

Overhead in Bad Shape.

The Tolo overhead crossing is getting in pretty bad shape and it behooves drivers to slow down if they do not care for a real healthy bump. The approaches on both sides are settling and the pavement is sinking. The pavement on the Gold Hill end of the overhead is broken pretty bad and several feet of the hard surface has been removed entirely leaving dirt road. A crew of men are busy setting the posts for a fence along the steep side of the Blackwell hill grade on the Medford side. This will save careless drivers the trouble of digging their cars out of the brush down the mountain side.—Gold Hill News.

JUST DISAPPEAR, THAT'S ALL

English Newspaper Points Out How Easy It Is to Become "Talk of the Town."

Any inhabitant of any English village can make himself the "talk of the town" if he will only go away from it suddenly without leaving any address. There is no person of any consequence too dull, too harmless, or too respectable to become the hero of any imaginary crime or good deed if only he will disappear. In a moment he is a center of romance.

If he came back incognito at the end of the proverbial "nine days," which means of course a much longer time than a week and a half, he would not recognize the highly colored portrait which would be shown him of himself. What did he ever do, he might wonder, to be thought so bad or so good, so strange or so silly? There is no reputation which could stand up unaccountable departure.

Such a vague heading as "Disappearance of a Lady" obviously attracts many readers or we should not see it so often in the public press. Of course, if it can be made a little more definite, and the disappeared person's birthplace, daily work, or social condition can be particularized, the romantic instinct of the multitude is even more certain to be awakened. The notion that someone has not been buried, though every evidence is there to prove that he or she has died, is a recurrent source of squalid romance.—London Times.

MOUNTAINS AFFECT BIRD LIFE

Andes Said to Be Responsible for Number of Species Found in South America.

The richness of South American bird-life is due to the presence of the Andes more than to any other one thing. It is the absence of great mountain chains in Africa, which accounts for the comparatively small numbers of species of birds in that continent. From base to summit, four distinct zones of life—tropical, subtropical, temperate and alpine—are found in the higher Andes, and each zone has species which are confined to it.

It is not only the height of the Andes which affects bird life. In places, for hundreds of miles, this gigantic range may appear as two or three chains, each not less than 10,000 or 11,000 feet in height, and these climatic walls are as impassable to the species living in the tropical or subtropical valleys; they inclose as though they extended to the zenith. Isolation is, therefore, added to the factors of climate and sedimentariness in the making of the species, and the three combined have produced a greater variety of bird life than is found in any area of similar extent in the world. The American museum of natural history inaugurated in 1911 a biological survey of the Andean region with particular reference to its bird life. As a result of the collections and field studies made, the museum is now in possession of large collections and data from the more northern part of the chain.

Weather Report

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer E Britt; Jacksonville, for month of November, Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

Date	maximum	minimum	Precip.
1	53	24	
2	55	28	
3	56	38	
4	49	31	.16
5	46	32	.04
6	45	24	
7	52	26	
8	52	25	
9	54	24	
10	50	28	
11	49	35	.16
12	54	40	.28
13	54	43	.03
14	48	40	
15	54	41	
16	55	48	.90
17	56	51	1.74
18	55	47	.35
19	52	42	.37
20	46	33	.05
21	53	33	.14
22	48	39	.72
23	44	34	
24	43	35	
25	45	36	.08
26	49	40	1.30
27	45	42	.09
28	44	28	
29	47	33	
30	54	36	
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Many of our street crossings, particularly those in the neighborhood of the court house, owing to the recent heavy rains are in an almost impassible condition of muddiness. The attention of members of the city council has been called to the matter with the result that some of the crossings in question will probably be improved immediately. This is a step in the right direction. When we thoroughly appreciate the fact that ill-kept, weed-grown lots, tumble-down fences, dilapidated shacks and neglected streets are solar plexus blows to the welfare of the city, we shall be fairly started toward the goal of better conditions. A taxpayer may well be excused for supporting a county seat removal measure when, in order to reach the court house in its present location, he is compelled to wade through an ankle deep sea of mud.

A small Italian boy in New York was fatally stabbed by his nine year old play mate in a fight over a dog. The small slayer immediately walked into the police station and surrendered.

A public funeral was accorded by the citizens of a Swiss village, to a hen who died after laying her thousandth egg; and a granite tomb stone was elected over the grave.

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Custard

3 eggs
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup scalded milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Beat eggs, add sugar, salt, flavoring and milk very slowly. Line pie plate with paste made as above, and bake in very hot oven about 18 minutes. Pour custard into the baked crust and bake in moderate oven about 25 minutes. The pie is done when a knife put in center of custard comes out dry.

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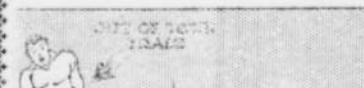
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