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## A TRIUMPH OF AMERICAN SPIRIT

The recent celebration at Sacramento, California, of the days of the gold rush of 1849, have recalled one of the most notable achievements of American spirit. How many people are there today, who if the conditions the "Forty-niners" had to meet, were repeated, would have the nerve to cross an unknown continent in an old prairie schooner and face perils from savages, the desert, thirst, and starvation?

The present generation has grown so accustomed to fat and easy living, that that pioneer spirit seems almost to have died out. Our people as they journey across the plains enjoying all the comforts of modern travel, have no conception of the courage and endurance it took to make a journey like that. To set out across a pathless wilderness, without knowing how they were to live, or how their rough old wagons were to be drawn through sands and over great mountain chains, how they were to get water and food, would seem today to our comfortable city and town dwellers a preposterous and fool-hardy undertaking. Some young and adventurous people might do it today. But not many.

The early gold seekers must have realized that many of those who preceded them had left their bones to dry on those trackless wastes. They must have known that their beasts of burden might never be able to carry themselves and their belongings over the sands of the desert and the rough mountain passes. But they laughed at such perils, and went on with dauntless spirit.

It is that determination that has made America great. This capacity to endure hardships and meet difficulties built up a country that has become the foremost on earth. If its welfare is to be maintained, this spirit of accomplishment and endurance can not be permitted wholly to die out.

Roseburg is coming to the front fast. There is a spirit of get-'em here that spells success and a high degree of progress in many ways. A fine country club and golf links are practically a realization. Mayor Hamilton says he will see that a new cluster light system is installed throughout the main streets of the city, and there is a whole lot of good talk about a highway up the North Umpqua river—a section unrivaled in the state for scenic beauty, and where the finest fishing can be had and the sportsmen's paradise for all kinds of wild game. It really looks like a new era of progress and spirit of progressiveness have overcome the people of this city and they are determined to keep hammering away until their desires are accomplished. This is a very commendable spirit and one which is bound to place this beautiful city in its proper place among the up-to-date communities of this great old state. Let the good work go on—with all the possible vim and vigor that can be commanded.

It is a strange result of the war that the defeated nation, Germany, in some respects seems much better off than the victors. There are said to be scarcely any idle men in Germany at the present time. Meanwhile victorious England is torn with industrial disturbance, and nearly 2,000,000 men are out of work. Also victorious United States at one time had about 5,000,000 unemployed, though the number is not probably much over a third of that now. What has made the difference? One reason has been that Germany has had very few labor troubles. It has been possible to reach harmonious adjustments, while America and England have been torn by industrial conflicts. When a great body of men quit work, their power to consume commodities is destroyed, and their stoppage throws a lot of others out of employment. The relatively higher prices that have been maintained for factory products, while foodstuffs fell at one time nearly to pre-war figures, also destroyed the ability of the farming element to buy manufactured goods.

The United States fire loss last year was something tremendous, amounting to \$485,000,000. Insurance men suggest that a large number were set to secure insurance. These fires are a burden on every family, as insurance is one of the costs of doing business which the consumer must pay, every dollar of it. The man who sets fire to a building commits one of the worst offenses known to human nature. If he does it from revenge, he reveals a dark and vindictive mind, and if he does it to collect insurance, he endangers life and places a burden on his fellowmen. No punishments the courts will ever impose on such sneaks are too severe.

Any person who has the courage and even temper to manipulate a radio set without becoming upset is in a fair way to sprout wings, and should have the privilege to tickle a golden harp after making his exit out of this world.

A bootlegger at Medford got two years in the county jail at hard labor for dispensing moonshine. It must have been of a very inferior grade to call for such punishment.

For genuine, good music the Roseburg Concert Band has the world beat. The boys "blew out" some great music at their concert Monday night.

As per usual, just as the strawberry comes into "full bloom" the bottom drops out of the market price. The farmer gets it in the neck.

Lest you forget—this is some fine old weather the weather-prophet is turning out in this neck of the woods.

The Boy Scouts took to the tall timber today. It will be a great vacation for the youngsters.

Now for a cleanup of the parkings in North Roseburg.

## Prune Pickin's

**GOOD EVENING FOLKS—**  
It's no fun  
Taking a vacation  
If you have to dodge  
Your creditors  
For the next  
Six months.

A young colored couple were sitting at the foot of the Statue of Liberty. Henry was holding Mandy's hand.

"Henry," said Mandy, "does you all know why dey has such small lights on de Statue of Liberty?"  
"Ah dunno," replied the Ethiopian swain, "unless it's because de less light, de mo' liberty."

### SUMMER ECONOMIES

How to get along without clothes—Lock all the doors, pull down the blinds, and admit no visitors. Thus you may be able to get along without clothes.

How to get along without booze—We are now down to our last pint. When that's gone, we may be able to shed some light on this problem.

How to get along without relations—They won't let you get along without them. That's the sad part of it.

How to get along without tipping—Never eat twice in the same restaurant, and always duck out when the waiter's back is turned.

How to get along without screens—Live in a tent, and keep your hand on a flyswatter.

How to live without enemies—Die young.

How to live within your income—Nobody knows.

Ye ed. was dragging home yesterday p. m. after a round of gawlf at the country club when our neighbor, Fred Haynes, cracked a few jokes at our expense—such as, "Where's yer gawlf breeches," etc.—and we were in no condition to laff. If gawlf breeches would make any improvement in our playing, the natives will soon be started to see us appear on the links in our B.V.D.'s.

### THE SEVEN AMERICAN MYTHS

- (1) Marry a man to reform him.
- (2) Doing Christmas shopping early.
- (3) Laying something aside for a rainy day.
- (4) Enjoying symphony concerts.
- (5) Going to Niagara Falls for a honeymoon.
- (6) Believing everything the politicians say.
- (7) Electing William Jennings Bryan.

### THE SEVEN AMERICAN REALITIES

- (1) Rent.
- (2) Prohibition.
- (3) Umbrella borrowers.
- (4) Poorly ventilated Pullmans.
- (5) Blue envelopes and blue Mondays.
- (6) Getting stung in Wall Street.
- (7) Blocking the sidewalk to listen to sidewalk fountain pen salesman.

### BE AN OPTIMIST

If your coal pile is low,  
And you are badly in debt;  
If your mortgage is due,  
And the house is "To Let."

If your children are ragged,  
And their shoes are worn through,  
And they are crying with hunger—  
Now what would you do?

If you can't find the money,  
If you have done all you can,  
Why pass up your worries  
To your creditor man?

### MOST OF THEM

Most of the boys who used to be somewhere in France are now somewhere in tough luck.

### MAY NOT BE TRUE

Johnny at Poultry Show: "Let's stay until they let the animals out."  
Mother: "They don't let them out, Johnny."  
Johnny: "Yes, Mother, last night dad told Uncle Bill that they would wait after the show and pick up a couple of chickens."

We heard a Roseburg man the other day objecting to buying a house because it was half a mile from a school house. When we were a kid we walked two miles to school, that's why we now have such long legs.

If the women are as bad as most of the present-day novelists tell us they are, heaven has about all the angels it is going to get.

### LAFE PERKINS SEZ:

"The taffer with four fat tires is in no mood to crack jokes."

Visit our June shoe sale. Good shoes and low prices for everyone. Peckin's Shoe Store.

## New Fire Siren Is Given Test

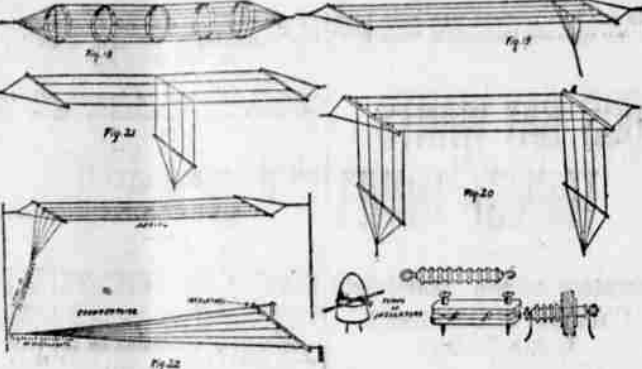
A test of the new electric fire siren purchased by the city created some excitement this morning. The siren is similar in sound to the one now in use at the roundhouse, and is fully as loud. It was connected up this morning on a temporary basis and tried out. As soon as possible it will be hoisted to the summit of the building and installed in the cupola. It is the latest approved alarm signal and is recommended by the state fire marshal. The sound is strong enough to be heard for a great distance and has a peculiar carrying quality which will cause it to penetrate to all parts of the city. The two huge aluminum fans which rotate the siren, are driven by a three horsepower electric motor. A special control is being installed to keep the speed of the motor varying through a constant change in the siren's note. The siren will be controlled directly from the fire hall.

## THE HOME RADIO

How to Make and Use It

### X. COUNTERPOISE

Before leaving the subject of aerials it may be well to call attention to the device known as a counterpoise and which, for sending, is far superior to using a ground, while with small sets the advantages gained by a counterpoise in receiving do not pay for the trouble of installing the device. This is because the counterpoise, while adding to the sharpness of tuning with a receiving set and, therefore, adding in cutting out interference, will also cut down the strength of the sounds received. Therefore, with a crystal set where amplification is not possible, the device is practically valueless, whereas, with a vacuum tube set with two or more steps of amplification, the counterpoise will prove a



very distinct advantage. Many people consider this device a complicated and difficult affair, but in reality, it is as simple, if not simpler, than an aerial. A favorite form of counterpoise consists of several wires extending fanwise as shown in the figures, but a single wire will often give excellent results and the only way to determine the best number of wires to use is by experiment. Usually it is desirable to place the counterpoise below the aerial, but this is by no means essential as it may be run in the opposite direction from the aerial and still work exactly as well, for the device has little or no connection with the aerial. In fact, its action is more

## STATE PRESS COMMENT

### POOR HOLLYWOOD

Condemnation of Hollywood is giving way to sympathy, as the facts about that celebrated movie center become better known. Business there is very dull. There is a big film population with little to do, since the patronage of the movie houses has slumped. Salaries are no longer by the year but "by the picture," and it is usually a long time between pictures.

### LET US LIVE UP TO OUR RECORD

Opportunity is offered the young men of Oregon by the army to spend a month at a summer camp with advantages for which many would willingly pay if "vacation" were the term used. All that they will get otherwise is to the good, namely, military training and instruction in physical care of themselves which would be of high value if they should be called upon to defend their country. All this is offered by the citizens' military training camps, of which that for Oregon and Washington will be held at Camp Lewis from July 27 to August 25. Yet with a quota of 340 men Oregon has so far enrolled only 83, and but 29 of these are from Portland. Is Oregon to be a slacker for the first time in its recent military history?—Oregonian.

### COOKED FOOD SALE

The Ladies' Missionary society of the South Methodist church will hold a cooked food sale at the People's Supply Store, Saturday, June 10. Home-cooked foods for sale.

### PROFIT BY MISTAKES

Let's try not only to see our own mistakes but profit by them. If you will do this you will always be alive, never settle into a rut and will be constantly led to do something different and better.—Baker Herald.

### NO OREGON ON THEIR MAP

Why this discrimination against Oregon by the federal government? When the new hospital at Camp Lewis is completed the government will have spent at least \$2,000,000 in the state of Washington for government-owned hospitals. It hasn't spent a cent in Oregon for government-owned hospitals. There are now six federal hospitals in Washington—three government-owned and three contract. In the federal hospital at Walla Walla the government invested \$400,000. Oregon has two contract hospitals and an order has been issued directing that the patients in one of them be removed to Walla Walla. The removal is to be completed by June 15 which means that thereafter the government will have but one hospital in Oregon, and that one a contract hospital under lease for five years.—Baker Herald.

### BETTER THAN A POLICEMAN

"Better than a policeman is a newspaper with backbone enough to tell the truth regardless of whom it affects," said Ben F. Bailey, manager of the Salina Journal and president of the Kansas Editorial association in addressing the students in industrial journalism in the Kansas Agricultural college on April 24. Mr. Bailey censured the suppression of news at people's request. Such a practice, he maintained, injures the individual, the newspaper,

like that of a condenser, except that it increases radiated energy, whereas, a condenser has a very small amount of radiation. It must also be borne in mind that with a counterpoise no ground wire is required, the lead-in from the counterpoise being connected with the set at the spot where the ground wire is usually connected. In setting up a counterpoise it should be just as well and as thoroughly insulated as the aerial (Fig. 22), and the lead-in wire from it should be kept at some distance from the aerial lead-in to obviate losses by induction between the two. The most desirable place for a counterpoise is about three feet above the earth, but as this height is usually inconvenient,

not only on account of it being an obstruction, but because it may be injured by people or animals or may be buried under snow in winter, it is better to raise it about six feet, or just high enough so people may pass beneath it. Stout posts with guy wires are the best supports, whereas, if the device is placed on the roof, the supports may be chimneys, walls, etc. If placed on a roof beneath an aerial leave all the space possible between the two, either by keeping the counterpoise low or raising the aerial. Where this is not convenient, the counterpoise may be run in another direction instead of being placed below the aerial wires.

## JUST COUNT THE CHEVROLETS

April and May Sales far exceeded sales in the corresponding months of 1920—the peak year for



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To Illinois—Mrs. Sarah Ferber who resides in a cottage at the Soldiers Home left here yesterday for Illinois where she will remain for three months visiting with relatives and friends. The United States has 28 newspapers.

## Southern Oregon Gas Co.

## Announces: To the People of Roseburg

That a first class gas and good service is at their disposal. Gas is the best, surest, and quickest fuel that can be used. Fifty million people in the U. S. A. are using it exclusively for fuel and heat. From now until the 15th of June we will extend our mains 200 feet for a customer and run the service 40 ft. inside of the property line.

**THOS. D. PETCH,**  
General Manager

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