

BUILD MEDFORD END

Jackson County To Have Road to Crater Lake Even If Klamath Falls Extension Should Never Be Built

The Medford Tribune says that Will G. Steel, secretary of the Crater Lake road commission appointed by Governor Chamberlain and chairman of the state geographic board, is paying Medford a visit in the interest of the Crater Lake road and will remain in the city for a number of days. Mr. Steel has a number of propositions to take up with certain business men of Medford in connection with the construction of the road, and until he has arrived at a business understanding with them he does not care to discuss the nature of his business.

It is now practically determined that the Crater Lake road is to be constructed from Medford to the lake and not on to Klamath Falls for the time being. The taxpayers of Klamath county want the road constructed by the county court of that county, with the exception of one commissioner, who is holding back and so far will not accede to the request of the members of the Crater Lake road commission although they have the backing of a large majority of the taxpayers. The county court of Jackson county, however, having determined that the taxpayers of the county want the road constructed, are willing to levy the tax, so that the county will provide the \$25,000 for each of two years to be used in the construction of the road, with the aid of the state and national government.

In his report recently the secretary of the department of the interior recommended to congress that the sum of \$21,000 be appropriated with which to build a road within the Crater Lake national park. This road is to be built about the park and will make it possible for automobiles to make a complete circuit of the lake on an easy grade. It is with this road that the proposed highway from Medford will connect.

The advantages of such a road are so many and so clear as by a few figures shown by Mr. Steel regarding the tourist trade at the lake last year. Even with the difficulty which is experienced by those who visit the lake under the present condition of the roads, there were over 5,000 persons at the lake. The ramp maintained there by Mr. Steel, for the first time in its history paid money on the investment, something like \$10,000 for the season. The Crater Lake Transportation company made over \$5,000 on the season which all went to Klamath Falls. With a good road opened up from Medford and with tourists stopping here and making the trip to the lake, the county would benefit greatly the \$50,000 is a good investment.

As to his labors on the chairman of the state geographic board, Mr. Steel stated Wednesday that it was not too

intention of the board to rename any place or suggest new names unless they were petitioned to do so. In the case of Klamath Falls the residents wish to have the name Lake river changed to Klamath river, as it is a part of the same stream. The board informed these people that they would have to petition the board, and this is to be done soon. In this the board works in perfect harmony with the local people.

Mr. Steel is very enthusiastic over the prospects for the building of good roads throughout the state. Everywhere there have been enthusiastic activities regarding the building of roads and results are beginning to be noticeable in some parts of the state.

PLENTY OF ICE THIS YEAR.

The Skating is Fine, and Harvesting of the Ice Crop Will Probably Commence Monday.

The boys who are authority on the subject, say that the skating is fine. The first skating was on the Moore's canal but there is now good ice on the Upper Lake and many of the young people have been out today along the shores of the lake below town. Kawana Lake this afternoon was frozen entirely over, even the channel of the river had a half inch covering.

Measurements taken today on the Upper Lake show three and one-half inches of ice. This is where the greatest supply of ice for next summer will come from. Ice cutting will probably not commence until the first of the week as it is believed that by that time it will be fully six inches thick unless a change in the weather takes place.

The new ice breaker on the steamer Klamath proved successful in opening the channel this morning and it is believed that no serious trouble will be experienced in the running of the boats on account of the ice.

WARNING.

Only a few more days to buy your Christmas presents. Winters, the Jeweler, carries the most complete stock in the county.

Smoking jackets, pajamas, fancy suspenders and boxer hats. Any of these articles will make a good Xmas present. The Portland Store.

Home made neckties will make an ideal Christmas present. The Portland Store.

Nothing nicer for a Xmas present than a box of Holeproof Sox. Ladies and Men's. The Portland Store.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM YONNA VALLEY.

Richard Bietenstein stopped in Yonna on his way to the Falls. He has been freighting for a merchant in Lakeview, but says as the roads are getting so bad he believes this will be his last trip this winter.

Two men stopped in Yonna, who were walking on a wager to Klamath Falls from Lakeview. They were to get to the Falls that night and as it was 6 p. m. when they stopped at Mr. Vierra's and a bitterly cold night, we did not envy them the trip.

Manuel Vierra, with the help of Mr. Kirkpatrick and Godfrey Beck, is now butchering hogs.

There was a kitescope show given in Dairy Monday evening. Those attending the show from Yonna were: The Misses May Robinson, Louise Flackus, Theresa Sterzl, Waive Drew, Mrs. N. S. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. Sey Pool, Harrison Gray, Jesse Drew, Eddie Flackus, and Joe Sterzl. After the show those remaining enjoyed an excellent supper given by Mrs. Henry Schmoher and Mrs. A. Michael.

Geo. Smyth is hauling hay for Jas. Logue. Mr. Logue bought the tulle hay for \$7 per ton of Ludwig Sterzl.

Henry Stochler, of Dairy, made a business trip to the Falls this week. C. E. Drew has taken his horses home from Mrs. L. M. Fitch's. As he has had them in the pasture all summer he will feed them at his home place this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Michael, of Dairy, gave a birthday party at their home in honor of Master Willie Jonas Friday evening.

Mike Isother and Luke Walker were in Bonanza last week.

Mr. Adams, of North Yonna, went to Dairy on a business trip Saturday and on his return stopped at Godfrey Beck's to purchase wheat.

The improvements at Hildebrand are still continuing. Although the school house is now completed, the sheds for shelter for the horses are still in progress of construction.

C. C. Pearson and Wm. Flackus are both at work this week building the sheds for their children's horses. They are joining the sheds to the one recently built by Jacob Rueck.

W. L. Simpson is working for Wm. Flackus, of Dairy, this week.

Master Jerry Pearson, just before starting to school Tuesday morning, met with an accident which kept him at home. We hope it will not prove serious. He was heading off a horse, when the one he was riding fell with him, throwing him in such a manner, that he fell on his arm. We have not learned yet whether it was broken or sprained.

Alf Wallis has taken his horses from the Colahan place to his own place to feed for the winter.

Master Willie Jonas, of Dairy, has been visiting with Fred Beck's family in North Yonna.

W. C. Logue and Sey Pool are at present employed hauling hay for John Logue, which the latter bought from Ludwig Sterzl.

Mr. Hammersley, of North Yonna, has been busy hauling wood to Dr. Johnson, of Bonanza.

John Donnell has been setting telephone poles for F. A. Hammersley.

Alton Verley, of Bonanza, was visiting his cousin, Mr. Wagner, of North Yonna, last week.

Miss L. M. Egert, of Yonna, was in Dairy last Saturday.

Mr. Carlson has purchased wheat from Godfrey Beck this week.

Jesse Drew and Wm. Logue were hauling wood from Pine Flat last week.

Chas. Woelk is now living on his homestead near Geo. Smyth's in the upper part of the valley.

Tom Michael has been at Hildebrand buying grain from the Beck brothers.

Riley Woods and Steve Colahan have just returned from the Falls on their way to Lakeview. While at Dairy they took in the show and dance Monday evening.

Say, dear, have you seen my stock of new things? If you haven't you have missed something. McHattan.

A few dolls to be closed out at the Portland Store.

If you want to make a beautiful present that will endure your memory don't fail to see Mrs. Nickerson's paintings at McHattan's.

The Monarch Mercantile Co. will carry a complete line of vegetables from the California markets. Fresh shipments daily.

HIGH SCHOOL CLOSURE: TWO WEEKS' VACATION.

The students were very agreeably entertained by Rev. Price who gave us a short talk in chapel. The orchestra played a selection.

A game of basket ball was played between the Amazons and Skinners, in the Gymnasium at 2:30, the score being 10 to 12 in favor of the Amazons, making a very close game.

The school was closed today for two weeks' vacation, ending January 4, 1909.

It has formerly been a custom for the faculty to give the students a treat at Christmas time and for the students to give the faculty some present. But in a Student Body meeting this week they decided to change the custom and the faculty and students go in together and get something for the school, in the way of statuary, books, etc. Something that will be permanent in the school.

ESKIMO PEOPLE WILL TOUR UNITED STATES.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—Fresh from the frozen tundras of northern Siberia, two complete settlements of Eskimos arrived in Portland last night and will remain here for ten days, before starting on a six months showing tour of the eastern states. The entire outfit, consisting of 50 people with all the paraphernalia essential to life beyond the Arctic circle will be transported to the fair ground today where they will be installed in the Oriental building.

The Eskimos were brought down from the northern country for exhibition purposes at the Seattle fair, and with them were brought two carloads of exhibits, which will form a part of the show as it will be exhibited in the east and later in Alaska.

Manager Tony Gorman, who will pilot the show on the road, has been with the fat little brown-skinned people for the past two months in southeastern Alaska, where the band has been getting used to the balmy climate of the United States.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

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COURSE OF LECTURES

Winter Study at Agricultural College for the Instruction of Farmers--Special Short Courses--Free Lectures

Winter courses of study will begin at the Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, on January 5. Men and women, young and old, interested in the farm, the shop, or the home, are cordially invited to attend. By writing at once to the Agricultural College a circular will be sent telling in detail what is proposed to be accomplished by these courses.

A week of lectures on general agricultural topics begins January 5. A special course for creamery operators and managers runs from January 5 to 15; a course in dairying from January 18 to 27; a course in horticulture January 11 to February 20; a course in mechanic arts from January 11 to February 6; a course in household science and art from January 11 to February 20. Special lectures on business methods on the farm will be given.

Agricultural methods and practices are rapidly changing as a result of the great amount of hard, earnest work that is being done at the experiment stations of the country. A little discovery is sometimes worth millions of dollars, and the prosperous farmer is the first to put in practice new and better methods.

Alfalfa has added millions of dollars to the agricultural wealth of the country in the past few years, and this has been brought about largely by agricultural college men who investigated and proclaimed its possibilities.

A discovery of an agricultural college man made it possible to discover the robber cow and to put dairying on a profitable basis.

Improvement in seeds by selection or breeding has added immensely to the value of the field crops of the United States. A day at the winter course will show how it is done.

Today we would be without fruit in this country but for the discoveries that have been made as a result of long and expensive work at the agricultural colleges and experiment stations. Instead of being helpless against the ravages of insect pests the

farmer is master of the situation, and we continue to eat fruit.

But for our better knowledge of animal diseases and their prevention, we would be unable to produce animal products at a profit.

The improvements that have been made in methods of soil treatment and animal breeding and feeding with a view to increased crop and animal production, have been revolutionary.

About a hundred million dollars has been added to the wealth of the nation annually through work at the experiment stations in developing the sugar beet industry.

And this is just the beginning. The work of improvement must go on, for the perpetuity of the nation depends largely upon the ability of our farmers to increase the productivity of the farms.

EFFORTS MADE TO PASS NEW HOMESTEAD LAW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Efforts are being put forth by Representative Mondell of Wyoming to smooth the way for the passage at this session of Congress of his bill increasing the quantity of land that may be taken up for a homestead from 160 to 320 acres.

At present the bill is on the Speaker's table, where it was left at the last session. The Wyoming Representative is considering means to revive it. He is in daily consultation with members, hoping to obtain unanimous consent to allow the bill to be sent back to conference. In case he fails in his efforts, he proposes to move the House to send the bill back to conference.

An effort was made to prevail upon Representative Howland, who as a member of the committee on public lands led the fight against the bill, to withdraw his opposition, but he has manifested a disposition to stand firm.

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