

NORMAL WEATHER TO OPEN CRATER ROAD BEFORE JULY

"If the usual normal spring melting weather prevails the road from Medford into Crater National park will be open for autos as far as the lodge nicely long before July 1st, the date of the park's opening," said Superintendent C. G. Thomson of the park today. "But a series of freezes would complicate the situation," he added.

Of interest to the National Guardsmen of the state, Superintendent Thomson declares that he will guarantee to have the Medford entrance road open for auto traffic at least as far as Anna Spring camp by June 15. "This means that when the State National Guard encampment is taken for a visit to Crater Lake June 21 and 22, the soldiers will only have to hike to the lake a distance of three or four miles, or less."

Colonel Thomson and E. C. Jerome returned late yesterday afternoon from their visit to Crater National park where they conducted a series of orchard heater experiments in melting and loosening up the deep hard packed snow, 10 feet at Government Camp and six and a half feet at Anna Spring camp.

The orchard heater experiment in the main worked successfully, but is impractical for this year because of the deep snow being so unusually packed down into almost solid ice.

"The old method of using laborers, horses, snow plows and T. N. T. is less expensive," says Colonel Thomson.

"The burning of briquettes as fuel in the orchard heaters is too expensive for this year of so hard packed snow, and the government funds for removal of snow from the park roads are rigidly limited."

So packed down is the deep snow that now when the sun goes down in the park, freezing on top begins at once and by 8 o'clock the next morning a six horse team can walk on top without making any indentation.

Superintendent Thomson reports that the small crew which went up a week ago has been hard at work right along with snow plow, explosives, etc., on snow removal. This crew will be augmented from time to time.

LADY FREED, SLEW WITH FLATIRON

LOS ANGELES, May 19.—The charge of murder against Mrs. Edith Renteria, who threw a flatiron at Jose Lerda at Lynwood, near here, February 20 last and killed him, was dismissed here today. Mrs. Renteria said that Lerda had attempted to attack her.

MIDDLEBURY, Vt., May 19.—(By Associated Press.) Earl Woodward, charged with the kidnaping of 11-year-old Lucille Chatterton in Granville, April 24, was discharged "for lack of evidence," sufficient to hold him for a jury trial in Addison county court late today.

CANADIAN BEER IS MAIN GAB TOPIC

WINDSOR, Ont., May 19.—Two questions heard with recurring frequency as May 21 approaches with its promise of 4.4 per cent beer in the province of Ontario are:

"What does it taste like?" and "has it a kick?"

The pre-tasters, persons who have been privileged to taste the new beverage at the breweries prior to its general sale, answer the first question in unison, "It tastes as good as the most critical could wish." From the taps, they say, it gushes with old-time creamy effervescence. In the glasses it is cold, clear amber.

As to the kick there is a wide difference of opinion.

Local Brie's

Lightning, supposed to have never struck anything smaller than a mountain in Gold Hill, struck two people, a dog and a cat as well as incapacitating a hive of bees, at the Wharton home here last Sunday. The story should be told by some of the many people who saw it lightning and heard the roar of the thunder that came simultaneously, as the editor was one of the people hit by the misguided bolt from the "blue" and he did not hear the noise for he was oblivious to all racket with his nose poked into the mud while Elmer Dumgey raced for Dr. W. P. Chisholm.—Gold Hill News.

John Peterson, caretaker at the city reservoir, is at the Sacred Heart hospital. He was operated on for appendicitis May 16, and is doing nicely.

The last meeting of the Jackson School Parent-Teacher circle will be held on the school lawn next Friday at 2 o'clock. The pupils will be guests of the circle and will present a number of pleasing folk dances and physical training exercises. Refreshments will be served from small tables on the lawn. All patrons and friends of Jackson school are cordially invited to attend.

BELGIUM TO PAY DEBT.

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half per cent interest per annum beginning two years after date of obligation.

The plan submitted by Mr. Yankov was transmitted by President Coolidge to the state department. The president had no opportunity to go into its merits in detail.

Oregon News in Brief

PORTLAND, Ore., May 19.—Traffic managers of the large retail establishments of the coast, the men responsible for the prompt delivery of goods are in attendance at the Western Traffic conference which opened here today.

Representatives of railroad lines and steamship companies are also present.

Problems of distribution of retail purchases and delivery of freight from stations will be discussed at the three day meeting. Effort will be made to effect some organization which will aid in speeding up traffic for the benefit of retail establishments and customers.

ASTORIA, Ore., May 19.—An alarm went over the northern part of the state today, for officers to search for Kenneth Anderson, 15, who has been missing from his home for a week. The lad's mother, Mrs. George Anderson of this city, had been in Portland, where her husband is undergoing medical treatment and returned to find that her son had disappeared. The boy is said to have been seen with a companion nearly a week ago loading a rowboat with provisions at Burnside, eight miles east of Astoria.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 19.—Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton today overruled a motion of the federal reserve bank of San Francisco to dismiss the \$130,000 garnishment suit brought against it by the Brookings, Oregon, state bank.

The reserve bank based its motion on a law passed by the last congress that federal courts cannot have jurisdiction in cases where a party

to the suit was established by a law passed by congress.

The damage claim grew out of a controversy over the par collection of bank checks.

SALEM, Ore., May 19.—Kenneth S. Perry of Klamath Falls, and E. K. Hunter of Walla Walla, both students at O. A. C. were fined \$100 each in justice court here today on the charge of transporting liquor. They were arrested on charges of speeding on Saturday evening and the liquor was found in their car.

SALEM, Ore., May 19.—Secretary of State Sam Rorer let the contract today for the 1926 motor vehicle license plates to the Irwin-Hobson company of Portland. The plates will be black with white numbers. The contract calls for 200,000 pairs of plates for passenger cars, 17,000 pairs for trucks, 2700 pairs of plates for motorcycles, 700 motor vehicle dealers' license plates and 15,000 chauffeurs' badges.

BOOTLEGGING WINE TO BE GIVEN TESTS

LOS ANGELES, May 19.—A test tube test of southern California wineries, designed to isolate and put out of business those which have been diluting or adulterating their stocks for bootlegging purposes, centered today in a laboratory in the federal building. Approximately 500 samples have been gathered from the various wineries of the section by a squad of prohibition agents instructed to make a "house to house" canvass of the plants, and each of these samples will be subjected to careful analysis in the laboratory.

GOVERNOR PIERCE JOINS IN DRIVE TO GET U. S. LAND

SALEM, Ore., May 19.—Governor Pierce, in reply to a letter from Governor W. P. Hunt of Arizona, joins in the campaign for the purpose of having the United States turn over to the states all the remaining public lands within the boundaries of the states.

Oregon has nearly 10,000,000 acres so listed and it is the desire of the government to have these kept on the tax rolls and revenue diverted to the school fund. Sixty-one per cent of the land in Arizona is tied up in some manner by the government, either as Indian reservations, national forests, national parks or withdrawals.

A committee appointed by congress will visit the western states to investigate public lands reserved and unreserved early in June and will remain until late in August.

ROOSEVELT BOYS ON ROAD TO LEH

SRIANAGAR, Kashmir, India, May 19.—(A. P.)—Colonel Theodore and Kernal Roosevelt, heading the James Simpson-Field Museum of Chicago expedition into central Asia, will leave today for Leh, in the valley of the Indus.

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