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COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

PAVING

The county road from the down town district to the railroad station is badly in need of repairs and doubtless the County Court expects to soon make these repairs. As a matter of fact, repairs have been made on this road for the last six years and still we have no road. It is impossible just at this time for the Mist to find out how much money has been spent on this one piece of road, but we are informed that some \$2,500 was spent last year. If this is true, and we think it is, we do not think we are getting any return for the money, for while we have a thoroughfare we have no road. We are informed that some contracting concern has offered to lay a hard surfaced road 16 feet wide for \$2,200 a mile. If the hard surface they offer is good, it would certainly be economy for the County Court to take up the proposition for it is just as foolish to keep on putting a little screenings in the thousand and one pot holes on this road, which the autos throw out the next day, as it would be to attempt to bail out the Columbia river with a bucket. Moreover, this little stretch of the county's highway is probably used more than any other piece of road in the county, and it is the Court's duty to make of it a real highway.

DEMOCRATIC INEPTITUDE

Nothing better illustrates democratic ineptness for government than the way in which the party in power is handling naval preparedness. With a serious menace of war hanging over the country for many months, the administration and congress has done practically nothing to make ready for war. Though everyone knows it takes years to build capital ships and months to train crews to man them, the democrats have waited until Mr. Wilson has brought us to the verge of open hostilities with Mexico before considering any genuine increase in our naval strength. The bill passed by the house against the protest of every wide-awake member made no provision for battleships and for only five battle cruisers. It would have increased the personnel by only 11,000 men. Now the administration proposes to insist that the senate amend the bill to provide for two battleships of the dreadnaught class, four battle cruisers and an increase of 20,700 men in the personnel. That is very good so far as it goes, but even it is not sufficient at this time. And if Mr. Wilson goes to war with Mexico this slightly enlarged program of construction will avail nothing in the struggle. If the democrats had any foresight, any practical sense, they would have been building ships and training men months past. This sudden enterprise smacks of the Bryan folly of raising an army of a million volunteers when an enemy has landed on our shores. What the United States should have is the means to prevent any such landing.—Pittsburgh Gazette.

WE OUT-GREEK THE GREEKS

American boys—even city boys—even New York boys—are often better developed physically than the ancient Greeks. And every record of the ancient Greeks but one—the broad jump with weights, which isn't practiced to any extent—has been broken by New York city school boys. This was discovered recently when sixty boys equal to the best of the Greeks were needed for a Shakespeare masque at the great out-door stadium of the college of the city of New York.

It was no long and discouraging task to find these boys. On the contrary, 200 applied at the first opportunity. Practically all of them not only met but surpassed the best of the ancient Greek standards both in measurements and in physical tests. The sixty who had most time for rehearsals were chosen.

Civilization, which has freed us from the superstitions of exposure and torture in developing strength and courage, has, of course, brought with it possibilities of ease and softness unknown to earlier peoples. But the advantages of sanitation, better food, and better knowledge of how to live seem to have more than compensated for any of the disadvantages.

ARMY SNOBBISHNESS

The army caste system, which maintains an unbridgeable social gulf between officers and men, has disappeared from the British army, under the stress of heavy losses and the necessity for officering a great volunteer army. It disappeared from the French army at the very beginning of the war. It has gone from the Russian army and other European armies. Only in Germany and the United States are the rigid distinctions of military caste still observed, says the Oregon Statesman.

One of the valuable by-products of service in Mexico is likely to be the upsetting of this absurd system which has developed in time of peace. It is wholly contrary to the spirit of American life. Our army, aside from the necessities of discipline, ought to be as democratic as our civilian life. And it probably will be, if the Mexican campaign entails the raising of additional forces and protracted service in the field of large numbers of volunteers.

The presence of the national guard, and its

absorption into the regular army, will be a powerful factor in this demoralization. Civilian troops will not swallow the arrogance which, according to army tradition, goes properly with gold braided uniforms. The guardsmen and the new volunteers will laugh at snobbishness. And the endurance of common hardships and perils will have a wholesome tendency in the same direction.

Hereafter it will probably be possible for an American army officer to be friendly and sociable to his enlisted men, when off duty, without incurring the scorn of his brother officers for making a "vulgar exhibition of democracy."

SUBLIME AND RIDICULOUS

As a national spectacle, that Oregon invention, the presidential primary, proved to be sublime and ridiculous.

It was sublime in the sense that it recorded accurately the aspirations of the majority of the republican voters for the nomination of Charles E. Hughes for president.

It was ridiculous in that it provided the machinery gratis whereby 58,076 republican voters (more than the number who voted for Hughes) rewarded a simple-minded Chicago self-seeker for his ambition to be recorded as a vice-presidential nominee of a sovereign state before a national convention.

The presidential primary proved that 58,076 republican voters in Oregon were silly sheep. They voted without pride or purpose simply marking an X in front of the one name printed under the vice-presidential head.

Yet, nearly all of these same voters cast their ballots for Hughes, and thus contributed directly to his nomination and possible election.

This experience will probably result in some amendments to the presidential primary law; so these silly sheep voters can be protected from opportunities to make their state ridiculous. The much-berated legislature will have the job of working out the remedy.

What is needed is an adoption of the party convention plan to the ideals of the primary. The voters of Oregon will not swallow a convention's recommendation merely because it was recommended, but they will be glad to have a representative party convention meet and make recommendations, so they can be criticised and perhaps followed.—The Oregon Vote.

U. S. ENGINEER CAPTURED BY CANADIANS

O. P. M. Goss, consulting engineer of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association and the Association of Creosoting Companies of the Pacific Coast, has entered on his temporary detail special service for the province of British Columbia. He will promote the use of creosoted wood block paving in cities of the Canadian Northwest.

Some weeks ago the Canadian government officials addressed a diplomatic note to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association asking for Mr. Goss' service covering a period of weeks. The request was immediately granted but the trip was delayed owing to important engineering work which the association at that time, had under way in Oregon.

EVERY-DAY PHILOSOPHY?

If you don't like the United States of America better than any other country on the face of the globe why not return to the country you love more?

Never give advice to another that you are not willing to take yourself.

Don't advocate war unless you are willing to let your boy become a soldier.

Before you find fault because "Christianity has failed" in some certain particular, just ask yourself how much your personal action may have been responsible for failure in some other direction.

VALUE OF A PETITION

A business man of Birmingham, Ala., drew up a petition asking the city council to appoint a committee to hang every minister of the gospel in town. He circulated the document among thirty of the city's leading citizens, including many influential bankers, merchants and manufacturers. And twenty of them signed it.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, 5,084 persons were killed and 6,448 injured while trespassing on railroad tracks, an awful loss. While we are living in a new country, and it is a great convenience to be allowed to walk railroad tracks, is it worth the lives it costs? We enact laws to protect people against impure food, adulterated and alcoholic drinks, but we allow them to be killed by thousands. Is not a law in the interests of society, prohibiting trespassing by walking along on a railroad track, sorely needed in this state?

A Memphis (Tenn.) newspaper, the News Scimitar, explains that "one reason why America is great is that she leads all countries in the production of coal, iron, steel, copper, silver and oil. She is also the champion producer of cotton, corn, wheat, oats, hay and tobacco, and is second to South Africa in the production of gold." It might have added other reasons are its great fraternal beneficiary societies, its free public schools, its great state universities, its churches, and its building and loan associations, and still left many other good things unnamed.

Benjamin Harrison McKee, born in the White House during the administration of his grandfather, Benjamin Harrison, has reached New York, having been invalided home from the front, where he has been fighting "somewhere in France." Remember "Baby McKee" of Harrison's time? He was quite a character in officialdom at Washington from 1889 to 1893.

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"JEANNE DORE"

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SCENE FROM THE PLAY "JEANNE DORE"

THE WHITE SOX TAKE TWO GAMES

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Table with 5 columns: Player, AB, H, PO, A, E. Lists players like Ribbins, Donaldson, Brackett, etc.

Summary table for the game with columns for Totals, St. Helens, and Woodland.

Summary: Earned runs—St. Helens 1, Woodland 2. Left on bases—St. Helens 2, Woodland 4. Three-base hit—Stevens. Two-base hits—George, Brackett. Double play—Moore to McDonald to Stevens. Struck out—By Salveson, 12; by Kotula, 6. Base on balls—Off Salveson, 2; off Kotula, 3. Balk—Kotula. Time—1:56. Umpire—McLin.

Table for the second game with columns: Player, AB, H, PO, A, E. Lists players like Hall, Armsgriger, etc.

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Summary: Earned runs—St. Helens 2, Woodland 1. Left on bases—St. Helens 5, Woodland 10. Three-base hit—Salveson. Struck out—By Donaldson, 9; by Salveson, 1. Bases on balls—Off Salveson, 1; off Donaldson, 1. Balk—Salveson. Innings pitched by Moore, 1; by Salveson, 6. Time—1:15. Umpire—McLin.

Notes of the Games.

In both sessions Brakko played a bang up game at the third station. It was quite amusing to the fans to see big Steve playing "Ring around the rosy" with Kotula's grounder. Kotula also enjoyed the performance as he was an interested spectator from his point of advantage at first base. From a spectator's standpoint, the first game was listless. It seemed

that the Sox left it all to Salveson. There was very little "pep" displayed. The second game was better as there was some work to do all the time.

In the first game, of the 27 Woodland putouts, twelve retired by the strikeouts route. Salveson had excellent control.

Kotula really deserves a no-hit game, for the centerfielder misplayed Steve's hard drive. It was fortunate for the Sox that he did, otherwise Bullough's pet would have been smeared with a coat of whitewash.

Just to show the breaks: Woodland got five hits off of Salveson while St. Helens got one lonely single off of Kotula. Still St. Helens won the game.

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