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Only one little diamond found after all the canned salmon that's been opened these days is purty slim pickin'. "You bet I went to the circus. We're only young twice," said Tell Binkley, fifty, this mornin'.

Imbler Seniors To Get Diplomas Friday Evening

By Mrs. Frank McKennon (Observer Correspondent)
IMBLER (Special)—This is an exceedingly busy week in the Imbler public school, with some events of special significance for each day or evening. Sunday evening the baccalaureate sermon was delivered before the graduating class by the Rev. J. George Wab of La Grande. Two vocal numbers were given by Paul Knautz and Miss Ezma Baxter.
Last evening the junior-senior weiner roast was held.
This (Tuesday) evening, Prof. and Mrs. King are entertaining the baseball team and the girls of the L. G. S. will have a theater party in La Grande.
Tomorrow evening, a pie social is to be held at Wade hall to which the public is invited.
Thursday is the day of the annual high school picnic.
Friday is a full day with senior class exercises, the annual P. T. A. picnic for the whole school and the formal commencement exercises in the evening. President H. E. Inlow of the Eastern Oregon Normal school is to be the speaker. The graduating class consists of 11 young people from Imbler and surrounding territory.

Lostine Class Gives Program Friday Evening

By Mrs. William Wiggins (Observer Correspondent)
LOSTINE, Ore. (Special)—The "Cat o' Nine Tails" was given Friday evening by the high school in the school auditorium. A large crowd greeted the players who did exceptionally well.
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Prior and William Rollins, of Imbler, were in Lostine Friday on business.
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Goodman and family, of Enterprise, attended the school play here Friday evening.
William Wiggins was able to have the bandages removed from his arm, it being sufficiently recovered from his accident of a month ago.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Crow left Saturday for St. Paul where they will spend a month.
Mr. and Mrs. Arbon Davidson and two children, Mrs. Fern Willett, mother of Mrs. Davidson and Charles Davidson arrived here Saturday from Unionville, Mo. They drove through in a car and expect to make their home here.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Womack and William Womack, of Gardane, came over to spend Mother's day with their mother, Mrs. Millie Womack. They returned home Monday.
Billie Breshers who injured his foot while driving posts, was consulting Dr. Gregory Saturday.
Mrs. J. J. Chapman who has had a very bad foot, does not improve as she should. The injury was caused from a cow stepping on her foot and it has caused her considerable trouble.
Mrs. Nettie Ashley and daughter, of Enterprise, were Sunday visitors at the Foley home.
Edgar Marvin, of Joseph, was in Lostine Wednesday on business.

Mr. Marvin is a patient in the Enterprise hospital.

Mrs. E. M. Pratt is still very ill and the doctor advises a change in climate. They expect to go this week.
Mrs. Mildred Daisly and daughters visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paige Friday and was here for the community club at Mr. Gray's.
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crow visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers near Summerville.
Miss Wanda Myers has spent the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Crow.
Mrs. Charles Knouse will be hostess to the community club at her home up South Fork next Friday.
Prof. Barnholt, of Enterprise, assisted the school orchestra during the evening of the school play.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Davidson and Mrs. Madge went to Enterprise Tuesday to visit at the home of Sam McGee.
Mrs. Clayton Knowell and baby, of Enterprise, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hunter this week.
Mrs. William Wiggins visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hunter this week.
Leonard Wilson who has been all at the Nolan hotel, is able to be out again.
Mrs. Irvin Whitmore is recovering from the flu. She has been quite ill.
Mrs. Arch Willett, of La Grande, came over Thursday to attend the high school play.
Mrs. Asa Craig, of Enterprise, visited for several days with her mother, Mrs. Ella McKinnie.
Mrs. D. H. Magill, Mrs. J. J. Chapman, Mrs. Fern Williamson and Ruby Leonard went to Smith mountain for the picnic given the school by Mrs. Sanford Chapman.
Mrs. Stockdale, of Portland,

came in Tuesday to take possession of a piece of property here but changed her mind. However, she is still contemplating purchasing property in Lostine.

RACKETEER IS SHOT DOWN IN CICERO, ILL.

CHICAGO, May 21 (AP)—A man partially identified as John Hand, alleged racketeer with a long record, was found shot to death in an automobile in Cicero, a suburb, early today. Hand was questioned after the slaying of "Blk Tim" Murphy, notorious labor leader and racketeer, last year.
Hand was at liberty on bond pending an appeal from his recent conviction in the federal court for violating the Sherman anti-trust law. He was one of the defendants charged with and convicted of intimidating candy jobbers into joining an alleged racketeer organization. He has a long record as a racketeer, police said.
Hand had been shot once through the neck.

TIGER CLAWS CIRCUS MAN

PORTLAND, May 21 (AP)—With his arm amputated below the elbow, Douglas Grizzard, 23, cage man with the A. G. Barnes circus, was in a hospital here today suffering severely from shock and loss of blood. His arm was horribly mangled yesterday when a Bengal tiger clawed and chomped it as Grizzard was petting the animal through the bars of its cage. Amputation of the arm was necessary.

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Although not absolute the school district census in the various communities of Oregon is indicative of population to a large extent. The figures published recently in the Oregon Voter give Baker 2690 children of school age, Pendleton 1825, La Grande 2833, Bend 2859, The Dalles 1907, Klamath Falls 3397, Union 508, Elgin 249, North Powder 211. With the exception of Klamath Falls, La Grande has the largest school enrollment of any city east of the Cascades.

THE OREGON TRAIL NEEDS MONEY

The road over the Blue mountains between La Grande and Pendleton is in the worst condition it has ever been since construction, considering that no particular stretch has gone out. It is simply worn down under heavy traffic until small holes have appeared in the old oiled surface, making driving anything but a pleasure.

We refer particularly to those portions of the road now under repair—though badly needing it. From Kamela to the top of Cabbage hill the highway is being resurfaced, with much of it entirely rebuilt last year following the spring breakup. This section, when completed this season, will provide an excellent road, but will serve to emphasize the pressing need for rebuilding the remainder, especially from Kamela this way. In addition to being rough and full of holes that cannot be patched effectively, it needs to be widened and straightened.

No one realizes this better than the highway engineers, and the members of the highway commission have had this stretch of the Old Oregon Trail very much in mind for many months. But little has been done so far to correct it. The next to the most important highway in the entire state and carrying a traffic load that should make it a primary consideration, the Trail needs money spent on it this year and needs it badly. With excellent state highways our greatest asset in attracting outsiders and with this road the most natural and direct route into Oregon from the east, failure to improve it immediately will be damaging to the state as a whole as well as Eastern Oregon.

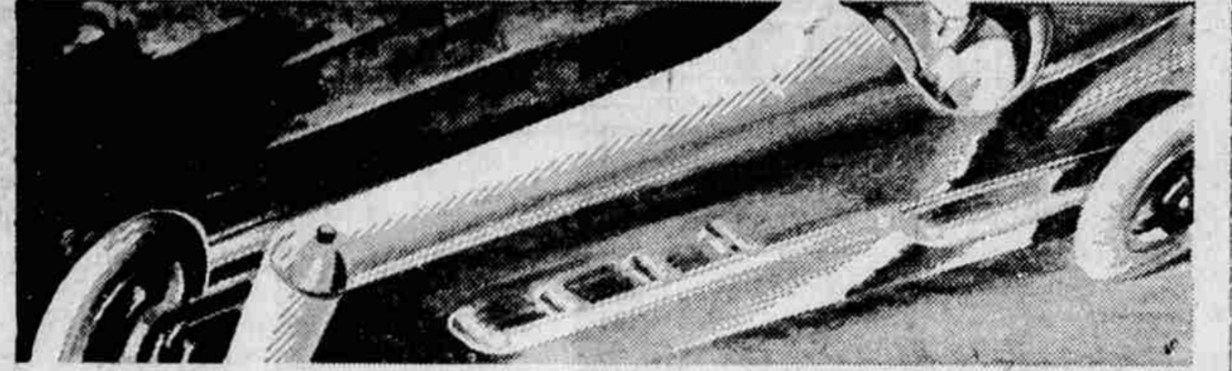
The whole trouble is money. So many projects are under way, so many roads need repair and maintenance, and so much interest and principal is required at this peak time of debt payment that there is little or nothing left to take care of this important cross-state highway. The one way that money could be provided for this and other important projects is being evaded by the highway commission—or has been thus far. It has the authority to issue additional bonds to carry the highway system over this period of three or four years when payments of present bonds and interest are at the highest point. A million dollars a year additional would take care of such needs as this Oregon Trail rebuilding and would hurry the completion of the entire system.

But the highway commissioners haven't agreed on that program yet. They are either too fearful of the public reaction to a few more bonds or are too little informed about the highway needs—and we know the latter isn't true. In any event they are apparently willing to get along on present revenues for road work—decreased as they are by bond retirement and interest demands—and give the state bad or mediocre highways in some sections when good highways would pay for themselves.

Oregon people are sold on good highways and are, in the great majority, perfectly content and anxious that they be kept good so long as the license fees and gas tax carry the burden. Additional bonds to the extent of a million a year at this crucial time would not burden anyone a penny more than they now pay, would simply permit construction work now instead of four or five years from now. We hope the highway commission will yet see the economy of such a policy. Road building and maintenance costs money but certainly Oregon has demonstrated to the world and to her own satisfaction that it is money well spent.

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