

Nearby News

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CHANGES FOR SIUSLAW ROAD PLAN SUGGESTED

Judge Barnard Sees Danger of Heavy Expense for Lane County.

That a plan for construction of the Siuslaw highway without involving encroachment on the Southern Pacific right of way and resultant moving of the tracks should be considered is the view of Judge C. P. Barnard of the county court.

Barnard voiced this opinion after consideration of a tentative agreement drawn up by the railroad company for moving the tracks.

Although the agreement is only tentative and there is a possibility of change in various requirements on objections of the state highway commission, federal bureau of roads and Lane county, the proposed contract Judge Barnard believes would mean a heavy expense for the county.

Federal road engineers a number of years ago, in making a survey for the proposed Siuslaw highway, considered a route that did not require any changes in the railroad tracks. This plan was deemed at the time too expensive and was dropped.

Judge Barnard said that with the prospect that moving the railroad would be an expensive undertaking the plan of building the highway between the river and the tracks should be considered before any definite arrangements for road construction are made.

A system of reversion construction and fills on the highway where the right of way is narrow, Judge Barnard believes, might bring a saving in expense. Between two and a quarter and two and a half miles of this work would be required.

This would eliminate purchase of expensive right of way as well as the additional cost of rebuilding the railroad for a distance of approximately four miles to make way for the highway under the present plan. Rock for these proposed reversionments could be obtained easily from the high banks that flank most of the route, the judge said.

The gist of the tentative agreement is that a new right of way be provided, the railroad must be moved and entirely rebuilt up to the standard required by the railroad company and that the company engineers' opinion will be final in all matters. The railroad is also to be protected from all damage at all times during construction work and later if any damage results through highway construction fault.

A meeting of representatives of the Southern Pacific, the state commission, Lane county court and federal bureau of roads will be held soon for a general discussion of the agreement.

Iron Pipe Barn Roof Is Mystery

George Alleman would like to have some one solve for him the mystery of how a large chunk of iron water pipe came to be imbedded in the roof of his barn. He came across the piece of iron while repairing the roof. He has never had an overhead water system, there has been no explosion of any kind near his place, there has been no wind heavy enough to carry a chunk of iron through the air, and it is not believed likely that anyone carried the iron there and threw it onto the roof, yet it was there and had dropped onto the roof with such force that it was imbedded deeply in the wood. Mrs. Alleman has guessed that it must have been a part of a city water system constructed by residents on the comet that recently attracted considerable attention when it burned itself up near here about a month ago.

Cat Dines Heartily On Gray Diggers

Hebron, July 23.—(Special.)—A cat, who digests squirrels and rattlesnakes provided a simple entertainment for one day, Monday, for Miss Miriam Piper. Her 8-year-old cat killed and brought in at intervals throughout the day six gray diggers.

The cat's four kittens were satisfied with one digger, while the tabby accounted for the remainder. The combined bulk of the six squirrels was three times that of the cat. Miss Piper regretted that she did not have a camera with which to immortalize the process of her pet.

On the evening of the same day, as Miss Piper drove her three milk cows in from a clover pasture a rattler inside the yard sounded a warning as the first cow entered the driveway through the yard. Miss Piper was armed with a hoe with which she had been killing thistles, and with this weapon she quickly dispatched the snake, taking its 10 rattles as a trophy of the battle.

Nerves Need Watching
There is a tendency for people who feel indispensed to blame it on their nerves and let it go at that. Real nervous disorders, however, are serious and the excuse of nerves should not be used to camouflage some other disorder.

Good Homes
Good homes are even more urgently required by the nation than good schools and they should be seen to first.—Andrew Hadden

French Convicts Under Stern Rule of Silence

In France's modern prison at Fresco-le-Lung, 1,230 white masked prisoners live in absolute silence. They neither see each other's faces nor hear their voices. From the moment a metal number is hung around his neck the prisoner is required to wear a white hood whenever he leaves his cell, and he may not speak to his fellows. He sees the face of his guard from time to time, but no other, unless he is sent to the hospital or to the warden for discipline. Alone in his cell, he works eight hours a day, but good will and skill enable him to reduce the time to six hours and the money he earns enables him to buy small comforts. The government receives 32 cents a day from the contractors for each prisoner's work, and gives from three-tenths to half the money to the prisoner. The prisoner never sees the money until he leaves, but half of it is placed in his immediate credit for his little expenses. Yet in spite of all that, many criminals ask to be sent there because the solitude entitles them to a reduction of one-fourth of their sentence.

Much Trouble Avoided by Straight Thinking

Most nervous disorders come from conflict. What does that mean? There are in thousands of men and women ceaseless struggles between the things they do and the things they know they ought to do. It is the struggle of one part of the nature of man against the other. We try to avoid conflict in our thoughts by fooling ourselves into the idea that what we are doing is all right. We desire to continue some practice or other which is ruinous, and we seek to excuse it. Excuses don't work. Conflict arises from the conflict of the mind and emotion. Once learn to think straight and to have the mental energy and courage to try to pursue an intelligent course, and it can relieve our lives of conflict. Better make a mistake and admit it is a mistake and try not to do the same thing again, then engage in the constant mental conflict which comes from trying to excuse mistakes and make them seem right. Let's learn to think straight.—Grove Patterson, in the Mobile Register.

Primitive Sea Cookery

Hutchinson's Treatise, published in 1791, tells of the cooking arrangements on the vessels at that time. It seems that a slab of metal was placed on the deck and a cauldron of water suspended by a tripod placed over it. A fire was made, either of coal or wood, depending upon the availability of either, and the salt pork was boiled almost constantly, insuring hot food for the sailors at practically any hour. Hutchinson also speaks of taking the drinking water, adding a few tea leaves, and placing this in a bottle which he corked tightly and allowed to boil within the cauldron, so that he could have a hot cup of tea, which is more refreshing than plain water, thus conserving his water supply, quenching his thirst, adding food value that allayed his hunger for the salt pork, and thus saving himself the fearful disease of scurvy.

Found It an Apt Simile

A country girl, whose imagery was necessarily limited, once in the presence of Gilbert K. Chesterton compared the sea, which she saw for the first time, to a cauliflower. At first this seemed ridiculous to the essayist, who is a past master of simile, having once compared his own pet self to a mountain. But, after thinking it over, Mr. Chesterton changed his mind about the girl's paucity of imagination. He felt that the image was highly appropriate, suggesting as it did "the wave breaking as well as curling, and the efflorescence of the branching foam."—Living Age.

Tetrazzini Incident

What Tetrazzini said was the most amusing incident in her career as a dancer occurred in her younger days when she and her sister were touring and sharing rather humble homes. After thinking a moment, she had more confidence in her sister and kind than most, that good lady astonished the Tetrazzini sisters by looking up from her washtub and saying, with benign condescension:

"That's all right, my dears, I'm always good to theatricals, for I never know what my own children may come to."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Irreverent Youth

A man who was going on a Scots course, and playing very badly, too, was at some pains to impress upon his caddy that he usually showed very much better form.

After taking twelve to one hole, he said, dejectedly, that he had accomplished it in four the previous day.

"What?" exclaimed the caddy. "It's true," said the player; "with my third I lay dead on the green."

"Age," said the boy, "with surprise, no doubt."

On or Off?

Tom, age five, was getting ready for bed when he suddenly asked: "Dad, must I get sealed with my shoes on or off?"

Dad didn't seem to understand what it was all about so Tom explained:

"The nurse comes to kindergarten to see us and I don't know whether I should keep my shoes on or take them off."

Looking for a Home?

Described as a "home lover," a cow at Newport, England, recently jumped through the plate glass window of a furniture store, looked over the sofas, then leaped back through the window, galloped across the street and climbed the stairs of a real estate office.

Snakes' Sight and Hearing
All snakes have good eyes, and some of the nocturnal species have very large ones, but the eyes have no lids and are not movable. No external apparatus exists, but snakes hear well and are affected by musical sounds.

Steel Ledger Trays. Sentinel.

Claim Tigers in India Serve Useful Purpose

The unconvictional opinion that tigers are really "why hosts," fulfilling a "very useful function in nature by keeping down the deer" and other animals that damage crops, is urged in a statement from India made public by the British Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire.

Even when tigers take to killing cattle, continues this surprising defense of an animal usually dreaded and despised, that fact is not necessarily harmful to human affairs. In India, the tiger's advocate urges, religious scruples induce the villagers to keep alive vast numbers of old and decrepit cattle.

Even the Indian popular legend, Mahabata Ghandi, was criticized severely for permitting an old, sick cow to be put out to pasture. What occidentals would consider their duty to get rid of useless and miserable animals, is shirked by Indian villagers, the spokesman of the Preservation society argues, and it is usefully taken over by the tigers, unhandicapped by religion.

Most tigers are imbued, the statement continues, with a wholesome fear of man, mankillers being the rare exception. It may be considered improbable, nevertheless, that any large percentage of Indian villagers will invite one of these supposedly shy and useful forest killers to come and live in his barn in order to protect his garden.

Alaskan Natives Erect Buildings Over Graves

The natives of Alaska are much given to superstitious beliefs, witchcraft and ghosts, and as a rule they are dreadfully afraid of the ghosts of the departed, so that the section of land given over to the disposition of the dead is held in great reverence. The dead one, with all his personal effects, such as skins, blankets and trinkets accumulated during life is laid away and is generally seen from a distance, although occasionally some member of the tribe may become so depraved as to remove some of the goods if he can do so without detection. Frequently a small house is erected over this accumulation, so that in the course of time the burial ground comes to take on the appearance of a miniature village. In some parts this has taken the form of an annual ceremony and on a certain day of the autumn many persons may be seen erecting these houses over the resting place of their departed relatives.

Taking It Literally

They had departed to a warmer climate for the winter months and the master was watching his servants unpack the various bags, while he checked their contents with an eagle eye.

"You are sure we've got everything we want?" he asked, when the operation was almost complete.

"Yes, sir," answered the valet.

"What about the medicine chest? Is everything in it? Bandages, safety pins, lint, brandy, iodine?"

"There's no iodine, sir," interrupted the valet hastily.

"Because you've written on the bottle that it was not to be taken, sir," replied the other meekly.

—London Answers.

Bare Library Shelves

In medieval times reading was a serious business. When a writer began a volume the choice of subjects was easy—there were but seven: theology, philosophy, medicine, logic, grammar, history and Canon law. Perhaps that is why there were so few books. The libraries were little frequented, and perhaps that was because patrons had to stand up and read. On no account could anyone take a book home, for all volumes were chained to the study in which they were kept. Even the college libraries did not offer very extensive reading. King's hall in 1397 listed 87 volumes, and the University library enumerated a mere 122 in 1424.—Detroit News.

Wild Sheep and Goats

There were wild mountain sheep in the Rockies and some other parts of the continent before the discovery of America by Europeans. The Indians had not domesticated these, however, and there has been no success since at domesticating them for crossing them with domestic breeds.

The Europeans brought sheep to the New World as soon as they began to settle here, and all the domestic breeds now known in this country are descended from similar breeds of the Old World.

The nearest allies of the sheep are the goats. The span of life of a sheep is from ten to fifteen years.

Amazon's Wide Mouth

The width of the mouth of the Amazon river, says the Pathfinder Magazine, is usually measured from Cahoto Notre to Porto Alto, a distance of 297 miles. This, however, includes the ocean outlet of the Para river—40 miles wide—which should be deducted, as this stream is merely the lower stretch of the Tocantins.

It also includes the ocean frontage of Marajo, an island about as large as the entire kingdom of Denmark, lying in the mouth of the Amazon. The actual width of the principal mouth is about 50 miles.

Convicts' Literary Tastes

As fiction heroes prisoners prefer detectives to any other class of men. A survey of the librarian of San Quentin prison, California, shows that detective and mystery fiction led the list in popularity.

Brazil Nuts

The oily three-angled nuts known as Brazil nuts grow on the "cacha-cacha" tree. The nuts themselves grow inside a large fruit. Each globular fruit contains from 15 to 24 closely packed nuts. These are the nuts which are often known as "nigger toes."

In Conflict With Peace

Five great enemies of peace inhabit with us—avarice, ambition, envy, anger and pride; if these were to be banished, we should in fallibly enjoy perpetual peace.—Petrarch.

Stamp Pad Ink. The Sentinel.

Da Vinci, Man of Science

The spiral spring hinge that shuts your screen door was invented by Leonardo da Vinci, the Fifteenth century painter, whose "La Belle Ferroniere" was the subject of an extended lawsuit. Leonardo's fame as a painter has obscured his reputation as an inventor and a trail blazer of science. Yet he stated scientific laws that four centuries of experiment have not altered and many of his simplest inventions have become part of our daily lives. He devised the wheelbarrow, the rotating smokestack that turns with the wind, and the flexible roller chain used on bicycle sprockets.—Edwin W. Teale in Popular Science Monthly.

Court Reporters

Handwriting experts who serve as professional witnesses occasionally have doubts cast upon their reliability by opposing counsel. Thus one showed defense attorney recently began to cross-examine such an expert with the question: "Where is the dog?"

"What dog?" asked the witness in amazement.

"The dog," counsel replied, "that the judge at the last term of court said he wouldn't hang on your evidence."

Recent Whites' Curiosity

The tribesmen of Africa know that the white persons they come in contact with view their rituals and ceremonies with curiosity and significance, and for this reason an impenetrable veil of secrecy surrounds most of these occasions, according to a returned traveler who spent many months in Nyasaland (Zambia) to learn something of an authoritative nature about these customs.

Anyway, a man can still take a chew without feeling that he should first offer one to the lady.

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Infant Identification

Identifying babies is no hard sometimes that the authorities of the canton of Argovie, Switzerland have adopted the Bertillon system for newborn babies in order to avoid litigation concerning the identity of the child in later years. Babies must be measured, weighed, checked, finger prints taken, and any birth marks noted on an official form, for which the doctor and nurse are responsible, as well as for the legal registration of the babies. Further, the parents of the child must sign the documents, as to avoid any mistake.

First Lady's Worries

Mrs. John Adams, wife of the second President, found it necessary to bring with her much of her own china when she took over the duties of first lady, and with disastrous results to the china. Judging from a letter written to a member of her family shortly after her arrival, deploring the fact that "many things were broken or stolen." Her efforts to replace the missing pieces evidently were fruitless, for she remarked later in the letter that "Georgetown affords nothing."—Detroit News.

Locomotive Signals

One short whistle of a locomotive means apply the brakes; one long station whistle; two short whistles are given in response to hand or lantern signal from one of the crew; two long and two short for road crossing; one long and three short mean flagman returns from west or north; five long, flagman returns from east or south; three long, train parted; three short mean to back; a series of short mean cattle on the track.

Fishhooks and Thorns

The fishhook of primitive man were made of thorns and splinters of bone.—Gas Logie.

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FRED PETERSON DIES AT HOME IN DORENA

Dorena, July 22.—(Special.)—Fred Peterson, aged 79 years, died Friday, July 19, at his home in Dorena, where he had lived for seven years. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Mills chapel in Cottage Grove and Rev. L. H. Randle officiated. The remains were shipped to North Loup, Neb., for interment beside those of the wife, who died January 13, 1894.

Mr. Peterson was born July 18, 1850, in Stockholm, Sweden. At the age of 17 he came to America. He was married in 1884 to Mary Anna Bowman and to this union were born seven children. Two sons died in infancy and the surviving members of the family are Clarence A. and Charles E. Peterson, Dorena; Cora Mabel Jorgensen, North Loup, Neb.; Ida May Smith, Portland; Minnie Pearl Housen, Cottage Grove, and 16 grandchildren. Mr. Peterson was a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.



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