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How far would you travel, what sights would you see?

What is it you're anxious to do and to be? Life's roads are all open! Which one will you use?

—Edgar A. Guest.

Editorial

THE PUBLIC HEALTH

The public health is a major problem. Other problems must give way when the public health is in jeopardy—problems of financial gain must be relegated to the background, and every assistance afforded the health officers charged with the duty of guarding the health of the people.

When a reputable physician diagnoses a case as infantile paralysis, such diagnosis being concurred in by the state health officer and two county health officers, the layman has naught to do but accept the verdict. Possibly the physicians erred in the diagnosis, but, if so, the error is on the side of safety, and, until such time as they reverse their diagnosis, or until such time as equally reputable professional authorities prove otherwise, the layman must be guided by their decision and act accordingly.

BILLBOARD LEGISLATION

While the next session of the state legislature is over a year hence, it is not too early to give consideration to the necessity of legislation to protect the great investment of the public in its highway system from depreciation by reason of the erection and maintenance of obnoxious signs and billboards along the various routes, and for the greater safety of the public at large.

Kansas adopted a law at the last session of its legislature prohibiting the erection or maintenance of signs and billboards, other than authorized standard road markers, and the state highway commission has proclaimed that the law will be rigidly enforced.

DEPENDABILITY

What greater tribute can be paid a man than to say he is dependable, for this means that he is reliable, trustworthy; that confidence may be placed in him. That kind of a man is a valuable asset to any community, business or organization.

We never worry about such a man. We know that he will do what is expected of him; that he will be at the right place doing the right thing at the right time; we need never fear that he will violate a confidence.

If a man be dependable he is honest, painstaking, thorough, thoughtful and strong.

Dean Stanley once said: "Give us a character on which we can thoroughly depend and it is wonderful how many . . . brilliant qualities we can safely and gladly dispense with."

A man might be brilliant, clever, smart and yet not be dependable.

A dependable man therefore is the kind that is needed in this strenuous age. Never were dependable men so necessary as now when everything is done on such a large scale and so much "depends" on man power which after all creates, governs and

regulates the great machine power of today.

IMPORTANCE OF MINING

The public too often ignores the importance of the mining industry as a factor in national prosperity, notwithstanding that it pays the major portion of the taxes collected in a score or more of states, furnishes direct employment to more than a million citizens, and indirectly to several times that number, provides more than 50 per cent of the annual freight tonnage of the railroads of most of the conveniences and luxuries of life.

Mining is a basic industry. The miner is one of the primary developers of natural wealth. The industry merits every possible encouragement. And the public as well as the state and federal governments should guard and protect it against every move that might jeopardize the stability it has created largely as the result of the efforts of those who have devoted their lives and fortunes to its development, improvement and expansion.—Editorial in the Mining Congress Journal.

RHODODENDRONS IN BLOOM IN CURRY

Rhododendrons are in bloom in Curryland, and the azalea buds are swelling rapidly. The autumn weather during October has been all that the most exacting could ask for.

Along the Seashore

Tide Table for Week Ending Nov. 1, 1927, at Port Orford.

Table with columns for High Tide (A.M., P.M.) and Low Tide (A.M., P.M.) for dates from Wednesday, Oct. 26 to Tuesday, Nov. 1.

\$3 Auto License Means Property Pays \$52,971,718.90 Tax

Should the proposed initiative petition calling for a decrease in the automobile license fee from the adjusted scale of fees now in existence to a flat fee of three dollars for all passenger cars be approved by the people and become a law, not only would the state highway program be stopped instantly, but the obligation of some 34 million dollars in highway bonds would fall as a direct tax upon general property and would be apportioned to each county as shown by the accompanying table.

The burden of highway financing as originally voted rests entirely upon the motorist so long as the present system is adhered to. But if the proposed initiative measure should pass the outstanding bonds both interest and principal would become a direct obligation of the state, and general property would be compelled to take up the obligation, paying interest and principal until all bonds are retired. This would entail the payment by a general property tax of a total of \$52,971,718.90, and the last payment would not be made until 1950.

Not only would this huge sum have to be raised by general taxation but all state highway construction would stop immediately and all future work on the highway program would be abandoned.

This would mean that sections of the state who voted for the issuance of millions of dollars worth of highway bonds with the understanding that the highway program as outlined would be carried to completion, will not be given the roads promised them.

Citizens of Oregon voted for the highway system and the issuance of bonds under the proposed financing plan. Bond companies and investors bought the authorized bonds after investigations based on the existing financial plan of license fee and gas tax, which were said to be, and have since proved to be, a safe and economic method for

raising sufficient funds for paying interest and retiring bonds. There is an obligation on the part of the citizens of this state to continue the existing method of financing under which investments were made until such time as the retirement of bonds has made that problem one of minor importance.

There is also a direct obligation on the part of the state to see that those sections of the state where promised construction has not taken place receive roads due them. When these obligations have been met or at least brought to a point of completion where readjustment would not endanger the existing highway program, suggestions for tax reduction will be more opportune than at present.

If the proposed \$3 auto tax bill becomes a law the increased amount of state taxes due from Curry county, based on the 1927 apportionment, according to figures compiled by the state tax commission, will be \$12,514.27 for the year 1927, with a total requirement for the retirement of the present bonded indebtedness on account of highways of \$203,146.54, the total requirement for the entire state being \$52,971,718.90.

Write your own ticket on these facts, Mr. Landowner.

Teacher Mi-quoted

Tuesday's Coos Bay Times carried an item covering an interview with Miss Jewell Crow, a teacher in the Port Orford schools, to the effect that the one case of infantile paralysis in the Port Orford district had resulted fatally.

Miss Crow, who, during the closing of the local schools, is visiting at her home in Dallas, Oregon, in a letter to Mrs. Mary B. Rice, principal of the grade school, stated that she was misquoted, as she simply told the reporter for the Times of the facts as they existed. Miss Crow adds in her letter that she will return this week to take up her duties with the reopening of the schools.

Local News

W. J. Gordon of the Southwestern Daily News, Marshfield, stopped over in Port Orford a short period Friday en route home from a hunting trip in the wilds of Curry county.

J. Peters of the Rogue River cafe, Gold Beach, was a Port Orford caller Friday.

Nat Perkins of Chinquapin ridge transacted business in Marshfield last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hatton visited Bandon Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Quellen were in Bandon Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scofield, Mrs. L. Knepp and Mrs. Mary B. Rice shopped in Bandon Thursday.

Hal Stutsman of the Sixes was in Port Orford Friday.

A. H. Stutsman of the Sixes transacted business in Port Orford Wednesday.

Louis Knapp, acting county clerk, Gold Beach, and John F. Gillings spent Sunday at their homes in Port Orford, returning Monday.

A. H. Mayea, who has been employed on the Middle Elk trail, returned to Port Orford Wednesday.

J. E. Ford and E. Davenport of the Union Meat market, Marshfield, stopped overnight in Port Orford Tuesday on their return from a sheep and cattle buying expedition in the southern end of Curry county.

Joe Hardeger and his bride were shopping in town Thursday. They are residing on the Hardeger Bros. farm at Elk river.

The Seaview ranch made a shipment of over a hundred head of hogs last week, and David McKenzie shipped a truck load of sheep. J. E. Ford was the buyer, and he was making up several cars of stock for shipment to the Portland market.

David McKenzie and son Donald left for the upper Elk river hunting grounds Tuesday morning and returned Thursday night without seeing any buck deer.

Mrs. C. W. Smith and young son, Orris Raymond, returned home Thursday. Crawford has become quite an expert chef during the absence of Mrs. Smith in Bandon.

Mrs. Roy Cabot, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. M. T. Wright, sprained her ankle quite badly last week, and consequently delayed her return to her home in San Francisco.

Mrs. Roy Corson and children are spending several days at the Inman mines.

Mr. Preisendanz, local baker, spent a few days of last week in Gold Beach on business.

Geo. W. Soranson went to Portland Sunday night to attend the meeting of the state highway commission Tuesday.

Miss Jewell Crow, primary teacher, is spending several days at Dallas, Ore.

Bertie Lynch and Grace Fromm are guests at the John Fromm ranch on the Sixes.

White Cedar Lumber company, bill of sale.

A. E. Seaman vs. Hans Adolphsen, action of law.

A. E. Seaman vs. F. M. Steeves, action of law.

John W. Riekey to Laura Stingley, warranty deed.

G. A. Nichols to Albert Case et ux, satisfaction of mortgage.

Maznoha Zumwalt vs. Marion Zumwalt, certified copy decree of judgment from Multnomah county.

F. O. Bowman vs. Hugh Hutcheson, et al, action of law.

W. H. Milligan et ux to Alvin Milligan, warranty deed.

Florence Brumbaugh vs. Ora Brumbaugh, certified copy of decree judgment from Multnomah county.

Carl Wood and wife to Charles H. Pettinger, warranty deed.

Highway Signs Sharp curve ahead . . . darn that chicken . . . a skin you love to touch . . . they satisfy . . . they satisfy . . . what a dilapidated old house . . . it floats . . . 400 rooms with bath . . . from contented cows . . . just soak and rinse . . . what a wonderful view . . . detour . . . safety and interest guaranteed . . . blow some my way . . . best lubrication . . . slow down to 20 mi. . . hot dogs and pop . . . no left turn . . . come again . . . Florida's Nursery . . . 57 varieties . . . there's a fine farm . . . Pettsville was settled in . . . more power, quicker getaway . . . this is a fine stretch of road . . . detour . . . more mileage . . . picture ahead—kodak as you go . . . —Life.

Rand Bed of Sea According to A. R. Sawyer and certain geologists, the reefs of the Rand once formed the bed of a sea, the Rand itself being the northern shore and somewhere to

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JOHN VAIL, Worshipful Master. W. T. WHITE, Sr., Secretary.

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