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THAT ROAD TO COVE.

The road to Cove must be built this season. Union county has talked for years and years and years about doing this very job, and the people of Cove for years and years and years have been marooned in mud throughout the winter and spring seasons.

Bonds have been voted by Union county for highways and now is the time for the road construction. The technical feature of the bonds not selling for par and the interest rate as prescribed by law may be overcome very properly in two ways. One is to let the bond agent have a service charge, and the other is to advertise for the work and let contractors bid, taking the bonds at par. Both plans were discussed at the Tuesday luncheon and the latter plan seems far the best, for with the transaction as above stated Union county will have finished its part of the deal and the contractor can proceed to dispose of the bonds to bond buyers or keep the bonds, as he sees fit. The debt will have been paid with bonds according to the strict interpretation of the law.

According to several who advanced this plan at the meeting, this is the course outlined a year ago, and seemed to meet with general approval.

But should the former plan of allowing a service fee to bond dealers be adopted, we believe Union county people will register no objection, but it does leave the matter in more or less of an unfinished state because the court is then open to litigation by any dissatisfied citizen who might see fit to start either injunction proceedings or after the work was finished he might bring action against the county court as a court and each member personally, alleging that the spirit and letter of the law had not been carried out.

It seems to the Observer that the plan to pay for the work in bonds is a clean-cut and simple way of handling the situation.

But whatever is finally determined, the Cove road is on the way right now and nothing can stop it, for public sentiment is plainly behind the movement, as shown by Tuesday's meeting, and what public sentiment demands usually happens.

The court is very much in favor of building this piece of road and all that it has ever demanded was assurance of sound ground upon which to proceed.

CHURCHILL AND THRIFT.

When State Superintendent Churchill admonished the teachers in convention in La Grande last week to teach the lessons of thrift in the schools, he started the circuit that is of greatest importance.

Mr. Churchill is a practical man—a man who belongs to the old-fashioned lodge of Common Sense, and he knows that unless the brakes are applied very soon the velocity reached will wreck the entire machine.

Let the Churchill idea spread from the schools to the homes. Thrift not only in money but in time. Give a good account for each hour of each day. Keep a time ticket if necessary and check up at the end of the week what has been accomplished.

As the high school orator declaims, "row, not drift," for drifting is dangerous. That's what the matter is now. So many are drifting with the tide, taking the path of least resistance and relying on someone else. Teach the child responsibility and let the child teach it to the parent, for seemingly that is the way many parents must learn this priceless lesson.

A HEALTHFUL WINTER.

The mild winter, so welcome to most people of the northern states, has made a hit with one class of citizens, at least. The Northwest Car Club, at a recent meeting in Chicago, complained that the open weather so cut down the mortality that the demand for coffins has fallen off and the price is correspondingly depressed.

There will be no general lament over this situation. There may be considerable surprise, however. It is a matter of common belief that an "open winter" is less healthful than a winter of severe continuous cold. How that idea originated is not clear. At any rate, the present verdict of the coffin-makers seems to refute it beyond the chance of argument.

Doctors add their testimony to the healthfulness of the past winter and the general superiority of mild winters over the severe ones in this regard. And it is exactly what might be expected. When the weather is mild, people suffer little hardship. They get out of doors a great deal, and ventilate their homes. During prolonged cold spells they stay shut up, with less fresh air and exercise, losing their vigor and resisting power and catching infectious diseases and giving them to each other.

BLONDES RISE UP AND JUDGE RECANTS.

The New York judge who declared in open court that blonde women had no place on juries, because "blondes are fickle," has explained and recanted. It was all a mistake. The incriminating ruling was meant as a compliment.

THE OFFICE CAT.



—By JUNIUS—

In Days Gone By.

Husband on the porch at 11:50 p. m., trying to find the key hole: "Hi, s-funny—here when I—hic left."

Wife from hallway: "Is that you, Henry?"

Henry—"Hi, yes—wuz you expectin' someone else?"

Lady in street car: "Say, Mr. Conductor, is that spoozy young couple up there in the front seat married?"

Conductor—"Yes, Lady, but not to each other."

A Kansas City boy was arrested while stealing a car. The judge has decided to give him another chance.

Speaking of miracles, Ld.'s wife was turned into a pillar of salt because she looked backward; wouldn't it be awful if the same thing happened to some of the fresh mashers here in La Grande who stop and look back every time they pass one of the fair sex wearing a short skirt?

Some people rather doubt that Daniel was delivered from the lions' den, but I don't—Look at the number of male citizens here that visit TIGER dens every day and they never get hurt unless they are caught with the goods on them.

Disappointed.

In the window of a fish market, we read: "If it swims, we have it," but they didn't. We went in to order a Sennett bathing girl.

In a department store ad, we read "half off on ladies' dresses on second floor,"—went up to make sure, but they weren't.

In a paper, we read: "Auto skids; strikes lady in safety zone." Anyone who knows women can tell you that the "Safety Zone" is miles away from them.

Wull, Mebby 'Tis.

"It's paradoxical, is it not," said Uncle Abner Skittle, That a woman kin talk such an awful lot.

An' say such an awful little?"

Some people always think of a tin can tied to a dog's tail as a symbol of Willie Bryan's relations to his party.

"Though his bark may be worse than his bite, we'd rather see the pup wag his tail," says Ross Leslie.

A French statistician demonstrates that the blond type will be extinct in 300 years. That will make dying easier in 2220.

Sir Walter Raleigh threw his coat down in the mud for a lady to walk upon. Times have changed. Nowadays when a woman gets off a car backwards and falls on her head the best she gets is the equine giggle.

It is hard enough to say the right thing at the right time, but it's still more difficult to write the right thing on the right line of the income tax blank.

The drop in price of calico does not interest the girls much, but they are profoundly stirred by the news that fur coats have come down from \$700 to \$398.00.

The profit-sharing age accomplished one reform. It disposed of that extra annoying yard of cloth in the tail of a shirt.

Announcement by the treasury department that everybody in the country had \$59.12 must make Uncle John Rockefeller laugh.

Fashion Notes.

(By Uncle Jarve.)

A native of Starkey, while visiting in La Grande, was asked how he was impressed by what he saw in our city. He said: "I have been in the cattle business for years, and have raised hundreds of calves, but I'll be dog-goned if I ever saw so many calves in all my life as I saw right here in La Grande in the last 20 minutes."

The advance dope on 1922 fashions show that skirts will be worn much longer next season—the length will be increased by raising the waist-line. The skirts will be made very full and the hobbled effect entirely absent, while they will be expanded to the limit by the introduction of the old style hoops. Joe says that he eats, drinks and sleeps only that, he may live to 1922.

'Tis Better to Have Loved and Lost.

We never liked our fireman, Pat; We scolded him from morn' 'til night; He went to sleep upon his job; He never built his fires up right; But, since he left a tractor roll; Upon his form so sign and tall; We wish that we could have him back; 'Tis better than no man at all.

Knowing and Giving.

Of all men perhaps the book lover needs most to be reminded that such benefits here in La Grande for the sake of giving are to live for the sake of giving—From the Editor.

OREGON RELIEF WORKERS HOME

Oregon's pioneer missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rambo, formerly of Baker, and for many years engaged in missionary work in India and the Near East countries, have returned to the United States on furlough. News of their return has been received by State Manager J. J. Handsaker, in charge of the combined China-Near East relief campaigns for the state, in a telegram from New York, where the Rambos landed a few days ago.

Throughout the Near East, the message states, everything is "generally amuck" with little prospect of improvement until definite action is taken by the Allies in regard to the Turk-ridden nations. Conditions in Greece and the Caucasus are touched upon, with details of the appalling situation at Batoum, where the veteran missionaries have spent several months among the 16,000 Greek refugees surviving from the thriving Caucasus colony located there before the war. The Rambos were on their way home last fall and had reached Constantinople, when the call came for them to go to Batoum and aid the refugees there until the latter could be brought back to Salonika, where the Greek government is endeavoring to make some sort of provision for returning Grecian refugees.

In letters written from Batoum, recently received by Mr. Handsaker, the Rambos tell of thousands of families being huddled together in rain-soaked tents and abandoned barracks, beset with typhus and other diseases, half-naked and starving. "And 10,000 more refugees are on their way here from Kara," the letter concludes. "These are now in the snow-covered mountains, and as many as can pull through will soon be here. What we shall do then we do not know. Everything here is unsettled and disturbing. It is considered certain that the Nationalists or the Bolsheviks, or both, will soon take the city and no one knows what will result." In a later letter they speak of the arrival of a ship to take back a load of refugees for repatriation and the joy it brought to the camp, although the Salonika camp to which they were bound could offer little additional in the way of food, clothing or other relief.

Previous letters, written from the Near East, tell of the enforced flight "at the whim of a Turkish official," of the Rambos and 200 little orphans in their charge. They had to leave at a moment's notice and in the dark, traveling all night on foot and carrying their own blankets, clothing and everything else they possessed. They were allowed no lights and were told not to speak above a whisper, as murderous Turks were running riot all along the way. After stumbling along through water and over rocks for hours, they reached the railroad station at day-break, exhausted but without the loss of one of the 200 children, but none too soon, for with the coming of light the Turks discovered what was afoot and began firing upon them from the hill-sides, the little caravan of exhausted children and missionaries making the last hundred yards through a hail of bullets.

The Rambos conducted their 200 charges, with many adventures and hardships, to safety within the walls of a British Relief station, and turned homeward, stopping over for a day for rest at Adana. While they slept, exhausted, the Turks tore up the railroads leading to and from Adana, and left them marooned in the hot, dusty, beleaguered city. They awoke to find bullets breaking through their walls and whistling all around them. With Miss Grane, a young American relief worker, they finally started from Adana in a Near East Ford, joining a refugee caravan and fleeing southward. They were shot at repeatedly and at a dangerous pass waited three hours before daring to attempt the run across in open space. At last with Mrs. Rambo and Miss Grane huddled in the running board of the Ford, behind a barricade of baggage on the opposite side from the nearest firing, and Rambo himself at the wheel, with baggage piled high all around him to ward off the bullets, they made the rush, "driving like Jehu for two miles," until beyond the aim of the bandits. After many other strenuous experiences they made their way to Constantinople, going from there to Batoum for several months, thence home to the United States.

Bishop W. H. Lambuth, in charge of the Methodist missions in North China, where 45,000,000 are faced with starvation as the result of a disastrous flood followed by two seasons of drought, says:

"Their clothes are ragged and scanty. Their only food is a gruel made of weeds, leaves, chaff and corn-cobs. One cold night in January in one refugee camp alone, one thousand of these starved, weakened human creatures froze to death. What is to be done must be done within the next five months, yes, within the next two or three months. Otherwise millions will perish."

The death rate in the famine section is estimated at 15,000 daily, with typhus and other diseases beginning to rage. The only hope of the despairing millions is in food supplies provided in tremendous quantities by the people of the United States.

Self-Denial May Be Overdone.

There are honest souls who would not willingly rob a neighbor, yet who continually rob themselves of the comfort and joy that rightfully belong to them. Self-denial is not a virtue in itself, and it may become as bad as the evil it is intended to combat.

LOGANBERRY PRICE IS SET

SALEM, Mar. 30.—Prices for loganberries will be fixed for the 1921 season at 7 cents a pound, raspberries at 12 cents, gooseberries at 7 cents and strawberries at 9 cents, in case the recommendations made by a committee of the growers at a meeting here last night finally are approved. The committee was expected to hold a conference with buyers next week and report back to the growers as an organization at a meeting held in Salem April 4. More than 200 persons, most of whom are engaged in producing some kind of berries, were in attendance at the meeting.


Last year loganberries brought as high as 10 cents a pound, with the result that several local processing plants were forced to suspend operations. This was due to the inability of the processors to place their product on the market at a price that would attract consumers.

The Phez company, which in past years has handled most of the loganberry crop in the Willamette valley, processed only a small quantity of the fruit last season, due to the high prices. Whether the plant will operate this season has not been definitely announced. Growers are not over optimistic with regard to the present berry situation, and it is not assumed that the buyers will pay the prices recommended by the producers. In this event further adjustment of the scale will be necessary.

STANFIELD WILL HAVE \$60,000.00 HIGH SCHOOL.

STANFIELD, Mar. 30.—A special school election was held Friday afternoon at the Peoples' theatre building for the purpose of voting on a location for the new \$60,000 high school building. It was voted to accept the five-acre tract on Coe avenue donated by Dr. Henry Walden Coe and Senator R. N. Stanfield. Work will begin at once, so as to have it ready for the beginning of the fall school term.

PORTLAND MARKET
PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—The price of cattle was slow, sheep and pig weak, and butter and eggs steady on the local market today.



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—Pretty soon, sewing machines will be whirring and needles flying on Spring Dress-Making. In anticipation, we have greatly enlarged our stocks, showing you ever so many new and charming materials for spring dress-making. Prices considerably lower than last year are best demonstrated on the following items:

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NEW M. F. C. GINGHAMS, 25c.

—New shipments this morning replenish our stocks of 27-inch Gingham; plaids and plain colors; excellent quality. All at 25c.

DUCHESS SATIN

—In Harding Blue, Pink and White. A smooth, soft, lustrous satin, suitable for skirts; 36 inches wide. Priced at \$4 yd.

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—For sport skirts, in white, pink, yellow and blue; 36 inches wide. Priced at \$4 yd.

MT. EMILY SUMMER HOME SITES ARE IN DEMAND NOW

The U. S. Forest service has received a number of applications for summer home sites on Mt. Emily since announcement was made that the surveys for a number of these sites had been completed.

In explaining the issuance of permits for this purpose today, F. W. Kendall, forest ranger in charge of this office stated that permits are ordinarily issued for indefinite periods but, where a considerable expenditure is contemplated, permits may be granted on request of the applicant for a fixed term of years.

Ordinarily permits will be limited to one acre or less and term permits usually extend for periods of from 5 to 10 years and have renewal privileges in the permit. The rates are from \$5 to \$25 a year for indefinite permits and from \$10 to \$25 a year for term permits.

Mr. Kendall advises that all who contemplate taking advantage of this privilege personally inspect the sites before filing their application. All necessary surveys for platting areas will be made by the forest service without cost to the applicant.

The Weight of a Kiss.
A scientist has found that a kiss on the lips weighs five milligrams, and if it is too bad he cannot state it in wats, volts and ohms or something understandable.

'Twas Ever Thus.
The hotel dweller longs for the comforts of home. And the home dweller longs for the comforts of a hotel.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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