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CAMPAIGN THROATS.

The throat specialists of the present day would get an awful lot of work if certain campaign methods of 30 years ago were revived. 'Member the days when you used to belong to a marching battalion, and tramp all over town with a torch, hollering at the top of your voice at the house of every citizen who was kind enough to illuminate? Those days were a hard test on the legs, but throats suffered even more. The marchers might be able to walk to work the next morning, but they often could not speak above a whisper. However, campaign speakers now have plenty of mouth exercise, and a man with a weak throat is handicapped. Instead of speaking to orderly assemblies in halls, he must talk to outdoor crowds at mill gates and around his automobile. The aspiring politician should get this throat treated before he enters the game.

The idea prevails among many politicians that they have completely solved the problems of the day when they appoint some one to investigate them at large expense.

A good many people who are opposed to foreign entanglements have not been able to keep out of the matrimonial kind.

The colleges are conferring many degrees, but the students are more likely to wear their athletic letters on their sweaters.

The Indians claim that hats make the white men's heads bald, but they fail to explain why many of them are empty.

Who ever dreamed 20 years ago that the hand painted chin movement would spread so extensively to the girls' faces?

So far the young crowd are not so prejudiced against farming that they won't attend the barn dances.

Gasoline pumps are not the only filling stations in Roseburg. The ice cream stations are also doing their best.

Not much public excitement is created when the men go fishing and don't catch anything.

Plenty of people are in favor of prosperity, provided some one else will do the necessary work.

What You Can Do to Help Roseburg

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce has been functioning six months under the management of the present board of directors, and in looking back over these six months it is pleasing to note that an earnest honest effort has been made by these men to give Roseburg a real commercial organization, one that works night and day, and every day in the month. These men found the Chamber of Commerce in a disorganized condition, with a number of old debts that hampered true progress. A campaign for members and funds was put on with the result that around \$6000 was pledged for the current year. The goal set by the board of directors was \$10,000, little enough for the constructive program they had in mind. All old indebtedness was paid off and the chamber started off with a clean slate in January of this year. Thus far the organization is out of debt, and it is the determination of the present board of directors that this condition obtains throughout the balance of the year.

As in all cities the size of Roseburg it is not possible for the Chamber of Commerce to please everybody or do all the things that are urged upon its officers and directors all at once. It takes time to plan a program and then carry it out. Some important matters may take years in solving them to the best advantage of the city. No attempt has been made by the present board of directors to do anything spectacular, but from a perusal of the accomplishments thus far credited to the organization this year it is more than apparent that real progress has been made, and that instead of criticism of the board the members it should be congratulated and backed up to the limit by all business and professional men of the city.

At the beginning of the second six months period of this year, there is owing the Chamber of Commerce from its members the sum of \$1200. Numerous excuses have been made by some of the members who owe the organization money, but to the thinking man there is no valid reason for any business man to attempt to find an excuse to dodge his obligations no matter what they may be. A promise to pay certain funds into a civic organization carries with it the same obligations and the same honesty of purpose that a promise to pay your bank carries. It is as honest a debt and should be paid the same as a debt for merchandise purchased or money borrowed.

The board of directors at the beginning of the year made certain plans and set aside certain amounts of money for specific purposes on the

promise of the members of the Chamber of Commerce that their dues would be quickly paid monthly or quarterly. Provision was made for a slight shrinkage on account of certain members going out of business or moving from the city. There was no provision made however for the member who should use a flimsy excuse for the dodging of a bona fide obligation. The board of directors of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce are busy men, giving of their time and money without hope of recompense except what accrues to them by the natural progress of the city through their efforts, and it is unfair to them to hamper them in their work by offering silly excuses for not paying dues and giving full cooperation to these men who are standing behind the organization and accomplishing good results for all the people of the city.

It is time that Roseburg woke up to the fact that without a Chamber of Commerce it will sink into oblivion and be spoken of as the town that was progressive, but now is a has-been. The Chamber of Commerce should have a budget of \$10,000 for the year 1924. If this sum was available there is nothing that could stand in the way of making the city the best city of its size in the great state of Oregon. The chamber can function after a fashion on the \$6000 now promised, but it must have every cent of this \$6000, and have it when due. There are also a number of business and professional men in the city who have not joined the Chamber of Commerce that every day are resping the benefits of the activities of the organization. It is high time that they also get into the game of building up their city through the only organization that is pledged to do this—the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce. During the past month a number have joined the chamber because they have seen that progress is being made and that their motto will help, but there are others that should also put their shoulder to the wheel and push instead of hold back.

On next Monday in this paper will be found a recapitulation of what the members of the Chamber of Commerce wish the board of directors to undertake. This cannot be done without the united effort of all the people of the city. Paying your dues is only a small part in accomplishing the things asked for. Let us cut out the laziness and the snoring, and get behind the Chamber of Commerce to the limit of our pocketbooks and then real results will be forthcoming. The board of directors welcome suggestions and honest criticism, when coupled with a desire to

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—
This is bath night
And after last
Night at the
Barn dance
It is
Very appropriate.

DUMBBELL DORA THINKS
A whip-poor-will is an instrument of torture.

Hot diggety dawg! But that new pavilion at Winchester which opens tonight oughts knock 'em dead. When the salmon bear those Blue Devils they'll do some tall jumpin'.

Not long ago I came in contact with a family where the man had been ill for some time. There were several small children. The wife tried to earn a little money doing dress-making and at the same time look after everybody. This family would have starved had it not been for those kindly people who can usually be depended upon to come to the rescue. The man lay on his bed and groaned and talked about his hard luck. And the woman's lip quivered and her eyes filled as she talked about the same thing. Was it hard luck that landed them where they were? Let us see. For a long time before his illness this man had been making fifty dollars a week. He had his car, wore silk shirts, the children went to the movies whenever they wanted to, the wife had whatever clothes she wanted and ran the house extravagantly. When she peeled potatoes or apples she took off a quarter of an inch with the skin. If a small portion of something was left she threw it into the stove. They thought nothing of leaving the electric light burning all night in the basement. They wasted and blew in every dollar of the man's salary without a thought of the consequences. Then came the reverses and the mournful talk of hard luck. I really do not believe they ever thought of reproaching themselves for not laying aside a part of the fifty dollars a week against the day of difficulty which is almost sure to come into every life. There were certain tribes of improvident Indians in the west who gorged themselves on salmon when the fish were running, but dried not one piece against the ice-bound time when fish and game were scarce. In the famine of winter when they were gnawing roots and even the bones of their own kind to keep alive, they probably complained bitterly of their "hard luck," if their language contained such an expression. I do not believe in a man's saving to the extent of depriving his family of everything worth while in life. I think he should spend every cent he makes if necessary to give his family needed comforts. After that saving should commence. There is no point to cutting all the joy out of life just to save money against a possible day of disaster. Because that makes every day a day of disaster. But when a man is making more than enough to support his family in comfort and is not providing against a time of reverses, then he is bidding for what he would probably term "hard luck." After all, lack of foresight is one very good name for hard luck.

Picknickin' is excellent this time of the year as the ants were never more plentiful.

Wrinkled sock on a gal puts a damper on a feller's enthusiasm.

We celebrate, July 4, Grants Pass, with parade, baseball game, wild west roundup fireworks and patriotic programme. Fifty cents admission. Entire program free. Basket dinner. Free coffee.

CAMP MEETING NEWS
At the time for closing this season of earnest worshippers the interest of the general public seems to be increasing as shown by the gain in attendance from evening to evening, also by the good order that prevails upon the ground during the services.

WILL CELEBRATE JULY 4.
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help, but it is hard for these men to toil for the well being of the city when men who are able to help stand on the side lines and growl. Let's get into this game of town building with the right spirit and nothing can hold back our fair city.

AID IN ROAD WORK MAY BE SECURED

State May Help on Section of Roosevelt Highway From Gardiner to E. Gardiner.

OVERHEAD IS WANTED

Request of County Court That Umuqua Highway Be Designated State Road Is Refused.

County Judge George Qaine, Commissioner Weaver and Roadmaster Frear returned last night from Portland after meeting with the state highway commission and discussing a number of important road matters. The court requested the state highway commission to aid in the construction of the road from Gardiner to East Gardiner and to the top of the hill west of Gardiner. The district has voted a special tax of about \$4,000 and the state is being asked to match this sum. The road in question is a portion of the Roosevelt Highway, and will be put on a permanent grade if the plan is adopted. It is thought that as this road is a part of the Roosevelt highway, and is so badly needed to give the Gardiner people access to the railroad, that the state should give some assistance. The proposition was taken under advisement by the commission, but favorable action on the part of the state is anticipated.

Douglas county was requested to share in the construction of an overhead crossing at Shady Point. This is one of the places where a crossing is most needed as the road is rough and the approach to the track is narrow and on a poor grade. Several years ago the state told the county that if it would vote bonds which would give about \$180,000 for state work that no more would be asked of the county. The county voted the bonds and the court has expended the money except for a small portion in cooperation with the state. There is still a small amount left to meet the commission in the overhead crossing work, and the county will share in this expense.

The highway commission refused the request of the county court that the Umuqua Highway from Reedsport to Eastern Oregon be declared a state road and placed on the state highway map. The county court adopted a resolution asking that the road be placed on the highway map and be designated as a state highway, which would give more opportunity for obtaining federal aid, but the highway commission declined to accept the resolution or in any way recognize the request of the county court other than a refusal.

So far Douglas County has borne the expense of this most important road alone, with the exception of a small amount of help given in the Reedsport-Scottsburg section, and the Rock Creek Boundary section. The state has never given any help and has, in fact, done many things, such as this recent action, to hinder the county, and the people of Douglas county are greatly disappointed that the highway commission takes such a stand, when this road is of such great importance in opening up and developing valuable farming territory and new markets for agriculture produce.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., June 28.—The state highway commission today on motion of Commissioner H. B. Van

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Duzer, promising to furnish the lumber to make these signs. Bradley park near Astoria is to be improved with a sidewalk and tables. The California highway commission is planning on coming to Oregon on a visit. If it comes, the Beaver commissioners will meet the visitors at the state line and tour with them.

The commission decided to order the survey of the Roosevelt highway in Curry county from Pistol to Chiloquin River, 25 miles, prior to advertising for bids for surfacing.

The commission declined to accept the offer made by Douglas county court to put the Umuqua highway on the state highway system's map. The road runs from Reedsport to Eastern Oregon.

It was decided to resurface three miles of Old Oregon trail from Pendleton towards the Indian agency three miles. Bids will be received at the next meeting of the commission, July 29-30.

Another bit of work to be advertised for immediately so the contract may be let next month, is for grading the Lava Butte section of the Fremont trail from Lava Butte to Allen Ranch, nearly eight miles. This will be along the new line around the reservoir.

Bids will be asked for at once for a bridge over the Illinois river on the Grants Pass—Crescent highway. The commission is anxious to have the overhead crossing at Shady, three miles south of Roseburg constructed at once. Chairman Duzer asked State Highway Engineer Klein to get in touch with Douglas county court and urge that they agree to their share of the improvement so bids may be advertised for in July.

The commission decided to grant the request of Curry county court and advertise for bids for grading Roosevelt highway from Denmark to the Coos county line, a distance of some five miles. There are 17 bridges on the old road, and 15 of these will soon have to be replaced or repaired. The newly surveyed line which the state will follow eliminates all these bridges.

The commission will advertise for bids for malheur county to grade Jordan valley road for nine miles. This work has long been needed. Malheur county will spend \$100,000 of market road funds and some bond money on the improvement.

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