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"A Block Off Pavement"

La Grande real estate men for a number of years following the first paving done in the city, carried in their advertising when possible, "situated just a block off of pavement," which meant the real estate offered for sale had the benefit of a paved street to within a block but did not carry the burden of improvement assessments.

Then, what happened? As years went by there was less demand for property located "a block off pavement" and finally real estate dealers found they could not sell property unless it was on pavement to any advantage. This is the situation now. Every residence that is salable is on a paved street, and if it is not so situated no one will consider it.

The street improvements are essential just as the built-in pantry, the sleeping porch and heating system are essential in home building. The expense of improving streets goes with the original cost of the lots and become just as much of the cost as the sewer or sidewalk. As we live nowadays property off paving is out of market and it will continue to be that way. For this reason no one should object seriously to the growing campaign in La Grande for improved streets. They cost money, all right, but they are worth money—we can't do without them.

McArthur Enters Race

Former Congressman C. N. McArthur has announced his candidacy for the United States senatorial nomination on the Republican ticket in an out and out anti-Klan platform, indicating that the Republican party must bear the fight on the Klan issue. Why not the Democrat party, also? Is there any good reason to believe that Klansmen are all Republicans or that the Klan has any party affiliation? The announcement of McArthur puts a new angle on the senatorial race. With Senator McNary running for renomination and admittedly expecting his support from all parts of the Republican party, with George L. Baker running for the same office on the platform that he will do more for Oregon than the present senator, and now with Mr. McArthur shooting at the senatorial target with his sights set on the Klan, it must be admitted that Republican party—the grand old party of Lincoln—has been left sight of to a very large extent, and Sam Rhye's story of present politics comes true. Namely, that people no longer vote from a principle standpoint, but they vote a protest.

British Take Up Ice Cream

The American consul in London reports that the British are taking to ice cream and that the consumption this year increased 1,000 per cent. Perhaps it is the climate that has made the English, heretofore unresponsive to the appeal of ices but, having secured a taste, like Oliver Twist, they want more. It is a habit that grows, as is attested by the great increase in the manufacture of ice cream in this country. Where not many years ago there was one place dispensing ice cream and the various concoctions into which it enters there seem to be a dozen now. In the aggregate it is a great industry and increases year by year.

Ice cream well illustrates how new industries grow to mammoth proportions. What is at first in the nature of a luxury becomes in time something of every day consumption. It may be a not indispensable article of food, but millions deem it desirable or it would not be purchasable on every hand. In delaying their appreciation the British have lost much that they might have enjoyed, but once learning its merits possibly they will try to make up for the omission.

No "Melancholy" Days

"The melancholy days" are here. Don't believe it. It was a mournful moment that inspired genius to paint a somber canvas of nature's most glorious garb. "Frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder in the shock." The arbors hang heavy with grapes and the apple trees glow at sun down dull red with fruit. Every hill is radiant with flaming reds and yellows and subtler tones that reveal the frost king's art.

Such days as these, gentle reader, be glad to be alive in Grande Ronde. This is Autumn's gilded temple, every hill a golden staircase mounting to the mellowed sun.

To every season ascribe its own delights. But in Autumn any man may be king of the great outdoors.

The prohibitionists are going to back Ford for the presidency. Look out for Henry, if he starts—he will need no prohibition support, judging from the spontaneity of the rank and file support that is heard wherever men and women gather together. Henry is a child of fortune—mighty fine fortune, at that.

The rebuilding of Japanese cities draws upon the Oregon country for timber, and very properly so, for outside of some of the hardwoods, no lumber is obtainable any closer to Japan. This is one of the many things that points to successful business in Oregon for the next few years.

The American Legion's convention in San Francisco moved under very well directed leadership when it renewed its allegiance to the laws of the land and defied anyone who saw fit to agitate "red" leadership.

In these days there is a difference between getting wages and earning them.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



Editorials From Over the Nation

WHOPPERS.
Portland Oregon Journal: A New York farmer told this story to a reporter:

The farmer came in from the field with his coat and hat off, standing near his barn. A few moments later a whirlwind formed, struck the load of oats and carried it into the barn without damaging anything.

This yarn deserves a place beside other immortal whoppers. Wasn't it Bill Nye who contributed one when he related that while sitting home on his orphan mile, Boomerang, bearing a jug of pre-Vietnam vintage, there came up a wind so strong that it blew the jug inside out, and then, suddenly reversing itself, blew the jug right again, without wasting any of its contents?

Two other classics of the kind may be recalled. A Nebraska man was telling a Canadian how cold it got in Nebraska and what a lasting impression the severe weather made. One extremely warm summer day a barn in which popcorn was stored took fire. The corn began to pop and soon fell in such showers that it resembled a snow storm. A mile, imagining he was in a Nebraska blizzard, lay down and froze to death.

The Canadian, not to be outdone, said the cold in Alberta was keener than that in Nebraska. "It gets so cold up there sometimes in winter," he narrated, "that the noise of a train's whistle, as it shoots across the prairie, fades away, and if you happen to pass that spot again on the first spring day when things begin to thaw out, you'll again hear the whistle as it is freed from its frozen state, and if you didn't know other wise you'd surely think another train was passing."

If all the bearers of malicious tales could be transformed into spinners of such harmless yarns as these, this old world would quickly become an abode of laughter instead of a vale of tears.

THE WALTON BLUNDER.
American politicians will not soon forget the case of Governor Walton. Nor will they fail to be instructed by his downfall, which most people now believe to be imminent.

Governor Walton did some praiseworthy things. The displayed courage and high purpose. In the measure he took to combat an epidemic of lawlessness he revealed the sort of fortitude the people usually admire. At the outset, too, he had popular opinion on his side.

But these things have not served to retard him in his rapid tobogganing out of public favor. They were cancelled by some serious affronts given his public. The American public does not propose to be affronted.

Martha has been justified by circumstances, but how can one excuse antagonism to legislation and grand juries? If Governor Walton, when he instituted his martial law, had sent out a call for a special session of the legislature to help meet the emergency, all might have been well. But far from doing this, he evaded by word and deed the fact that the men elected by the people to represent them were in fact enemies of the people. And when he went further and stopped the meeting of the grand jury, chosen by lot from the people themselves, and declared that this too was corrupt, he showed lack of confidence in the people of Oklahoma they had to resent.

His censorship of the press was incidental. Yet the newspapers, being accepted and patronized by the people, are their accredited agents for news gathering, the eyes and ears of the public so far as public matters go. Having these eyes blindfolded and these ears stopped by government edict, did not please the people. And certainly it did not please the editors who, little as they pretend to influence the public, have nevertheless some influence upon it. A governor who has offended all the newspapers, of whatever political color, is in a bad way with his public.

Governor Walton's purpose was good, his decisions were courageous, his opportunity was large. But Governor Walton made the serious error of forgetting that an executive in America must work with the people for the people's sake. He must make sure the people, in large numbers, are sympathetic. Trying to do something for the good of a state and people while trampling upon and affronting the latter cannot succeed. Walton has failed, not because his purposes were wrong, but because his methods were bungled.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Kansas City Star: The case for Sunday observance is not a case for compulsory church attendance, or even a case for legislation against a long list of nonreligious or commercial events. It is a case for individual thoughtfulness, and for church worship of such a nature as may be irresistible to any person who is willing to give just a fair amount of consideration to his own welfare.

Clearing Sunday of all commercial attractions is not going to make a Sabbath of the day or extend the reach of church worship. People not so disposed would hardly go to church were they denied the chance of going anywhere else on Sunday.

The important question whether any individual can afford not to give a reasonable portion of his time to religious meditation and to worship. Not all of life should be a hurrying after pleasure or gain. The search that way is endless and unsatisfying. Man has a spiritual nature that leads him in his best moments to concern with the lasting and satisfying things of life. That nature should be cultivated; it should not be crowded out and dejected expression.

The opportunity of the churches is here. The power of these agencies may be extended as their activities are shaped to meet the needs and desires of man's spiritual nature. It might be seriously considered whether it is the iniquity of human nature or the unsatisfying quality of much church worship today that turns the thousands to the paid amusements, the all-day motor ride, the eight or ten hours at the golf club, or a full day's lounging about the house on Sunday.

The two questions are these: Can any individual afford to neglect the religious life? Can the churches afford to allow him to neglect it?

WHY MOTOR BUSES AND TRUCKS

Livern Herald: If the state is to allow motor buses, they must construct paved roads wherever they operate. Graveled roads will not stand up under heavy traffic, especially where fast moving motorbuses are operated.—Alber Lea Tribune.

Why should the state allow these road destroying machines to operate on our highways unless they pay taxes in proportion to the damage they do?

Motor buses and the majority of the motor trucks are commercial machines operated upon the public highways by private individuals for a profit. They are operated in competition with the railroads. The railroads built their own highways and maintain them and then pay into the public treasury 2 per cent of their gross earnings as taxes. The motor buses and trucks use the highways built and paid for by the public, and pay into the treasury as taxes a nominal fixed sum that is in many cases less than the tax upon a pleasure car.

There can be no dispute as to the damage done by these buses and trucks to our highways. They travel the highways under all road and weather conditions at high rates of speed to maintain certain schedules. It is claimed by those who have studied the matter that the buses and trucks do more damage to the highway than all the other cars operated upon them, and that were it not for these machines our highways would hold up ten times as long as is now the case.

Nor does this tell the whole story. Through the operation of these buses and trucks the revenues of the railroads are materially cut down and the public loses the tax the railroads otherwise would pay.

The members of the legislature should be aroused to the situation, and the public should insist that they levy a tax on buses and trucks in proportion to the damage done to the highways. There is no more justification for permitting such motor vehicles to use the highways without proper reimbursement therefor than there would be to permit a private citizen to use and destroy any other piece of public property for his own benefit and financial gain.

Klansmen Initiate 500.
COVINGTON, Ore.—Klansmen from various towns throughout the Willamette valley gathered here last night for a Klansman. H. E. Walter, local cyclone and secretary of the democratic county central committee, said 500 candidates had come for initiation, accompanied by several thousand Klansmen. A parade preceded the initiatory service. A flaming cross was located about one mile north of Covington on the west side highway, where the candidates were initiated. The whole city was invited to witness the proceedings. After the initiation ceremonies a barbecue was held. Klansmen from Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Albany, Lebanon, McMinnville and Portland attended. The initiation was directed by Portland Klan, No. 1.

Poets' Corner

HOT LAKE
Just beyond the Blue Ridge mountains.
Just beyond the drifting snow,
Lies the famous Hot Lake basin,
Known by Red Men long ago.

Here the dusky warrior wooed his maiden.
They in turn dressed the elk and buffalo;
Made themselves their willing slave—
In the ages of long ago.

Until the white-winged prairie schooner,
Which had ne'er trod the trail before,
Drawn by strong, but weary oxen,
Camped on Hot Lake's silent shore.

Here a spring of icy waters
Poured from beneath the aged hills.
Where the men and weary cattle
Quenched their thirst and drank their fill.

Years have come and years have gone,
Never more will they return;
Scenes have changed around the lake-side.

Where once the signal fires burned.

The coyote no longer roams the lone some trail,
Oh, the night bird rudies his prey:
The winds no longer sigh or wail,
The sun has chased the shadows away.

From beneath the shadows of the mountains,
The stars and stripes will ever fly:
Here the Hot Lake Sanatorium
Owned and ruled by Dr. Phy.

—George C. Percival,
Yakima, Wash.

Editor's note:—The above poem was extracted from "Percy's Poems" through courtesy of Clint's Clothing Store of this city.

PUBLIC RETURNING TO QUALITY TIRES.

SAYS ALFRED A. AYA

According to Alfred A. Aya, Vice President and Sales Manager of the Columbia Tire Corporation, the motorist public is swinging back to the buying of better grade tires. Mr. Aya has had exceptional opportunities to study the phase of the tire business during the last few months as he has covered 12,000 miles throughout the Northwest calling on dealers who handle C-T-C tires, the product of his company.

"During the last three or four years," says Aya, "there has been a marked tendency for the motorists to 'try out' one make of cheap tires after another in his effort to dodge the rising price of that time. Now, partly because the prices have reduced somewhat he is gradually returning to the practice of buying quality tires. We feel that the C-T-C, a tire bidding for popularity on quality alone, although no higher than any other good tire in price, will ride into immediate demand on this wave of better tire buying. The Columbia Tire Corporation has practically completed its distribution in Oregon and has, as well, strong dealer connections in almost every large city from San Diego to Seattle."

It has also been announced that the Columbia Tire Company, one of the largest tire houses in Seattle, has discontinued three nationally known tire lines to handle the C-T-C tire exclusively. Since the sales development work of the Columbia Tire Corporation has been carried on less

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ated, but the fact that a postoffice box said to have been maintained by Wood was emptied of its contents daily, has led to the belief that he worked with confederates.

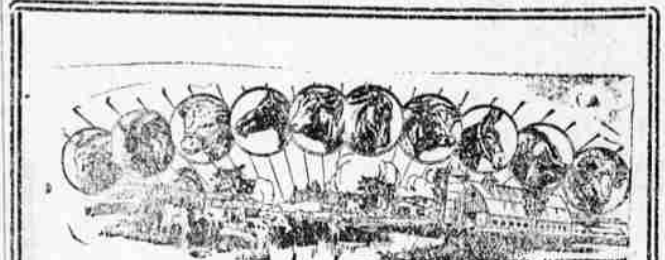
Hope for Revival of Reclamation Interest

PENDLETON, (AP)—Backers of the Teel Irrigation project in the west end of Umatilla county just south of Echo have hopes that interest in the reclamation plans will be revived in the near future. Recently a number of Echo business men interested in the project visited Pendleton and met with the Federated commercial club of the county. This body agreed to back the project after hearing the new plans which call for the building of a large reservoir to hold water in sufficient quantity to irrigate the land affected.

It is the intention of the Echo business men to lay their plans before the governor of Oregon and other state officials in the near future with a view of securing the endorsement of the commonwealth for the project. Sixteen thousand acres of land come under the proposition.

Humans really are superior. The Columbia Record: Girl eloped with a one-armed chauffeur in New York. We fail to see how she enjoyed such a ride.

Muskegon Chronicle: A fairly hard thing to do is make a fortune and to have admitted that he had run around with Miss Fortune at the time the "bureau" from which he operates some time.



Some Livestock on Every Farm

Specialized grain and hay farming without livestock to consume the surplus is like raising livestock without growing any of the feeds which will reduce the cost of producing the animals. Either way puts the scale of profits out of balance and leaves the farmer to face the possibilities of loss on maybe his one and only class of production.

Similarly, milk products are more profitable than producing cattle for slaughter, for it is said the output of dairy products in one year is greater in dollars and cents than the total slaughtered worth of all the cattle in the country.

We are particularly interested here at the La Grande National Bank in the development of permanent and continuous agricultural property, and are always glad to lend assistance in providing the right kind and right quality of livestock for the farmers of this locality. The Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland, November 2 to 10, offers an unparalleled opportunity to study the ways and results of profitable stockraising. It is the greatest gathering together of purebred dairy and beef cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, horses and, also, chickens and rabbits in the entire country. Why not attend this year?



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