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GOOD ROADS CAMPAIGN IS UNDER WAY.

Oregon's good roads campaign has been launched. The Legislature's Committee of Eight, three senators and five representatives, has taken charge. Contributions were made by all members of the committee, and the formal request was made of the press of the state that subscription lists be opened in their columns for the collection of funds for the county and state campaigns.

It was the sense of the committee that organization of county campaigns be left entirely in the hands of the several counties, and that the sole function of the state headquarters is to be the dissemination of such literature, information, advertising and other service as may be required by the county organizations. The state headquarters also will co-operate in securing speakers for local meetings to discuss the bonding bill. There are many excellent speakers in the different counties who are well versed in the provisions of the bill and discuss same ably, and the services of such will be enlisted to visit neighboring counties, their expenses to be paid from the state campaign fund.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe has been appointed on the text book commission. Mrs. Ivanhoe will reflect credit upon Eastern Oregon and will be fully able to meet the governor's desire that the state textbook commission shall see that the school textbooks breathe a spirit of patriotism and inculcate good citizenship as well as love of country.

Two countries may be in a state of war, before actual declarations are passed or hostilities reach an active point. Japan was at war with Russia several days before war was declared. England was at war with Germany before a declaration. It seems to be the opinion in government and diplomatic circles that a state of war has existed be-

tween United States and Germany since a week ago Wednesday when the Algonquin was sunk. Regrettable as it is, it means that this country has not been the aggressor and the burden of starting war with a friendly nation falls upon Germany. The United States can now proceed to protect the lives of its citizens without thoughts of precipitating a war because war has already been thrust upon us. When Congress meets on April 2, that body will probably uphold the hands of the President in this hour of national peril. The eleven Senate filibusters will be put to the test again.

Mrs. George Grateful High School Class Games Was a Big Freshman Victory

Lady Injured in Chinese War Proudly Thanks Her Friends. From her bed in the Grande Ronde hospital Mrs. C. E. George, who was injured by a bullet that went astray in the recent Chinese tong war, welcomed her callers with a smile today and uttered words of intense appreciation for the many kindnesses bestowed upon her by the people of La Grande. "I regret my inability to find words with which to express my deep appreciation of my friends," said Mrs. George. "It was a terrible accident and when my physicians held grave fear that amputation of my foot seemed necessary I confess that the world looked pretty dark. Even in the darkest hour, however, I was forced to feel a cheerfulness through the generosity and the heartfelt sympathy of La Grande people. And then when it became apparent that I would not suffer any loss of limb my joy knew no bounds and my bright hopes have been reflected back and forth from the flowers sent by friends to my bedside. The money, amounting to about \$550, that has found its way to me from the purses of friends during this affliction will be very helpful, and I am so thankful for it. When I think of the bullet that whizzed past me as I fell and realize how surely it would have struck me in probably a vital place had not the first bullet hit me where it did, I feel that after all I am very, very fortunate and things might have been much worse."

After resting a moment Mrs. George turned her head murmuring to herself: "I am so thankful for all these favors; God is always good."

New Interest in the Work of Hotel Employees.

"E. M. Stetler was the first hotel man in America to establish a death benefit plan for all employees—without cost to them," says Merle Crowell in the April American Magazine. "Every person on his pay roll, from dishwasher to house manager, is given a benefit certificate which provides that a sum equal to one year's salary shall be paid, at the employee's death, to any person designated. This is an month has the same standing as the oldest official."

"Charity? Not at all!" Stetler will tell you. "A man is bound to worry if he feels that his death might leave his family unprotected for, and worry does not make for efficient service."

"A stock subscription plan is also promoted for the benefit of employees."

Fuller's earth is now used in bleaching, clarifying of filtering vats, and rarely for filling cloth, the purpose for which it was employed originally.

Ambassador Was Dead, and That was All.

London, Feb. 20.—(By Mail)—When the late Russian ambassador, Count Benckendorff, lay on his deathbed, the London newspapers were keenly interested in his conditions.

One reporter, somewhat more persistent than his rivals, made almost hourly trips to the Embassy to receive bed-side bulletins. Each time he appeared he was informed by a majestic English flunky in gold lace that there was "rahly no chynge in his Excellency's condition. Quite nothing to report." After about six weary rounds between his office and the Embassy, the reporter became suspicious of the monotony of the butler's reply, and said he'd just sit down and wait until there was some change.

"But, rahly sir," remonstrated the flunky, "there'll be nothing futher to report. His excellency died two hours ago."

Freakish Gowns and Summer Furs For American Women Must Go

Chicago, March 21.—(United Press)—Freakish styles in the costumes of American women are doomed. The 1500 designer-dressmakers, here for the sixth semi-annual convention of the Fashion Art League of America, said last week. They will compete for prizes offered for the best and simplest designs of various gowns, including tailleur, afternoon and evening frocks. Exhibitions of the gowns on mannequins will feature the convention, which ends Thursday evening. As an example of the pressure the designers are bringing to bear in the effort to eliminate freakish modes, the style committee has issued an edict, taboos "summer furs." No longer will milady appear in the tor-

rid temperature of a July day, bundled to the ears in furs, if she would display good taste. The designers, however, are discriminating carefully between the sensible and the extreme and have therefore made no effort to banish the very practical short skirt. "Skirts are to hang straight, with two to two and one-half yards about the hem. They should be six to eight inches from the ground—a 'tiny bit' longer than last season," said Mme. Allie E. Bailey, president of the league. Dresses are to be of wool, or combinations of wool and silk, and the hats, parasols and other accessories are to be of contrasting color to enliven the ensemble.

Service, A Hotel's Most Important Commodity. In the April American Magazine is an article by Merle Crowell about E. M. Stetler, one of the biggest hotel men in the country. "A hotel has just one thing to sell," Stetler declared. "That thing is service. The hotel that sells poor service is a poor hotel, though its rooms may be fit for sheltering princes and its food faultless. And the hotel that sells good service is a good hotel. You may gamble on that. I can build a two-million-dollar house, but I can't make it pay without courtesy."

Here's A Lesson That Our Colleges Might Well Take To Heart

In the April American Magazine Dean Herman Schneider of the engineering school of the University of Cincinnati says: "Our colleges might well take to their classrooms a lesson from their athletic fields. No athletic trainer would think of putting track candidate into the grandstand and giving them a lecture of the theory of jumping hurdles, followed by a demonstration of his own. A team trained in this wise, presented with diplomas, and sent to compete with youths who had learned to race and hurdle in the hurly-burly competition of the corner lot, would make a pitiful impression."

Fine Workmen Sometimes Make Poor Foremen.

"The best workmen sometimes make the worst foremen," says Dean Herman Schneider in the April American Magazine. "There is the case of a drayman for a big jobbing house who was promoted to foreman because of unusually faithful and loyal work. Forthwith he grew fretful and worried, then his health began to fail. He proved to be one of the most incompetent foremen ever employed by the firm. One day he asked for his old job, and became once more happy and efficient."

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THE WHAT-YOU-MAY COLUMN

By "GM" Spring.

Spring is Nature's apology for Summer and Winter.

Everyone, including the man who froze his face last January and the man who suffered a heat prostration last August, is supposed to be happy in Spring.

Spring is the time of year when radiators, tea kettles and prima donnas quit singing and the birds begin.

Spring is everywhere, in Spring. In the step, the eye, the atmosphere, everywhere. There's only one place where Spring isn't. That's in a \$1 a day hotel bed.

The only unpleasant thing about Spring is poets.

Spare Ribs

Spare ribs is a very considerate meat. It grows its own handles.

It comes to the table grouped around convenient bones. And it sits up on the plate and behaves itself while it's being eaten.

Would to heaven we could say as much for chicken wings.

We have always suspected that the chicken heard about the arrangement the hog had made with his ribs, started out to grow its bones accordingly and made a botch of it.

But the chicken did better with its bones than some food, at that. Look at fish. And even the hog fell down on some points. An instance pig knuckles.

Furniture.

Do you live on your furniture, or for it?

Every once in a while our wife gets the idea that furniture is something sacred. And she gets to lavishing more loving care on rugs and racks and tables and chairs than she does on us.

Maybe that's natural. The furniture's home more than we are. But we resent the alienation of our wife's affections by gate-leg tables and things just the same.

We are in favor of chairs to sit in. Pillows to lie on. Carpets that can take a little granulated tobacco without getting sick at the stomach; and lace curtains that can be crumpled out of the way when the occasion demands.

We want a house with nothing in it that can't be abused with impunity.

Will the City of the Future be Built in a Straight Line?

"Roadtown", the city of the future, described in the April American Magazine, is the novel idea of an inventor named Edgar Chambliss, who has conceived an entire city with an ideal transportation system shooting out into the country in a straight line. Engineers, city planners and efficiency experts have marveled at its possibilities.

Baby Words Rule Songland.

In the April American Magazine E. M. Wickes says: "The simpler and clearer a lyric is the more chance it has of getting across. To carry simplicity to its limit words of one or two syllables are almost invariably essential to a popular song hit. The writer has to think in the same terms as the great mass of the people."

What's the Difference Between a Dozen Eggs and a Quart of Milk? A six-cent egg at a convention of milk enthusiasts would feel like a bad cent. It would immediately go out and get scrambled. Every time a man is asked to say anything about the value of milk he says it's worth a lot more than eggs. The report of the tri-state milk committee appointed by the governors of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland give us this information once more. It says that a quart of milk is equal in food value to eight eggs. And it says that when the consumer pays forty-five cents a dozen for eggs while a quart of milk is worth nine cents he is paying three and three-tenths as much for the same food value. It costs him two and three-fourths times as much for real food when he pays twenty-nine cents a pound for round steak. What is there about a hen that makes the consumer want to squander his money on her product while he kicks like a steer when the price of milk is advanced a cent? Is it because eggs are solid and milk is liquid? Or is it because the hen makes a noise about her business? -Country Gentleman. (See The Pure Milk & Cream Co. for Further Particulars)

Get A Gold Metal There is a contest on at this Bank whereby you can earn a Gold Medal that is worth twenty dollars. All can enter. It isn't necessary to be a hero to enter this contest, but it is necessary to have the "backbone" of a hero, and "stick-to-it-iveness," for it takes nerve to quit spending—and save. WE GUARANTEE YOU A GOLD MEDAL. All you have to do is place one dollar on deposit now, and another next week and so on, for about eighteen more weeks, and at the end of this time you will have a "A BIRD" of a medal, with an American Eagle on it. IT'S WORTH A TRIAL YOU CAN'T LOSE. This Resolution looks good to me, And to keep it will surely pay; "I will start for myself a savings fund. And bank the first dollar today." La Grande National Bank