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The Governor Asks a Hearing

Governor NORBLAD struck a popular note when he instructed the state engineer to withhold taking action on the application of the California Oregon Power company for water rights on the Umpqua and Klamath rivers, until a public hearing can be held. His contention, that the public is entitled to know all about such matters is a sound one.

Water power has been a subject of political controversy for years. In Oregon this subject has been gradually becoming more and more important until right now it might be said to be the only genuine, flaunted political issue.

Few people know anything at all about the subject. They do not know definitely, for instance, what this present application means. Is our road up the North Umpqua to Diamond Lake and to eastern Oregon going to be blocked by this power development? Is our stream going to be ruined as a recreational wonderland? Is our power going to be developed, sent elsewhere and sold without our reaping any benefit other than that accruing as a result of the money expended for construction?

These are questions people are asking. These are questions and others, that make the subject of water power a political issue. Their answer with facts and figures is wanted.

There is apparently a feeling of uncertainty on the part of the average citizen when the subject of water power and power companies is up for discussion. Fair minded people seem to want to give the companies the benefit of a doubt, but they are hearing all sorts of statements that are disquieting. The propagandizing methods of the power companies have virtually "back-fired" and are in themselves almost as much responsible as anything else for the present state of public opinion regarding power companies. Congressional investigations revealed attempts at influencing school children, revealed subtle attempts at obtaining newspaper publicity, revealed plans for purchasing enormous chains of newspapers. In truth there can not be very much wrong with the idea of private capital being employed in the operation of public utilities. The companies did not need to use indirect methods for the creation of favorable public sentiment.

Governor Norblad's request for a hearing is directly in line with modern fact-developing thought. Fear and suspicion are the products of ignorance. The people of Oregon should be told all that there is to know about the plans and purposes of the power companies.

Oregon Editors' Opinions

One Inspector Gets His

(Medford Daily News)
"You are charged," said the judge, "with beating up this government inspector. What have you to say?"

"Nothing," replied the grocer. "I am guilty. I lost my head. All morning I held my temper while government agents inspected my scales, tasted my butter, smelted my meat, graded my kerosene. In addition, your honor, I had lost an answer to three federal questionnaires. Then this bird comes along and wants to take moving pictures of my cheese so I tasted him in the eye."—Boston News Bureau.

Gobbling the Power Sites

(Salem Statesman)
We cannot but look with apprehension on the action of the California Oregon Power company in filing on numerous water power sites in southern Oregon. Recent findings embrace contemplated projects in the Klamath area and in western Oregon on the North Umpqua. The obvious purpose of the company is to tie up these power sites for their own later development.

The public mind is not fully made up as to its course respecting the power development. Municipal ownership and operation may come in an extensive scale. Competition of other municipalities offering low power rates as bait for industry may force localities into power production and sale. It would then be a sorry plight for the cities if they found the economic sites all tied up by the power companies.

Another factor of some importance is that much of this power would be exported to California. We do not believe in a rigid law barring the export of surplus power, but southern Oregon is going to develop and need most of

its own power, and if the company whose heavy interests are in California owns the power projects, the power is apt to flow to California.

There is no great urgency about the development of these power projects. It would be just as well if the filings could be rejected pending some clearing of the air respecting the future of power development.

(Salem Statesman)

Oregon prune growers do not seem to be taking the bait on recommendations from higher-ups that they should put in a new "sanitary" drying equipment. Local growers point out the method in use in California, where millions of pounds of prunes are dried out in the open by the sun, where flies and other insects can shamble over them at will. Oregon, they point out, has practically no flies and here the drying is done inside on trays so there is no danger of contamination under present conditions. The best place to begin selling the new "sanitary" equipment, they say, is down in California where it is used more.

Chance for the Good Samaritan

(Oakland Tribune)
As the Tribune goes to press this week the writer is wondering who will be the Good Samaritan to see that the fruit and vegetables of our many farmers will be placed on the market this fall and winter. Who will furnish employment to the many men, women and children who have yearly worked in the Norton canneries at Sutherlin and Roseburg, in order to provide the wherewithal for every day sustenance, as well as clothing for the young men and women who generally get outfitted by this means each fall in order to attend our high schools.

The writer knows personally but a few of the many farmers who lost money in the Norton canneries. But judging humanity as we have found it in nearly 30 years' experience in newspaper work, we cannot think that the two or three hundred are wrong and that a half dozen are right, in the attitude taken toward getting the canneries going. From an outsider's viewpoint, it looks like there was a question of personality mixed up with judgment—and, as usual, the innocent will suffer.

As a rule, something like 50 inhabitants of Oakland have been employed at the Sutherlin cannery every winter. We confess that we would like to see them get employment there this season. There are few opportunities offered here after harvest is over—and hundreds to fill openings elsewhere. Wages have never been high in the canneries, but they have been such that one could at least make a living. What money the employees have earned has gone right back into circulation. The Tribune has always got some of it, as has every merchant in Oakland. The same can be said of Sutherlin business men and of those in Roseburg. Just what will take the place?

And how about our farmers? Who will buy their perishable stuff and at what price? And lastly, will those holding out rain or drought the deal? Of course it is their business. But after all, the public is vitally interested. Possibly they have a plan, not yet divulged, for saving the crops and providing employment to many families this fall and winter. Let us hope that such is the case.

(Albany Democrat-Herald)
Inasmuch as it appears that former State Traffic Chief Rattier never had the power to hire and fire his subordinates, it is not strange that he was unable to maintain discipline. It is strange, however, that he did not quit long ago of his own accord.

(Bend Bulletin)
If the heat is getting on your nerves, try the effect of pleasant suggestion. Get in the winter's fuel supply, and shiver blissfully in anticipation.

(Cottage Grove Sentinel)
Officers of the state traffic force are to be equipped with white motorcycles. Might it be thought of Secretary Hall. Now we will not have to slack up while we inspect every motorcycle ahead to see whether it carries a member of the traffic squad.

(Coos Bay Times)
Phil Motchan seems to be hitting an early stride in the campaign. Reports from east of the Cascades indicate a highly successful "native son" movement in his behalf. Julius Meier and his following seem to be resting quietly, as Ed Halley, the genial director of the democratic cause, in the race for governor of Oregon, it's really a little too warm for politics right now anyway.

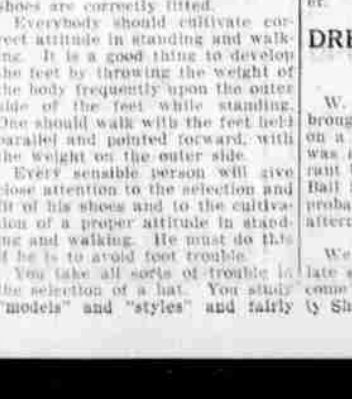
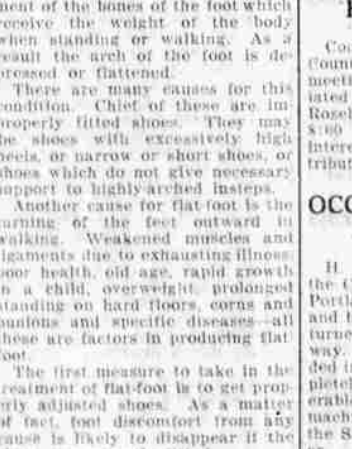
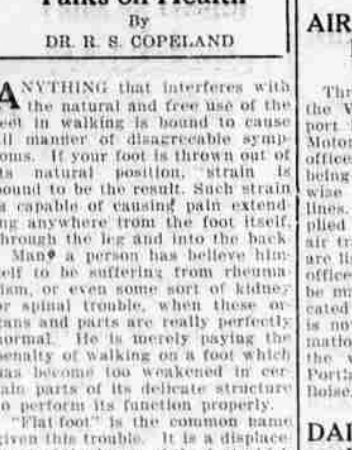
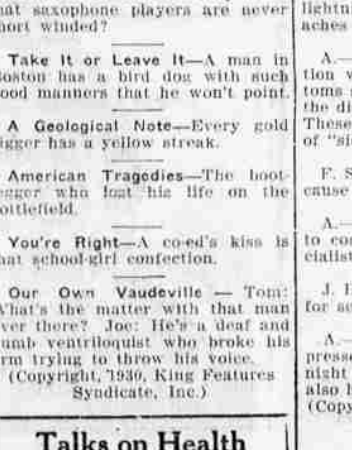
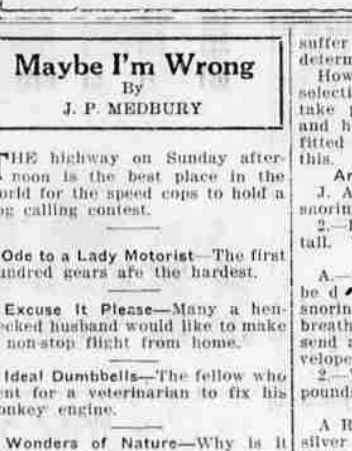
(McMinnville Telephone Register)
Fighting a heated match into an open manhole at Weehawken, N. J., a negro recently endangered scores of lives as explosion after explosion followed the ignited gas. Manhole covers flow into the streets all the way to Dulon. He ranks with the camper in the woods who scatters matches and lighted cigar stubs in the underbrush.

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
The best has been so intense in Pennsylvania that they are picking up baked apples off the trees. Now if the Pennsylvania milkweed is doing its duty, it may serve cream for the apples, and think what chamber of commerce advertising THAT would make.

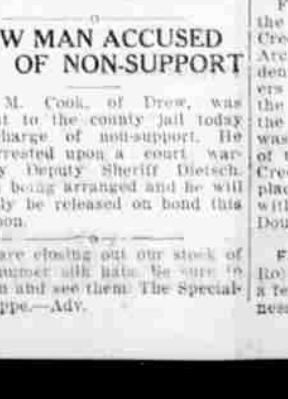
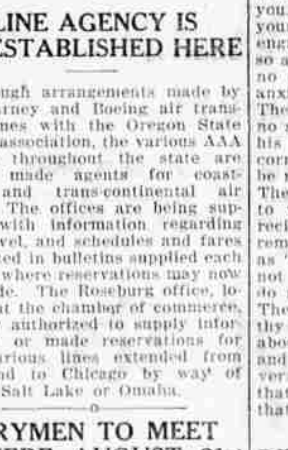
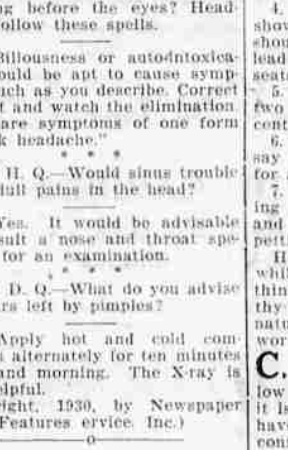
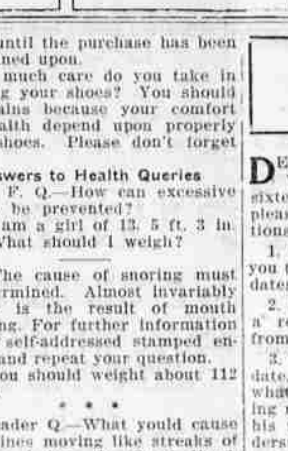
BAD FRUIT WARNING GIVEN TO DEALERS
Warning regarding the sale of infested or diseased fruit is being given dealers and growers by J. Roland Parker, county fruit inspector. He has prohibited the sale of any infested or diseased fruit, except for use in by-products, and dealers are required to offer only whole and good fruit for sale to consumers. The law applies also to roadside stands. Mr. Parker states:

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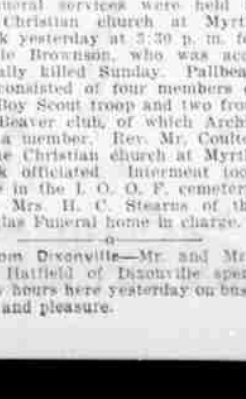
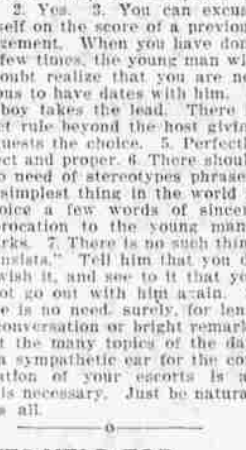
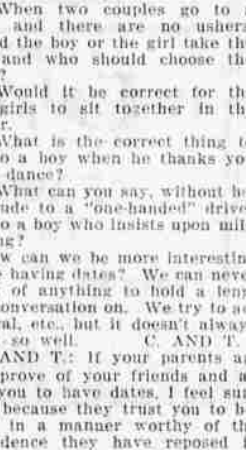
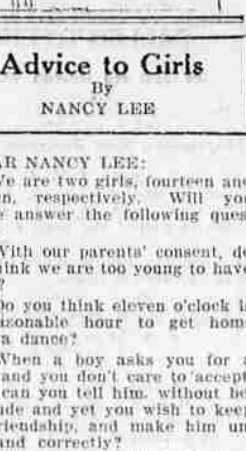
BRINGING UP FATHER



By Geo. McManus



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MARATHON CAR STILL TRAVELING

The Dodge eight mileage marathon car completed its first month on the road when it checked in at the Western Union office in Glendive, Montana, at 9 o'clock Thursday evening, July 31, with a total of 17,256 miles registered on the speedometer.

While the marathon car continues on its way indefinitely, Dodge national demonstration month, observed by dealers throughout the country during July, is written into the records of the company as one of the most successful events of its kind ever staged. Although weekly dealer reports are still incomplete, it is estimated by factory officials that during the month more than 150,000 people in all parts of the country took demonstration rides in Dodge Brothers automobiles. The total mileage driven in giving these demonstrations, as closely as can be estimated at the present time, was in excess of 1,500,000 miles.

On its fourth trip across the continent the marathon car will visit the Pacific northwest and Yellowstone park.

HIGH WAGES HELP INDUSTRIAL RALLY. HOOVER INFORMED

(Associated Press Special Wire)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—President Hoover was told yesterday by Eldridge R. Johnson, Moorstown, N. J., industrialist, that high wages are the medium to "snap us out" of the present business depression. Johnson, former president of the Victor company, said there was evidence business generally is on the up-grade. He said an indication of this was seen in plans of the RCA-Victor company to enlarge its forces of 5,000 men to 17,500 before Sept. 15, that the Campbell Soup Co. expects to have more employees by that date than ever before and that the Pennsylvania railroad has contracted for electric locomotive equipment running into millions of dollars.

The New Jersey capitalist gave it as his opinion these were only isolated instances of a general movement toward business recovery. Johnson said it was "far easier to resume on a high wage basis than it is on a low wage basis because on a high wage basis everything begins where it left off right away, whereas on a low wage basis it will take years to build up again to the old standard."

CLOUDBURST HITS WENATCHEE AREA

(Associated Press Special Wire)

WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 20.—A miniature cloudburst swept the district between Wenatchee

and Chelan last night, washing out 110 feet of concrete irrigation flume near Entiat and strewn the highways with boulders and other debris washed down from the hillsides.

The water stood three feet deep on the road in places. Thunder and lightning accompanied the down-pour while half fell over limited areas. Crops, it was said, suffered little from the storm.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE ALLEGES DESERTION

Suit for divorce has been filed in the circuit court by Benjamin P. Buzzard against Ruby Buzzard, charging desertion. They were married January 12, 1925, at Stevenson, Wash. The plaintiff is represented by Attorney George Jones.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

Southern style, 50c; children 35c. Mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, hot rolls, butter, jelly, cream, cake, coffee. Elder Baptist church, Friday evening, August 23, six to ten-thirty.—Adv.

SWORD AND BONES REMINDERS OF WAR

(Associated Press Special Wire)

BATON ROUGE, La., Aug. 20.—A gold hilted sword engraved "Jos. W. Morton," and strapped to a skeleton found on the bottom of the Mississippi river opposite this city has started historians searching their reference books.

They believe it was the remains of an officer of Admiral Farragut's forces that captured Baton Rouge in 1862. The discovery was made possible by the low stage of the river, as normally the spot would be covered by twenty feet of water.

ILLEGAL ANGLER WILL SERVE TIME

George H. Jauch, arrested at Lake Tishkeitch, charged with fishing without a license, yesterday was brought to Roseburg by Deputy Sheriff Dodson, of Redford, due to his failure to pay his \$25 fine. He was arrested Sunday by Deputy Game Warden Walker and Malcom, and Scott Britt, deputy fish warden.

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