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"DIRECT ACTION."

"Direct Action," so called, is a line of conduct favored by some people in these times, and the unthinking man of the street who listens to the soap box orator is often urged to adopt it. It is urged that the common people can't get their rights, because elections, legislatures and courts are so influenced by cliques and politicians and class interests as to defeat justice. Therefore it is urged that the people should use "direct action," that is, that they should either rise and seize the government by force and violence, or else should so paralyze industry by a general strike that the community would have to yield to their demands. The calm observer, however, understands perfectly that the common people constitute about 99 per cent of the voters of this country. Anytime that they unite, or a little more than half of them unite, they can kick out any set of politicians that may be in power at the time, and have people of their own views put in. Direct action then is wholly unnecessary since the people can get at any time what they demand through the ballot box. The trouble is, that it is so difficult for the average man to tell how he is to get his rights or improve his condition. One set of thinkers tell him one thing and another set tell him another. The best thing he can usually do is to look to the men who are the natural leaders of the community, supporting those who have proved themselves honest and reliable, those who have shown business sense enough so they can run the government economically, and who have manifested sympathy for the common people so that they can be trusted to work for measures of humanitarian progress. The direct action people admit, in advocating their philosophy that they form an infinitesimal minority of the people. If any considerable fraction of the country felt the way they do, they could make themselves a power in political life.

There doesn't seem to be any good reason at this time for the people of this state to become "frightened" over the prospects of a fight between the Southern Pacific company and the Central Pacific lines in reference to the recent decision of the United States supreme court dissolving the two railroads, which in effect means that they are to be operated separately and independently if the court's order holds good. Calm and sane deliberation should be given the subject and there should be no hurry to get on the band wagon. What this state wants to see most of all is a good, substantial growth in the way of railroad building generally and the vast resources of the state opened to the world's markets. Both the railroad companies affected by the decision are making claims for and against any action dissolving these railroads, but to date there has been practically nothing of a definite character promised by either side should the court's decision stand or later be modified. It is simply a question, as far as it concerns the people of this state, which of the railroad concerns can put up the best argument to show their faith in the future development of Oregon, and what will be the actual results gained by the dissolution of the railroads. Also, what benefits can be expected from a continuance of the present methods of operation of these lines. There is a wide variance of opinion in this matter and a hasty conclusion might take a golden opportunity away from the state. Therefore, it is not necessary to take any definite action until both sides of the controversy have made clear, concise and definite statements in every particular.

Many cities and localities have made or marred their future as the result of their action on road work. If they decided that good roads cost too much, if they tolerated rough and jolly streets, they put a handicap on their growth. People would not come to trade in such communities. The rough street conditions indicated a condition of poverty and lack of civic spirit. Not merely must a city or county be willing to spend a reasonable amount of money on its streets, but it must exercise business judgment in placing its road work under thoroughly competent men, who understand the science of modern highway building, and having executive ability enough to get work done economically. Road money should not all be spent on main lines and pleasure boulevards. The prosperity of a city depends on the prosperity of the country back of it, and the farm country must have access to the town over decent highways.

Young men starting in business often used to complain that it took a long time for them to get any recognition in their home cities. They would say that a man would have to live there a long time before he could get public office, and he was not consulted about public policy until he had become something of an old resident. Modern civic and business organizations help a young man make his way. If he feels that he is not recognized, let him join the chamber of commerce, or other business or civic organizations conducted in his community. If he is willing to work, he can find his place on some committee, and if he shows energy he will make an influential position for himself. The fellows who complain of lack of recognition nowadays are apt to be those who don't do anything for the community.

CHURCHES MAKE AN APPEAL TO HARDING

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, June 19.—President Harding was asked today to take steps to end the coal strike in a joint appeal presented to him by the commission on the church and social service of the Federal Council of Churches with which are affiliated thirty great Protestant communions, the department of social action of the National Catholic Welfare council and the social justice commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. This is the first time, as far as is known, that these repre-

sentative organization of Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews have taken joint action in an industrial matter. The churches in their appeal asked the president:
 "To call a national coal conference;
 "To get the facts of the coal industry through a government investigation;
 "Not to wait until the suffering women and children of the mining camps have become a national calamity, and;
 "To end the coal strike now."
 The statement expresses gratification that the press, as a whole, has been successful in recording the facts in the strike.

Prune Pickin's



By BERT G. BATES.

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Jim Starrett and Charley Lookwood and Henree Harth and Harold Hudson appeared on ye gawlf links Yesterday p. m. attired in white duck uniforms And ye ed. that at first The Standard Oil company Had started a filling station At the country club.

A few local wisecracks took delight yesterday in howling their heads off against the Rsbj. ball team. Some people like to be on the winning side no matter who's doing the winning.

Dock Cook, not the one of N. pole fame, but one of local fame, handed the royal razz-berry to the home boys yesterday and worked his bazoo overtime, much to the delight of the younger generation who are always tickled to see side-show attractions.

And we can't help passing the cut-glass can-opener to the umbri who had the unmitigated nerve to walk in front of the grand stand and steal one of Prune Pickin's gags, to wit: "The Rsbj. ball team will play the old soldiers' team next Sunday." He was greeted with a loud guffaw of titters, mingled with remarks which our boss won't allow us to print in this column.

At any rate, boys, we're still with the home team, win or lose. It's the taxpayers' vote that counts—not the floaters.

And we are confident that with the selection of nine more men we're going to put out a winning team.

And when we do win some day, we're going to make a low bow to the birds who are so pleased to distribute raspberries in the face of our misfortunes.

But to change the subject, folks, have you noticed that the pavement is getting mushy?

We are now going to indulge in our favorite pastime of writing a poem. Drop a quarter in the meter. Let's go!

Thirty days hath September,
 April, June and November,
 All the rest have thirty ones—
 With the exception of February,
 Which, usually, has twenty-eight,
 Thus making it difficult
 For the bootleggers
 To earn as much as usual.

Gov. Oilcloth led Charley Hall by 521 votes says a dispatch today. We didn't know the governor had that many appointive offices.

HIS ATTITUDE.

"Well, I'll tell you," said Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, in reply to the remark of the spectacled tourist, "I've got fourteen of the pearest damn children on earth, and I wouldn't take a million dollars for any one of 'em. But if anybody was to try to give me another he'd have to run me plumb ragged before he could—p'tue!—make me take it."

We have not heard anyone kicking about the high price of diamonds during the past few years.

"SAFETY FIRST."

Lives of great men oft remind us Things right now we could avoid. One is: Not to leave behind us Love-letters that should be destroyed.

If you hear a man knocking the town in which he lives, it is safe to bet that his business is not wanted by the merchants or the banks in that place—there is a reason.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ:

The feller with a new suit allus has a hang-dog look on his face when he shows up at the office wearin' it for the first time."

AROUND THE TOWN.

Arundel, piano tuner. Phone 189-L.

Here From School—
 Miss Ruth Powell, who is attending school at the University of Oregon, is here to visit with her parents for the summer.

Fried Spring Chicken to order any time. White Front Cafe.

Here For Summer—
 Miss Annabella Denn, a student of the University of Oregon, is in this city to spend the summer with her parents.

Painless extraction of teeth at room 9, Masonic temple. Dr. Nerbas.

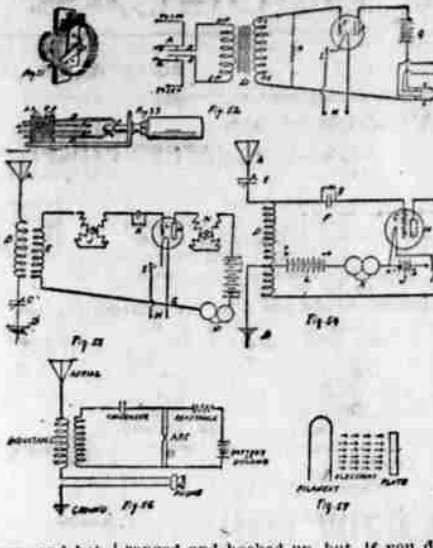
To Stockton Calif.—
 Mrs. G. W. Lang left here this morning for Stockton, California. Mrs. Lang's grandfather's death

THE HOME RADIO

How to Make and Use It By A. HYATT VERRILL

XX. REGENERATIVE RECEIVING SET

A regenerative set is one in which the wireless waves or oscillations entering from the aerial are regenerated and increased by means of the vacuum bulb and for this reason, as well as on account of other, it is far superior to any style of crystal set. Roughly, a vacuum bulb or tube detector is about thirty times as efficient as the best crystal detector and moreover, with such sets, one or more steps of amplification may be used, thus increasing the sounds to almost any extent. One of the great advantages of regenerative sets is that they will permit of tuning out interferences and the better the set and the more efficient the various units, the clearer and better the results obtained. I have already described how to set up a small regenerative set under "coils," but there are various other methods of arranging or assembling regenerative sets. One of the best is the set used with a vario-coupler and variometers which is illustrated in Fig. 55. By using two variometers and a vario-coupler as shown, great selectivity of the circuit is obtained and by hooking on amplifiers and using a loud speaker phone, music, songs, speeches, etc., may be reproduced as loudly as a good phonograph. The only objection to such a set is that there are several adjustments to be made in tuning as there are the three knobs to look after. In making this set it is not advisable to attempt to make either the vario-coupler or the variometers, for while these instruments look simple, special tools and long practice and skill are required to construct them properly. Also, when purchasing these, select those in which the coils are not varnished or shellacked as these coverings invariably decrease the efficiency of a coil. The other parts required, aside from ordinary insulated electric bell wire, binding posts and a panel or base, are the vacuum bulb or tube detector; the socket for the tube, a grid-leak and condenser (which you can readily make yourself if desired), the rheostat, a variable condenser of .0005 mfd.; the six volt storage battery; B-battery and a pair of 2000 ohm receivers.



By studying the diagram, you will easily see how the set should be arranged and hooked up, but, if you desire, the wires may be altered to run at other angles or directions, the main thing being to keep them as short and direct as possible and to avoid running them parallel or crossing them: The aerial A is led in and connected to the primary of the vario-coupler B, the other terminal of the vario-coupler being connected with the variable condenser C, and the latter being connected with the ground-wire D. From the secondary coil of the vario-coupler E, one wire is led to the phone or receivers, F, a connection being made at G, with the storage battery H and the rheostat I. The other wire from E, is led to the grid-variometer J, thence to the grid-leak and condenser K, then to the vacuum-tube grid L. The plate-connection of the tube M, is wired to the plate-variometer N, and from here the wire runs to the B-battery O, the other terminal of which leads to the phone-receivers, F.

The whole affair, when finally connected and mounted on a neat bakelite or fibre base, should be enclosed in a neat case with a hinged cover, in order to protect the instruments from dust and disturbance and yet allow inspection or adjustment. Of course the adjusting or tuning knobs and the outside connections for aerial, ground and batteries should be led through the case or box to binding posts on the exterior. If the whole set is arranged compactly and neatly and you make an attractive, well finished case, the set will be the equal in appearance, as well as in efficiency, of any ready-made set costing several times as much.

Doctors Puzzled Over Case of Missouri Youth, With Neck Broken, Drives Automobile

(International News Service)
 POPULAR BLUFF, Mo., June 19.—To have his neck broken, yet to walk, drive a car, play billiards and take light exercises, is the unusual condition of Stewart Sigler, nineteen, former star athlete of the Popular Bluff High School. The case has somewhat baffled the medical scientists.

Two years ago Sigler with a party of friends was on an outing six miles north of here. During the outing a number of the party sought to refresh themselves with a dip into Black River. Sigler made a dive off of a high bank into the depths of the river and struck his head on the rocky bottom. When he came up he felt dazed and made his way out of the stream. Not realizing the serious condition which he was in, he remained at home for several days, his neck becoming partially paralyzed and stiff. He had no idea the trouble more than the common ailment termed by laymen as "crick in the neck," and not until his condition had become alarming did he go to a physician for treatment.

As soon as the exact cause of his condition was learned Sigler was hurried to St. Louis and placed under the care of specialists. An operation was performed and it was found that the ligaments holding the vertebrae in the back part of his neck had been broken and steel a fraction of an

inch apart. Sigler was placed in bed, and in an effort to force the two separated portions together so that they might heal a thirty pound container of water was suspended from his head as he lay in the hospital. He remained in that condition five months. Only recently did his physicians feel safe in permitting him to leave his bed, and then not until a plaster-paris cast had been constructed about his body and neck to hold the broken portions together and eliminate any chance of having his neck twisted.

Sigler has returned to his home here several times. He went back to the hospital in St. Louis only recently following the taking of an x-ray picture of his neck and finding that the portions that were pulled apart had moved slightly. Whether or not another operation, more serious than any in the past, will have to be undertaken is not yet determined.

Sigler has gone through the long seizure with a spirit that is amazing. Not a time has he complained of his troubles. When his condition warrants the removal of the cast, Sigler says, it will have to be cut from his body with a chisel.

Attending physicians declare that he has a good chance to completely recover, but the operation yet to be made is one of the most serious in the surgical profession.

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Here From Riddle—
 Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stricklin and three children, of Riddle, motored to Roseburg this morning to spend a few hours shopping and attending to business matters.

Expert furniture packing and crating. Phone 91-J, 202 N. Rose.

Here From Oakland—
 Miss Alice Kinley, Miss Agnes Hogan, and Miss Rhea Hall, all of Oakland, spent a few hours in Roseburg today shopping and visiting with friends.

Camping at Remote—
 Mr. and Mrs. Roy O. Young and daughter, have gone to Remote, Oregon, where they will spend their summer vacation, camping. They expect to be gone about two months.

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