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OUR HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

Three men in Oregon are surely giving their time and energy for the love they hold for their state. They hold three of the largest jobs ever accorded to Oregonians; they necessarily work early and late, and their compensation in satisfaction in the job well done and the knowledge that they have been instrumental in doing the commonwealth a good turn.

These men are R. A. Booth, John B. Yeon and William Barrett. Their meetings are now as important as a legislative session; their decisions are scrutinized as carefully and criticised as severely as the decision of a supreme court. They are visited by delegations of citizens, some of whom know what they want and quite a few who do not know what they want, and do not know what to do with what they ask for if the requests should be granted.

It is plain, therefore, that the highway commission not only sits as a board of commissioners, but it must also act upon the justice and worthiness of demands, must occasionally take a good plan poorly drawn and whip it into shape for the good of the state, and not infrequently flatly turn down a delegation that is all excited about some impractical and visionary plan cooked up at home and sent to the commission by representatives.

Plainly, the commissioners must be men of fearless temperament with an underlying strata of absolute fairness. The Observer believes the men mentioned are all of that, and more.

They are carrying out the well-defined plan of building roads, and the meetings just held at Portland tell the story of deliberate but decisive action. The Oregon Trail, which is the road from Umatilla to the Idaho line, will be finished this year. We say finished and by that we mean graded, rock and graveled. The idea of putting on paving for a number of years must be dispensed with. We must first have rock and graveled roads with caretakers. This is necessary for two reasons, first of which is that no road is fit for hard surface until it has been traveled, after being rock and graveled for at least three years; and secondly, because it would take more money than A. L. Mills saw in the Federal Reserve bank on his recent trip east to hard surface the roads, as first intended.

Eastern Oregon may have had justifiable complaint at slow road work in the past, but with the present commission and the plans they have outlined, we see no reason to complain. We are going to get good rock and graveled roads and we surely will be thankful.

WHEN JULIUS CAME ROMPING HOME.

There is always a vacant chair, a missed character, when Julius Roesch leaves La Grande. This is quite natural, for he has been here almost as long as Mr. Emly and he has built many business houses, improved many properties and incidentally paid quite a bit of taxes to help keep the wheels of government grinding away.

Julius went to California, where he frisked around and did just what he pleased for a long time—several months. According to his own story, he got up early in the morning and bathed in the surf with the elite male and female, played solo when he saw fit, rode on rubberneck-wagons, went to horse races, saw Doug Fairbanks in real life, and just had a whizz of a time.

Finally, he happened to think of La Grande and he decided he had better come up and look things over. He came.

But he is not the same Julius. The idle life has left its impress. Only yesterday he called on the Observer force and informed us that he was through with work. Think of it! That old sport through with work. No wonder everything in the world is upside down, when Julius Roesch says he is through working.

Has he not always preached that work is the salvation of the human race? Has he not always urged getting up a little earlier in the morning? Has he not insisted incessantly that when you earn a dollar, only spend ninety cents of it?

And now he is through working. What won't that terrible California country do to good men? Should there not be something done by congress to offset by law the habits one forms while sojourning among the poppies?

Anyway, La Grande is not going to take Julius at his word. We all know him too well. He may think he is through with work, but he is not. It is work to keep the possessions that he has by hard work acquired, and one of these mornings Julius will float down Adams avenue in his overalls and jumper, and on that day the wheels of business and daily habits will begin to mesh as they should. Until that happy day arrives, we may expect chaotic conditions.

So, incidentally, the Observer urges Julius to go to work so that the town can once more become normal.

PURIFYING THE SHOWS.

A purification process is always better from within than from without. Thus, the movement which the large producers have started; and which is being shared in by the theatres, sounds mighty good to the general public.

Moving pictures are great mind moulders, for either good or bad, and their importance to every home must not be minimized. It is very satisfactory to know that the two theatres in La Grande have already taken the step to shut out the films that give evidence of lawlessness and lewdness. The theatre managers deserve credit from everyone in the city, for they put their plans in action before they said anything about them.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

I sit in my office
Quite close to the street
Where, from morning till evening,
The Public I meet.
There are doty old codgers
With hideous pipes,
And young lads and school boys
Come puffing their snipes.
Now, here comes a gentleman,
Judged by his airs,
By the tilt of his hat
And the clothing he wears,
But while he is speaking
He seeks for a match,
Lifts up his shoe
And gives it a scratch.
Then lights a cigar
With elegant grace,
And puffs the foul smoke
Right into my face.
Did you ever dress up
In your best Sunday clothes,
So fresh and so sweet
That you smelled like a rose—
And go for a walk
With your very best beau,
Where the brook gently flows
And the wild flowers grow,
With the birds softly calling
From bushes and trees,
And the ow happy murmur
Of wild honey bees;
But the flowers' sweet perfume
Was wafted a far
As the smoke rose in clouds
From your lover's cigar?
Oh, pity me not,
If when I shall die,
No sorrowing husband
Beside me shall cry,
But rather rejoice,
Ye kind, loving folk,
That I'm buried forever,
Away from their smoke.

Heaven Help Us.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—If you seen an egg noodle that looks as if he had a yellow streak, detain him. Government inspectors are looking for such noodles, following reports some manufacturers are doing their noodles instead of smearing them with eggs as the law requires.

Right, He Left.

LOVERS in the hallway,
PAPA on the stairs;
BULLDOG on the front porch,
MUSIC in the air.—Cornell Widow

Doing business without advertisement is like winking at a girl in the dark—you know what you are doing, but nobody else does.

A youth of our acquaintance informs us in confidence that while the nights are very wonderful at this season, and the harvest moon never finer, the facts are that the 1921 girl doesn't go much on moons as courting adjuncts. "Ya gotta take 'em to the movies," he said earnestly. "Ya gotta take 'em to the soda fountain. Ya gotta chase around in a car. It ain't as soft as it used to be. Counting takes money nowadays." We knew that all other prices were up. With this testimony the prosecution, yet honor, will rest.

Few things have fallen as flat as the latest cross country balloon race.

A Franklin, Indiana, bridegroom who collapsed during the wedding ceremony has our sympathy. No man has the stamina to go through with a church wedding, although every woman as. A church full of people, and the regular organist in her new tricorn dress fiddling with the keys, and the preacher in his Prince Albert, and the hush, and the flowers, and the light through stained glass windows—no wonder the poor fellow keeled over. In the movies they do it, not in real life. There's a statute against cruel and unusual punishment.

Registering Doubt.

"Grocer:—When I was a boy, I received \$1.50 per week and saved money."
Clerk:—Yes, but they didn't have any cash registers then.—Judge.

Giddap.

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But to save our bloom'n' soul,
Matters not to what we turn out,
Still we can't acquire a roll.

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FORUM

LICENSE FEE IN WASHINGTON TON EXPLAINED.

SPokane, Wash., Mar. 9.—Editor Observer, La Grande, Oregon. Dear sir: I noticed in a recent issue of the Observer certain comment upon fishing and game licenses in Oregon, and the fact that the fees were doubled by the last legislature. In commenting, the Observer compared these fees with the fees charged by other states, and incidentally stated that the fee in Washington is \$10.00, or more than three times the new fee in Oregon. In this the Observer was in error. In the state of Washington a license is for both hunting and fishing—what in Oregon would be called a "combination license." The fee for such license in any county is \$1.00, but a person who wants to hunt and fish in many counties in this state may take out a state license for \$5.00. A non-resident must pay twice the fee required of a resident of the state. Nearly all licenses are "county" licenses as an individual seldom fishes in more than one county, and such license will cost him \$1.00 but permits him to both hunt and fish. If he wants to fish in another county he can get a license for such county from any prominent hardware dealer in either county. As a result of these low fees a very large number of licenses are taken out, and in the aggregate large sums of money are collected and used in propagating game fish and game birds. Of course, if a non-resident takes out a license to hunt and fish anywhere in the state he would pay \$10.00, but such non-resident could get a license to both hunt and fish in any county in the state of Washington for \$2.00. While, under the law in Oregon, as it existed prior to the recent amendment, a non-resident hunter had to pay a \$10.00 license in addition to twice the license fee charged in his own state for angling, provided that his state charged a higher price for angling license to a non-resident than to a resident, while an alien in Oregon could not hunt or fish at all without first having secured a gun license from the state commissioner at an expense of \$25.00, and in addition must pay the separate license fees for hunting and fishing.

I am afraid that the recent increase in fees in Oregon will be more than "the traffic will bear" and will have the same effect as the recent increase in railroad traffic rates, viz: it may kill the traffic.

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First publication Feb. 19, 1921.
W. B. BOHNENKAMP,
Administrator of the Estate of Estate of John Monaghan, deceased.
Dly Feb 19-26, Mar 5-12-19.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Bernard August Hinz. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Bernard August Hinz, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at his residence, 1503 4th street, La Grande, Oregon.

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J. C. HENRY,
Administrator of the Estate of Bernard August Hinz, deceased.
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