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BLANCHAR SEES NEW MOUNTAIN WAY

Motorists who visit Trout Lake, Wn., should not fail to travel to the summit of the new mountain highway just completed to the snowline of Mount Adams, according to E. O. Blanchar, who with Mrs. Blanchar visited the district Sunday.

"Guler postoffice," says Mr. Blanchar, is at an elevation of 1,900 feet. Sunday we were taken to an elevation of 5,000 feet by Chris. Guler, pioneer of the district. The road's end, however, is about a mile further up. The distance of the new road, which enables one to look right onto the snowfields of Adams, and at the glaciers, is 14 miles long. The view of Mount Hood and distant scenery of Oregon is fine.

"I would advise only cars of the smaller type and with powerful engines to make the trip. A number of grades are 18 per cent and some of the curves are too sharp for large cars. From the end of the road forest rangers who are rebuilding a cabin on top of Mount Adams made the summit easily in three hours. The trip, it is said, is an easy one."

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchar were accompanied by the latter's small sister, Barbara McDonald and Helen Boddy.

DON NICKELSEN VISITS CANAL ZONE

After a visitor has compared the Panama Canal zone with other parts of South America, according to Dr. W. D. Nickelsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nickelsen, he feels a pride in the United States. Dr. Nickelsen is spending a vacation cruising in the Carribean and north coast of South America as surgeon for a coaster plying out of New York. He writes:

"The sanitation of the canal zone is perfect. The docks at Cristobal are the best in the world. A party of us took the train to the Pacific side of the canal. Had a dip in the Pacific today and it was like old times. There is certainly a great difference in the two oceans. The surf, the sea food, shells and fish are entirely different. We see bird rocks off the Panamaian coast just as we see them from Cannon Beach.

"One can't appreciate the tropical fruits until he has eaten them fresh from their native orchards. The pineapples, oranges, bananas, grape fruit and mangoes are delicious. Incidentally one, if he chooses, has ample oppurtunity to imbibe of the wet stuff without restraint. The canal belt is full of cabarets on both sides, but the American zone itself is, of course, dry."

Just Little Stories

G. A. McMullin and E. E. Brett the other day played a series of pratcical jokes on their fellow business man, W. H. McClain, who was testing out a new iceless refrigerator, kept cool by a process of evaporation from a porous water bag, which takes the place of the ordinary ice compartment. Mr. McClain had the new refrigerator set just outside the store, and at frequent intervals he took a peek at a thermometer, placed in its interior. While he was not looking Mr. McMullin filled the water bag with cracked ice. Mr. McClain swelled with satisfaction on his next investigation of the thermometer to find the temperature down 10 degrees.

The new style refrigerator is equipped with a long stovepipe, needed in creating a draft to aid in evaporation. A little while after the thermometer episode, a chimney sweep, sent over by the jokers, visited Mr. McClain and solicited the task of cleaning the stovepipe. The chimney sweep is an Englishman. He is still pondering over his cool reception.

Rev. Billy Sunday, who has been fighting shy of the Prohibition party the past week and who with his good wife, "Ma," has been working diligently every day on the Odell country place, played a joke on himself last week. Mr. Sunday answered a long distance telephone message and agreed to deliver a chautauqua lecture at Dallas. Then he confused it with The Dalles, and accordingly last Friday evening Mr. Sunday started for The Dalles to deliver his address. But nobody seemed to know anything about it. He hastened to ask "Ma's" advice over the telephone. Then he learned that he was to talk at Dallas. Fortunately a westbouud train was late and he was able to reach Dallas on schedule time.

A local Beau Brummel, who is climbing toward the allotted time of man, tells a good story on himself. He was in Portland recently. He says:

I boarded a street car and held onto a strap. I noticed a beautiful young woman sitting just ahead of me. I couldn't help but glance her way at frequent intervals. Finally she rewarded me with a smile. I smiled back, of course I did, and felt mightily pleased with myself. And then she arose and said:

"'Here, grandpa, take my place, you look tired.'

"The incident left me feeling my age, I tell you."

Strange Man Committed to Asylum

A man about 45, who gave his name as William Ketching, was sent to the Pendleton insane asylum Saturday night by local authorities. Ketching created alarm Friday night when he began a mad flight around the passenger station. He wailed that four spirits were pursuing him, preventing him from sleeping or working. He was garbed in a pair of cheap overalls. Marshals Frazier and Hart could find no clue to his identity, as his pockets contained only a lead pencil. Saturday, during a partially rational period, he gave the name of Ketching, but could not tell from where he came.

Ketching is of medium height and weight and has blue eyes.

Blizzard Hits Climbers

F. C. Knapp, president of the Peninsula Lumber Co., and a party of Portland people, including John A. Lee, Mrs. Lee and Miss Charlotte Sabin, caught in a blizzard that swept the summit of Mount Hood last Wednesday were able to make the descent to safety only after the gravest danger and a series of narrow escapes.

The swirling snow driven before a high wind made travel impossible and the party was imprisoned in the forest lookout for more than an hour before the return to Cooper's Spur.

Mrs. Connaway's Uncle Passes

Mrs. Harry Connaway last week received news of the death of her uncle, her father's oldest brother, William Bilyeu, of Kalama, Wash., Mr. Bilyeu, whose funeral was held last week at Scio, was 84 years old.

GOVERNMENT GIVES APPLE ESTIMATES

The commercial apple crop of Oregon will be about 60 per cent of last year, estimates F. L. Kent, field agent of the government bureau of crop estimates, from replies received from several hundred inquiries sent out to growers of the state. The December, 1919, estimate was 4,071,000 boxes, and on the basis of 60 per cent this year's commercial crop should be 2,500,000 boxes. The 1918 crop was 2,013,000 boxes.

The 1919 Oregon commercial pear crop was estimated at 615,000 bushels and the 1918 crop at 406,000 bushels. The 1920 pear crop now promises about 60 per cent of last year, or 369,000 bushels.

The Hood River growers' association estimates the total apple acreage at 16,000 with the crop prospects 60 per cent of last year. Reports indicate a winter kill of 3.0 per cent in apple trees in Hood River valley. This includes one orchard of 35 acres reporting 40 per cent of the trees killed. This figure (3.0 per cent) is much too high for the valley as a whole. In the Pine Grove district there was a very heavy loss, but in most other districts there was practically no loss. For the county as a whole the loss is estimated by local men at ½ to 2 per cent of the total number of trees. One report says: "A good many trees not killed show frost injury or were injured enough to make them drop their blossoms." The fruit generally is reported as being clean and of good size. Pear trees also suffered to some extent. There was a heavy bloom, but there has also been a heavy drop. A light crop is in prospect.

The Mosier Fruit Growers' Association estimates the district apple area at 700 acres with a crop prospect of 50 per cent of last year. The Mosier report says: "Too early to tell how many trees are killed outright; many are injured, ranging from one limb to half of the tree; others injured all over. These latter will eventually die probably. District loss will probably be about 5 per cent." Considerable spring frost damage in the Dufur district, but development of young orchards will make the crop larger than last year.

One report covering the whole of Benton county places the apple acreage at 1200 and the crop prospect 60 per cent of last year. Jackson County Agent Cate says: "We are now figuring on an apple crop of about 300 cars against 500 last year." The Marion county fruit inspector reports the apple crop prospect at 20 per cent of last year. Lane county reports the apple prospect 55 perc ent of last year.

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