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OUR STRENGTH AND SONG—"The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation. He is my God and I will prepare Him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him."—EX. 15:2.

We are sorry for the man without a country—especially when it is spring in the country.

It isn't at all difficult to save a little money. The trouble with most people is that they aren't able to keep it saved.

Spring styles are so confusing—one can hardly remember whether they will wear sleeveless dresses or dressless sleeves.

MISSOURI MUD.

One of the most difficult and unpleasant features of cross-continent tours has been the muddy roads of Missouri. There was the big sate of Missouri, right in the road. It had to be gone through or gone around. Going through it was extremely sticky and unpleasant. Going around it took a long time. But times have changed.

The Trans-Missouri route, extending 265 miles from St. Louis to Kansas City, has just been opened. All of this is pavement except about 60 miles of gravel, passable at all times. Motorists can now drive across Missouri in seven hours. The state has plans for paving 7,640 miles of primary and secondary roads besides.

And such is human nature that, now that the motorist can get across Missouri comfortably in seven hours instead of dragging through in nearer 70, he will undoubtedly stay in the state longer than he needs to, and spend more money there than he did before. He will be glad to enjoy the beauties which he could not see when his mind was concentrated on mud, and will become forevermore a Missouri booster instead of a Missouri knocker. And citizens of the "Show-Me" state are finding that good roads are an investment, not an expense.

AMERICA LEADS IN THE AIR.

After much lamentation regarding American backwardness in air development, here come some surprising facts. Major Lester D. Gardner, editor of Aviation, who has been making a survey of American air activities, declares that this country led the world in commercial aviation during the past year.

Of the pilots and flying companies operating, 344 report that in 1925 they covered altogether 6,823,000 miles. This is three times the distance flown by the United States air mail, which got most of the publicity. It is eight times the total mileage of the British Imperial Airways. Several hundred more pilots, still to be heard from, are expected to bring the year's total up to 10,000,000 miles.

Why, then, the general misunderstanding? The answer is that heretofore the extent of commercial air development in America has not been known because the commercial pilots have not been organized and are not obliged to report to anyone. This is the only country where flying is unregulated. It is also a very large country, in which hundreds of fliers attract little attention.

All this is good to know. And now that American leadership is already assured in the great field of air transportation opened up by American invention and enterprise, it should be easier to go ahead and make it far greater. Adequate regulation and organization are the next steps. The house committee has recommended a more adequate budget for new planes and for a new assistant secretary of war to supervise aviation. It looks as though the army would at last do its part.

Special

For Easter we have a variety of Easter Cakes and Pastries. Come and get some new ideas in Easter Decorations.

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OFFICE CAT By Junius

Maiden lady (to druggist): Is your cold cream good for wrinkles?

Druggist: Madam, it would take the wrinkles out of corrugated iron.

He that marries for beauty alone is like the buyer of cheap furniture—the bargain that caught the eye will not endure the freshest blues.

Sass: Punkinton—Oh, paw! That rich summer boarder writes that he loves the very ground I walk on.

Henry: Punkinton—Does, eh? Well, spouse you spend a day or two at the beach, and you might see a swamp lot. Mebbe I kin stick him for it.

How Fast Can You Say "Bitter"? Betty Botter bought some butter.

"That" she said, "this butter's bitter."

If I put it in my batter it will make my batter bitter.

But a bit of better butter will make a better batter.

So she's bought a bit o' better, better than the bitter better.

And made her batter better bet-ter.

So 'twas better Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter.

"Do you think that Eggars is really kind?" Why, when I gave him a dime, he said, "Thank you, pretty lady."

"He must have been."

Statistics show there is only one bathtub in France for every 800 person. Now we know what they mean by French dry cleaning.

Mr. Blank (about a former employee who is now a competitor): "Why he's a shirper, a thief and a liar, and I taught him all the knows."

A home-to-home canvasser was met at the door by a woman of masculine build and severe countenance.

"Is the boss in?" asked the canvasser timidly. "Yes," she snapped; "I'm him!"

May fall from the sky some day—A manhole cover was hurled more than 200 feet into the air and never returned to the ground—New York World.

Snap—"Why did they throw you out of the radio broadcasting room?"

Snap—"For blowing my nose when the health specialist was making his talk on 'How to keep from catching cold in winter time!'"

Library Receives Gift From Sunday School

COVE (Special)—The library has received a gift of St. Nicholas magazine from the Episcopal Sunday school.

Samuel Keck, for some time a resident of Cove but now of Kansas made a brief visit here this week to his sister, Mrs. J. W. Rollins. Mr. Keck was recently married and with his bride has been touring the western states. They stopped here on route home.

The Junior chamber of commerce served a dinner to the members of the commercial club Monday evening in the domestic science department of the high school.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will have a sale at the library Thursday.

FAVORS BAKER AS MAIL STOP

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 29. (Special)—Baker is in line for becoming a stopping point on the Elko-Pasco air mail route, is the word of Art Walters, who with his 150-horse Curtiss plane, is conducting a flying school in Baker.

Mr. Walters conferred with L. D. Caddelback, head flier in charge of the Boise-Pasco division of the new Elko-Pasco route, at Boise yesterday. The air mail flier learned from Mr. Walters, who is perhaps most familiar with the route between Boise and Pasco, Wash., that the best course to take to insure speed and reliability was by the way of Elgin and Baker, missing La Grande.

Abrupt Rise Handicap—I do not believe that La Grande can hope to become a pick-up point for air mail," Mr. Walters said. "On account of the abrupt rise in altitude north of La Grande over the Blue Mountains, a waste of time would result in taking off, whereas from Baker a direct and descent can be made to clear the mountains."

It was also explained that Baker is nearly midway between the two points of the division serving Baker. It is thought probable that the stop will be made if the quantity of mail from this office proves to justify it. At present time, air mail from Baker must go to Boise by train.

Exercises in dedication of the inauguration of the new Elko, Nevada, to Pasco, Washington, route, will be held at Boise April 6.

MAIL AT PASCO WAITING—PASCO, Wash. (AP)—Mail is accumulating here for the first flight of the Pasco-Boise-Elko airplane mail route, April 6. Much of it consists of mail sent here for routing to sender. In many cases from stamp collectors. From Millburn, N. J., have come 229 pieces for re-mailing, and 50 from San Francisco. One lot is from Philadelphia.

READY FOR FLIGHT, FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—Captain George H. Wilkins, leader of an arctic air expedition, announced, following a successful test flight, that the first airplane trip to the expedition's base at Point Barrow will likely be made Wednesday.

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GROUND COLD; HALT SEEDING

SUMMERVILLE, Ore., Mar. 29. (Special)—While the weather has been ideal here for spring plowing and other work necessary to get the ground in shape, the nights have been cold enough to freeze a crust on the ground, preventing actual seeding on the part of those who are ready. Most ranchers have completed their main plowing. The night freezes have been more noticeable west of town, next to the mountain. S. C. Cantrell reports.

While a large acreage of wheat is to be planted this year, many farmers are planning to alter the crop program as soon as possible. Frank L. Smith plans on putting out about 80 acres of Grimm alfalfa next year, seeding wheat this season only to complete the killing of timothy and weeds.

Portland Theater Will Cost \$700,000; Seat 3500

PORTLAND, Mar. 29. (AP)—Negotiations are in progress for the lease of a block in the Portland downtown district on which it is planned to erect a \$700,000 theater with a seating capacity of 3500, it was learned last night from J. A. Charlesworth, president of the Portland Finance corporation. The block is owned by the Jensen Investment Company.

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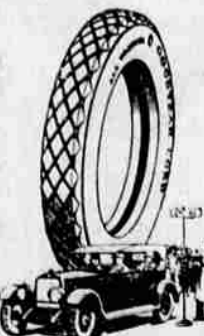
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