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COAST BUILDING HELPS LOCAL MARKETS

Healthy condition of the building trades in the northwest at present has a great bearing on the condition of the lumber market in Oregon. At the present time it is conservatively estimated that the cities of Seattle, Portland and Tacoma alone are using daily 3,000,000 feet of lumber, and permits indicate that the fall months will see no slackening in the present basis of local construction programs.

California is today the poorest market that the mills of the Northwest have. Some sections have reported a slight increase in inquiry for cargo, shipments, but no strengthening in price whatever. The rail trade with California is if anything slower than it has been and prices are correspondingly weak.

The California buyers have had the market in their control for so long that it is not to be wondered at that they continue to hold off buying, even though the market is showing signs of having reached bottom in other markets. The situation is rapidly reaching the point where California business is the least attractive to the mills of any, and should it keep on its present trend they will have to fall in line.

The demand from the Middle West is holding up in very fine shape. During the past week there has been a tendency to place orders for rush shipment, some few evidently feeling that there was a possibility that the 4th of July curtailment would either make it difficult to get stock when they wanted it or cause a strengthening in prices. The result of this has been that in many cases mills have been able to secure advances over what is considered to be the market. Stocks of retail yard items at the mills are down to the point where there is quite likely to be a shortage, especially on uppers, before the middle of July.

With the demand holding up and the supply, which has at no time been greatly in excess, being materially reduced, the outlook for an increase in prices on stock for shipment to the Middle West is better than it has been for some time.

No new car material orders of any consequence have come to the coast during the past two weeks. However, prices have held firm, due to the fact that many of the difficult items that were put in the hands of the distributors the early part of the month are yet to be placed and the need of prompt shipment has also necessitated the replacing of considerable business.

ANOTHER MARKET AID

Early this year, and during the period of the past six months or more, a number of Southern Pine mills cut out and left the field. The question arises as to why the elimination of so much production has not affected the market. But this fact must be remembered, that ordinarily it takes some 90 days after closing operations before their stocks are finally cleaned out. That 90 day period in the case of most of these mills has just about arrived. Isn't it natural to suppose that with the large volume of lumber thus eliminated from the available supply, the effect on the market is bound to be felt very soon?

It may be of interest to note the prediction of S. W. Straus, regarded as one of the highest building authorities in the country who stated at the recent convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards that the record of \$5,750,000,000 of new building set in 1924 would be surpassed during the present year by a quarter of a billion dollars increased construction.

COME TO THINK OF IT

"What is the matter with lumber?
"And why are your prices so high?
"There are plenty of trees 'n'
"There seems no good reason
"That boards are so costly to buy!"

Perhaps, Sir, those boards would be cheaper
If you would not treat as a joke
The fires that you light
In the woods over night.
It's YOUR money that goes up in smoke.

The announcement of the Brooks-Seanton Lumber company recently that it would start operating three shifts at Mill "B" will be of considerable interest to lumbermen of this community, particularly in the Ewauna Box company seriously considered adopting the three shift plan early this spring.

The plan was not adopted, however, because the company feared that it would prove impractical. The system, which allows but three twenty minute shutdowns during the twenty-four hours, does not allow for the necessary repair work that must be done in every mill, no matter how well kept. Whatever breaks occur must be repaired, either in these brief intervals, or on company time, with the entire sawmill crew standing around at ease, which does not pay dividends.

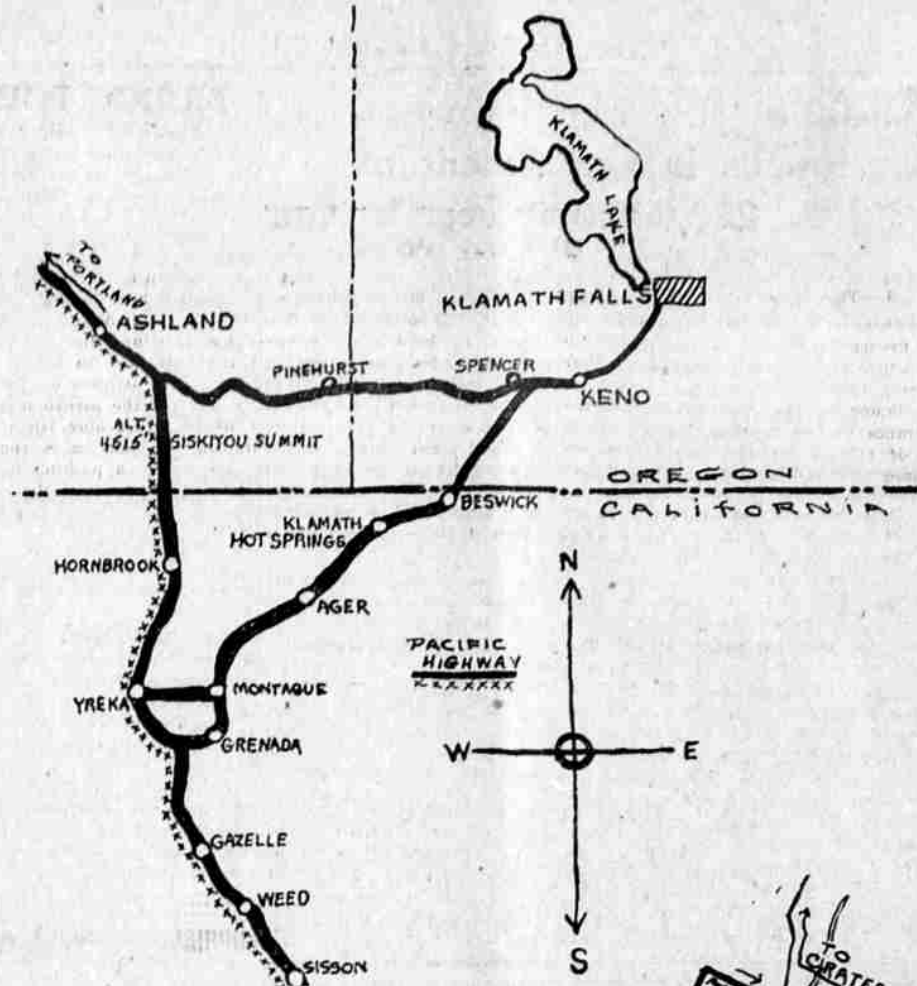
Women always look their best to find a man.

"O. O." Joe, Little Johnny Russell and Big George Hayes, bunchers, returned to Lamm's camp Sunday. They spent the Fourth at Diamond Lake, some damage to the fish resulting therefrom.

The Nine brothers have been taking turns during the past week on the sick list. Early in the week Marion Nine spent a couple of days at home, and he no sooner got back to the plant than his brother, Preston became ill.

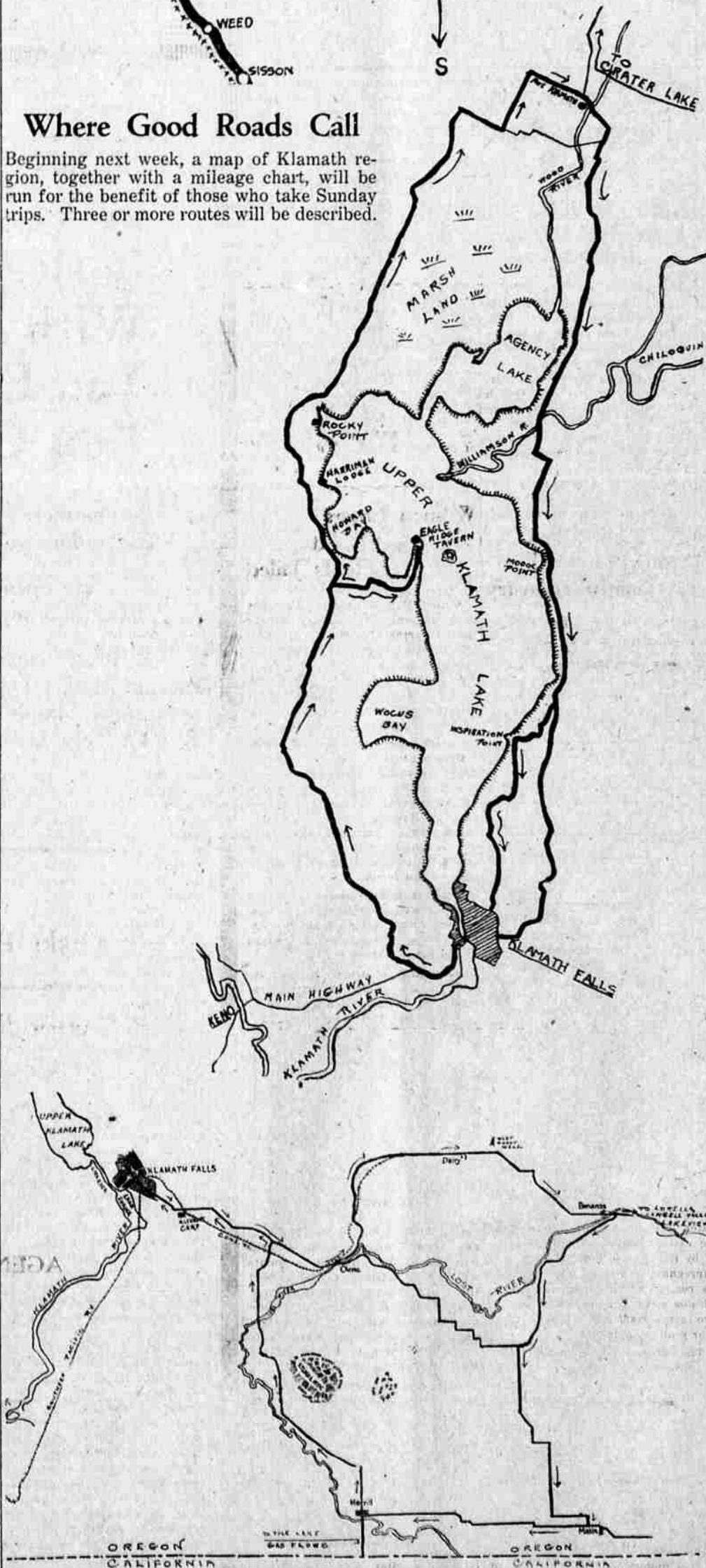
For coating objects with thin layers of metal a pneumatic machine has been invented that melts metals fed to it in either wire or powdered form and sprays them on surfaces to be covered.

An American planter in the Philippines has invented a machine that plants two rows of sugar cane at a time, throwing out the furrow, subsiding the bottom and packing earth over the roots.



Where Good Roads Call

Beginning next week, a map of Klamath region, together with a mileage chart, will be run for the benefit of those who take Sunday trips. Three or more routes will be described.



Fascists Suspend Opposing Papers

ROME.—Buying and suppressing opposition newspapers is the newest scheme of controlling public opinion resorted to by influential Fascists who are ever resourceful in their efforts to find ways and means of carrying out their avowed policy of Fascistizing the nation at any price.

Initial use of the plan at Parma where the city's two newspapers Il Piccolo, a Democratic opposition publication sheet and La Gazzetta Di Parma, a Liberal organ—were purchased and then abandoned, has aroused considerable criticism in journalistic circles where the scheme is characterized as an intolerant and unjustified means of choking the liberty of the press.

Disapproval of the Parma transaction where the two opposition newspapers were taken up by an apparently non-political business syndicate and then dropped to leave the newspaper field wide open for a newly founded Fascist daily, is especially keen because the Gazzetta was one of the oldest newspapers in Italy, having been founded in 1756, and because both of the abandoned newspapers had advanced their political ideas with dignity and constraint, never having been suppressed or warned by the government press censor.

Relatives May Get Soldiers' Loan By Surrendering Cash

SALEM, Ore., July 14.—By refunding to the state cash bonuses that may have been accepted by relatives of soldiers who died in the service, dependent widows, fathers or mothers of such service men may avail themselves of the loan privilege under the bonus and loan act, according to an opinion of Attorney General Van Winkle yesterday.

The opinion is an interpretation of an amendment to the act made by the 1925 legislature.



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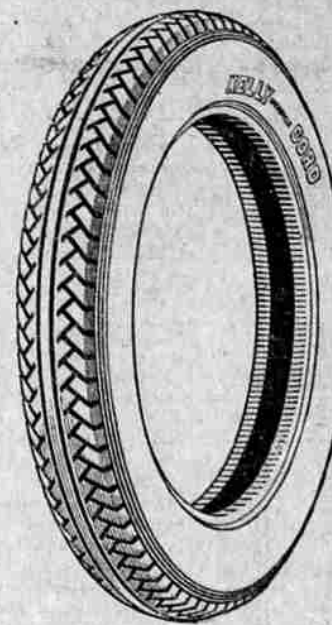
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