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## VIADUCT DISASTER WAS INVITED

Public officials, more than any other class of business men, too often fail to do the right thing at the right time; are too prone to procrastinate; are inclined to dodge the issue in order to avoid initiating measures that may arouse opposition, no matter how necessary these measures may be.

The few public officials who disregard self interest; who, in zeal for the common good, forge such political maneuvering as is done by many to perpetuate themselves or their friends in office are the leaven in the political loaf that sustains American social life.

These general observations are provoked by the report of the damage being done by flood to the Union avenue approach to the Interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver. At last accounts the flood waters were provoking an erosion of the sand fill which bids fair to wash out a long gap that would cost thousands of dollars to reconstruct and expensively delay traffic for months to come. And the immediate outlay for maintaining day and night crews of laborers who vainly are trying to hold the levee with bags of sand runs into great cost.

All this waste and destruction would be avoided if the proper methods of constructing a viaduct had been employed in the first place. The engineers having the work in charge in the beginning were warned that a viaduct of shifting sand would not withstand the Columbia's overflow unless reinforced by rock and brush abutments. The Multnomah county commissioners and the Oregon State Highway commission as well as the civil engineers in charge were advised at that time by experts experienced in that class of construction on similar projects upon the Pacific Coast as to how to make the viaduct safe by putting in a rock and brush fill for a foundation. In spite of these warnings by men who had worked out this problem successfully in California, Washington and even near at hand on the Columbia the men in charge of building the Interstate Viaduct stubbornly invited the present disaster by poorly carrying out experimental plans of their own, which were to line the base of the fill with plates of concrete. Common sense and experience should have caused them to give heed to the warning that concrete plates would settle and be of no avail as rising waters would swirl around them and wash the vacillating sands from their support.

Brush and rock for foundation and rip rap were near at hand and to be had cheaply. The cement for concrete plates had to be bought from the cement trust at high cost. And still the concrete blocks were chosen and have now settled as predicted and a great segment of the levee is reported to be melting away, resulting in great expense to Multnomah county and lamentable inconvenience to the traffic of the two states.

When will all public servants learn to do the right thing at the right time?

## THE STOOP-SHOULDERED MAJORITY

There has been a great deal of talk in recent years about reforming college athletics. Not reform, but a complete breaking away from traditional athletics, is what is needed, declares a writer in the April number of Rural Handbook. In the colleges today we find the most physically fit students chosen for special care and training for the promotion of athletics. In the more forward-looking institutions we also find a larger group of students who are getting out for some of the milder sports occasionally. Beyond these two groups there is a still bigger crowd, says the writer, who are stoop-shouldered and in generally poor physical condition, who never get any closer to regular exercise and athletic training than the side lines of intercollegiate or class games. This body includes a big part of the community surrounding the college.

## POLITICAL HISTORY

May 25, 1852, Dossie landed in Florida in search of gold.  
May 25, 1781, A national constitution convention met in Philadelphia.  
Know-Nothing Party  
The Know-Nothing Party was organized in 1855. It was distinctly an anti-American party and passed out of existence shortly after its organization. Its policies and plans were secret, and its supporters when questioned answered "I don't know."  
"Mother" Garfield was the first mother who heard her son deliver a Presidential Inaugural.

tional activity including the entire community, in which a sane and healthful program is carried on for the good of all.

This goes only part way. There are many communities which have their stoop-shouldered majorities but no college to take an interest in them. There are organizations which are beginning to work along these lines, but the college remains a leader in such things. If all the educational institutions in the country would take a guiding part in promoting healthful activities in general, the work of extending needed physical training into rural districts, private homes and places of business would be greatly facilitated.

France believes that nothing would complete the German education like a course of advanced French.

The famous wooden statue of Hindenburg in Berlin is to be auctioned off, and some enterprising Prussian will bid it in, extract the nails and start a new drive that will be a great deal more profitable than any of Hindenburg's.

Plant a poppy on a soldier's grave.  
A Pennsylvania lad is paying his way through college by selling angle worms, thus proving that if the colleges would give you an education for nothing it can be worked out of them some way.

Jack Dempsey is studying French. After the bout in July he should be appointed to the diplomatic service. So few American diplomats can speak the language and put the punch behind it.

Greer Cleveland Bergdon may think he has buried gold in a safe place, but Germany will make him dig.

Chief Justice White was a chief, and a just man, and a white man.

## THE OFFICE CAT



Grace  
A very thin maiden was Grace.  
She had no occasion to lace;  
She was built like a lath  
And when she took a bath  
She just went and crawled in a vase.

Advice to Lovers  
If you haven't got an automobile keep your girl off the streets as much as possible.

A young La Grande man applied for a position at the Y. M. C. A. recently. J. L. Cramer, secretary, was asking him questions. He said to the youth: "Do you drink?" Whereupon the applicant for the job said: "Thank you, sir, I'll have a small one."

Will Some One Tell Us Why?  
Recently the undertakers of Indiana held a meeting at the Claypool hotel in Indianapolis. Jazz music was one of the features.

Little drops of water  
On little grains of sand  
Make a helava difference  
In the price of land.

Hindoo believe that a cow is a sacred animal, and consider it a grave offense to kill one. And by the way, some of the butchers here in La Grande and other parts of the state serving this town with beef, must share the same belief, for it seems that they put it off as long as possible.

A congregation out in Kansas recently took a straw vote to determine whether or not Hell actually existed, but the result was not satisfactory owing to the independent voters, who couldn't make up their minds.

A Sure Way to Get Results  
Would like the acquaintance of a good business man or young farmer; like one with car, for passing and results. Address C. A. care Star—Advertisement in Peoria, Ill., Journal.

Don't think for a minute that actors and actresses kiss every time they make up.

Wise husbands are preparing their pocketbooks for the summer opening.

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Danger  
That room indeed is  
Falling fast  
Who tells the bride  
At of his part.

Encircling Movements  
He—you look cold. Shall I take off my coat and put it around you? She—Why take it off?

Even With All the Money  
Notwithstanding that so many divorce suits are "bied" some people still declare that they find married life exceedingly dull!

The First Profiteers  
"Way back in the first century, Old Boy Epicurus said it:  
"But there's a great difference between other men's occupations and ours. A glance at theirs will make it clear to you. All day long they do nothing but calculate, contrive, consult how to wring their profits out of foodstuffs, farm-plots and the like."

Out of Sight.  
Classical Dancer.—Doctor, I want to be vaccinated; somewhere where it won't show.  
Doctor.—My dear young lady, I'm afraid I will have to do it internally.

## To Italy



A new picture of Richard Washington Child, New York lawyer and other, chosen by President Grant to be U. S. ambassador to Italy.

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The Willamette river will not be closed to commercial fishing without a legal fight, according to statements made by representatives of the fishermen.

Fifteen airplanes of the 31st aero squadron are now in Eugene, having come from Mather Field. It was announced that forest patrol work would start on June 14.

Certification of \$75,000 in bonds is being asked of the state irrigation securities commission by the Grants Pass irrigation district, the proceeds from the sale of the issue to be used in meeting obligations incurred in developing the project during the last five years.

The public service commission has fixed June 27 as the date for a re-hearing of its order of last March granting to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company material increases in its rates.

Initials of Famed Pioneer. The name "D. Boone" was discovered chiseled in a rock at the mouth of a cave in Lincoln county, West Virginia. As the forms of the letters correspond with those found in the rocks of Kentucky it is thought that the famed hunter at one time made an expedition into that section of the country.

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