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MEDFORD SCOUTS TOURNAMENT TO START DEC. 22ND

December the 22nd is the date set for the first local Boy Scout tournament. At a meeting of the Scout Masters yesterday afternoon the final plans for this series of friendly contests between the Medford troops of scouts were made. The contests will be of a varied nature, some displaying the acquired skill of scout training and others of a general play nature.

The first series of seven events will display both individual and collective speed and accuracy. The second series of three events will reveal individual skill and endurance. As the large majority of the boys now in the troops are qualifying in the tenderfoot tests there will be no contests which include the display of skill acquired in either the second or the first class ranks.

At the first general assembly of the troops last Saturday evening at the new temporary headquarters in the Baptist church, some of the competitive plays were practiced and this week the troops are busy selecting their entries and practicing for the finals.

It was found that it would be necessary for all scouts to wear rubber soled shoes at all headquarters assemblies. This is a general requirement made by all who have charge of local gyms and the athletic committee of the Baptist gym are forced to meet this requirement in order to save the floor. Tennis shoes are suitable and also quite inexpensive. Most of the boys are already supplied.

FRANCE WAITING FOR NAMING U. S. EXPERTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—In the interim while the appointment of Americans on two expert committees of the reparations commission which will inquire into Germany's financial situation was being awaited here, the state department made public today correspondence exchanged between Louis Barthou, French delegate on the reparations commission and Col. James A. Logan, American observer with the commission as well as a communication from the German ambassador.

The correspondence had to do with the committees of experts to be established by the commission and prepared the way for American action under the plan. Steps looking to the appointment of Americans on the committees are looked for in Paris as the Washington government, if it has knowledge of any selections, has not revealed it.

INCLUSION DIAMOND LAKE IN CRATER P'K URGED BY MATHER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—The enlargement of Crater Lake national park in Oregon northward to include Diamond lake and Mount Thielsen is necessary to round out the scenic attractions of the park and to give the fullest measure of service to the public, Stephen T. Mather, superintendent of the national park service, said in his annual report submitted to congress recently.

By such enlargement the report continues, a splendid camping region will be added which, on account of its lower altitude will be available in the early part of the season when snow still remains on the rim of Crater Lake; also a greater measure of protection would be afforded the game.

The report says a most gratifying development has been the notable improvement of approach roads to the park. "The Crater Lake highway out of Medford," it continues, "is now nearing completion and by next season will be widened and surfaced to the park gate. The work on the Klamath highway has been similarly pushed even more energetically. Construction of The Dalles-California highway is being carried along rapidly so that within two years it will be a most important approach highway."

This year Crater Lake came into its own, taking its merited place as one of the most popular parks. Approximately 57 per cent more visitors registered during the season, than during the preceding year, 1922's total attendance being surpassed two days after midseason. Every state but two was represented, visitors coming from as far as Hawaii, Switzerland and Holland. A notable feature of this record attendance was the great influx of Californians, the number of first entry cars from that state during July equalling first entries from Oregon itself.

"The new addition to the lodge is fast nearing completion and will be furnished and ready for use next season making a total of 147 well-furnished rooms, a large number equipped with bath and all with running water. This large building together with the comfortable tent houses, should suffice for some time to come. This new structure, with its furnishings, additional water supply, sewage disposal system, etc., represents a large investment made by the new operators headed by Eric V. Hauser and R. W. Price of Portland, with an assurance of immediate returns, and is a visible evidence of their fine public spirit and their faith in Oregon's greatest playground."

WESTERN CATTLE ARE REDUCED 15 PER CENT

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Feeder cattle on farms picking up weight for the stock markets number about 15 per cent less in the western and Pacific slope states than at the same period last year, the weekly summary of the department of agriculture says. In the eleven corn belt states, the total number of cattle on feed is about two per cent larger than the 1922 figure.

"In the western states, only Montana shows an increase in cattle feeding over last year," the department bulletin says. "Insofar as the numbers of cattle on feed indicate the supplies for slaughter," the report continued, "it appears the supply during the present winter and coming spring will be about the same in the corn belt states as last year, but with cattle somewhat lighter in weight. It seems probable that there will be sufficient stocks for Pacific coast slaughter in the areas that usually supply it."

TO TELL OREGON WHAT'S WRONG WITH BUTTER

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—The fourteenth annual convention of the Oregon Buttermakers' association opens here today. Among the speakers on the program was James Sorenson, secretary of the Minnesota Creamery Operators' association, who came to tell producers what defects are to be found in Oregon butter.

F. G. Deekhaugh of Salem was chosen to reply to the address of welcome by Mayor G. L. Baker, M. M. Ronney of Eugene following with the president's report. L. S. Leach, deputy dairy and food commissioner; W. F. Jensen and K. C. Eldredge of Portland also had talks on the first day's program. The convention will remain in session tomorrow.

Not Presbyterian Magazine. According to Rev. E. P. Lawrence of the Presbyterian church, the magazine "Hope," from which an article against "Divine Healing" was printed in Wednesday's Mail-Tribune is not as was stated by the person contributing the article a Presbyterian periodical, but is an independent Bible magazine published in New York.

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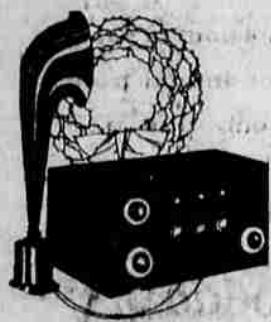
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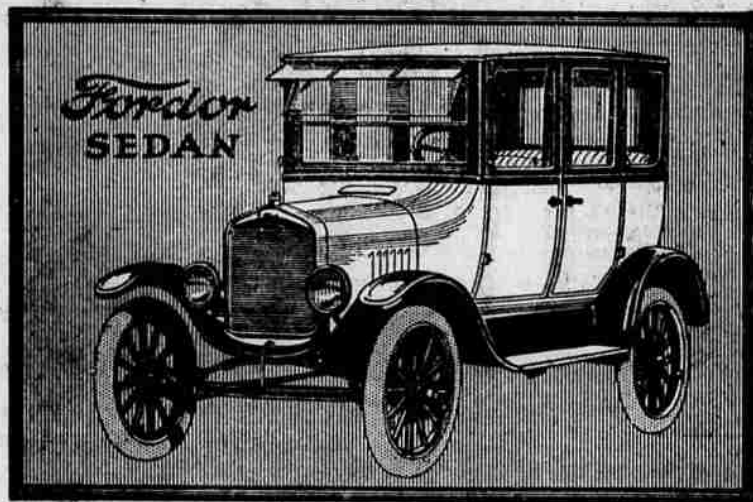
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