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TOO MUCH JAZZ.

B. F. Irvine, editor of the Oregon Journal, delivering an address to the graduating class of the O. A. C. at Corvallis took occasion to impress the serious side of life upon the men and women of the graduating class. We clip from the Corvallis Gazette-Times the following extract from the address:

"We are living in an age of jazz, a time when we want fess, noise, slapdash, slam crash and bang. We have it in music, in business, in dress, in statesmen, in the home, and everywhere is found its discordant, overstimulating excursions, born of the oriental and savage and culminates in the demand of the soapbox orator for the soviet government. We have so much of it in the beefsteak that we can't see the steak, and though there isn't room for much of it in woman's dress there is more of it there than is admissible. We take two layers of paper and some waxed thread and make a shoe selling at \$18—but it's \$6 shoe and \$12 jazz. The Portland judge who grants the most divorces tells me that nine-tenths of the difficulties in jazz in the home—a matter of mortgaging the place to buy a 'liver, or the home swapped outright for the joy-wagon, the following of the bright lights and the tango. Jazz in industrial life has brought the same results as in the home life—class, discord, misunderstanding and failure. Instead of being attuned to the grand sweet harmonies of the philosophy of the Man of Galilee, and moved by the Golden Rule, Capital and Labor clash at each other's throat and all the world in doubt and danger. And because European statesmen were full of the same sort of jazz forty millions of men were called to arms, France and Belgium were made charnal houses, twenty nations were put on crutches. "With young people there is another form of jazz perhaps more reprehensible than any other, manifest in the disposition to call father the old man and mother the old lady, while expecting that father shall do all the work, provide the money and the auto, sit tight and say nothing while watching son and daughter perform."

"Young friends, don't make that mistake. You don't know what is in the heart of fatherhood, don't know that mother love is the one constant light ever shining through the blackest night. But think, learn to think and know these things. Honor the father and the mother, support and maintain them, love them, cheer them, be guided by them, for it will be only a little while until it will be too late. Don't let jazz keep you from doing that now."

"Learn to think for yourself. If you trust to the culla board you only indicate that you're a wooden head."

As a finale, Mr. Irvine waxed eloquent in painting a word-picture of the masterpiece that he would give the world if he were able to handle the brush divinely—a picture of a home, vine-clad in the heart of a lawn, on which played a laughing child, as the father with a pall on his arm, came up the walk to be welcomed by a loving wife and mother. "No Madonna was ever painted with high heeled shoes and a merry widow hat, nor was ever a palace portrayed in a masterpiece. Much rather it is ever the simpler, the homelier, the sincere, the worthwhile that inspires the masterpiece. Take your career," he said, but don't neglect to think beyond yourself."

BEAUTIFY THE CITY PARK

The Mist is pleased that the mayor and council are in favor of making of the city park a more attractive place. The park, if properly maintained, will be a great asset to St. Helens. The St. Helens kiddies and the grown ups, may go there to spend a pleasant hour, and the stranger within our gates may find a place to pitch his tent and make himself at home.

In the past month, the writer has been in several towns on the Pacific and Columbia highways, and each town we have visited is making preparation to take care of the tourist. The tourist is our guest. He comes to see the country and he forms an impression. The impression should be a favorable one and the tourist should be a friend of the locality in which he is courteously received.

St. Helens has much to gain—nothing to lose. Let's show the tourist that we are up to date and let us show our own people that they are interested in the town.

The Mist is pleased at the selection of the candidates who will head the national republican ticket. Harding is a self made man. He fought his battles alone and fought them well. His success in life is evidence of his greatness. No better man than Coolidge could have been selected as the running mate of Harding. His performance of duty, under the most trying conditions, stand out as an exemplification of Americanism. Harding and Coolidge will have and will keep the confidence of the American people.

Out of all the guesses hazarded in the Mist last week on the successful nominee for president at Chicago, Judge White was the only one who had the situation properly sized up. He named Harding as the man who would win.

The contest for representative in the next state legislature from Columbia county has all the earmarks of being anything but a one-sided proposition, if the interest already being shown in the matter is any criterion upon which to base a surmise. The friends of Sherman Miles, who by some force of unfortunate circumstances, took it into his head to be a democrat, declare that he is going to be a winner; that for once, at least, the democratic party will have a legislative representative from this county. That he has a lot of friends of all political shades in this county goes without question. Many of these friendships date back to boyhood days and it is not at all unlikely that the fact that he is a disciple of Jefferson will be conveniently forgotten by these republican friends on election day.

Speaking of freak legislation and its abolishment in the legislature always brings a smile to the seasoned politician. There always has been freak legislation, always will be so long as legislatures exist. But now and then an embryo seeker after political honors takes himself seriously—or adopts some such slogan purely as a vote getter—and imagines himself a legislative reformer. He mistakes his pin feathers for plumage, and in the end discovers that it takes something more than a loose rattle some eighteen inches above the watch chain to apply the brakes on freak legislation.

Some of these days we will get out of the era of big talk and into the habit of doing the little things that in the aggregate go to make up the sum of individual, national and world well being. But, for the present, the phrase makers continue to hold the floor.

Those who celebrate our Independence Day in St. Helens are going to be entertained from the time they come until they leave. The committees in charge are going into the matter whole heartedly and have prepared a program of merit.

"Daniels blames Roosevelt and Taft for lack of preparedness in 1917," says the newspaper headlines. What was the use of preparedness in 1917 when he kept us out of war in 1916.

OREGON ROAD BULLETIN

(Compiled from data furnished by the field men of the Forest Service.)

Western Oregon — Barlow-Oakgrove: Open, Clackamas and Clear Lakes to Wapinitia; fair. Clear Lake to Government Camp, closed, no detour. Should be open across mountains June 20.

Santiam-Wagon Road: Foster to Upper Soda; open; b.d. Upper Soda to summit, closed; no detours. Bridge across South Santiam should be completed June 15. Road should be open July 1.

Grants Pass-Crescent City: Open. Good, including Hayes Hill. Still rough on Oregon Mountain.

Crescent City-Port Orford: Open. Crescent City to Brookings, good. Rough sections elsewhere.

Merlin-Alameda: Open and good.

Willamette Highway: Eugene to Rigdon, open; good. Rigdon to summit, closed.

McKenzie Highway: Eugene to Blue River, open; fair Blue River to McKenzie Bridge, closed by construction except at intervals for a few days. McKenzie Bridge to summit, closed.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Columbia County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at St. Helens as follows: Commencing Wednesday, June 30, 1920, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., and continuing until Saturday, July 3, 1920, at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. History, Writing (Penmanship), Music, Drawing.

Wednesday Afternoon—Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon—Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday Forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday Afternoon—School Law, Geometry, Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday Forenoon—Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon—General History, Bookkeeping.

J. W. ALLEN,

County School Superintendent.

Rather Non-Committal

For non-committal brevity of speech commend us, if you please, to the Yankee lord of the soil. One such, who was recently making a visit to the city was knocked down in the street by an automobile.

A sympathizing crowd instantly surrounded him, with condolence and questions.

"Are you hurt, my friend?" kindly asked a gentleman who was first among the rescuers, as he heaped the sufferer to his feet and brushed the mud and dust from his clothes.

"Well," came the cautious reply, "it ain't done me no good."—Youth's Companion.

A Fellow Feeling.

A Humane society secured a downtown shop window and filled it with attractive pictures of wild animals in their native haunts. A placard in the middle of the exhibit read: "We were skinned to provide women with fashionable furs."

A man paused before the window and his harassed expression for a moment gave place to one of sympathy. "I know just how you feel, old tops," he muttered. "So was I."

FARMERS ATTEND DRAINAGE MEETING

State Drainage Association Holds Annual Field Day.

Several Columbia County farmers and others interested in the lowlands bordering the Columbia river attended the second annual Field Day of the Oregon State Drainage Association held in Portland June 11. Members and guests of the Association gathered at the Imperial Hotel at 9 o'clock and at 9:30 left for a tour of inspection of the Multnomah Drainage District, Multnomah Drainage District No. 1, and the Sandy District bordering the Sandy river.

Under the guidance of Mr. S. B. Hall, County agent of Multnomah county, the party spent the morning inspecting the construction work, now about finished, on the Multnomah Drainage District No. 1, and the Sandy Drainage District. The Pacific Bridge company placed two boats at the disposal of the party and the first stop was made at the new pumping station on the Multnomah district. Engineer W. G. Brown explained this interesting piece of construction by which the tide gates and pumping station are combined in one plant and designed to take care of all drainage from this 7000 acre district. Numerous expedients were used to make this station a model for efficiency and economy. Three pumping plants were provided for, one for every stage of water. A dam will be thrown across Columbia Slough, making it a natural holding basin for all the water that will run off the district.

Steam diggers of immense size and power are being used to construct a ship channel from the Columbia slough to the Columbia river. Opportunity was given for the visitors to go through one of these floating steam shovels while at work.

At noon a strawberry luncheon was served at the farm home of Mr. Hall, near Gresham. If appetites are a criterion to judge by, this was a very important part of the trip.

The two hours following luncheon were given over to the drainage conference proper. A number of men prominent in drainage affairs were on the program. The most interesting talk was given by Prof. W. L. Powers of the Drainage department of the Oregon Agricultural college when he discussed the various projects along the lower Columbia. In the course of his speech he said: "There are no wild or undeveloped lands in the state of Oregon that can be reclaimed as quickly or as cheaply as the lowlands of the lower Columbia, and none that will give as quick or as large returns for the investment. On account of its location, natural fertility and the ease and economy with which it may be dyked, I consider the Seaplane project the most attractive I know of."

State Engineer Percy Capper took a fling at the "sportsmen" who block drainage developments for shooting purposes. He said: "Duck ponds, pelican reserves and duck farms are a detriment and hindrance to the agricultural development of the state of Oregon." Few projects of this kind have been started that someone has not strongly opposed them for the sake of the shooting that goes with the wild state of the lands.

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and T. J. Flippin Jr. attended the meeting from Columbia county. Interest in drainage is rapidly increasing in Oregon. The Oregon Agricultural College drainage staff has been called upon to organize a district every week. Since the first of the year they have given assistance to districts aggregating 40,000 acres. The quickest and surest agricultural development that could come to Columbia county would be from the reclamation of the overflow lands along the river.

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