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BIG EDDY PARK

Vernonia has reason to be proud of Big Eddy park, which, though not primarily a local enterprise, is so near home as to lie virtually within the portals.

Much is being said now with regard to preservation of our big trees because of their scenic beauty. Lumber, of course, we must have, and to refrain from cutting available timber because of disinclination to spoil the landscape would be industrially unprofitable and sentimentally foolish.

Yet there are forests that can be retained without appreciable loss to the lumber industry—spots that organizations such as the Grange, or the state itself, can take over. Unless some such move is made, in not many years distant there will be practically no first-growth fir, spruce or pine in the state.

The Columbia County Pomona Grange, therefore, is performing a commendable public service in establishing a park in a bit of primeval forest where the cutting of trees or shrubbery is prohibited under severe penalty.

In opening Big Eddy park to the public without reference to affiliation with their own or any other organization, the Grange is showing an admirable citizenship. There is a philanthropic enterprise from which they gain nothing except the wholesome satisfaction of having performed an unselfish deed.

Vernonia, nearest of all cities to Big Eddy park, should take pride in what the Grange is doing for the Nehalem valley and the state of Oregon.

RUSSIAN PULP WOOD

At last it looks as if something were to be done about barring Russian pulp wood from entry into the United States—something besides a mere shrugging of official shoulders, and the turning of an ear to foreign shipping interests and domestic importers.

Officials are human. If those who have something to gain by prolonging the depression of the American lumber industry are better organized and more outspoken than those who are seeking to put it on a stable financial basis, said officials will listen to them.

The meeting in Salem yesterday, in which Senator McNary and Congressman Hawley conferred with representatives of Oregon pulp wood men, indicates that the Pacific Northwest is up and doing itself. Senator McNary's resolution that a committee be sent to Russia to investigate is deserving of being carried out.

Let us have facts, not the glib assurances of smooth-tongued diplomats and foreign agents.

sible for secrecy in balloting are unworthy to hold a place on so important a party body. It was a confession of weakness, of cowardice unparalleled in Oregon politics.

Among the more encouraging pieces of news of the past week are the stories of resumption of Pacific coast camps and mills, and the return to work of thousands of laborers in the automobile plants in the manufacturing centers of the midwest. There is an indication of a return to a more stable condition of industry and employment throughout the country.

some difficulty in wearing the Joseph coat with ease and grace.—Astoria Budget.

DESTROYING OUR FORESTS The wanton destruction of timberland is one of the most tragic phases of our fire waste record.

Great fires, wiping out all timber over broad areas cause the extinction of wild life, radical changes in climate and damage to agriculture. The state and national governments do everything in their power to prevent such catastrophes.

It should be our patriotic duty to help protect and conserve our great forests.—St. Helens Mist.

Florida editors have declared they would give no more space to tree-sitting endurance contests. That puts many youthful publicity seekers up a tree.—St. Helens Mist.

BAKER—(UP)—Mrs. Bertha Burtis asked her police captors permission to bathe. Both Bertha and the water ran. Noise of the running water covered her escape from a window.

EUGENE—(UP)—A pelican with a six-foot wing spread, alighted at the airport here, spent the night in a hangar, visited by day with attendants, "took off" that evening.

INSURE with an OLD ESTABLISHED HOUSE LINDLEY & MCGRAW

SALEM—(UP)—Patrolman Emery W. James left his police prowler automobile standing in front of his home. A thief made off with it.

STAYTON—(UP)—Sunflowers 10 and one-half feet tall grow in J. R. Miller's garden here.

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The members of the republican state central committee respon-

What Other Editors . . . Think . . .

Commission Should Act

A shorter route to the seashore from the population center of the state has been wanted and demanded for several years. Members of the state highway commission have stated that nothing would be done about a survey or short cut to the sea until local communities fighting for the road forget their petty jealousies and quarrels with the local benefits in mind and agree on one route.

The possibility of an agreement between local communities is as far-fetched now as ever and in the meantime the need and demand for a shorter road to the sea is becoming greater. The commission should be and is supposed to be a non-political group having as its duty the direction of state highway work in Oregon. It acts as a judicial body and has the say as to the location of highways and the placing of new ones on the system.

It assuredly seems that it is the duty of the commission to investigate the short cut beach road layout, cause a survey to be made and to make a decision on the route without further argument. The population and traffic demand justify immediate action by the highway commissioners.—Hillsboro Argus.

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