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ROADS IN WAR TIMES.

It is argued that war time is no time to build roads or to carry on public improvements or internal development. That is not the experience of other countries. Germany today is building just as usual highways, railroads and canals that are useful for commerce as well as war. Russia is building railroads. The fact is nothing must stop in war times, people must carry on their normal lives. State and nation must go on building, so must individuals. So in the case of road bonds. The people should vote them. They should rely upon the wisdom of the State Highway Commission to spend the sum wisely. The Commission has announced that it will not enter the labor market in competition with the farmer. Let us take these men at their word and prepare our highway machinery so as to build for the future. Let us not apply this dangerous "Do Nothing" policy to our public or private affairs. Where is the man who ever tried it and made a success?

S. BENSON.

Mr. S. Benson offers \$10,000 to anyone who can produce proof that he has or had at any time any connection with any paving trust, corporation or contractor. Such charges are so false and so ridiculous that they hardly need answering. But they illustrate why so many able men shun politics and public life. A man may want to serve his state but he must be as thick-skinned as a rhinoceros if he does accept a public trust because he must expect to be vilified, traduced and lied about from morning till night. Mr. Benson has the confidence of the majority of the people of the state and it is to be hoped that he will pay little attention to the snarling at his heels.

FOLLOWS SCRIPTURE.

With one hand Mr. Eastman indites an attack upon the road bonds because they are bonds and with the other he clicks out on his typewriter an epistle in favor of bonding La Grande for a municipal light plant. Mr. Eastman is thus carrying out the scriptural adage of not letting his left hand know what his right hand is doing.

BELVA LOCKWOOD.

Belva Lockwood is dead. She was one of the first women to practice law in the United States Supreme Court. She was one of the first women to urge women's suffrage. She was the only woman that ever ran for president of the United States. How time rolls on! How well we remember the ridicule with which she was assailed. But her cause has triumphed!

AT THE HOTELS

Sommer. (Saturday guests.) Mannie Sarkin, New York; J. J. Clapsdel, J. H. Bristow, H. Thanauser, J. G. Broadway, W. M. Powell, A. E. Brown, C. B. Prewitt, J. B. Winstanely, Jack Marshall, H. A. Vincent, W. Nelson, Portland; H. A. Williamson; E. H. Cummings; R. Whitehead, Seattle; R. B. Wade, Kansas City; Clay Graham, Elgin; A. R. Cope, Elgin; R. M. McGeen and wife, Spokane; Mrs. F. House, Vincent; A. Gallen, Pendleton; Roy Kinkead; A. A. Mitchell; A. J. Rand; (Sunday guests) Chas. Smith, Cullen Friawold, Alicel; J. C. Gardner, W. A. Coggerhall, C. H. Cook, H. E. Gruffins, Wm. Hartford, Portland; E. A. Stephens, Arlington; John E. Clawson; Mrs. C. R. Pyles, Enterprise; Mrs. J. W. Stevenson, Pilot Rock; R. N. Hallenbeck, H. H. Dickens, Union; W. C. Jackson and wife; R. S. Grayson.

Savoy Saturday and Sunday Guests. Henry Schaffer, Wallowa; T. T. Davis, Wallowa; R. H. Barbur, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. B. Cox, A. H. Leland and wife, W. B. Parker and wife, C. D. Johnson, Enterprise; J. L. Foster, W. B. Workman, Elgin; W. E. Venable, Pendleton; E. Heryford, Cove; L. A. Harvey, Portland; D. D. Randall and family, Corinne Bue, Portland; H. O. Akers, Astoria; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Anderson, City; E. T. Caton, Athens; Mrs. W. H. Stevens, Pullman, Wn.; E. W. Clayton, Jas. Kinney, Joseph; Jack Dockmier, Roy Schaeffer, Wallowa; Josie Smith, La Grande; M. E. Stoop, La Grande; H. Stoop, La Grande; G. A. Brown, Walter Mathews, Alicel; E. E. Smith and family, Baker; Raymond Reynolds, La Grande; E. Cooper, Island City; E. H. Bloomer, Baker.

Foley.

Gus Rowder, W. J. Applegate, Miss B. Bailey, E. Lesser Cohen, G. H. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mirror, C. L. Campbell, O. W. Parkinson, W. Ray Cox, W. B. Kidd, Portland; Thos. Mason and family, Santa Barbara, Cal.; P. M. Jeniss and wife, San Francisco; G. A. McCoy, City; J. McVernel; J. A. Bittel, Chicago; A.

B. Snuder; A. L. Nick; M. H. Nichols, Western Electric; Geo. Fox; Thos. Duncan; Irvin Powers; Thos. Harris, F. E. White, Cove; Bridwel Sisters, San Francisco; Louis Z. Ziesel; L. F. Templeton, Pendleton; Mrs. Abbie Mayfield, Elgin; H. Kluger, New York; J. D. Wintris; R. A. McKinn, Spokane.

THE TRUTH WILL OUT.

Occasionally some one arises and tells the truth so simply that it is eloquent. Addressing New York publishers recently Pomeroy Burton, of the London Daily Mail, said it was unfair to ask a publisher to give away his advertising space.

"It is precisely like asking the baker to give away his bread, or the butcher to give away his meat," he said.

BOOKS AS A BLESSING.

What a relief it is to the mind to pick up a book like "Cranford" or "Plain Tales from the Hills" or "Pendennis" and get away from the alarms of war? We have just re-read the "Valley of Decision" and have peacefully wandered through Italy with Odo Valesca, and followed at the same time his spiritual wanderings—from the questionings of youth to the acquirement of reverence and faith in old age. Of the reading of books there is no end—but how pleasant it is to go to sleep with visions in the mind of strange lands and meet and mingle with the interesting people that are found in the pages of our favorite authors!

Society and Personal

tored over from Union Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENT. C. I. Jones, of Chicago, is visiting with his father, Joseph Jones of this city.

Harvey Dickson, of Union, was in the city yesterday, returning home today.

Roy Hennigh, of La Grande, was registered at the Hotel Portland, Sunday.

Maude L. Hanna, of La Grande, was registered at the Hotel Pendleton Saturday.

Louisa Roush arrived in the city from Chicago where she has spent the winter.

Mrs. Fred Johnson arrived home Friday evening after a pleasant visit in Walla Walla and Spokane.

C. H. Starr, factory representative of the Willard Storage Battery Co., was in the city Saturday on business.

Miss Alice Doane, of Pendleton, arrived in La Grande Saturday for a two weeks' visit with friends and relatives.

The Rev. Upton H. Gibbs and Mrs. Gibbs of La Grande are guests of Mrs. Charles Quinney at Pendleton for a few days.

Mrs. A. A. Lambert, of The Dalles, is visiting her son, P. A. Lambert of this city. Mrs. Lambert is on her way home from an extended trip in the East.

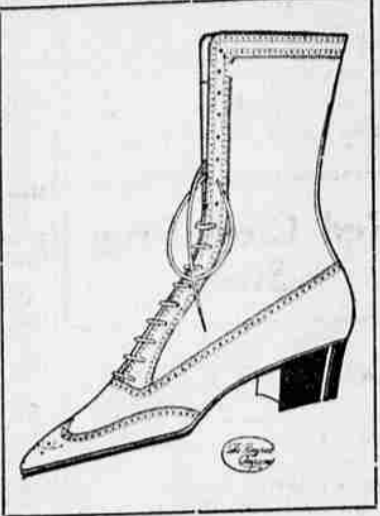
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright mo-

JUST RECEIVED!



These two new styles in footwear. The latest thing we can show you.

Note the new Cuban heel, a real "common sense" shoe, and in fashion's last word for shoes.



Black kid vamp with grey upper, Cuban heel. Price \$8.50

All black kid, Cuban heel. Price \$8.50

Also, we have just received a new dress shoe with the high heel, black kid vamp with grey buck top. Price \$9.50

Ladies' Bedroom Slippers in old rose, and blue colors. Cloth, with soft soles. Price \$1.65



A new line of comfort shoes. Black kid, no tips. Price \$3.75

BUILD UP A PORT.

Portland will make no mistake voting bonds for docks and grain elevators and for shipping. The movement to put the "Port" in Portland will receive the approval of all the farmers in the Inland Empire.

United States Battleship Minnesota

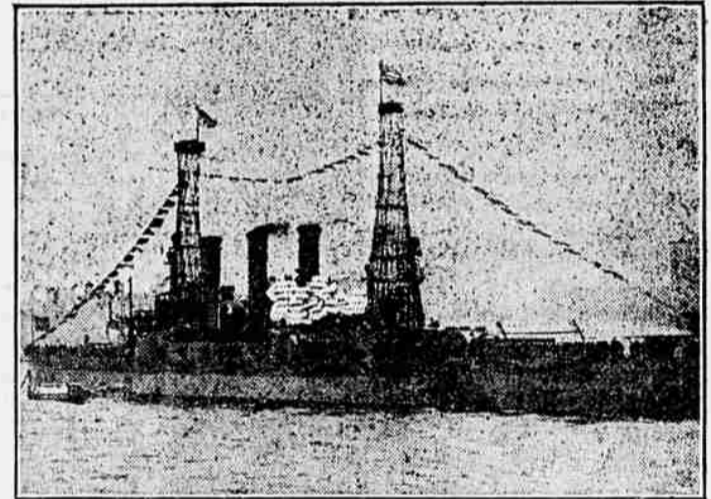


Photo by American Press Association. There are four twelve-inch and eight eight-inch guns in the main battery of the Minnesota. This battleship displaces 16,000 tons and is 456.3 feet in length. She has a speed of 19 knots, and her officers and men number 856.

Advertisement for NINTH ANNUAL EXHIBIT UNION Live Stock Show. Includes dates June 13th, 14th, 15th, 1917, and details about cash prizes and free feed shelter entrance.

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank. Includes the text 'A BANK'S STRENGTH' and a table of Resources and Liabilities.