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GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM.
—Whoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.—Matthew 18: 4.

"Interpretation" of Paved Roads.

Union county has found out with bitterness what a wide latitude the word "interpretation" covers. Our people voted bonds for hard-surfaced or paved roads, collaborating with the highway commission at the time under the full understanding that the Oregon Trail running through Union county was to be paved.

At that time road building in Oregon was quite new and, in order to be absolutely fair, let us presume the highway commission was thoroughly sincere in the proposition to have counties do the grading and draining and the state to do the hard surfacing.

But Eastern Oregon roads were built after the Pacific Highway, or much of it, had been built, and after much of the hard surfaced or paved roads of the Willamette valley had been constructed. As a result a new "interpretation" was placed on hard surface, and now it means a macadam or gravel top.

Under the original plan, the plan under which Union county in the best of faith voted her county bonds, we would have a hard surfaced or paved road from the top of the mountain to North Powder. Under the new interpretation we have a gravel road, or will have it when it is completed. Even after the last interpretation had begun to be used by the highway commission, many of us yet had assurances that the road from Lone Pie, which is the end of the pavement leading toward Hot Lake, leading to Union could be paved. We labored under that belief until another "interpretation" was issued declaring that there would be no more paving, and that macadam would be the "hard-surfacing" for Union county.

In fact the Eastern Oregon highway commission was the first whom we heard state with considerable firmness that "there would be no more paving east of the Cascade mountains."

Thus the hopes of a generation wither and decay; thus the fact that Eastern Oregon must be penalized because she is Eastern Oregon dawns upon us all.

With two fine paved roads through the Willamette valley completed before one gravel road is finished through Eastern Oregon, it can easily be determined who we are and what we are thought of by the lower county.

And it is all hedged around the word "interpretation," which we must admit is a great word.

An Honor She Worked For.

Miss Ruth Scott of La Grande has taken the highest honors in the state of Oregon in essay work in the American Legion contest. La Grande is very proud of this young lady. That she is entitled to honors bestowed upon her is very apparent to those who know her well, for she is a worker. She did not just happen to get this distinction. It did not fall to her from a clear sky. She worked to get it. She put her whole heart and soul into the effort, just as anyone has to do who accomplishes things worth while.

The Legion is to be complimented for encouraging work in this line. It is a fine thing for the young and develops the future writers of the country. More literary and oratorical contests will in time locate more of the Ruth Scott type.

It looks as though Public Service Commissioner H. H. Corey went right to the heart of the railroad situation in Oregon when he testified before the Interstate Commerce commission yesterday in the Union-Pacific-Southern Pacific family row over the Central Pacific. Mr. Corey's long experience in his work has taught him what Oregon needs, but to get it is quite another thing.

President Harding's closest supporters are now advising the president to get rid of Daugherty. When they start after a man and he begins to slip, then the end is near. But a lot of us have thought for some time that Daugherty was away off his trolley.

The idea of arresting a girl for being a noisy gum-chewer. Any La Grande girl will tell you the good part of chewing gum is the juicy noise one makes.

Clemenceau says "gold is the menace of the world." Quite right, oh genial French Statesman, but a lot of us individually are not badly menaced.

Six more army camp builders have been sued by the government. The war millionaires are now having their troubles, aren't they?

This is the time when Senator Martin King, Engineers Curtis and Biever can testify to the depth of the snow around Kamela.

Anyway Tacoma turns a deaf ear to all the world tumult and decides to hold her annual dog show.

And cattle keep getting lower; hides can't be given away, and shoes show some advance.

Roy Ritner is governor today. Probably that accounts for the heavy snowstorm.

Things might be worse. Suppose we had no rotary snow

Groups of the red in the snow-building for a little while.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Finland today celebrates the fifth anniversary of its national independence.

Today is the feast of St. Nicholas, the jolly old Patron Saint of children, which corresponds in Holland to our Father Christmas.

The eighteenth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress will meet in Washington today for a session of two days.

The joint conference of bituminous coal operators and miners' representatives is to resume its sessions today in an effort to arrive at some basis for conducting wage negotiations next January.

Dairymen from all over the United States will gather in Milwaukee today to act upon plans prepared by an American farm bureau federation committee to investigate the feasibility of a nationwide co-operative marketing system.

Hullfax, N. S., today will commemorate the fifth anniversary of the disaster caused by the explosion of a munition ship in the harbor, December 6, 1917, when 1800 lives were lost, 20,000 persons rendered homeless, and property to the amount of \$22,500,000 destroyed.

Today's Anniversaries.

1822—Charles E. Anthon, noted numismatist whose collection of coins was one of the most valuable in America, born in New York City. Died there, June 7, 1882.

1843—Col. John Singleton Mosby, famous Confederate cavalry chieftain, born in Powhatan county, Va. Died in Washington, D. C., May 29, 1916.

1847—Jefferson Davis, became a United States senator from Mississippi.

1855—Anselma Mayer Rothschild, founder of the great financial house of Rothschilds, died at Frankfurt, Germany. Born there, June 12, 1773.

1857—British force under Sir Colin Campbell defeated the "rebels" at Lawrenceport.

1862—Claborne F. Jackson, thirteenth governor of Missouri, died at Little Rock, Ark. Born in Fleming county, Ky., April 4, 1807.

1889—Joyce Kilmer, noted poet, born at New Brunswick, N. J. Killed in battle in France, July 20, 1918.

1918—Pope Benedict called for public prayers for the guidance by Providence of the coming peace conference.

In the Day's News.

David I. Walsh, who urges that President Harding, after the manner of President Grant, issue a proclamation calling upon the Ku Klux Klan to disband, is the junior United States senator from Massachusetts. He was born at Leominster, Mass., the second youngest of a family of ten children. The death of the father obliged the family to join in a strenuous struggle for a livelihood. By working at any odd job that came to hand the future senator earned enough to enable him to complete his education at Holy Cross college and Boston college. After completing a course in law he opened offices in Fitchburg and in Clinton. While climbing to the top of his profession he also took an active part in democratic politics. Term after term he was elected to the Massachusetts legislature. Then he became lieutenant governor. In 1913 he was elected to the governorship, being the first Catholic ever chosen to that office.

Today's Birthdays.

Howard Elliott, chairman of the Northern Pacific Railway company, born in New York City, 62 years ago today.

Gen. Herbert M. Lord, U. S. A., director of the budget, born at Rockland, Maine, 63 years ago today.

Edward H. Sothern, one of the foremost actors of the American stage, born in New Orleans, 63 years ago today.

Nicholas J. Sinaott, representative in congress of the Second Oregon District, born at The Dalles, Ore., 72 years ago today.

William S. Hart, widely celebrated as a motion picture actor, born at Newburg, N. Y., 44 years ago today.

One Year Ago Today.

Liberals won in the Canadian general elections.

Treaty signed in London creating the Irish Free State.

DEADLY GRADE CROSSING

While the American Railway association was conducting a "Grade Crossing" campaign during the four summer months, there were 4,111 accidents, an increase of three per cent over the number in the corresponding period in the preceding year. But it is explained that in view of the increase of twenty-five per cent in the number of automobiles, and of ten per cent in the number of railway cars, the accident figures do not really show an improvement in conditions, says the Boston Transcript. From June 19 to September 30, there were 692 deaths in crossing accidents on the 108 railroads reporting. Twenty-four more persons were killed this year than last. Those who received non-fatal injuries numbered 1809 as compared with 1758 last year. Here is this year's story of the deadly grade crossing as it is told in the news dispatches. It suggests the need of remedy more effective than the trainee is capable to be derived from safety crossing campaigns and similar endeavors, valuable as they are, if not of that kind may be.

DO SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TODAY! SHOP AT WEST'S!



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With a certain similarity of appearance prevalent in all Christmas gift assortments the woman in search of something unusual will find in this store a refreshing diversity of suggestions, many of which are distinctly apart from the commonplace in some vital characteristic.

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COMPLEXION.

People who dislike the effects of soap on the skin often find oatmeal, almond meal or corn meal are much more soothing and cleansing. Some use these meals after an application of soap to counteract the shiny appearance caused by soap.—Chicago Evening Post.

TRY THIS ON YOUR

Mother—"Did that man kiss you last night?"
Daughter—"You don't suppose he drove 90 miles to hear me sing?"

Tell a girl that her newly bobbed hair is becoming and she thinks you are lying, and if you tell her that it isn't, she stops speaking to you. Life ever has a deep problem.

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