

CRATER LAKE ROAD BILL PASSES HOUSE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—By a vote of 42 to 17, house bill 221, appropriating \$100,000 to aid in the construction of a wagon road from Medford to Klamath Falls via Crater Lake, passed the house of representatives Friday. Many speeches were made both for and against the measure, the opposition coming from the valley counties principally. Most of the speakers favoring the bill emphasized the fact that the project was an all-Oregon one and beneficial to the entire state. The votes for the measure came from all parts of the state.

The text of the bill is as follows: For an act appropriating \$100,000 to aid in the construction of a state road from the Pacific ocean via Crater Lake to the Idaho boundary, and to provide for the appointment of a commission to supervise the expenditure of such money and to superintend the construction of such road.

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon:

Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated out of the any moneys in the hands of the treasurer of the state of Oregon, and not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000 to be expended for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a state road from the Pacific ocean to the Idaho boundary via Crater Lake; the first section of the road to be constructed to be from Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, to the city of Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon.

Appoint a Commission.

Section 2. Whenever the governor of this state shall be advised that Jackson County has appropriated the sum of \$50,000 to aid the construction of a road in said county from Medford, Jackson County, to a point on the west line of the Cascade forest reserve, on the route to Crater Lake, he shall appoint a commission to be known as the Crater Lake road commission, to consist of seven members, two of whom shall be residents of Jackson County, Oregon, two of Klamath County, Oregon, and thereupon \$50,000 of the sum hereby appropriated shall be available for use in Jackson County, \$12,500 the first year and \$12,500 each succeeding year for three years; and upon Klamath County appropriating \$50,000 to aid the construction of a road from Klamath Falls to the east line of the Cascade forest reserve on the route to Crater Lake, \$50,000 of the sum herewith appropriated shall be available for use in Klamath County, \$12,500 the first year and \$12,500 each succeeding year for three years.

Work for Love Only.

Section 3. That said commission shall receive no compensation for their services, except their actual expenses when engaged in the business of such commission. The business of said commission shall be to co-operate with the county courts of the several counties through which said road passes, and the proper federal authorities in the selection of a proper and feasible route for a road that may be constructed by the federal route through the government reserves surrounding Crater Lake, and to supervise the expenditure of said sum of \$100,000 appropriated by the state, the \$50,000 appropriated by Jackson County, the \$50,000 appropriated by Klamath County and all other moneys provided for the construction of said road not in the boundaries of government reserves. Said commission shall have entire charge of construction of said road.

Section 4. That such money shall be expended only upon a county road legally established, and no part shall be expended for securing a right of way for said road.

Commission's Duties.

Section 5. That said commission shall elect a president, who shall preside at all meetings, and a secretary, who shall keep a record of all proceedings of the commission, and accounts of all moneys received and expended by the commission, and shall make a quarterly report of all transactions of the commission to be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Section 6. That all money appropriated hereunder shall be paid out by the treasurer of the state upon the orders or vouchers of the commission, signed by the president and secretary.

Section 7. The commission shall make all needful rules or regulations for the transaction of business, and its places of meeting shall be Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, or Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 8. If a vacancy occurs in said commission the governor shall fill the same by appointment.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition monument will be gilded with pure gold at a cost of \$7000.

PINE GROVE NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Icebice and children, Bessie, Jennie, Callo and Iven, were down to Tommy Short's Sunday.

Mr. Rahm went to the Falls Monday to prove up on his homestead.

Frank Irish is in the Falls this week as a witness.

John Shepard went to the Falls Saturday as an appraiser of the Whitman estate.

Tommy Short took all but one team of his horses down to his father's place Sunday.

John Meier came out from the Falls to John Hibberts' place Monday.

Chas. Mack and J. S. Mills went to the Falls Tuesday.

John Hibberts went to Klamath Falls on business Monday.

Jay Arant's little daughter is slowly recovering from a very severe illness.

Jasper Hibberts came down from the wood camp to John Hibberts last Tuesday.

T. M. Harris and Mrs. Zinn went to the Falls Tuesday. From there Mrs. Zinn departed for her home in California.

Mr. Cunningham and John Shepard went to the Falls, where Mr. Shepard took the boat for San Francisco on a business trip.

Mr. Icebice went to the Falls last Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Biehn and son are spending a few days with W. F. Arant.

Early Arant spent a few days with W. F. Arant the first of the week.

Mr. Snow came over from Langell Valley and spent Thursday night at the home of S. E. Icebice, who accompanied him to the Falls Friday.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Bord, Mrs. Bonner and daughter, Dorothy, were at Icebice's Monday.

Mrs. Tommy Short is at the Falls for a few days staying with Mrs. O. Short who is recovering from a severe injury received from falling on the ice.

Guy and Leo Thompson were absent from school Tuesday on account of bad weather.

Barton Burnett came out from the Falls Thursday to his ranch.

Clarence Harris caught a wild cat in a trap near his ranch last week.

Miss Baker was a visitor to the Falls Saturday, staying until Monday.

A surprise party was given at the home of J. S. Mills Wednesday night. Everyone had a delightful time.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Dresser, Mr. Coburn, Fred and Elmer Brimmer, Misses Mabel Simmons, Etta Smart and Edna Houston, Mr. McGilvery and Marion Barnes.

Mr. Meisner stopped at the J. S. Mill ranch Sunday for dinner. He was on his way to the Falls to move his household goods out near Olene.

It is announced that the next dance will be given at Kilgore's Friday evening, February 15th.

Budd and Oliver Kinney are hauling straw from Burrell Short's place.

Johnny Short has returned from California where he has been visiting friends.

A pleasant surprise dance was given to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Short Friday evening at their home. A large crowd attended.

Where is that new school house Pine Grove was going to have?

BEEF BRING HIGH PRICES.

Chas Horton has returned from Oakland and San Francisco where he has been shipping his beef cattle.

Mr. Horton states that the California beef market is the highest it has been for ten years. Beef is now bringing from eight and three-fourths to nine cents. Last fall it sold for five and one-half cents. The high price is due to the shortage rather than to an increased demand. There is practically no veal in the market although Mr. Horton managed to pick up a carload of young calves for his recent shipment.

Mr. Horton had nineteen carloads in the last shipment and had a very hard time in getting them through on account of the washouts and condition of the railroads. One trainload was held up for thirty-six hours and had to be brought back to Galle, where they were unloaded and fed. They were then reloaded on the cars and started again on their way to Oakland. Mr. Horton has about fifteen more cars of cattle to ship out, which will clean out all his beef for this season. He will then go to Prineville to buy a bunch of stock cattle for next year.

There are a large number of cattle in California which are not in condition for the market, but the prospects for feed are excellent and it is probable that the present price of beef will not hold up for very long.

The Puget Sound climate is one of the big attractions of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition in Seattle next summer.

PLEVNA ITEMS.

Mr. Cressy and his sister, Mrs. Brown, from Klamath Falls, visited with Mrs. S. A. Brentner last week.

Arthur Brentner's father arrived from Santa Barbara Saturday, and thinks things look rather "winterish" here.

Mrs. Brown, of Klamath Falls, visited at Long Lake last week.

G. F. Sevits caught a wildcat and a coyote Tuesday.

Mrs. Karecow brought her two sons, Nickel and Alexander, to the school Tuesday.

J. H. Barnes is cutting wood now.

H. H. VanValkenburg drove some cattle through this district Tuesday.

If all reports are true, this is a favored section after all. We read of blizzards in the south, washouts and snow in the east, and bitterly cold weather in the north, while we have had a very open winter so far.

E. Thompson, of Pine Grove, has purchased several hundred cords of wood of Mr. Evans, of Long Lake, and will move to that place soon to install a wood saw and prepare the wood for the market.

Mr. Spencer went to town Tuesday.

Mr. Kelley, one of Mr. McIntire's men, was in the Falls Tuesday.

Mr. Byers hauled a load of wood out of the hills with a sled Monday. He reports deep snow in the mountains.

Mr. Sutter visited with Mr. Byers family Tuesday.

Ernest Boyd, of Pine Grove, passed here Tuesday on his way to Long Lake to see Mr. Evans. He visited our school in the afternoon.

Mrs. Sevits visited with our teacher, Miss Lola Thompson, Sunday.

Arthur Sevits, who is attending High School in Klamath Falls, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Sevits Saturday and Sunday.

Sleighting and coasting are good in this neighborhood now; the snow being about eight inches deep.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Kerns visited Mr. and Mrs. Sevits Tuesday.

G. G. Kerns made a business trip to G. W. Heavill's Monday.

Harry Pearson passed here in a sleigh Wednesday.

Mr. Byers visited our school last Wednesday.

R. A. Alford lost a yearling calf last week.

Those attending the Keno entertainment from Plevna Friday were: Miss Blanche and Lola Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Sevits, Masters Charley and Clifford Sevits, Homer, Burdette and Mary Byers, Mrs. A. Brentner and son Howard, Clarice Bonner, Emery and Glenn Sevits, Willie Barnes and Alexander Karecow. Mr. Sevits furnished four horses and a large sled and everyone enjoyed a fine sleigh ride. The entertainment was a great success.

The first steps in a gigantic colonizing scheme were completed at El Paso this week with the sale of the "Long S" ranch, embracing 300,000 acres near Big Springs, to the W. P. Soash Land Company of Waterloo, Ia., for \$3,000,000. This ranch was formerly the property of C. C. Slaughter of Dallas, Tex. It is located in three counties and has grazing room for 40,000 cattle, which Slaughter will sell at once. The land is to be cut into quarter sections and sold to settlers from the north and east. The sale is said to be the biggest land deal ever made in Texas.

SMITH'S INSTRUCTIONS.

President Alex. Martin, Jr., of the Klamath Water Users Association, received a telegram Saturday evening from Attorney R. S. Smith stating that Secretary Garfield knew nothing about the work being suspended on the Klamath Project. Mr. Martin was asked if the Association had any knowledge of the work being stopped, and replied that the Association had no official knowledge whatever of any action of the Reclamation Service stopping work on the project.

Secretary Chastain, of the Association, stated that no notification had been received by the office and that the only knowledge he had of the matter, further than the letter from Garfield, was from a personal conversation he had with Mr. Murphy, who told him that he had been ordered to stop work.

The news that Garfield did not know anything about the work being ordered stopped is not significant, as all orders pertaining to the Reclamation Service would naturally emanate from Mr. Newell, the head of that branch of the Interior Department. In fact all of the correspondence received by the Association, which was sent out under Mr. Garfield's signature, came from the head of the Reclamation Service, and the only way Mr. Garfield would be liable to have knowledge of any particular order, would be by his special attention being called to the matter.

This was the purpose, which is given by some of the directors of the Association, for sending a representative to Washington. The Reclamation Service has made its decision and order, and there is not much hope to get this changed unless Secretary Garfield should order otherwise.

There has been considerable misunderstanding among the people as to just what Attorney Smith was ordered to do in Washington. The resolution authorizing sending him there reads he is to go to Washington as the representative of the Water Users Association "for and on behalf of said Association to secure some relief from the charges for water rights." The letter received from the Department in regard to the probability of stopping work if the Association intended to repudiate their contracts, called for a reply, and Mr. Smith was sent to Washington to make the reply in person.

IN MEMORIAM.

Again has the Grand Master of the Universe called at our door and taken from among us our friend and brother, Ernest Soule, whom we all know as an upright man and Mason. Therefore, be it resolved: That in the death of Brother Soule, the community has lost a member of sterling worth, the lodge a brother whose memory we all honor, and his family a kind and loving husband and father.

Be it further resolved: That Klamath Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M., does deeply deplore the loss of Bro. Soule, and that we do extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Further: That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the lodge and a copy be furnished for publication.

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