

Clipped Here and There

There is no sound reason against building a tramway to the summit of Mt. Hood. This has been The Journal's

view ever since the subject was first discussed. Only the strong can climb the mountain. Shall the marvelous view from the summit be reserved only for them? Shall that wonderful sight be denied the aged, the infirm, the weak, the

timid and the other hundreds of thousands who dare not undertake the rigors and perils of the climb? If so, for what? Who owns Mt. Hood? Objectors say the mountain should be preserved in its primitive state. That also is what Colonel Greeley said. How would a tiny tramway, that in comparison to the mountain's bulk would be as a goat on an elephant, artificialize the mountain? If the tram were built, a telescope would be required to see it from a distance of a few miles.

Mr. Hood is a slightly object to look at. But it would be vastly more interesting to stand on its summit and look at the vast panorama within sight. Is there anybody who wouldn't like to stand on that mighty height and look out on the landscape? Easy access to the summit would make the mountain a salable asset. It would add enormously to the scenic attractions of Oregon. It would be a most enjoyable privilege for thousands of Oregon residents. The thought of standing on the summit would be a lure to people in other states. It would greatly increase the popularity of the Columbia highway and the Mt. Hood Loop.

The Journal highly respects the thought of preserving Oregon wonder spots in the primitive. It is a praiseworthy desire. Nature never teaches anybody anything bad. But there is much in Oregon that is primitive and that in the lives of all living will so remain. A tram won't make the slightest change in the sublimity or ponderous perspective of Mt. Hood.

Directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce have declared for the tram. And they are right, and Colonel Greeley is wrong in ruling against it.—Oregon Journal.

Curious glances are being cast this year by the apple growers and shippers in the direction of the export business. Not are the glances the ones of ambition that were being directed at this time last year in the direction of potential European markets. With the expectation of a light crop in the Eastern United States, and only a fair one in the West, the indications are that considerably less fruit will be available for export.

Probably one of the most important factors in the coming season will be

the Canadian apple crop, which so far gives a promise of a 25 per cent increase, or a total of 3,707,000 barrels. What direct effect this crop will have on the export situation in the United States remains yet to be determined. English fruit prospects are better than two months ago. There is less danger from April frosts, which varied according to locality and variety of apples. Heavy damage was suffered both by dessert and cooking varieties. The general run of market varieties however, came through the season without injury.

Good crops are expected in both Germany and France. Damage from frost and other unfavorable weather was reported in the upper Danube valley. It is perhaps too soon to appraise the factors responsible for the current tragedy of Mount Hood. There is a tradition among authorities on mountain climbing that nearly always a fatality may be traced to want of experience on the part of the victim, to failure of judgment at a critical moment, or to violation of one or more of the canons of the mountaineer. But it is not invariably true that the cause can be traced back to lack of practice, for veterans have occasionally been caught unawares. The so-called "rules" are not always applicable to particular circumstances, as occurred a few seasons ago when a woman climber was struck by a snow rock while making the descent of Newton Clark glacier, and though safely roped to a companion subsequently succumbed to her injuries. The record extending to many mountains and many individuals, however, largely warrants the generalization that mountain casualties are preventable.

A classical instance is that which, thirty years ago this month, resulted in the death of Professor Edgar McClure of the University of Oregon, while returning down a slope of Mount Rainier. Professor McClure was a mountaineer of experience and mature judgment and a man of excellent physique. He was moreover a scientist of some note and it is recalled that shortly before the accident he had planned himself on the nice care which had enabled him to carry the first mercurial barometer to the top of the peak which, to that time, had come out unscathed. Yet, precise as he had been in following customary precautions, he attempted at night, with insufficient light, the final stage of the journey and paid for a single omission with his life.

The occasion was otherwise noteworthy for the circumstance that it was the first ascent of Rainier made by the Mazamas as an organization, and that all other members of the party made the trip without serious accident. A companion fatality, occurring in the same year on Hood, was clearly attributable to the insistence of the victim on going alone. He was overtaken by a shower of small stones and perished for want of the steadying influence of a life-line.

The mountains of the northwest have on the whole been friendly to those who have understood them and have

made due allowance for their phenomena. The death of Dr. Stryker is an exception to the rule that those who have suffered injury were plainly violating established customs of the sport, and it may transpire that the accident was in this instance the consequence of attempting to rope too many climbers on a single lifeline. The recommended practice of veterans in Europe and in the Canadian Rockies is to limit parties to four. Early descriptions of the current tragedy point to the possibility that a fatal outcome might have been prevented if this had been done.

There is no exception to the dictum that it is easier to give advice than to act on advice in an actual emergency. There is, however, an interesting and perhaps significant bit of counsel to mountaineers. It is that if possible the climber's companions on the line should endeavor instantly to cling to the ground face downward. Lying on the back inevitably accelerates descent and it is to be avoided as all hazards. But it is quite a thing for all the members of a party of considerable size to do the ideal thing at the precise moment when it makes all the difference between safety and peril. None know better than the widely experienced that this is so. But as long ago as 1893, when Judge Moreland of Salem slipped on a steep slope of Hood, he was saved from probable death by precisely this quick resource on the part of his companions, one of whom was Rev. H. K. Ilmes.

Noted in all probability can excel the thrill obtained by the confined mountaineer in pursuit of his favorite sport, and no outdoor game more certainly rewards its devotees. But if its dangers have been on the whole overestimated, they are at all times sufficient to warrant the most scrupulous observation of the laws of nature, which are fixed if we but know them, have been accurately interpreted. Experience has developed a code, of the general sufficiency of which there is singularly convincing testimony in the unbroken record of successes by trained guides. But for the amateur who is also a novice it can be said that the sport is in no reasonable degree denied him, if caution there is observed, and if of observance with the utmost fidelity of every rule which is known to be the product of experience.—Oregonian.

The tragedy which interrupted the week end holiday on Mount Hood serves as a grim reminder of the ever present dangers of mountain climbing. Soft snow, glare ice and crumbling rock are treacherous, and a single slip, a momentary misstep, an instant's panic, may bring disaster.

This year the "Sunshine Trail" presents a dangerous difficulty. Heavy snows carry heavy snows that seem but a touch to become an avalanche. In the emergency, Judge Stadter, Percy G. Payton, Merle Manley and L. A. Nelson, leaders of the Mazamas, displayed self forgettable courage of the highest order. The indomitable Crags Rats were quickly on the scene lending their skill, bravery and endurance to the rescue.

Ray Shoemaker, "Andy" Anderson, Kent Conway, Paul Hoerline, the Annala brothers, Fred Donnerberg—these are some of the names on the splendid list, names grown familiar in the days when the mountain was searched for Jackie Strong and later for Calvin White and Harold Brownlee. The end of the tale is this—that mountain climbing like everything in life—is dangerous and not to be undertaken without proper precaution, and so long as we are denied any means of ascending Mount Hood except the slow climb on foot, it is well that the Crags Rats are near at hand, unflinchingly willing and ready.—Portland Telegram.

Due to frost and other causes, soft fruits are short in the Pacific northwest this year. Peaches and apricots are not too plentiful and there seems to be a positive dearth of cherries. Nevertheless, the growers will get high prices for their cherry crop, which will to some extent offset the lack of them.

If agricultural colleges in the northwest could develop frost-resisting soft fruits they would add immeasurably to the annual new wealth of the section.—Portland News.

WHITE SALMON

While fixing fences on Col. W. T. Bates' (U. S. A.) ranch, Bill Brown encountered a large black bear. The bear was eating blackberries and possibly has cub near as she did not amble off to the woods.

The mail stages to Glenwood are going over the Rattlesnake road as the Gilmer Creek cut-off road is being graveled. The hay and alfalfa crops are better this year on the mountain and H. M. Kuhn expects to have a big run with his baler.

The Boy Scout trip to Yellowstone Park has been given up. The local boys hope to raise enough during the winter to pay for the trip next summer.

Miss Ella Swanson was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. A. E. Glader. The affair was also a compliment to Mrs. Glader's mother, Mrs. Greyner, sister Mrs. Lindgren, and niece, Miss Bertha, of Minneapolis.

Rev. O. A. Stillman, for many years pastor of the Congregational church in this city, now of Alaska, returned for a brief visit.

Finding his hen had been killed in the coop where he had put her, A. E. Glader on Burdell Heights set traps around the coop. Failing to catch anything outside he put a trap inside and caught an owl which measured four feet, eight inches from tip to tip of the wings.

Dorsey's Hen Lays Big Egg The largest mid-Columbia hen egg for the season was brought to town Monday by E. B. Dorsey. It was laid by a White Leghorn hen and weighed seven ounces. The egg measured 9 1/2 inches in circumference endwise and was 5 inches around the middle. It was normally shaped, and candling indicated that it had but a single yolk. The egg has been on display at the Mellon Grocery on the Heights.

Bartness Gives Poem With no set program Tuesday at the Waukena hotel, the meeting of the chamber of commerce forum was turned over to E. B. Bartness, who recited a poem on Hood River valley.

Leslie Barter took of a visit to Lost Lake Sunday, when he heard a radio sermon delivered at the First Presbyterian Church. The reception, Mr. Butler said was perfect.

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BIG TIME DANCERS COMING TO RIALTO

A pair of really big time performers headline the coming vaudeville bill at the Rialto theatre next Monday night. The act in question is Quaglio and Kelly, who can without fear of contradiction be called the fastest two-man dancing act now on the Pacific coast. These two good looking young chaps do all styles of tap dancing in a way that makes the most critical audience ask for more. They were for a season with the famous Duncan Sisters in their equally famous show, "Topsy and Eva," and last season toured the Orpheum circuit. They are at present visiting the northwest and Manager Kolstad is very happy to present these capable artists.

Other acts on the coming bill are Vera MacElvie in original crayon drawings in which she accompanies her work at the easel with story songs. Miss MacElvie has been a favorite for several seasons in the chautauqua field and has an act that is sure to please everyone including the children. Van and Gilbert in a comedy, singing, and whistling act entitled, "Building a Bungalow," promises much mirth and entertainment. Other acts and features are also promised.

CALIFORNIA DIS-PLAYS BOOSTING

S. J. Moore, cashier of the First National Bank, back with Mrs. Moore from a motor trip to San Francisco and San Jose, Calif., says he was much impressed with the propensity and ability of the Californians in boosting their country.

"I saw nothing in the southern state in the way of scenery or enterprise that cannot be excelled in Oregon," said Mr. Moore. "We of this state, however, are lacking in that boosting spirit which characterizes the Californian. Our state would forge ahead much faster, I think, if we would follow the example of the Californians."

Mrs. Moore made the journey to San Francisco to attend the Pacific Coast Gift and Art exhibit. Gift shop folk from all Pacific coast points were present to inspect the interesting objects of art brought from the four corners of the earth. Mrs. Moore was enabled to get a line on orders for her gift shop here, and thus Hood River folk will be able to have an opportunity of selecting from rare and unique articles before the coming holidays.

Miss Virginia Moore was stricken with measles and is ill, in Portland.

Climb Notes As a result of the confusion that resulted Sunday after the Mazama accident on Mount Hood, much of the clothing and camp equipment of those who were at the American Legion camp has not been returned in, and many articles that were returned to the city from the Legion camp have not been called for. Kent Shoemaker, chairman of the Legion climb committee, says that a mass of articles remain in the chamber of commerce unclaimed.

Those who have articles of clothing and blankets that were used in rescue work are asked to return them to the chamber. Percy F. Bucklio, Crag Rat, and John Hunsell accompanied the rescue party of Crag Rats from Colman Scout up to the scene of the Mazama accident Sunday. These men journeyed across the snow and joined the other Crag Rats high up on Elliot glacier.

Otto Hagen of Swim climbed the south side of Mount Hood Sunday and descended on the north side. He made the journey on his trusty skis.

The string of 17 in the Crag Rat rescue party Sunday night passed straight up the mountain without pause. The men walked 1700 paces each without a halt. A hundred paces would be made and the lead man would drop out, getting breathing spell until the rear man reached him. He would instantly fall in. Thus the column was kept constantly moving, and record time was made in getting to the injured Mazamas.

Frank Heaton and Jesse Bill, the former for Oregon Pictorial News and Mr. Bill for International News, were on hand last Sunday to get pictures of the activities on the glaciers. They secured scenes of the rescue of the Mazamas.

Donald Onthank and Geo. I. Howe were with the Mazama party on Mount Hood Sunday. Mr. Onthank was the tenth man on the ill-fated line. Fortunately, however, he was not tied to the rope but was holding it with his hands. He tried vainly to stop the progress of the slide. Both men, who now reside in Portland, came down with the rescue party.

Three Oregonian and Associated Press representatives, who Sunday afternoon phoned authentic information to the outside world on the Mazama accident, were indebted to Gay Foster, who is at the United States forest service camp on the Tilly Jane. Mr. Foster, a student at the school of Journalism at the University of Oregon, aided in getting a through wire to Portland.

Among the mountain enthusiasts at the Legion Climbing year were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hays of Portland. Mr. Hays recently came to Portland from Omaha to handle publicity for the Union Pacific system and assist C. S. Bear, in charge of the rail line's advertising. He and Mrs. Hays had never had any experience in mountaineering but both made the top.

Mr. Hays brought along his camera and Sunday afternoon secured some of the best pictures taken of the rescue work. They were rushed to Portland for use in the Monday morning Oregonian.

Forest Tract Closed A tract of 6380 acres on the West Fork of Hood River was closed to all persons Monday by the local national forest headquarters. The tract is in and near the workings of the Oregon Lumber company and contains a good deal of combustible material. No one will be allowed to enter the area except under forestry permit.

Mellon Has Mead Department The Mellon Grocery, on Twelfth street, the Heights, has added a meat market. Will Davis is in charge of the new department. Refrigerating apparatus has been installed and patrons of the grocery will be in position to secure the meat orders along with their groceries.

LEGION OF HOOD RIVER

More than 100 members of the Hood River American Legion are expected to attend the Women's Auxiliary convention at the Grand Hotel in Astoria, Oregon, on Monday and Tuesday next. The Auxiliary party, which is the organization's largest ever, will be accompanied by the automobile.

Hood River's presence, Mrs. Knobel, who will be in charge of the Spirit of Mount Hood, accompanied the Auxiliary party.

The delegates from the Auxiliary are: Mrs. A. E. Anderson, Mrs. E. L. Wilson, Mrs. Charles Gunn, Mrs. Fred Donnerberg. The chorus includes Mrs. N. O. Coulter, Mrs. Walter Ford, Mrs. O. J. Baska, Mrs. E. A. B. Baska, Mrs. M. M. Price, Mrs. G. E. Green, Mrs. Florence Amos, Mrs. Ed. Krieg, Mrs. Alice Carson, Mrs. Charles Thomson, Mrs. Eunice West, Mrs. Arthur Kerr, Mrs. Ralph Ferry, Mrs. E. Gladwin, Mrs. August Rose, Mrs. Fred Donnerberg, Mrs. F. H. Kingdon, Mrs. Geo. B. Wilbur, Mrs. Alfred Davis, Mrs. Charles E. Kinnaman and Mrs. J. R. Wilson. The chorus will be directed by E. M. Cramer of The Dalles. The accompanist will be Mrs. E. M. Cramer.

Others who will attend are Mrs. Herbert Meade and Mrs. Allegro.

The personnel of Hood River American Legion Drum Corps is as follows: Banks Mortimer, manager; Lowell Nicksel, drum major; Walter Ford, sergeant drummer; Wayne Poland, sergeant bugler; Herman Meade, Vernon Horne, Levi White, Bob Clark, Roy Corbett, Charles Kinnorman, Arthur Loft, Alou Button, Charley Allegro, Roy Duncan, Fred Bell, C. C. Lindley, Corbett Alexander, Bob Hines, James Penmore, Joe McDonald.

Delegates to the convention from here are: Chas. W. Gunn, Harry Heltinger, Harold Hoshorn, Norris G. Coulter, and alternates, Don McLeod, Rev. Schuyler Pratt, Robert Frey and Kent Shoemaker.

FINS, FURS AND FEATHERS

The voice of a woman in great mental anguish split the ear of Captain Jack Francis of the Bend police when he answered the insistent ringing of the telephone near the end of the lunch hour today. It was apparently an emergency of the first order, and Captain Jack stepped on the gas ruthlessly as he steered for 50 1/2 Gilchrist.

"Look what you put in my yard," demanded the lady of the house when the officer arrived.

Captain Jack looked. It was a crawfish, one of the Berco, rapacious, voracious variety, native of the Deschutes river, and it waved its claws and emitted a warning growl, much louder than crawfish ordinarily emit, as Captain Jack approached.

She questioned the woman. She did not blame the crawfish in the least for its unmannerly conduct, but she was highly incensed at the small boys who she said had pitched the crawfish into her yard. Captain Jack could see at a glance that she was angry. She was especially angry because the boys had gone away about the time she called the police station.

Captain Jack put the crustacean invader under bonds to keep the peace, then he, too, went away—Bend Bulletin.

Card of Thanks

Once again, dear friends and neighbors, you have warmed our hearts with your gifts of beautiful flowers and expressions of sympathy at the death of our beloved husband, son and brother. Words fail to express our heartfelt thanks to all, especially the Odd Fellows Lodge. These kindly acts will always be cherished. The Gillerson Family.

How To Be Candidate

Hal Hoss, private secretary to Governor Patterson, who was here over the week end on the Legion Climbing, will be a candidate for secretary of state at the republican primary election next May. Hoss revealed in conversation with friends in Salem Tuesday.

Mr. Hoss has been engaged in the newspaper business in Oregon for many years.

Resolutions of Condolence

Ogden, Ore., July 16, 1927. To the officers and members of Kemp Lodge No. 181, I. O. O. F.

We, your committee beg to submit the following resolution on the death of our Brother William B. Gillerson. Whereas, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom has taken from our midst our beloved brother; and Whereas, we bow to the Divine Will, we mourn the loss of a true and loyal Brother, one who was faithful to every tenet of our Order, one who had our love and respect, and in a quiet, unassuming way showed us that friendship, love and truth, were not unmeaning words upon his lips, but the sentiment of his heart as a token of our love and affection. Be it resolved by Kemp Lodge No. 181, I. O. O. F.

That the Charter of this Lodge be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon our minutes, a copy be sent to his family, and that a copy be sent to our local papers. Signed: E. W. Cresson, C. R. Masiker, I. M. Taylor, Committee.

Cascade Avenue Improved

A crew of the United Contract Co., which has been at work repairing Oak street, which was paved last fall with a bituminous surfacing, has just been patching Cascade avenue oilbound macadam. Cascade avenue, until the Oak street paving was completed, was the only thoroughfare carrying Columbia river highway traffic through the city, and the paving had been badly broken in places.

WEDDINGS

Cunningham-Benn The wedding of B. W. Cunningham and Winifred Benn, both of Portland, occurred here Tuesday at the passage of the Astoria Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. Henry Totman, officiating. A. S. Hiley and Evelyn Skelings accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham.

Quicker Plans

Orlin Baxter Quince and Miss Nellie J. Finch were married last Saturday at the Astoria passage, Rev. Henry Young officiating. They were accompanied by Mrs. B. S. Quince and Mrs. Janet Frank.

ON TOP--

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