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### HIGHWAY TUNNEL IS LATEST PLAN

#### State Expects to go 1,300 Feet Under Hancock Mountain, Near Elkton

SALEM, Ore., July 19 (AP)—Plans for construction of a 1,300-foot tunnel under Hancock mountain, east of Elkton, Douglas county, on the Umpqua highway, have been revealed by the state highway department. Cost of the project is estimated at \$100,000. Although construction of the tunnel is not to begin this year, it probably will not be undertaken next year, says Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer, who is on the program for "future development" and will be started just as soon as possible.

Since the Umpqua highway extending from Drain to Reedsport is not a state road, the state does not participate in the cost of future construction, or improvements now in progress, but the state department furnishes the engineering as it is required by law to do. Cooperating in the cost are the government, the Umpqua highway improvement district and Douglas county.

Says Motorists 150 Miles

At present the highway crosses Hancock mountain 450 feet high. The tunnel will eliminate the 400 rise and fall and will save motorists a mile and a half. It will be at the site of a tunnel proposed by the Southern Pacific company when that railroad began construction of a line to Coos Bay along Elk creek and Umpqua river in 1907. At that time the proposed tunnel was opened into the mountain about 100 feet at the east portal.

The highway department announced the grading contract for the ten-mile unit of the Umpqua highway immediately west of Drain is about 60 per cent complete and it should be entirely finished by September 30, this year. This work will peak and Emerson of Hoquiam, Wash. cost \$155,000, and is being done by the surfacing of this unit, a cruised rock job is under contract to A. S. Wallace of Roseburg at a contract bid of \$105,000. The contractor has set up his plant and will begin spreading rock about July 25. Surfacing will not be complete until July 30, 1931.

East of Scottsburg on the same highway a contract was let last March 27 to Harmon & Tuttle of Eugene for the grading of a 4.4-mile stretch at a contract cost of \$95,000. This will be completed by Oct. 31, 1930. On this unit a separate contract was awarded to C. A. Catching of Roseburg for construction of a number of small bridges and culverts at a total cost of \$22,100. These will be completed by August 31 this year.

Provides Water Grade

A 16-mile section between Reedsport and Scottsburg was graded and surfaced a few years ago as a forest highway project and a bridge across the Umpqua to replace the old trestle was completed last year at a cost of \$86,000.

The Umpqua highway is 35 miles long, connecting the Pacific highway with the Hoosier coast highway. When completed it will give practically a water grade between the Pacific highway and the coast, since it will not be necessary to cross the Coast Range mountains.

The Umpqua highway is interesting both historically and scenically. Tidewater on Umpqua river extends as far as Scottsburg which has the distinction of having been the territory postoffice established in Oregon. In early days small boats came up the river as far as Scottsburg where supplies for mining camps and settlements of Southern Oregon were transferred from boats to pack horses. It was at the mouth of the Umpqua that the Federal Smith party was massacred by Indians.

Now that he has some, it is fairly safe to say that he will be in the market for some more. In fact, it is freely predicted that now that he has been bitten by the buy, he will spend millions of dollars in the future purchasing more incunabula.

**OLD BIBLES**

Incunabula is nothing more than rare printed things. Or, to be more precise, books and other printed things that were produced before the year 1500.

A German by the name of Dr. Otto Volbehr arrived in this country not so long ago with his collection.

Among these 3,000 pieces was a Bible, printed in Latin and on vellum by Johann Gutenberg somewhere in the period between 1450 and 1455. It is one of the three perfect copies known to have survived.

Ross Collins, a member of congress from Mississippi, took a look at this Gutenberg Bible, and was so impressed with it and the other pieces in Dr. Volbehr's collection, that he promptly introduced a bill calling on the government to buy the collection and have it placed in the Library of Congress.

All agreed that it would be a tragedy to permit the collection to pass into other hands. But at the same time they debated the wisdom of Uncle Sam joining the army of collectors of rarities.

**EXPENSIVE BUY**

The library of Congress always has been slow to purchase those things where rarity is the chief factor.

Not so long ago a notable Chinese collection was secured, which some thought very near to being valuable from the collector's standpoint rather than from the standpoint of use.

Study of this collection has revealed that important information bearing on the history of the United States which will likely prove of great benefit to farmers.

So, despite the fact this collection cost more than 10 times what the library gets each year for the purchase of books, congress voted to buy it.

is turning out better than was first expected. While some of the farmers report a lighter crop, others say they have even larger crops than last year, which will bring the average up to about normal.

The wet weather of the past week has ripened the fall grain considerably and some of it is turning quite yellow in the lower valley.

During the past week Joseph has experienced the warmest weather of the season. The warmest day was Sunday when the thermometer reached 89 degrees, which is quite warm for Joseph. A thunder shower came on Monday afternoon, causing everyone out to run for shelter, but it lasted only a very few minutes and the ground was dry again almost as soon as it stopped raining. While a good rain would help the spring grain, especially that on unirrigated land, it would do unlimited damage to the hay as most of the hay around Joseph is still down in the field. The last couple of days have been several degrees cooler and Thursday a cool north wind blew most all day. It is much more agreeable weather but the farmers are fearing a freeze now which might damage the grain.

Misses Joan and Marion Pidcock, daughters of Engineer Pidcock, of La Grande, are visiting relatives in Enterprise this week.

Mrs. Welthy Mitchell and Mrs. Frank Goswami were shopping in Enterprise Wednesday.

Combining business with pleasure Mr. and Mrs. Roy Varney, Mrs. Varney's mother, Mrs. Wm. Conrad and brother, Vernie, of Joseph, made a trip to Flora Sunday returning the same day. All were former residents of Flora and Mrs. Conrad was looking after her old home there, which she still owns.

Lady Luck was surely smiling on Arne Lynch and friends of Enterprise Saturday night. They were returning from the dance at Wallowa lake in a coupe owned and driven by Arne Lynch, when the glare of another car and the dust caused him to drive off the road, near the lower end of the lake. Their car struck a telephone pole, otherwise they would have gone down into the lake. It might have been a very serious accident as the bank is very high and steep there. The car was damaged a little but no one hurt.

Friends of Miss Pauline Muxoll have recently learned of her marriage July 3 to W. E. Longstreet, of Tillamook, Wash. Mrs. Longstreet is the daughter of Mrs. John Muxoll, of Joseph, and has been employed in Olympia and Tillamook since about the first of April, while Mr. Longstreet was formerly a traffic officer in Enterprise. They will make their home at Tillamook, Wash.

Glen Robinson made a business trip to Portland last week.

The Bales families, of Enterprise and friends from Portland and Missions were in La Grande last week. The Bales family were from Bronaugh, Mo.

Hal Ogan, of Joseph, who has been attending the citizen's Military Camp at Vancouver, Wash. is the proud owner of several marksmanship medals. He has been chosen to represent that camp at Camp Perry, Ohio, where the Ninth corps Area, C. M. T. C. rifle team takes part in the national matches from August 25 to Sept. 15.

A good many of the Joseph residents are now camping at the head of the lake, enjoying the cool weather which always exists up there.

Ellis Leslie, of La Grande, is visiting his friend, Harry Dawson, in Joseph this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Russel and children and Mrs. Russel's sister, Edith and Eunice Hanby, of Vale, Oregon, are camping at the Wallowa lake. The Hanby's lived on the C. E. Lewis place two or three years ago.

Mrs. Leona Olson and daughter, Jean, of Lewiston, arrived Wednesday at the W. E. Chapman home for a week or ten days visit. Mrs. Olson is Mr. Chapman's daughter.

Mrs. S. A. Foster, of Parma, Idaho, came to Joseph Wednesday to visit relatives and friends here.

### 47 Per Cent Of Oregon Untaxed Federal Land

SALEM, July 19 (AP)—About 47 per cent of Oregon's total area of 96,989 square miles is untaxed land owned by the federal government or the state, the state tax commissioner revealed. Of this untaxed area about 14,463,411 acres are federal timber lands and 661,594 acres are state owned school lands.

The only financial benefit accruing to the public from the federal owned lands is 25 per cent of the government's revenues from rentals and grazing fees paid by stockmen to whom some of the lands are leased. This cut is allowed the state, and in turn the state apportions the entire 25 per cent to the counties in proportion to the area of government land in the respective counties. Last year the 25 per cent amounted to \$263,000. The public does not benefit from the state owned lands until such times as they are sold when the proceeds go into the irrevocable school fund, which now aggregates around \$7,000,000. The interest from the invested school fund is apportioned to the counties according to their population of persons of from 4 to 20 years of age which is considered school age.

Originally the school lands, comprising the 16th and 36th sections of each township, ceded to the state by the government for school purposes, aggregated 2,677,822 acres. Sales since the state entered statehood in 1859 have totaled 2,016,228 acres.

Other untaxed lands are those of public parks, colleges, churches and hospitals.

Wealthy Woman—Do you do housework?  
Hulda—No.  
Wealthy Woman (exasperated)—Well, what in the world can you do?  
Hulda (grinning)—I can milk reindeer.

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Well—Mamie, you look downhearted.  
Mamie—Yes, I wish I were or married. Preferably the latter.

There is probably more hard work and less hard cash in farming than in any other vocation.

He—I just learned a new dance step. Are you folks at home?  
She—Why, no. Why?  
He—Come on, I'll show it to you.

The Suitor: "You're a dear sweet girl. God bless you and keep you. I wish I could afford to."

Adam and Eve were the first farmers, and they got into trouble by listening to a fake farm relief theory.

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### Mrs. W. D. Beith Celebrates Her 83rd Birthday

By Leona Thornburg (Observer Correspondent)

**JOSEPH, Ore. (Special)**—Over 30 Joseph women gathered at the home of Mrs. W. D. Beith last Friday to help celebrate the 83rd birthday of Miss Mary Gwilliam. Miss Gwilliam has lived in Wallowa county for 54 years and despite her age, she still raises every year a large garden, and a number of chickens which she cares for herself. Miss Gwilliam came here from Herefordshire, England, when just a young woman and has never been back, although she still has relatives there.

Misses Gladys and Gustie Sprague, who have been spending their vacation at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sprague, of Joseph, have left for Portland where they will visit a few days before returning to Los Angeles, Cal. They have been employed in Los Angeles for the past two or three years.

Mrs. Loreta Smith, of Wallace, Idaho, is visiting with relatives in Joseph.

Walter Scott, of Upper Prairie creek, has been ill with hay fever the past week. He has been working in the hay field for Bill Conrad.

Many carloads of people both young and old, have been passing through Joseph on their way to Wallowa lake to attend the Boy Scouts League institute, which began there Monday. So far over 200 young people have enrolled, most of them from Idaho and Oregon.

Mrs. Frank Larson, and baby son, of Lewiston, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gibson, of Joseph, returned to her home Thursday.

The hay crop in the Joseph vicinity

### Chats With Parents

**THE PARENTS' POWER**  
By Alice Judson Peate

Everyone who thinks about such things knows that the person who holds the child's love is the one who most easily and profoundly influences his conduct.

It is because of this that even those fathers and mothers who keep rather little of their children keep their prestige with them. This power which a parent possesses he of course uses his best to use in a constructive way.

Often, however, through factors of which he is entirely unconscious, he turns it to the worst possible account. A child may be able to dismiss the ill-tempered outbursts of a parent without permitting it to cast over his mood more than a temporary shadow. A parent's irritability is another matter.

Only the most insensitive child can come from an unhappy scene with his father or mother without carrying with him a good deal of distressing emotions which in turn react upon his conduct. The nervousness, anxiety, or instability of temperament which may characterize a parent are sure to find an echo in the child.

It is because of this close emotional relationship between parent and child that a mother possesses, at once, a great advantage and a great disadvantage. She can so easily influence both for good and ill.

Her smile, her interest, may release unsuspected talents. Her disapproval may lock the door of the brightest possibilities. The mistakes which she makes are far more difficult to eradicate than those which anyone else may perpetrate.

She must be careful never to exploit her power for her own ends or the convenience or impulse of the moment.

### In Washington

By Herbert Plummer

**WASHINGTON**—Only once or twice during a session of congress do senators and representatives inaugurate a brand new policy for the country.

Most of their work consists in debating old ones—a broadening here, a cutting down there.

But the congress which has just passed into history did start one—one that is entirely new, and one that is likely to have a far-reaching effect in the years to come on the cultural status of the country.

It bought \$1,500,000 worth of incunabula.

Incunabula is rare stuff. There's a lot of it in the British Museum, in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris, and in private collections over the world, but up until now Uncle Sam has had very little.



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### ARE YOU EDUCATED?

Is it not time we had a restatement of our definition of education? Possibly we are asking things of the person we call educated which we have no right to demand of him.

In the days of Oliver Goldsmith the tendency was to look on the educated as a super-intellectual, and he confessed a desire "amidst the swains to show my book-learned skill," and pictured the country boys listening to the schoolmaster speaking in "words of learned length and thundering sound; and still they gazed, and still the wonder grew that one small head could carry all he knew."

The things to be known have increased greatly since then, so that even Goldsmith's village master might not be considered remarkable. From the present store of knowledge, the schools select certain subjects which experience has demonstrated are most helpful in fitting boys and girls for their future vocation.

Only a part of what we learn is remembered, but in the study of the various subjects we develop the brain to quick and accurate thinking, and that quality is one of the first essentials of an educated person.

### POSSESSED OF DEVILS

During the past twelve years our people have been startled by the many crimes of a ruthless character which have occurred in our country. The Scriptural phrase "possessed of devils" seems to come nearer describing the state of mind of some of our criminals than any words in our own language.

In many cases moral standards and moral sense have apparently been eliminated from the thinking of persons of a supposedly higher type than the professional social outlaws. The crimes have been not so much an expression of immorality as of amorality—which is the absence of the sixth sense, differentiating a civilized man from a beast.

To correct this situation it is incumbent on parents, teachers and all right-thinking persons to set the correct example for the younger generations, and to instruct them in right living, so that they will continue "morally straight" throughout their lives.

### APPRECIATION

When one has had an opportunity to view the wonderful Grande Ronde valley, after traveling through a less favored part of the country, it is possible to visualize the relief and joy that must have been experienced by the early settlers who first came to this section and looked upon the wide expanse of plain, so beautifully spread out between the mountains.

Especially to one accustomed to the low hills and rolling prairies of the middlewest, the mountains are always an inspiring sight, and while it is often said that those who spend their lives in one locality grow callous to even the most beautiful surroundings, it is evident that, from expressions made by so many of the residents, that condition does not exist in this community.

The Grande Ronde valley is truly a beautiful place, and one in which all should find inspiration to make the most of their lives in whatever sphere of usefulness they are called upon to labor.

### Health Talks

**THE FAMILY ICE BOX**  
The great English philosopher, Francis Bacon, was the first to show that cold is a food preservative.

History records that his last experiment consisted in filling a chicken with snow and thus keeping it from spoiling.

This experiment cost him his life for it is said that because of exposure he caught cold, and soon thereafter died.

Bacon's "mortal experiment," however, has since been the means for saving an untold number of lives, particularly of young lives.

Mankind has long known how to preserve his spare foods. Smoking, pickling, drying and like methods were employed since the earliest times in history. Preservation by cold, however, is in many respects superior to those previously employed.

Cold neither adds nor takes away any of the constituents of the food. It doesn't alter the natural taste, nor affect its flavor.

Neither the nutritional value nor yet the digestibility of food is affected by cold. The vitamin content is little, if at all altered. Cold keeps food in a condition closely approximating its fresh state.

Food may be cold stored in deep cellars, wells and the like. But the most common and probably best household storage is in the ice box.

To be safe and effective the temperature in the ice box should not rise above 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Few ice box temperatures however reach this low point. Most of them are in the vicinity of 20 degrees Fahrenheit. This is not a safe temperature.

The household ice box should be placed in a cool spot, away from the sun, and kitchen stove. Care should be taken to see that doors are close fitting, and not left ajar, or opened unnecessarily. The ice chest should be kept clean and dry.

Cold does not sterilize, it merely arrests bacterial growth. An imperfect and inefficient ice box is dangerous through the false sense of security which it engenders.