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and
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In
"THE SECOND IN COMMAND"

TOMORROW—William Farnum in "A Soldiers Oath".
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THE FORUM

"SAID THE HAWK TO THE OWL"
Hardsurface Roads Discussed By the Fowls of the Air

"Hello, old man Owl. You are one that I came to see. Are you an old timer?" said the Hawk.

"Yes, yes, yes. It's a long, long time, indeed, since I have been the quiet and unassuming guardian of my beautiful Grande Ronde Valley," rejoined the Owl. "Since the days when the buffalo roamed its foothills from the Hot Lake to Medical Springs, and the Antelope and the noble Red men lived in peace in my beautiful valley, I was proud of it in its virgin beauty, and since my white men came with their

wives and babies and sweethearts, and by their industry and economy and conservative good sense, have made my valley blossom like a rose, and I have proudly seen them in peace and plenty, methinks my valley is indeed a fit home for friendship or for love. Who are you? You are slick of feather, quick of flight, and very smooth of tongue. You should be able to give me much advice."

"I am the Hawk of quick wing and much speech and sure grasp. My eye is keen. I see much behind the veil that slow birds do not see until they have passed it. I roam the whole beautiful state of Oregon. I quickly see and grasp much before the slow

bird sees it. My home is on the beautiful Columbia River highway. I sharpen my claws on the beautiful and mighty cliffs of Crown Point. Like a flash of light, I fly away and perch on the topmost towering height of Eagle Cap and there sharpen my beak on its flinty cliff. I am always prepared and willing to give valuable advice."

"Excuse me, Mr. Hawk. I only expected advice."

"Such insinuations from an old screech owl are not worthy of reply from me. Have not my people from the metropolis come here and told those whom you are pleased to call your people what they should do? What they need? What they must have? Some of your old fossils say good dirt roads are good but we know your people must have hard surface roads all over your valley, covered with Bitulithic pavement and we know how to get it for them. Have we not appointed a committee of live wires among your people who will with our assistance educate your people above a dirt road and put them all on a beautiful paved road with Bitulithic surface? Your people are certainly ready to accept this most splendid gift just by voting a bond for it. Is not your Commercial Club anxious for Bitulithic?"

"Yes, yes, yes. Many of the Commercial Club also belong to the Automobile Club and want to go sixty miles an hour in place of twenty. Yes, yes, yes. I know some of your people of the metropolis have formed themselves into a Bitulithic Humane Society and appear to come here without money and without price and at banquets and booster meetings have squirted Bitulithic jule juice to my people until some of them dream at night that they are going eighty miles an hour over a beautiful paved road in a Winton Six. They tell my people they are richer when they pay \$3.00 tax in place of \$1.00 on their same property, if my people will only do what they tell them. They tell my people they must have beautiful paved roads from La Grande to Union, from La Grande to Cove and from La Grande to Elgin; that these roads can be built for about \$10,000 a mile. I am convinced that when all the ABOUTS are hung to it, it will not be less than \$13,000 a mile, and I hear much talk by some of my people that a County bond of \$350,000.00 or \$400,000.00 will build it. Any one of my school boys or girls can tell the fact that such proposed roads would not cost less than \$500,000.00 and leave my people to dream about the interest. It is surprising what a beautiful child can be made of County Road Bonds."

"Well, Mr. Owl, you have your committee."

"Yes, yes, yes. A committee well chosen to nurse the child through the vicissitudes of life and guard its little footsteps, but who is to furnish sufficient food for the baby? Yes, yes, yes, my people call it Taxes. I understand that is not the imported name."

"I have always heard the saying 'wise as an owl.' Would you mind telling me why these conclusions?"

"Yes, yes, yes. I have no secrets that I keep from my people if they will accept my teachings. For, lo, these many years I have set on my perch on Mount Emily in the evening with my left foot on my perch and my middle toe of my right foot in my ear. When men were at the banquet table, well filled with the bounties of your beautiful Willamette valley, and when they were well filled with old wine, by my owl wireless I hear and know much I have not told you. You know in that beautiful suite of offices in the Journal Building where there is much that is not intended for my ear, I have a special invisible wire."

"Well, Mr. Owl, day is breaking and I must fly back to Crown Point and sharpen my claws. They seem a little dull."

"Well, good bye, and the very best will of my people go with you to the metropolis. The next time you come, call on me and I will be glad to tell you how my people can and will make good dirt roads in my beautiful valley Now, as the sun is coming over Eagle Cap, I must fly away to my roost in the garret of Ed. Hughes' barn."

"No doubt, you live fat on Ed's chickens."

"Oh, no, no, no. Ed and Ruth are of my people. They attend to their own business. I would not harm my people."

"Then, pray, how do you live?"

"I live well. I catch moles, gophers and ground squirrels in Ed's garden, and sometimes when I feel that I should have a change I catch an imported China Pheasant or quail. There are a few left which the game boys from the towns have not got yet. Good-bye. When you get to the metropolis, be sure and go up to the office and tell the paving king the next time he comes up to be sure and tell my people exactly what he wants. I could tell them but I don't like to butt in if I can help it."

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Today's Oddest Story.

Dallas, Tex. Feb. 29.—Mayor Henry D. Lindsley celebrated his tenth birthday today. He would be 44 years old had he been born one day earlier. As it is, he has a birthday only once every four years, and 1909 being a centennial year he had none from 1896 to 1904. It was chiefly through Mayor Lindsley's influence that Dallas made the \$100,000 offer for the Democratic national convention.

EXAMS FOR CADETS

Civil Service to Hold Examinations At Many Points March 22

In order to give every boy in his district an even chance to enter Annapolis Naval Academy if he can "make good" Congressman Nick Sinnott will designate candidates for the vacancy just created by the new naval bill by means of a competitive examination. The examination will be held by the U. S. Civil Service Commission or Congressman Sinnott on March 22nd. In order that any boy may take the examination without much expense for travel it will be given in the following seven cities on the same day, (March 22nd): The Dalles, Bend, Klamath Falls, Pendleton, Baker, La Grande and Ontario. The examination will be conducted by the Secretary of the Civil Service Board at the postoffice in each of these cities, beginning at 9 a. m., March 22.

The candidate who passes this examination with the highest grade will be appointed as principal by the Oregon congressman, and those standing second and third, will be first alternate and second alternate respectively. The official examination for admission to the academy takes place on April 18th. Any young man may enter this competitive examination

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The examination will be written in form, and will embrace the following subjects: English grammar, geography, U. S. history, arithmetic, algebra, and geometry. Spelling and punctua-

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