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WHY NOT PAVE ROAD?

One of the things that this city needs is a better road to Medford. Two years ago when the bonds were voted for \$500,000, it was distinctly understood that lateral highways were to be built connecting outlying districts with the Pacific Highway and among other improvements promised was a "good road" between this city and Medford, a promise that so far has not been fulfilled.

The roadbed is of crushed rock and gravel, constructed several years ago at a considerable expense and would serve as an excellent foundation for a concrete pavement, no expensive charges for grade, etc. would be required. Why not use part of the road fund to hard surface this road? There is only about five miles of it and of all the roads in the county this is the one most deserving of improvement.

When the New Year Arrives

At certain periods of the year there are certain diseases that sweep the country. In the spring influenza afflicts mankind; in the summer, rose fever, and in the early autumn the hay feverites snuffle and mangle the English language. But with the beginning of the year an epidemic of a disease of the most virulent sort spreads over the civilized world, causing ninety-nine out of a hundred of its inhabitants to raise their right hands involuntarily and swear by all that's holy they will hold fast to the straight and narrow path forever and forever.

The symptoms of the disease are always the same. It is better and more generally known than the common cold; it is more regular in its appearance, and more persons suffer from it than from any other affliction, yet physicians and bacteriologists have never found a remedy or isolated its germ. This microbe, once taken into the system, can never be eliminated. The same victims suffer from it year after year, and each year end hundreds of thousands of new sufferers join the ranks.

The disease first makes its appearance in December. A victim beams beatifically around a poker table and announces, "Well, boys, I swear off on the 1st."

Jan. 1 arrives. Simultaneously several hundred million persons rise, yawn and glance at the calendar. Involuntarily the muscles of the right arm contract, elevating that member toward the ceiling. In a state of temporary stupor the victim voices good intentions. Some of the more serious cases even rush off to a notary public to record these thoughts in black and white and pay said notary \$5. The stupor is attended by either a lapse of memory or a distorted mentality. In the first case the victim has entirely forgotten his attack of the year before; in the second he says, as he has

GOOD BYE, 1915

To our Friends and Patrons everywhere, Greetings:-

May the twelfth stroke of the chimes, as at midnight they usher in the New Year, 1916, bring to you

A year of Joy and Usefulness, A year of Health and Happiness A year of Prosperity and Peace.

For your kind patronage in the years that have passed we most heartily and sincerely thank you and hoping to merit your esteemed favors during 1916, we beg to remain

Your Friends,

Taylor - Williams Co.

The People's Store, where

"Where the World is Growing Better"

Jacksonville,

Oregon

PHONE 112.

Strange Charms of the Desert.

A playa is a shallow, flat-floored depression characteristic of valleys having no regular drainage to the sea, in which storm waters collect and evaporate—a wet and dry lake. It may be a shallow lake or a salt-incrusted mud flat.

In his description of the prehistoric Lake Lahontan, in the Great Basin, the late I. C. Russell, of the United States Geological Survey, writes:

"The scenery on the larger playas is peculiar and is usually desolate in the extreme but is not without its charm. In crossing these wastes the traveler may ride for miles over a perfectly level floor, with an unbroken sky line before him and not an object in sight to cast a shadow on the ocean-like expanse. Mirages, which may be seen every day on these heated deserts, give strange fanciful forms to the mountains and sometimes transfigure them beyond recognition. A pack train crossing the desert a few miles distant may appear like some strange caravan of grotesque beasts fording a shallow lake, the shores of which advance as one rides away. The monotony of midday on the desert is thus broken by elusive forms that are ever changing and suggest a thousand fancies which divert the attention from the fatigues of the journey. The cool evenings and mornings in these arid regions, when the purple shadows of distant mountains are thrown across the plain, have a charm that is unknown beneath more humid skies, and the profound stillness of the night in these solitude is always impressive." (U. S. Geological Survey.)

Preparedness For War.

(The following article from the Buffalo Evening News was published in the Army and Navy Register of Jan. 1, 1916. The Col. H. H. Sargent mentioned is a well-known resident of Jacksonville, Editor.)

While the need for a powerful Navy and an adequate Army has been forcefully brought home to the United States by the European war, yet the dangers of the situation have not been suddenly revealed. For years military and naval writers have pointed to our helplessness and have urged proper means of defense.

Among the pioneers was the world-famous author, Admiral Mahan, whose books are full of allusions to the subject. Colonel H. H. Sargent should also be given credit for having warned his fellow countrymen. In his great study "The Campaign of Santiago," issued by A. C. McClurg & Co. nearly ten years since, he discusses in detail the military policy of the United States, shows the necessity for increased armaments, and predicts that at no distant date the nation will be brought to a sudden realization of its military and naval needs.

"When did your boy Josh pass his examinations?" "I dunno exactly," replied Farmer Corntosser; "but I reckon it must have been when nobody was looking."—Washington Star.

The World's Anxiety.

Some thousands of men are dying daily along the battle fronts of Europe and Asia; some thousands of women's hearts are breaking daily behind the battle lines, some thousands of children are going to bed supperless in the homes made desolate by the mighty war, and the shadow of the black throne on which Despair sits draws its veil over all those lands, from palace to the low peasant's shed. Indeed that shadow fills the world and the hearts of men are heavy with it everywhere.

Each power is accusing the others for the responsibility of the long drawn-out mighty tragedy, but either Russia or Austria or Germany or Great Britain might have prevented it. Behind it all there was a commercial lust, a lust for power, a land lust, the envy and jealousy of rulers, and the ancient hates that for years had been urging it on.

The war has been raging now for nearly seventeen months. In poetry and prose gifted writers will be trying in vain for a hundred years to come to depict its unspeakable horrors, every means of destruction has been resorted to, but if any one of the powers engaged can point to any real advantage thus far gained, the outside world cannot see it.

Their cities are filled with cripples; their multitudinal hospitals with the wounded and dying; their asylums filled with men whose minds have been shattered by its horrors; their future for centuries to come will be but a struggle under an insurmountable debt.

Why do they not in unison call a halt? "Has judgment fled to brutish beasts" and have "men lost their reason?" Perhaps, one reason, officials of the affected industries have made no effort to have the government take measures to prevent the spread of this New Year's disease to the younger generation, and to try to effect its cure in the case of present victims is that with recovery comes an increased addiction to the articles in question. This is another generally recognized symptom and is a secondary and psychological effect rather than a primary and physical.

In from five minutes to one week, statistics show, the disease usually runs its course. The victim becomes himself again. He draws himself to his full height, voices the thought, "Aw, what's the use?" and resumes his normal mode of life with renewed ardor. If he's a smoker he smokes more often for a few days; then gradually habits become normal until the next attack gives a new impetus. This is shown by the consumption of cigars. During the first few days of January fewer are smoked than at any time during the entire year. The consumption gradually increases as patients recover and reaches its maximum Jan. 8, after which is a gradual falling off to normal.—Albany Knickerbocker-Press.

Ten Inches at Montezano

Montezano, Wash., Jan. 3.—Snow began to fall at 3 o'clock this morning and 10 inches fell by 10 a. m., and still snowing heavily from the east.



THIS YEAR IT WILL BE DIFFERENT!

and almost every year of his life: "Oh, this year it will be different. I'm not going to bust 'em this time." This is the crisis of the disease; now comes the slow recovery.

So many persons suffer in this country from the disease that it might almost be called a national question. Its seriousness lies in the effect upon some of the largest industries of the country. Manufacturers of expensive feminine apparel, clear stores, hundreds of other institutions that give our country its envied reputation of being progressive and enterprising, a land of big business and mammoth industries, are hit and hit hard. The fact that in most cases the recovery is exceedingly rapid is the only redeeming feature. Few of the resolution makers have been known to remain in dreamland later than noon of Jan. 1.

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Pope's Welcome to New Year. It is the universal custom among the Jesuits to hold New Year's eve services in their churches and chapels throughout the world. At the Gesù church, in Rome, the pope always attends the service in person. The service consists of "The Misereere" and the benediction.

Where to Register.

Partial list of Election Precincts and official registrars appointed.

Applegate, Gladys A. Rose, Applegate, Oregon; Butte Falls, E. E. Smith, Butte Falls, Oregon; North and South Central Point, J. W. Jacobs, Central Point, Oregon; Climax, James Kershaw, Willen, Oregon; Derby, Frank R. Neil, Prospect, Oregon; Eagle Point, J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point, Oregon; Footh Creek, G. W. Mathews, Gold Hill, Oregon; Griffin Creek, W. S. Hammond, Medford, Ore. R. F. D.; Gold Hill, J. T. Smith, Gold Hill, Oregon; North and South Jacksonville, County Clerk, Court House, Perrydale, El. Janey, Jackson Co. Abstract Office; East and West Phoenix, A. H. Fisher, Phoenix, Oregon; Sam Valley, M. E. Gardner, Sam Valley, Oregon; Sterling, Mrs. Emma Gibson, Jacksonville, Ore; East and West Talent, E. B. Adams, Talent, Oregon; Union, Mrs. Anna Rauch, Oregon; Watkins, J. C. Burton, Applegate, Oregon.

Timber Company's Land May Go into Reserve.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Senator Simmons has introduced his bill to take the National Forest lands formerly owned by the Lumber and Timber Company, and to set aside some of the lands in the State of Oregon to be set aside for a public building.

Huerta's Not in Immediate Danger.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 5.—General Victoriano Huerta was declared no longer in immediate danger by his parole from a tapping operation to relieve him of fluid in the intestinal tract due to jaundice.

Arrested After 12 Year Search.

Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—George W. Roche was arrested here last night on a charge of embezzling 12 years ago, \$1200 from the Omaha postoffice while employed as a money order clerk. Roche has admitted the theft of \$50, the police say. He was taken into custody in Denver in 1911, it was said, but broke away from the sensitive officer and made his escape while being taken to the police station. Before coming to Los Angeles, Roche lived in Fresno, where he married in August.

Junction City Store Is Looted by Burglars.

Junction City, Ore., Jan. 5.—The store of Parkhurst & Jones, here deal-

ers in electrical supplies and bicycle sundries, was entered by burglars Monday night and robbed. There were 75 pocket knives, five razors and two watches taken. Entrance to the building was gained by breaking the rear window. There is no clue to the guilty parties.

29 PAROLED MEN OUT OF 94 VIOLATE PLEDGE

17 Have Been Returned to Penitentiary and 3 Serve Terms in California.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 5.—Since Governor Withcombe was inaugurated 94 prisoners have been paroled from the penitentiary on the recommendation of the parole board, and of that number 29 have violated their paroles, according to the annual report of Captain Keller, parole officer. Of those who violated their paroles 17 have been returned.

2500 Cases of Typhus in Capital of Mexico.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 5.—There were 241 cases of typhus in Mexico City and its suburbs during December, with 215 deaths in the city, according to an official communication received by the American consulate today. There are at present, says the report about 2500 cases in the city and suburbs. The report says that the medical and sanitary corps are now adequate to handle the situation.

Explosion of Engine Hurls Man Into Well.

Klamath Falls, Ore., Jan. 5.—Following a mysterious explosion which wrecked the Southern Pacific pumping station at Mount Hebron, Cal., last night, the body of Albert Shetler, aged 90, in charge of the plant, was found in a well this morning. He had been blown there by the explosion, which is believed to have been caused from the engine. The force of the explosion was so great that it blew a hole in the concrete wall of the house. A coroner's inquest will be held today. Shetler was for years a Southern Pacific employe on the Shasta division.

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We have on hand for sale the following blanks viz: Lease, Mortgage, Bill of Sale, Agreements, Warranty Deeds, Quit Claim Deeds, Chattel Mortgage, Acknowledgments, Real Estate contract, Location Notice—Pincer, Location Notice—Quartz, Satisfaction of Mortgage, Real Estate Agent's Report, At reasonable prices. We intend adding other blanks as fast as possible until the line is complete. Blanks of special form printed to order at short notice.

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FARMERS' AND HOME-MAKERS' WEEK and RURAL LIFE CONFERENCES January 3 to 8, 1916. Live Information, Practical Help for the Home, the Farm, the Community. Conventions of Oregon's Greatest Industries. Conferences on Oregon's Most Vital Problems. LECTURES—DEMONSTRATIONS—EXHIBITIONS—ENTERTAINMENTS. Two thousand people attended last year. It is a great place to work, play, with like-minded and live thoughts, good friends, and good work. WINTER SHORT COURSE January 10 to February 4, 1916. A Practical Agricultural Course to a Nut Shell. Applied Science in Actual Work of the Farm and Household. Courses in FERTILIZING, FARM CROPS, SOILS, STOCK RAISING, DAIRY WORK, POULTRY RAISING, GARDENING, COOKING, SEWING, HOUSEHOLD ARTS, HOME REPAIRING, BUSINESS METHODS, ROAD BUILDING, FARM ENGINEERING, RURAL ORGANIZATIONS, MARKETING. Correspondence Courses Without Tuition. Detailed instruction in Music. For program write to The College Exchange, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis. (15-12-1 to 1-1)

Will Pave More Roads.

Chick's, Wash., Jan. 5.—The county commissioners of Lewis county have decided to pave two more miles of the Pacific highway. One stretch of road is to be paved in the Paradise country first, on the north, extending north paving already completed, and another is the addition of another mile to the pavement east of Chehalis.