series of conferences to plan the work that is to be done. Tariff revision is first a foremost on the program and the democratic members on the next ways and means committee will probably sit almost continuously until April. Representative Underwood, chairman of the committee declared that the democrats will immediately begin a revision of the tariff downward.

"I believe that Taft's tariff scheme will prevail, but it won't be the first thing on the calendar," said he.

The committee had already practically completed the scheme for revising the wool schedule. It is generally believed that it will be the first point of attack. Then will follow a series of bills, revising schedule by schedule, and among the first bills will be necessities of life. In addition the democrats must organize house on the question of giving Taft's tariff bill a new chance, the democrats are doubtful of indications are that it is a dead one for the next session.

DEMOCRATS TO RESCUE OF TAFT SAYS BRYAN

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 4.—Predicting that the democratic majority in the house would rally to the support of the president, William J. Bryan, who is here to deliver several speeches, expressed this afternoon gratification at President Taft's action in calling an extra session of congress. "If it is a world situation," commented Bryan, "when a republican president has to call session of democratic congress to do work for a republican president which his own party would not do."

THREE TIED FOR WINNER IN RIFLE RANGE CONTEST

Gen. Stinson, W. E. Peck and Jack Canfield, all of this city, are tied for the winning score in the gold prize shoot being contested over the target course on the Nataratorum rifle range. The three local men have made the best showing so far out of a large number of targets entered but their scores, while high, are not as good as will have to be made to secure the \$100. William Beck, C. T. Hamilton and Mr. Peck, also of Medford are close seconds with the third rank, and a fourth out of the second by a narrow margin is A. M. Turill, of Central Point.

DEVELOPS 24,000 H.P.

Colonel Frank Ray States That Estimates Have Been Received and Contract Will Be Let Shortly for Large Plant.

TO INSTALL THREE UNITS 8000 HORSE POWER EACH

Fifty Mile Transmission Line Will Connect Prospect Power Station With Medford.

Col. Frank Ray, controlling owner of the Rogue River Electric company who returned from New York this week, states that estimates have been received and contracts will be let in the next few days for the construction of an immense power plant on the Rogue river near Prospect at an approximate cost exceeding a million dollars, which will for many years to come supply all power needed in the Rogue River Valley.

The plant will consist of three units of 8000 horse power each. The first unit will be installed at once, and the other added as the demand for power justifies it. The transmission lines will be approximately fifty miles in length. The present power plant at Gold Ray will be used for emergency purposes.

Construction of large cement works at Gold Hill is planned and the extra power to be generated will be needed by these manufacturers. Three different concerns, among them the Portland Cement company, are figuring on erecting plants, and each will use an immense amount of power, one concern alone needing 2500 horse power. Then the cities of the valley are constantly calling for more power.

The site of the power plant is a few miles this side of Prospect, where by a short diversion, a perpendicular fall of 700 feet is secured.

SNOW IS DEEP NELSON RANCH

White Covering to a Depth of Two Feet Has Hidden Soil for Entire Winter—Cattle Unable to Forage—Hay Imported Over Rough Roads.

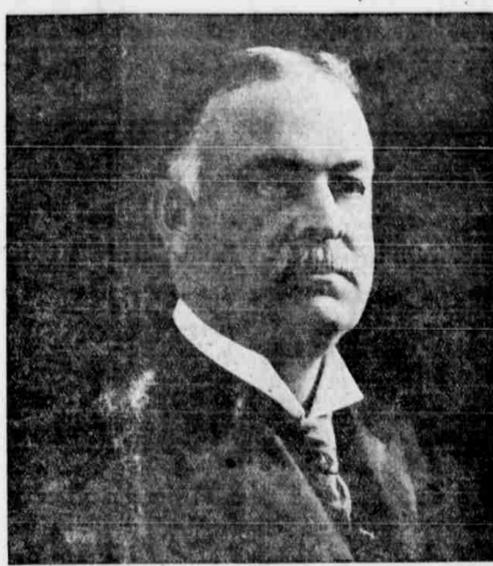
The depredations of winter on the summit of the mountains back of the Sterling mine have placed R. Nelson in a difficult situation. For the first time in many years the snow has been so deep on his farm that his cattle have had to be fed all winter. His supply of hay has been exhausted and he must now drive down the mountains, six miles to Griffin Creek, every two or three days and return with a couple of hundred pounds of hay, which is all that can be drawn over the steep washed out road.

The snow on Nelson's ranch has been two feet deep during winter and still attains to a depth of a foot. Not only has the snow stopped grazing but also has prevented the usual winter wood chopping. For the past three summers Nelson has distinguished himself as the only wood hauler who has had the nerve to bring wood down the precipitous road from the summit.

TESTING EFFICACY OF EASTERN AND WESTERN COAL

PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD, Wash., March 4.—The coal tests, which will be engaged in by the cruisers West Virginia and Maryland, are extremely important, said Admiral Colman, commanding the navy yard today. "The test will establish the efficiency of coal mined in the east and west. The cost of production, amount consumed, in fact all features of the tests will be watched with great interest in naval circles." The West Virginia and Maryland will proceed to the Straits of Juan De Fuca next Tuesday for speed tests.

To Build \$1,000,000 Power Plant



COL. FRANK RAY OF MEDFORD AND NEW YORK

RUEF GOES TO PRISON TUESDAY

Grafter Gives Up Hope of Escaping San Quentin—Says It is a Great Blow to His Aged Parents, but Will Make the Best of It.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Abe Ruef will be taken to San Quentin prison next Tuesday. Nothing now seems to prevent the order of Judge Lawlor being carried out on that day.

Ruef today gave up hope of escaping the penitentiary. In view of the decision of Judge Lawlor that the prisoner would not be given any further stay even to attend to his private affairs before entering upon his long term.

"As for myself I do not care," Ruef said. "I could face the sentence with equanimity, but the blow to my aged parents is very hard. But I shall make the best of it, even though at times I would not care if I were dead and done with it all."

Ruef's attorneys are still figuring on just what action they will take to get the case again into court. They feel that until Monday or Tuesday they are under the censorship of Judge Lawlor and will not move. They will apply to the state supreme court on Monday or Tuesday for a rehearing, which, if refused, would furnish grounds for application to the United States supreme court for habeas corpus proceedings.

MEXICAN REBELS TAKE THREE TOWNS

SANTA ROSALIA, Mex., Feb. 4.—Santa Rosalia, Arizpe and Ures, the latter two in the state of Sonora, are in the hands of the rebels. Cananea, between Arizpe and Ures, probably will be taken late today, as rebels were reported advancing to the town at daylight. Fortifications are being thrown up but the garrisons are expected to prove no match against the rebels, who have a large force. Advice was received from Chihuahua today that General Francisco I. Madero had sent the governor of Chihuahua a demand for the surrender of the city.

DISCHARGED COAL MINERS THREATEN LABOR TROUBLE

CLE ELUM, Wash., March 4.—One hundred and thirty Puller and Stummers believed to be members of some secret society, were discharged by the Northwest Lumbermen company yesterday, because notified the company that if an attempt was made to open the mines without them they would fight. The company attempted to hold out a portion of the miners' pay to settle the accident fund. The workers protested with the result that they were given their pay checks.

HUNTERS SLAY GIANT COUGAR

Cat Measures Eleven Feet Tread and Shot Near Prospect—Tackled by Dogs Which He Cripples—Falls Wounded From Tree.

Roy Willets, mail contractor, carrying the mail between Eagle Point and Prospect, reports that Messrs. Nason, McCall and Larsby killed a monster cougar near Prospect, measuring 11 feet in length.

After the dogs had tried the cougar, one of the men shot him and as he fell the dogs caught him. The beast was only slightly wounded and the result was that one of the dogs was badly torn and lacerated and it was only by mere chance that he was rescued. The dogs had been used in catching bobcats and when the cougar fell they both ran in but the animal was too much for them. At last accounts the injured dog was recovering.

FIVE MEN KILLED BY DONKEY ENGINE EXPLOSION

PORTLAND, Or., March 4.—Five men were killed and two injured when a donkey engine in a sawmill on the Clackamas river near Estacada, 30 miles east of Portland, exploded this forenoon, according to reports reaching here. The men were workmen employed in the mill.

TRIUMPH ARRANGED FOR BLONDE BOSS

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—With half of Chicago desiring him not invited to his position, William Larnier, junior senator from Illinois, will enter his home city tomorrow morning in a triumph arranged by his friends and political henchmen. J. Ogden Armour and other prominent citizens have declined to act on the reception committee. Two hundred automobiles occupied by the senators' friends, will meet him at the depot. He will head the procession to Garfield park, where he greets those who care to stand in the March wind. Bands will play and it is expected Larnier will keep open house all day.

ILLINOIS SOCIETY TO HOLD MEETING TUESDAY

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Medford Illinois society will take place next Tuesday night in the K. P. hall. Over 150 invitations have been sent to all the members of the society and a general invitation issued to all other former Illinoisans, all of whom are urged to attend. The evening will be started with a cafeteria supper, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year and a excellent musical program will be held.

BAILEY OUT BUT STILL IN

Texas Senator in Huff Over Action of Democratic Colleagues in Favoring Popular Legislation, Wires Resignation to Governor.

FRIENDS PURSUADE HIM TO STAY WITH HIS JOB

Lone Star Legislature Was Ready to Elect a Successor at Once if Given a Chance.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—Senator Joe Bailey tonight withdrew his resignation and will continue to represent Texas in the upper house. His action followed a wire from the governor asking him not to resign. His friends in Texas wired him to stick and democratic colleagues, numbering eleven, signed a statement expressing confidence in him and persuading him that he had made a mistake.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Senator J. W. Bailey of Texas has resigned from the senate.

Bailey resigned because the democrats failed to follow his leadership in consideration of the Arizona constitution, which Bailey violently opposed. He opposes the initiative, referendum and recall, the latter principle, particularly in its application to judges.

Bailey refused to make any statement on his resignation. The only other democrats who voted with Bailey on the Owen resolution were Taliaferro and Overman.

AUSTIN, Texas, March 4.—Governor Colquitt this afternoon telegraphed Senator Bailey at Washington.

"I have this minute received your telegram of resignation. I decline to accept your resignation as senator and respectfully ask that you withdraw it."

Senator Bailey sent a telegram here today saying that he had forwarded his resignation to Governor Colquitt. The legislature is now in session and will proceed at once to the election of Bailey's successor. It is understood that he will be a candidate to succeed himself. Former Governor Campbell and Governor Colquitt are both candidates.

It is believed that Campbell is the choice of the legislature, and that Bailey will not be returned.

CANNON CHALLENGES CONGRESSMAN TO FIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—It was only by a narrow margin that "Uncle Joe" Cannon failed to signalize his last day as speaker by a fist fight. During the house filibuster today Speaker Cannon spoke harshly to Congressman Johnson of Kentucky.

"I only wish you were a younger man," shouted Johnson. Cannon flushed.

"Come on," cried Uncle Joe, shaking his finger at the Kentuckian. "I do not want any advantage of my age." The republicans yelled themselves hoarse, while friends led Johnson away.

Later when Representative Shackelford refused to sit down Cannon ordered the sergeant at arms to force the Missouri member to his chair.

PORTUGUESE SPIES SWARM IN REVOLUTIONARY CENTER

BADRID, March 4.—Portuguese spies swarmed into Madrid today to investigate reports that the Duke of Oporto was a recent secret visitor here seeking Spanish cooperation in a plan for the restoration of the Portuguese monarchy. A dispatch from Oporto says that the plot was exposed there, several arrests made and incriminating correspondence seized. The provisional government continues to strengthen its northern garrison. If the patronage of the readers of this newspaper is important to you, make your store-advertising important to THEM.

UNCLE JOE STANDS PAT

Speaker Shows Fight to the Very Last Minute—Says he Leaves Without Regret and With Malice Towards None.

CANNON'S SWAN SONG IS RECEIVED WITH CHEERS

Champ Clark Offers Resolution of Thanks and is Wildly Cheered—Demonstration Follows.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.—With his colors nailed to the mast and showing to the very last minute the fighting front for which he has always been famed, "Uncle Joe" Cannon closed his last term as speaker of the national house when the 61st congress ended today.

"I leave here without regret," was the burden of his swan song; "with malice toward no member with whom I have ever served."

Despite his weariness as the result of a continuous session of 26 hours Cannon enforced the absolute gag rule during the filibuster by Fitzgerald which ended the session and fought the democrats desperately until Payne capitulated and abandoned the tariff board bill. Escorted by Champ Clark.

When his last battle was ended Cannon left the chair and was replaced by Underwood of Alabama. Champ Clark, speaker to be in the next house, then introduced a resolution thanking Speaker Cannon for his service.

"This has been one of the most important congresses," said Clark, "and one of the stormiest in history. There have been more bitter words and more riotous scenes than in any previous congress. I offer this resolution because, at this moment Joseph G. Cannon is one of the greatest historical personages in our country."

A great demonstration followed Clark's peroration, Underwood, in the chair, vainly pounding for order. In the midst of the turmoil Clark and Mann escorted Cannon to the chair and silence fell as "Uncle Joe" began to speak.

Uncle Joe's Swan Song.

"It is eight years ago," he said, "since I was escorted to this desk as speaker. I said then that the speaker should be the servant of the house and since that time I have never forgotten that my duty was to preside in accordance with the rules of the house with courtesy and with impartiality.

"It is necessary, with the vast amount of business before this house, that there be a selection by the majority as to which business shall be considered. The rules must govern."

Speaker Cannon then directed Champ Clark to read the resolution of adjournment and its conclusion resumed.

Leaves Without Regret.

"I leave here without a regret. I have performed my duties to the best of my judgment under the rules of the house. I have no malice to my heart toward any colleague or toward any member with whom I ever served. My friend, the speaker to be, has bidden me farewell as speaker. I agree with him, for at 75 years, in the course of nature, I could not hope to and would not occupy this place again. So, I will fill my place under his gentle rule as a member of the house. I declare the third session of the 61st congress adjourned."

At the end of "Uncle Joe's" swan song dead stillness prevailed for fully a minute. Then Hefflin of Alabama started singing "My Country 'tis of Thee," and the members and the gallery joined in with a will.

The democrats hoisted Joe Merrick, the pet pig of the house, upon a desk and he sang: "My Old Kentucky Song," the Southerners joining in the chorus. The finale of the occasion came in the singing by Merrick of "Build Lang Syne" and a few minutes after its last bar died away only a few scattered members remained on the floor.

Rapid growth of the finger nails is considered to indicate that a person is in good health.