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Meeting Tomorrow

TOMORROW the county court will be called upon by citizens representing several districts of the county. These delegations will ask that the court in some manner arrange to set aside \$200,000 to be used on finishing up the halted road projects in the county. PROVIDING that such sum is matched by an equal amount from both the state and the federal government. In other words forward looking people who want to see the Douglas county road program completed are asking that Douglas county arrange to spend one dollar for every two dollars that can be obtained from other sources. Should the project succeed in its entirety it would mean the expenditure of \$600,000 on needed road projects in this county.

Although the meeting was not called by the Roseburg chamber, the action, which was originated in Reedsport is fully endorsed here.

The road projects which need money are the Drain-Reedsport road, the Tiller to Trail road, the Douglas county section of the Roosevelt highway and the Steamboat to Big Camas link on the Roseburg-Diamond Lake road.

The resolution which was submitted to the county court suggested that the \$200,000 be set aside from the O. and C. land grant refund money. The advantage of such a plan is of course that it would make the money available at once which could be replaced on the installment plan from tax funds. It is argued, and perhaps rightly so, that the increased prosperity and taxable value brought about by opening up the county to travel would be enough to pay back the fund.

The Douglas County Tax league has gone on record with a resolution opposing the idea. The tax league in an important factor in county management and is an extremely effective safety valve for the prevention of extravagance. Its opposition to the expenditure of money has been so consistent that it is now almost taken for granted that such opposition will be forthcoming and the league's opportunity to do good sound constructive work is therefore diminished because its ideas are considered fixed on the one subject of economy.

Above is a frank discussion of the meeting which will take place tomorrow. Looking always to the prosperity and development of Douglas county, this newspaper is anxious to see the important county road projects completed. If the proposal as submitted is wrong let there be offered a workable substitute by its opponents. In considering this matter the fact that proponents of the road completion plan only propose county expenditure on the basis of three dollars worth of roads for one dollar spent by the county should be kept clearly in mind.

When the Census Man Comes

THE Amoses 'n' Andys and their imitators of the whole United States will have gag material aplenty during the next month or so for the census enumerator is going to be aboard in the land. Always census taking is prolific of quip and jest. Jokesters of the printed page, the comedy stage and the speakeasies are rising to it like hungry trout to a royal coachman.

First in the list for purposes of badinage is the old one about the census enumerator asking the housewife or spinster to give her age. "Possibilities of that one are obvious and in time past enough jokes have been written about it to fill a thick book. Outside of census taking time of course no gentleman ever asks a lady to tell her age. For a decade past nobody has asked any feminine person how old she was. At many a doctored putting of the question now is going to arouse a sense of outrage.

Every household is going to be asked to tell whether or not it contains a radio set. Just why Uncle Sam wants to know how many of us have radios and care nothing as to whether we have auto-phones, ice machines or lawnmowers does not appear. Radio addition is held by some to be a mild form of insanity but there is nothing in the census prospectus to indicate that Uncle

approaches the question on that ground.
 In one question we read "Age at time of first marriage?" There seems in that adjective "first" an implied expectation that the enumerator is going to find a good many married folks who have been that way before. Uncle Sam seems to be informed on modern conditions.
 Aside from these few questions to be asked are promises for the most part. It will stump some among those approached to tell where their fathers or mothers were born, but these will not be controversial questions.

Oregon Editors' Opinions

(Oregon Journal)
WHAT can Oregon do? E. G. Harlan of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce answers with figures:
 The first hen that laid 300 eggs in a year.
 A cow that returned 1976 above feed cost in a single year.
 A valley, that of Rogue river, which doubled population and output in eight years.
 An inland plateau country, Deschutes, that for the past two years has shipped an average of one carload of dairy animals a day to California.
 One-half the Ladino clover seed land of the nation.
 An average of 75 new farm families a month buying 5000 acres of land for \$250,000.
 Two million baby chicks to be shipped from Corvallis this season.

(Salem Capital Journal)
APLICATION for permission to build a 30 mile extension from the present terminus at Eugene into the timber region, along with its proposed extension up the Santiam river to the Cascade timber belt, indicates that the northern system contemplates an early completion of the plans of the late James J. Hill outlined when he invaded Oregon. The project originally called for the extension of the Oregon Electric to the Rogue River valley, where it would connect with the Pacific and Eastern and eventually be extended to Crescent City and Eureka.

The Pacific and Eastern was projected to connect with the Oregon Trunk at Kincaid, and built as far as Hutto Falls. This project is now utilized as a logging road, but can easily be extended to a junction with the Oregon Trunk, now the Great Northern, which seeks extension south to a connection with the Western Pacific and thereby entrance into central California and San Francisco.

These branches are all to be built standard gauge, as the Pacific and Eastern was, and will be suitable for trunk-line usage. The Cascade line can be eventually extended eastward to connect with the Central Oregon lines. The Shuswap branch can be extended south to Medford, and thence to the coast. They traverse rich timber belts, and timber supplies most of the tonnage of railroads in Oregon.

Eventual realization of this plan for the Indians, that has caused the Hill lines to maintain operation of the Oregon Electric at a heavy annual loss the past 15 years. Conditions were not deemed propitious to carry out these projects before, but with the lumber supply of the south becoming exhausted, and Oregon timber coming over-ripe, nothing is gained by further delay. The policy of marking time is evidently to be scrapped and the Oregon Electric to become a real railroad going somewhere, developing Oregon by completing the railroad map and furnishing tonnage to a great system.

More or Less Talk

(Myrtle Creek Mail)
 Rather dull this week so the editor has concluded to do a bit of railroad building in order to help Hoover dissipate the mist cloud of hard times and unemployment that is hanging over the nation.

The recent announcement by the Oregon Electric of this purpose to extend its line from the present terminus at Eugene into the timber belt southwest of that city may mean more than just a local development.

The Oregon Electric, a Hill road may be just jockeying for a start with Coos Bay or Crescent City as its goal. Hill is in Eastern Oregon, and it seems logical to assume that he will eventually break through the Cascade mountains for some port on the Pacific. There are but two desirable ports, Coos Bay and Crescent City, and the latter remains yet to be built. Hill should decide to go to Coos Bay by way of Sutherlin, Roseburg or down the South Umpqua by way of Tiller and Coos Creek, then the goal of his Oregon Electric line will be Coos Bay also. On the other hand if he drives at Crescent City with an east-west line then the latter city will be the goal of the Oregon Electric.

The port of Coos Bay is destined to be a big factor in future development of western Oregon. With a direct line to the east from Coos Bay shipments to and from the Orient will be stepped up a day at least, and that means a lot in this fast age. A mere \$150,000 in harbor improvement at Coos Bay is all that stands in the way of making that port accessible to the largest ships of the seven seas. And do not forget that the Hill people know this fact.

So this gesture of the Oregon Electric toward the tall timber southwest of Eugene may mean a lot more to western Oregon than the most optimistic of us dream.
Carnera Goes Screen-Storming
(Astoria Astorian)
 Primo Carnera, the big Italian living here, is going into movies. Now is the time for exhibitors to order bigger screens.

BRINGING UP FATHER



Maybe I'm Wrong
 By J. P. MEDBURY

BLACK JACKS and sand-bugs are so plentiful in Chicago that topees are now coming equipped with shock-absorbers.

Take it or Leave it—Chopped lips aren't always what they're cracked up to be.

Momentous Moments—When a sword-swallower eats his last sabre and doesn't know where his next meal is coming from.

Auto-Suggestion—Ben Hur drove his chariot all right without the aid of a back seat driver.

Null and Void—The ignorant maid who listened at key holes is the deaf and dumb sayings.

Social Errors—The doctor's bride who stuffed the turkey with surgical dressing.

Excuse It Please—Many a fire man's wife has flames of her own.

Wonders of Nature—Why is it that cats are born with nine lives and pedestrians only have one?

Our Own Vaudeville—Patient: I want you to read my head, and I'm in a hurry. Phrenologist: Yes sir, I'll tell you everything in a nut shell.

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Talks on Health
 By DR. R. S. COPELAND

THERE is a great deal said these days about the wonderful progress made by medical science in the last half century. That we have increased the average expectation of life by adding fourteen years is true, but it is also true that there are fewer old people living today than there were fifty years ago.

Fifty years ago there was a population of a little more than fifty million people in the United States, four thousand of whom were centenarians. At the present time, with nearly twice the population of fifty years ago, there are only 2,841 people who have reached the age of one hundred years.

Many people are not well who may appear well. Very many of the deaths from heart trouble occur in persons who do not know they had the disease at all.

"Preventive measures for good health," is the watchword now. There is many a person who, if he would have a physical examination regularly at least once a year, would live to a good old age. He would have a most useful life because the beginning of some disease was taken in time and cured.

A well-known physician recently said that, in his opinion, the evidence of widespread premature physical decay is shown by our vital statistics. It is confirmed by actual examinations of large groups of supposedly healthy young people.

The most important work facing the medical profession today is to bring cases like these as early as possible under medical guidance and proper methods of living. This necessitates help from the individual himself.

Mr. Edison, at eighty, has said: "Diet is the chief secret of health. People eat too much and drink too much. Americans are prone to eat too many things at one meal. We eat many highly seasoned foods, and this leads to overeating. Over-eating is one of the chief causes of disease."

The Bulgarians are one of the healthiest of races and their long life is probably due to the simple foods they eat. We should get back to the simple and wholesome foods of fifty years ago.

Advice to Girls
 By ANNIE LAURIE

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE: I am a girl seventeen years of age. I am deeply in love with a boy one year my senior. This is my problem:

A few months ago, I went on a party with this boy. We got into a quarrel that was not my fault. We both go to the same school and see each other quite often. He passes me up without speaking. I love him dearly and I can't forget him. Please tell me how I can win him again. Should I apologize when I see him?

BROKEN HEARTED.
 You are too young yet to realize the true character of a person who sulks after a quarrel. There is no excuse for bad manners, or for the unpardonable offense of ignoring a friend. I trust that you are desirous of maintaining your self-respect, dear child, and so I feel sure that you will refrain from writing a letter of apology for something of which you are guiltless. Apply yourself to your studies, use your time not for daydreaming, but for laying the foundations of a career or profession, and I assure you that you will have little time to think about a bad-mannered boy.

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:
 I have a boy friend whom I feel very sure is eager to write to me but he thinks because of a little misunderstanding that I will not answer his letters. Would it be a graceless thing for me to do if I would write him a friendly little letter so that he may understand that I would appreciate his letters.

PAT: If your friend is anxious to write to you he will do so, regardless of any circumstances. When you next see him, you can easily, by your attitude, convey to him the impression that a letter from him would be the beginning of a pleasant correspondence.

CHERRY GROWERS ADOPT STANDARDS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
THE DALLES, Ore., April 2.—At a meeting of cherry growers, with representatives present from Willamette valley points, Hood River and Milton-Freewater districts as well as from Wasco county, recommendations were yesterday afternoon made to the Oregon state board of horticulture, sponsored by the growers, that Oregon adopt the United States cherry grade No. 1 as a state standard. The growers also recommended that this state adopt a second grade to be known as Oregon unclassified cherries. The specifications of the second grade fruit as to maturity and ripeness of fruit will be identical with the No. 1 grade. However, double tolerance will be allowed on other defects, provided that the total tolerance is not in excess of 15 per cent.

KIWANIS ENTERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

The Roseburg senior high school basketball team, winner of the district championship, was entertained by the Roseburg Kiwanis club at the regular noon luncheon meeting yesterday. The boys, special guests of the club, were commended by the club officers for their victory and particularly for the teamwork and sportsmanship displayed during the season.

Coach Hod Turner made a short talk explaining the purposes of athletics in the schools, particularly stressing the fact that every effort is made to make the boys' trips of educational as well as athletic benefit, as they are given an opportunity to see industrial plants, public works, etc., in the various towns visited.

CLAUDE CROCKER IN NEW BUSINESS LINE

Claude Crocker, formerly associated with Woodley Stephenson in conducting the Sandwich Shoppe, has disposed of his interest in that business to Mr. Stephenson and has purchased the wholesale distributing service formerly owned by Earl Vosburgh. Mr. Crocker is now in charge of the wholesale business, and is being assisted by Mr. Vosburgh in becoming acquainted with the trade.

He has purchased the potato chip manufacturing plant, and has also taken over all of the pastry, candy and other lines formerly handled by Mr. Vosburgh. He has ordered a new truck, of larger capacity than the one now in service, and plans to extend the business into a larger territory.

By Geo. McManus



GOOD-NIGHT STORIES
 By Max Trel

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EXCISE TAX FILING PERIOD EXTENDED

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did you?" He didn't seem to mind. "Let's fool someone else," he said. "What time is it?" said father in a loud voice.
 Knarf quickly made up his mind to fool father. With a spring he jumped up to the face of the clock and stretching out his arm pointed to half-past when it should only have been a quarter after.
 "How late it is!" exclaimed father, hurrying off to work.
 "Ho-ho-ho!" laughed Knarf, coming down from the clock. Mother peered up at it and saw that it was only quarter after. "My, my," she said, "father didn't see the time properly. But it doesn't matter. He'll be sure to get to the office on time."

Then Knarf decided to fool the children about school.
 "There's no school today," he said to them in a loud voice. "There never is on April 1st. You might just as well stay home. But they didn't seem to hear him despite the fact that he repeated it several times. On the contrary, they hurried off to school at once and as it was quite a sunny day they took their shadows with them. That is to say, their shadows were obliged to go with them. You will notice that, even your own shadow goes with you on sunny days."

"Nobody wants to be fooled," Knarf sighed as he entered the cloak room. "Very well, I'm going to fool myself." And with that he sprang upon the wall right beside his master where the sunlight streamed in through the open window and made himself look like an elephant.

"I'll fool myself that I'm an elephant," he said.
 Scarcely had he time to look at himself in his old shape so as to fool himself that he really was an elephant than all the scholars noticed him and began to laugh loudly.

"Look at Frankie's shadow!" it looks like an elephant!" they cried. And teacher pulled down the shade so fast that Knarf, thoroughly scared, darted under the desk and remained hidden there until recess.

"What's the use of April Fool?" he said gloomily to the other shadow-children. "When you can't even fool yourself!"

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Lenten Devotions
 By Rev. W. R. Baird
 First Christian Church

"Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto his disciples, sit ye here, while I go yonder and pray."
 —Matt. 26:36.

GETHSEMANE

On our way to the empty grave as stop for a short time in the garden of Gethsemane. As we see the suffering of Christ here we get a greater appreciation of the price that was paid for our redemption.

Gethsemane has been called the rose garden of God. True most beautiful things of life come out of sacrifice. Suffering love always shames our selfishness and kindles in us noble desires. The blood drops of Gethsemane have raven upon millions of souls and made every one a garden of God.

Jesus said, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death." What caused this sorrow of the Master? Men grieve over the loss of position, property, wealth, loved ones or because they have a leave this world. Jesus was not sorrowful over any of those things. He grieved for earthly things, because his measures were in heaven. He did not grieve over the loss of loved ones, for to Him death was only a sleep. He was not sorrowful over leaving this world because His visit here was only a sad pilgrimage and He was going home.

His grief was over the sin of the world; over the fallen state of man, who was made in God's image.

In Gethsemane Jesus made the great sacrificial surrender to God's will. Satan departed and the angels came and ministered unto Him. When our temptations are great, our burdens too heavy and our sorrows too crushing, let us, too, enter into our Gethsemane for strength.

O spot divine, so dear to me, Where Jesus bled in agony; When burdens seem too great for thee, Go, friend, to your Gethsemane.
 —C. R. SCOVILLE.

EDDY BOND ISSUE VOTING LAW IN SUPREME COURT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., April 1.—Mandamus proceedings were filed in the state supreme court here today by Kelley Lee of Portland attacking the constitutionality of the so-called Eddy act of the 1927 legislature, restricting voting on tax measures and bond issues in taxpayers' election board No. 21 of Multnomah county was made defendant.

The complaint alleged that the initiative and referendum law gives to all voters the right to vote on all measures regardless of whether they levy taxes or provide for bond issues.

Arguments of attorneys will be heard April 8.