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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty." The Roosevelt Highway Needed.

Western Oregon papers without exception couple together the two great highway projects which are to be determined one way or the other in the special election of June 3. One of the usual arguments set forth is that the Roosevelt highway will be the means of great advantage to the eastern portion of the state because it will afford better facilities for the marketing of the products of Eastern Oregon, so much needed by the people of the regions along the coast. There may be some truth in this, but the main recognizable fact is that Oregon needs the highways—both the eastern and the western projects—because of the advantages that will accrue to the state as a whole.

Oregon borders on the majestic Pacific and it is hardly conceivable that a greater drawing card could be provided than that of a boulevard skirting the ocean's shore from Astoria to the California line. This is a drawing card enough to attract any tourist who ever expected to turn the wheel of a car on any part of the Pacific coast. No affidavits or testimonials would be needed to explain the scenic grandeur of such a highway and there is no guesswork as to what such a road would do toward attracting the visiting throngs to this state.

Full Publicity Is Considered Necessary.

Senator Penrose has declared for open debate when the pension treaty comes up in the senate. This proposal deserves, and will probably get the hearty support of the American public.

Heretofore international treaties have always been discussed by the senate in "executive session." Such action does not constitute "secret diplomacy" in the sense generally conveyed by that phrase. Secret diplomacy consists of agreements made by the heads of governments without the knowledge of the people or the people's representatives. The senate

from every state have always passed on American treaties and known all about them, and through them anyone concerned might learn the facts, even though they were not given out for publication.

That method was pretty satisfactory, but the nation has outgrown it. The people have taken government into their own hands. There has been great dissatisfaction throughout the peace conference session, because its proceedings have been conducted with so much secrecy. The American people want full publicity about all public matters, and they want it especially with regard to this epoch-making treaty which reorganizes Europe and proposes American membership in an international federation.

Arizona Sets a Good Example.

They are doing some real road-building in Arizona. The new Douglas-Bisbee Highway, which is to be completed by fall, promises to be worth every cent of the big sum which it costs the taxpayers.

Curves have been eliminated wherever possible, seven being taken out of one short stretch which the road formerly followed. A system of water passageways and culverts has been installed which the chief engineer declares will prevent the road from being flooded even at the rainiest season.

A heavier proportion of concrete is used in the construction of the road bed than even that used for the famous California roads. It is said, apparently with good reason, that a hundred years from now the road will still be in use and good condition, and motorists speeding over it will refer to it with pride as the "fine road which was built early in the last century."

Plan to Beat the Dry Law.

New Yorkers of alcoholic propensities are rejoicing over the announcement of a solution for the approaching dry regime. It is called a cocktail, but it is not drunk—it is eaten.

Bibulous authorities are hopeful that it will be permitted when the federal dry amendment becomes operative next year. The amendment prohibits only "intoxicating liquors." It is considered very doubtful that any court would stretch the term "liquor" to include an "appetizer" which is served in the form of a "small, muddied-green patty," and eaten with a fork.

It never seems to have occurred to congress, or to anybody else for that matter, that it was possible to become intoxicated on food. The substance in question is admitted to have alcohol in it. Its discoverer is a chemist. The presumption is that it is a compound somewhat similar in composition to the "acidified alcohol" now so generally sold as a fuel for alcohol stoves, though somewhat better flavored and less disastrous to the internal organs.

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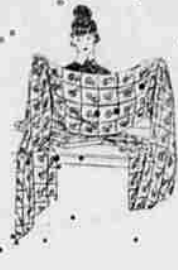
MEN! ANOTHER WEEK-END SPECIAL ON SUITS—



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Our second big offer of this Fiber Silk Hose. Last week 120 pairs left the store, at 59c each—this week we have planned for more than that, but this will probably be the end of this lot, so anticipate your needs and buy now. Black and white are the colors. Full length, all sizes; while any remain, at 59c.

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1-4 Off

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