

Location Survey For New Road to Start This Week

ALTURA, Modoc Co., July 16.—Under the supervision of H. A. Alderton, location engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads, the location survey of the Lava Beds road project is commencing this week.

This highway, which has been the subject of much contention and publicity during the past five years, constitutes the link in the highway between Alturas and Klamath Falls which is at the present time impassable during most of the winter months. Klamath county and Modoc county interests have agitated its construction and a Main to Alturas highway association with W. C. Dalton of the former place as the head was organized last year.

From Klamath Falls to the California-Oregon line southeast of Malin, a good hard-surfaced state highway exists at present and for a distance of 30 miles south, a well-graded county road travelable the year around. Similarly on the Alturas end of the route the Hedding-Alturas state highway gives access over 25 miles of the route between the two cities.

80 Mile Gap

The gap of 80 miles between and part of which will be covered by the present survey runs through heavy western yellow pine timber over a plateau-like region with no grades. While excellent summer roads built and maintained by the U. S. forest service traverse this area, there is no year-long route.

The county road through the region follows the old original Emigrant Trail which was widened by military authorities in 1870 and since called the Tichenor road in honor of its builder. During the early days of settlement of this region this was one of the most widely used roads in northern California, taking care of emigrant travel to the Sacramento valley and Willamette valley and the route by which supplies were hauled into northeastern California from Yreka.

Used by Emigrants

The road is practically the same as it was 60 years ago and marks of early-day teamsters are still visible along its route. During the Modoc Indian campaign of 1872-73 the route had a stirring history and one of the most famous Indian battles in the annals of the American army was fought at Dry Lake, where it

forms a junction with the highway running north into Klamath county.

The present location survey will start at Canby and extend through to the new Southern Pacific town of Hacamore. It is believed the final location will be approximately parallel with the line of the Southern Pacific railway.

The work is being done by the bureau of public roads under an agreement with Modoc county by which the latter pays for one-half the cost of the survey, which is not to exceed a total of \$20,000. Alderton's crew will be engaged on the work for several weeks, the engineer in charge having spent considerable time himself in preliminary work.

While no immediate construction work is in sight, local interests believe that with the survey completed, work on the route will follow shortly.

At the present time during the winter months county officials and others whose work takes them to the western part of the county must travel 80 miles around to overcome this 80-mile gap.

The travel between Klamath Falls and Alturas even with the present condition of the road is heavy and with the construction of a standard highway it will be one of the most heavily used routes in this part of the state. In addition to tapping the largest body of western yellow pine timber in the state, the new road will traverse the fertile Tule Lake valley embraced in the U. S. Klamath irrigation project.

FIRE DESTROYS HORSES, COWS

\$10,000 Loss Sustained At Campbell Ranch Yesterday

Eighteen head of milk cows and six head of fine work horses perished yesterday evening at about 8:30 o'clock when the barn on the Oscar Campbell ranch two miles east of Lorella was destroyed by fire. Three head of horses were saved.

The Campbell family was at supper when the fire was first noticed in the dairy section of the barn, and it spread so quickly that there was not time to get out but the three head of horses.

While the dying animals screamed as the flames gradually took their lives the family fought to save the dwelling which was only about 200 feet from the barn which was totally destroyed.

Much farm equipment including a recently purchased late-type milking machine was destroyed in the fire which caused an estimated loss of about \$10,000. The residence was barely saved from the flames.

Some insurance is carried. The Campbell dairy was known as one of the best in the county and Mr. Campbell had spent a great deal of time and money in building up his fine dairy herd.

Guaranteed Purse Placed Under Ban

DETROIT, July 17, (AP)—Hereafter there will be no guaranteed purses for fighters in Michigan. This announcement was made by James M. (Bingo) Brown, chairman of the state boxing commission, who declared that "a fighter is worth only what he can draw at the gate" and that henceforth fighters will perform for a share of the receipts.

Chairman Brown said he intends to ask the National boxing association to adopt a similar rule.

The new policy was announced after a bout between Eddie Shea, Chicago, and Lew Massey, Philadelphia, scheduled for Monday night, was called off because the promoter did not take in enough to pay Shea's \$2,500 guarantee.

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Interesting Tale of Modoc Indian Told

Maurice Fitzgerald, of Harney valley, now 79 years of age and thought to be the only living survivor of the actual massacre of General Canby in the Modoc Indian war, briefly related an early southern Oregon history in an article appearing in Wednesday's Oregonian in the "Those Who Come and Go" column.

The article follows: "Probably the last living eyewitness of the massacre of General Canby by the Modocs in the lava beds south of Klamath Falls is Maurice Fitzgerald, who is in the city visiting his daughters for a few days. Incidentally, last year he buried the last survivor of the fight at Sluies river, when Colonel Bernard's cavalry charged the encampment of hostile Bannocks, Snakes and Putes in Harney county. Mr. Fitzgerald for

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five years was engaged in Indian fighting in the days when Indian warfare was no pink tea and a trooper might lose his scalp any time. You will find reference to Mr. Fitzgerald in the writings of Cyrus Townsend Brady and others who have jotted down the Modoc war campaign, but the visitor says that there are many errors in most of the articles written regarding the Modoc war; some of the reports are absolutely absurd. With two others, Mr. Fitzgerald

was first to arrive where the bodies of General Canby, Peace Commissioner Thomas and Mr. Meacham, commissioners, lay. There was still life in Meacham, although he was half scalped. Following the Modoc war, Mr. Fitzgerald found himself the first settler in Harney valley, which he first visited in 1873, and then came the last big Indian war, when the Bannocks, Putes and Snakes went on the warpath and swept a section 39 miles wide through central Oregon. Before John Devine or Peter French went into Harney valley, Mr. Fitzgerald was there, so he is rated as a real old-timer. He ranged 150 head of cattle in Steens mountains. He could not take up land, for the land was in the reserve and white men were not wanted in those days. Mr. Fitzgerald is probably 79 years of age, yet he stands as straight as an arrow, the result of his military training."

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