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ROSEBURG, OREGON, TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1929.

EARLY last week a radio station in California broadcasting the merits of a make of motor car made mention of the effect that even over "rough corduroy road in Oregon" the car performed perfectly. The broadcast in question was a log of a trip from San Francisco up the Redwood highway to Crescent City, thence to Grants Pass and south over the Pacific highway to San Francisco. Any one who has been over this particular route knows that there is a rough unfinished piece of road between Crescent City and Grants Pass but IT IS IN CALIFORNIA. Mistakes are pardonable, we all make them and this was a mistake. The entire matter is not worth a great deal of time but parts of a letter received from the managing director of the broadcasting station, concerning the incident, ARE interesting:

"In this continuity this example of a difficult piece of road was not confined to the reference to a peculiar roadbed constructed in Oregon; reference was also made to unusual roadbed conditions in other localities. Certainly it would be absurd to, in addressing a Western motoring public, cast any aspersions on the splendid roadways of your state. In the light of the impression which you received and which we now must think was possibly shared by others, we indeed regret the unhappy attention to a corduroy road in Oregon. We wanted to refer to many conditions of roadbeds difficult of passage and among the illustrations, naturally, came a corduroy road. We know that in some remote places in Oregon, as well as in California and in Washington, there are some such roads, and that they are found in all logging communities. There was no reason why we should not have referred to California as there is probably more mileage of this kind of road in this state than there is in Oregon, but it did not just so happen. We want to assure you that there was no design in the matter whatsoever. Our audience is probably greater for capita in Oregon than it is in California, and we certainly would not deliberately be guilty of offering any affront."

"We have in preparation for an early release, in connection with this program, a descriptive journey over the beautiful highways of Oregon. Certainly the complimentary terms in which reference will be made to the highways of Oregon will overcome any possible impression that may have been received from this situation which appears to have been misinterpreted."

You see, he seems to have the best intentions, but still is unable to realize that the statement was a plain flat error. This managing director of a great radio broadcasting station, and others equally uninformed, will be surprised to learn that Oregon has three north and south highways completed up to specification to the California line and NOT ONE of these highways is met at the California line by a completed highway of equal standard.

POEM FOR THE DAY By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS MAKING AMERICA ONE This news note, which is bound to make history, comes from Washington: "Plans for a Pan-American automobile highway, approved by President Coolidge and by President-elect Hoover, have been approved by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Following testimony by Wilbur J. Carr, Assistant Secretary of State, Leo S. Rowe, director general of the Pan-American Union; Thomas H. Macdonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, and Pike Johnson, National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, the committee unanimously sanctioned a \$50,000 appropriation to enable United States experts to cooperate with Latin-American countries in the far-reaching plan. "With this action the first definite step has been taken in the proposal to connect Canada with Tierra del Fuego by highway, as urged by Herbert Hoover prior to and during his trip to South America.

"A road and nothing more," you say; "Why, roads are built most every day! But here's a road awakes my dreams— How my imagination steams! From Lake Superior to Cape Horn I see a wondrous coming morn; I see two continents unite In happy friendship warm and bright. A road's a thing in partnership, Where either side makes mutual trip; Along that road from North to South Will pass kind greetings—mouth to mouth. In any time of trying need, I'll give us all a chance to head; I'll knit our peoples into one, Bind all together in their fun. A highway is a common bond That helps to make the people fond; We'll visit in our holidays And learn each other's friendly ways. Our trucks will take them cotton tops; They'll bring us North their tropic fruits. We'll chat and laugh and make a swap And have good times in talking shop. When we've a highway on the ground Suspicion soon will not be found; The boys and girls will cross the line, And to each other take a shine. They'll follow human nature's laws And we shall have a common cause. So speed the highway on its course; 'Twill be a friendship-binding force.

UNUSUAL AND ATTRACTIVE SHRUB IS IN BLOOM IN LOCAL GARDEN GEORGE M. BROWN ILL. The Kobusiana, of recently introduced from China by E. H. Wilson, keeper of the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University, is now in bloom at the home of Mrs. S. S. Evans on 21st street.

OUT OUR WAY By Williams



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Letters From the People Communications to the News-Review for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 200 words in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address must accompany the contribution.

WOULD NAME SCOTTSBURG BRIDGE FOR PIONEER PORT OREGON, Ore., May 20.—Editor News-Review:—June, 1861, I was a young boy of 12, and I have recently constructed a bridge on a rock at Port Orford, Curry county, Oregon. Before then on the beach was a tribe of savages ready for attack. Nine men stood their ground for several days, fought back the Indians. These nine brave men will go down in Oregon history as the bravest of the pioneers. One of these men was Cyrus Hedden. A book could be written of his heroic deeds and acts of kindness to those in need on the Oregon coast in the early fifties. His battle with the Indians near the mouth of the Coquille river shows more clearly the manhood of this greatest of pioneer men. No one is living who can tell as an eye witness of this wonderful feat of friendship for a century. Hedden and Williams with other courageous Indians in the Indian camp, it was two miles above the mouth of the Coquille river. Their canoe drifted into shoal water, and the fight was inaugurated. It was every one for himself. The men killed the Indians. Hedden and Williams reached the shore fighting their way to the beach. Hedden was killed by a heavy arrow. In the struggle they fell with arms and legs. His knife finished the brute, but while down another Indian drove an arrow into his groin. He sprang to his feet and Hedden pulled out the shaft leaving a three-inch piece to which the arrow head was attached. They escaped to the brush, holding the Indians at bay with their guns. While so doing they made good their escape. Hedden was killed in the Indian camp. It was a hard fight, but the Indians were routed. Hedden's body was carried to the beach and buried. Hedden was a brave man, and his name should be given to the bridge at Port Orford.

MOHAIR INDUSTRY SHOWING GROWTH Rapid expansion of the Angora goat and mohair industry in the United States in recent years has drawn to the industry considerable attention for mohair spinning and spinning, and is reported by an inter-departmental committee of experts appointed by the United States department of agriculture and commerce to make a survey of the situation. It is estimated that more than 2,000,000 Angora goats are now raised annually in the six leading producing states as compared with 2,240,000 goats shipped in the year 1920. During this period the average weight of mohair has increased as a result of improved production methods with the result that production of the wool, including kid hair, in the six states is approximately 14,000,000 pounds annually as compared with 12,750,000 pounds in 1920. It is believed that the progress of the industry is being hastened by the continued improvement in the quality of goats and breeders, by increased efficiency in production and marketing methods, and the establishment of official United States grades for mohair. The committee concluded that in promoting the development of mohair standards, it is advisable to consider one factor at a time, and that the first step should be taken in the establishment of standards for the quality of goats and breeders. Tentative sets of the proposed standards have been prepared by the bureau of agricultural standards for submission to producers, manufacturers, and the mohair trade.

ALTHOUGH goats are kept in practically all agricultural regions of the United States, approximately 90 per cent of the total number are in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, California and Missouri. The greatest concentration of Angora goats is in the Edwards Plateau of west Texas. They have become important in the agriculture of certain areas in furnishing a cash return to farmers, and in keeping down brush growth in pastures or in sections to be cleared for farming. The use of Angora for clothing is especially prominent in the west, the middle west, the Ozark region, and the Pacific coast states. On the ranges of the west, especially in the northwest, goats are grazed for the purpose of utilizing the browse type of vegetation on a permanent basis. On many range areas, where brush is the main forage, proper stocking with Angora goats will tend to reduce the economic return by reducing the amount of brush. Goats are used for diversification of the ranch business, and the grazing of them on the range is making possible a profit from many areas that would otherwise be unprofitable with cattle or sheep alone. As the value of Angora goats is appreciated, the committee believes there will be considerable further expansion of the industry on range areas, and that the industry can not be used satisfactorily or economically by other classes of stock.

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FISH OF UMPQUA REPRESENT GOLD MINE TO NOTED VISITOR

Extinction of Game Varieties Within Next Fifty Years Is Predicted, However, by Major Mott Unless People Put End to Commercial Activities—Rogue River Sport Said Poorer Because of Mining. By Major Lawrence Mott Most kindly, indeed, have been the remarks made by the citizens of Roseburg—and, I believe, by many of the county residents—with regard to my article in these columns the other day, having to do with fish and game conservation. In fact, I have received several letters from residents, all of them couched in approving terms. If I may be forgiven for again rushing into print I would call to the attention of all the friends that I have been so fortunate as to make, to certain facts that it seems to me—are unquestionable. We all know, that is to say, YOU all know, that there has been a good deal of feeling between the fisherfolk at the mouth, and those along the upper reaches of the river—BOTH claiming the others as "pirates"—and so forth. The calling of names never gets us any farther, so to speak, hence; let us pass over the trivialities and personalities in the case, and get down to brass tacks—as I, personally, see them. In the Umpqua river you people of Douglas county have a GOLD MINE. The enormous amount of the Umpqua (later, the Umpqua) of the finest of the Pacific coast, and have, in the stomach, a game fish that takes second place to none; you have several other species of the same fish—salmon—known as the brook trout. You have a most beautiful river, with a lot of converging streams, all of them entirely capable of raising their natural quota of normally spawned fry. It is alleged that the governor of this state is a thorough sportsman and in favor of any and all legislation that gives the least promise of protection to both fish and game. I am not to believe that, at the mandate, shall we say, of the U. S. forestry wardens, he summarily closes certain districts—lest fish occur. I wonder how much thought the governor gives to the ACTUAL conditions—where the fishing "industry" is concerned? Of course, he may not be again elected, so "he should worry!" The people who will have to do the WORRYING are the taxpayers! Up to the People In brief, SPORTSMEN—meaning the man who drives through this splendid county and who would like a bit of fishing—spend more money, per square inch of their money, God bless 'em, than they do in the pockets of your local game keepers, your groceryman, your hardware dealers, your garage men, etc.—wait (and busy)—something in return! The people of Douglas county—at least insofar as the inhabitants of Roseburg and its vicinity are concerned—I know by direct experience—are more than ready to extend every hospitality—every convenience—every facility. Up and down the river I have found the same thing: KINDNESS! As this all to go to waste? Is the Umpqua to "dry up"—where fish are concerned? It is not for me to say!

AGRICULTURAL NOTES Rubens bluegrass plantings in various parts of Douglas county are showing up in good shape in most of the places where tried. This winter bluegrass was planted in September and October at the rate of 10 pounds per acre. Recent inspection on the farms of Tom Whitford, Looking Glass, and L. Whitford, Gannum, indicated an excellent stand of grass, 12 to 15 inches in height, with well formed seed heads. Other seedings making a good growth are located on the farms of J. R. Standley, Tom Miller, George Hall, Ward Cockerham, Fred Gannum, Gannum, and J. S. Adams, Lakton. Carbon bisulphide, one of the materials used in weed eradication work in the county last year, has proved quite effective in killing winter weeds. It is a liquid which turns to a heavier than air gas, and was placed in the soil at intervals of 15 or 20 inches, and about 10 inches deep. Limes were made with an iron tray, and 2 ozs. of the liquid placed in each hole. Two applications were required in all cases, with a third necessary to clean up some stubborn plants. Recent bookkeeping reports on the farms of G. T. Royer, J. P. Williams, and C. E. Moyer, Dillard, revealed but little evidence of morning glory on the treated areas. Costs of application are rather heavy and the material can not be recommended except on small areas, and then only when the soil is uniformly moist.

COURT DOCKET CALLED The docket for the May term of circuit court, was called this morning and a number of civil actions listed for trial. From appearances made for trial, it will be filed with important court work largely of a civil nature. At the present time there are but few criminal matters slated for action.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Data reported by E. H. Fletcher, Meteorologist in Charge. Barometric pressure reduced to sea level 30.04. Relative humidity 5 p. m. yesterday (per cent) 27. Highest temperature yesterday 74. Lowest temperature last night 45. Average temperature for the day 62. Normal temperature for this date 57. Precip. in inches and hundredths: Precipitation for 24 hours, ending 5 a. m. Total precip. since 1st month, 1.22. Normal precip. for this month 1.23. Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1928, to date 1.979. Normal precip. from Sept. 1, 1928, to date 1.972. Total deficiency since Sept. 1, 1928, .003. Normal seasonal precip. Sept. 1 to May, inclusive 31.14. Forecast for interior northwest Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; warm with low humidity Wednesday.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CITY LIBRARY ARE GIVEN PRAISE

Council Committee Investigating Expenditures Finds Money Is Being Well Spent.

Council to Ask County Court to Maintain Second Ave. S., Following Grange Request.

Not all of last night's session of the city council was devoted to fighting. While much of the time was taken up with wrangling, the council took care of a great deal of important business. The matter of a new system for handling the city garbage and dump ground situation was presented and given considerable consideration being left in the hands of the committee on health and police for further investigation. A communication was received from the county grange council asking for improvement of Second avenue south, the street leading out east of Roseburg. The council is to ask the county court to use its heavy equipment in maintaining the important road. In response to a request from E. A. Gross, manager of the Umpqua Amusement company, which owns the local theatres, asking for a higher license on tent shows and transient attractions, the committee presented a recommendation that the ordinance requiring not only tent shows but fortune tellers, conjurers, hawkers and peddlers and other such concerns be made much more stringent, recommending fees about three times the amount now charged for each. Fire Department Commended. At the last previous meeting a committee was appointed to investigate payments to the fire department and filed the following report at last night's meeting: "In the matter of the expenditure of the sum of \$109 each month for the city fire department, we find that the sum is used largely for the payment of the volunteer firemen in answering alarms. While some months show a balance left in the treasury, other months, and this is especially true during the summer months when a great many fire alarms are turned in for grass fires, this sum is not sufficient to meet the payroll. In the opinion of your committee, the local fire department is conducted on an economical basis as can be seen by the report of the department and those in charge of this department should be encouraged, rather than discouraged in the maintaining of the high standard of the department." Library Given Praise. A somewhat similar report was filed by the committee that investigated the payments to the public library. This report read as follows: "We, your committee, instructed to investigate the city library funds, said funds being in the amount of \$2,500 per annum, payable \$208.33 per month, report as follows: "Our estimation of the expenditures of this amount of money is well advised, wisely expended and the citizens of the city at large derive great benefit from having an institution of this kind in their midst. "This sum of \$2,500 has been placed in the budget of the city for the past several years, and it is within our own province, even if we were so disposed, to disturb it. "Attached hereto is a report prepared by the state librarian, in which is a comparison of the towns of Albany, Ashland, Marshfield and Roseburg, which shows that this city, having the lowest amount of money for library purposes, loans more books per capita than any of the other three cities. Regarding salaries paid at the library, Roseburg is at the bottom of the list with \$950, Albany \$1,384, Ashland \$2,452, and Marshfield \$2,599. "In our opinion the city library should be encouraged in every way possible in order that the splendid work that has been done in the past several years may be continued, and not be hampered by any pinch penny ideas of the part of the council or city officials." Both reports were placed on file. Entrance Lights Out. It was reported that the lights at the entrance posts at the city limits were out and a committee reported it had investigated the cost of making repairs and recommended that the lights be discontinued. The repairs being too expensive. After a short discussion the recorder was instructed to notify the power company to disconnect the lights and to eliminate the item from the city's monthly power bill. The council considered the matter of the appointment of a night officer, and recommended that Ray Hirsch, who has been serving in a temporary capacity, be selected. The appointment was made by the mayor and confirmed by the council.

This city recorder was instructed to purchase books and copiers, which T. W. Thomason, who has charge of the North Side parking, reported were necessary. The bid of L. S. Shaden to supply the city with 10 tons of wood for next winter's use, was accepted.

Gram & Wortham drug store of Corvallis being remodeled. Fifteenth street in Corvallis may be paved this summer.