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## FORUM

Editor Observer:—The time for final positive action in regard to the Island City-Cove road is near at hand. Our county court, at the meeting this week, should advertise for the sale of another block of bonds, to be sold in January—enough to construct the three "Local Projects," and should also advertise for bids on the Cove-Island City road, pending sale of the bonds in January so that no time may be lost, and also in order to secure the advantage of competitive bids during the slack season. The present county court has promised a large delegation of Island City, Cove and La Grande people that it would prepare for and have said road constructed according to the program as early as could be done from the next sale of bonds, and this should be all that the interested parties could ask for, and it might seem superfluous to bring this matter before the public.

But, the people in Cove have waited so long and are in such a desperate straits for a road and the right kind of road, that it is impossible to keep quiet when rumors after rumors reach them, that they are going to be cheated blind and only get an ordinary gravel road that in no season will fill the bill.

It should be a matter of general knowledge that this county provided for paved roads under the Bond Road Program and allowed around 20,000 per mile for the construction of same and that ordinary gravel roads cost only about one-third as much to construct and are worth little and nothing in a very few years, and therefore not at all what we bargained for, what we need and what we must have in order to justify one dollar of the bond issue.

These are something near 10,000 of the Union county population, are over 80 per cent directly interested in this road—La Grande, Island City, intermediate country and Cove combined, and only about 10 per cent of the total road fund provided for by and through the bond issue, are to go for the construction of this road, while 90 per cent go for general roads, mostly paralleling the railroads.

After exhaustive investigation we are convinced that a concrete road is the only kind that anybody can afford to construct, cost, utility and maintenance all considered and we ask you men of the La Grande Ad Club to come to the front and back up your Oregon program and your work in 1919; we ask all you men who believe in justice and living up to a contract to back up the 1919 program, and we ask every taxpayer in Union county to get posted on the merits of the different kinds of roads, to learn all possible about first cost and maintenance so that you may become alive to the importance of fighting for and holding to the 1919 road program, as far as it now can be carried out.

After diligent investigation we can assure you that the taxpayers of this county could well afford the million and a half bonds, if we had received the maximum mileage of first class concrete roads for our money, but that not a single taxpayer can afford this bond obligation unless we do, the first cost and maintenance of these gravel roads will amount to as much in ten years as the cost of concrete roads, and after ten years would have to be renewed and be still more costly the next ten years, and at no time be half as desirable as the concrete as a road bed saving power, vehicles and expenses for the users.

Cove and the people tributary to it are in dire need of this road, Island City and La Grande would be directly and greatly benefited by it, and the rest of the county can count it a material benefit in general, we are entitled to it for every known reason and it would be the height of injustice to deprive us from getting it, and we write this to help avert the calamity.

ONE OF MANY.

### A Tribute to Physicians.

At the annual meeting of the Red Cross chapter members in the city hall Tuesday night Mrs. Fay T. Catlin, social worker for the Red Cross, in reviewing her work, paid a high tribute to the physicians of La Grande. In speaking of the splendid cooperation given her in every way, Mrs. Catlin enumerated the county court, the district attorney, the sheriff, the police department, and then she told how the physicians never refuse to attend Red Cross patients without charge. She dwelt especially upon the work of all of the physicians in La Grande and Dr. Phy at Hot Lake are doing for those in distress and for the ex-soldier.

"No questions are ever asked relative to compensation," said Mrs. Catlin, "and I have yet to find a physician who has been too busy to take care of Red Cross work or the service man. Every undertaking is done with cheerfulness and a heartfelt desire to help in the work, and I surely want every member of the Red Cross chapter to know this. The La Grande hospital has been exceedingly kind in giving reduced rates, many times scarcely covering the actual cost of service, and the Hot Lake sanatorium is our port in a storm where we are always welcome, not only to the institution, but to the skill of Dr. Phy who works just as diligently and just as hard for one of our patients as for any other patient in the institution."

These words of Mrs. Catlin should not glide past people. They should stop and consider the work for humanity that is being done by these professional men, who without compensation and without publicity do their part willingly and cheerfully in the great scheme of life.

### A School Row.

A strange state of affairs exists in West Frankfort, Ill., where the public elementary schools have been closed since September and seem likely to remain so indefinitely as the result of a squabble over a bond issue for teachers' salaries. The teachers struck when they failed to obtain a raise, and 3,500 children are idle.

There may be some adequate explanation for such a deadlock, but it is difficult to conceive. Its evil influence can hardly be estimated. The break in the regular school routine is the smallest part of the damage. Children and their elders are assimilating false standards of public economy and duty. The right of every child in America to a public school education or its equivalent and the obligation of every commonwealth to see that it is provided are being slighted.

Whatever quarrel, political or social, may be raging around the schools, it should never be allowed to permeate or interfere with their regular operation. A community where such a state of affairs can develop is in a bad way.

State Chairman Tooez of the republican committee should not take the charge that he is meddling with the state senate fight too seriously. Only a few people in the state know there is a state committee, so don't worry Walter about the matter.

One-way traffic may be all right in Portland, provided Baker is going that way. There would be a two-way traffic if he was headed up stream.

Clemenceau may be a tiger, but he is also a diplomat of the first water. Note his tribute to Lincoln.

Henry Ford says his workers must have character. Probably so they can hand it on to the car.

Seattle's mayor wants more funds for a vice cleanup. Expensive is this crime wave and more expensive is the fight against it.

Friendship accounts as well as bank accounts are easily overdrawn.

### TODAY'S EVENTS

Centenary of the birth of William Saunders, originator of seedless oranges in America.

The Provincial Legislature of Alberta assembles today for its fall session.

A conference of department adjutants of the American Legion opens today at Indianapolis.

A National Fisheries Exposition opens today at Toledo, O., and will continue for one week.

The entertainment of M. Clemenceau in Washington will be observed in today with a luncheon at the White House.

An American naval mission, headed by Rear Admiral Carl T. Vogelzang, sails today for Brazil to help reorganize the Brazilian navy.

Representatives of the 258 railroads holding membership in the Association of Railway Executives meet in Chicago today to discuss the future of the association.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, representing 37 countries, meets at The Hague today to consider various constructive proposals for world peace.

The National Civil Service Reform League meets in annual session in Washington today. All congressional bills of the year will be discussed.

enforcement unit under civil service rules.

Machinery, equipment and materials designed to secure greater efficiency in fuel combustion and the generation of power will be displayed at the first National Exposition of Power and Mechanical Engineering, opening today in New York City.

Men and women of national and international prominence will participate in a conference on public opinion and world peace which will open today at Memorial Continental Hall, in Washington, and continue in session through the remainder of the week.

### ESSAY ON PANTS

Pants are made for men and not for women. Women are made for men and not for pants. When a man wears pants for a woman and a woman wears pants for a man, that makes a pair of pants.

Pants are like molasses, they are thicker in hot weather and thinner in cold weather.

There has been much discussion as to whether pants is singular or plural. Some say that when you wear pants it is singular and when you don't wear pants it is plural.

If you want to make the pants last, make the coat first.

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## The ABC of Gift Giving

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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- Brassieres
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- Sweaters
- Handkerchiefs
- Alouses
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### Today's Anniversaries.

- 1808—Hugh McCullough, secretary of the treasury under three presidents, born at Kennebunk, Maine. Died in Washington, D. C., May 24, 1895.
- 1822—William Saunders, the originator of the seedless orange in America, born in Scotland. Died in Washington, D. C., September 11, 1900.
- 1831—Noah Noble became fourth state governor of Indiana.
- 1856—Brazil issued a decree opening the River Amazon and its tributaries to navigation and commerce.
- 1873—Rt. Rev. William E. Armistage, Episcopal bishop of Wisconsin, died in New York City. Born there, September 6, 1830.
- 1894—Ferdinand de Lesseps, creator of the Suez Canal, died at La Chesnaye, France. Born November 19, 1805.
- 1897—New extensive discoveries of coal deposits were reported from Cape Breton.
- 1920—President Wilson sent his farewell message to congress.

### In the Day's News.

Henry White, who is to be the host of Georges Clemenceau during the visit of the former French premier in Washington, beginning today, was prominent for many years in the American diplomatic service. His last important post was that of ambassador to France, from which he retired in 1909. Mr. White began

his career in 1883 as secretary of the American legation at Vienna, and a year later was promoted to the London post, being promoted to the full secretaryship two years later. In 1903, having held various diplomatic offices in the interval, he went to Rome as ambassador, but held that post only two years, being transferred to Paris. When he arrived in Paris he was warmly greeted by President Fallieres, who delivered an unusually friendly speech. Mr. White was born in Baltimore, in 1856, and received his education at the hands of private tutors and in private schools in America and in France.

### Today's Birthdays.

General Sir Bruce M. Hamilton, a prominent British commander in the World war, born 65 years ago today.

John L. Harrington, of Kansas City, the new president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, born at Lawrence, Kas., 54 years ago today.

Cale Young Rice, noted as poet and dramatist, born at Dixon, Ky., 56 years ago today.

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal church, born at Moundsville, W. Va., 56 years ago today.

### Try the Palace Confectionery

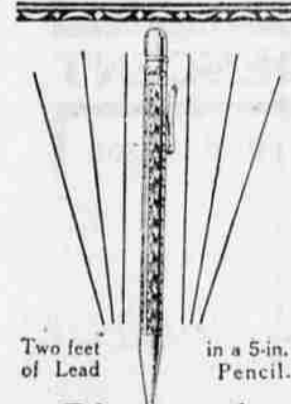
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