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SPEED

The essence of every contract now-a-days is speed. The world seems to have acquired the speed mania to an alarming degree. Yesterday the press dispatches contained an announcement from a well known British manufacturer of airplanes and dirigibles that they would be a machine built in a few years that would travel around the earth in one day. In 24 hours it would circle the globe—the shade of Phineas Fogg must have turned a flip flop when he got that by wireless. The inventor claims that by traveling with the sun he would have a twenty-four hour daylight trip. A British dirigible has just called on us, took tea and blew back home. Speed—the word itself has taken on a new meaning. All of us over twenty-five years of age can remember when the 2:30 horse was speedy. The "cannon-ball" flyer that made forty miles an hour on the rails was speedy. Not today. The whole world demands and is attaining a speed hitherto undreamed of. There is scarcely a single daily paper that does not contain the report of an automobile accident carrying death and destruction in its wake and that is directly traced to the mania for speed.

The man who drove a good team a few years ago and confined his travels to a fifty or a hundred mile radius and who had time to look around a little before venturing into a blind railway crossing, now goes five hundred miles from home and rushes into a danger zone at twenty, thirty, fifty miles an hour.

Leather is tanned now in a few days—the same result that used to take months. In less time than it used to take to get the saddle on the horse that started on the many day relay trip west with the mails, today the word is flashed clear around the earth.

One wonders if people nowadays are not missing something in this speedy, efficient existence. Does the man who gets in his car and "steps on it" for a run of one hundred to five hundred miles know as much of the interesting things that are growing and living near him? Is he able to enjoy a reposeful hour, walking in the woods or along some stream, studying and admiring nature? I think not. He gets his nature study at the movie show. A hurried man in a close, smelly dark room takes a film that was taken from the life and "edits" it so as to get the most action in the shortest length of film. He reads only the headlines of his daily. The writers who have spent hours of toil searching for a new way of saying the same things, in order to attract his jaded mind, lose their audience because they cannot put a three column story in a ten line head.

It would benefit anyone to get away from the influence of speed for a season and consider the things that are not desirable when speeded up. Is the time coming when a man's span of life will total a dozen years? Will humanity speed up until nature responds and speeds up her efforts so that a man can go through the whole of his life span, from infancy to maturity and death in a few years that now take sixty? There is the baby beef, unknown a few years ago.

Following the election of new officers by the East Lake Health Resort, stockholders in the company will visit the lake Sunday to look over the improvements already made there, and to decide on plans for operation and development into a first class health and pleasure resort. At present about 40 guests can be accommodated in the hotel put up last summer and in addition tents have been put up and bath houses constructed for those who wish to take advantage of the hot spring.

The directors will also take steps toward keeping the road into the lake open for a longer period of time during the year, as under ordinary conditions it is blocked with snow until the early part of the summer. New officers elected are Fred Shintaffer, president; Einar Meisted, v. president; John Bellet, treasurer; and H. H. DeArmond, secretary.—Bend Bulletin.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Due to the rapid growth of Wheeler the local postoffice has been made a third-class office.

All Portland hog price records were smashed Saturday when hogs were quoted at \$22 a hundred pounds.

The Lebanon cannery is taxed to its utmost to care for the loganberries offered for canning at this time.

The Oregon state highway commission has let contracts for approximately 100 miles of road paving, to cost \$1,713,113.

Records at the Portland city health bureau show that births from January to July have exceeded the number of deaths by 373.

W. A. Reid, secretary of the Marshall chamber of commerce, has received an offer of the secretaryship of The Dalles chamber.

David C. Sanderson, publisher of the Freewater Times, died suddenly in his room at the Benson hotel in Portland, supposedly from heart disease.

Deputy Secretary of State Koser announces that the 1919-1920 volume of the Oregon Blue Book will be ready for distribution the latter part of this month.

Governor Olcott appointed Arthur Berridge, of Portland, as a member of the state board of accountancy to succeed W. R. McKenzie, who has resigned.

Owners of nearly 3000 acres of prunes in Lane county became members of the Oregon Fruit Growers Cooperative association at a meeting held in Eugene.

Bend, McMinnville, Klamath Falls and Astoria are the latest Oregon towns to make application for organization of local chapters of the American Legion.

Governor Olcott and Mayor Baker of Portland have extended an invitation to President Wilson to accompany the new Pacific fleet when it visits Portland.

Construction of the Port of Astoria's \$1,000,000 export pier No. 3 will be started immediately by the Foundation company, whose officials and staff of engineers are now in the city.

Sheriff Anderson of Baker has returned from San Francisco with Charles Connors, the alleged Haines bank robber, who is now locked up in the Baker county jail awaiting trial. Senator I. L. Patterson of Polk county, mentioned as a possible selection for warden of the Oregon state penitentiary, denied emphatically that he is or ever had been a candidate for the position.

Excavation has started for the \$70,000 engineering laboratory building at the Oregon Agricultural college authorized by the legislature, the contract having been let to Hoover & McNeil, of Albany.

A group of Scandinavian merchants, financial men and traders visited in Portland and placed contracts for big quantities of foodstuffs, manufactured goods and raw products and for the construction of ships.

Fire losses in Oregon, outside of Portland, for the month of June aggregated \$446,854, according to a statement by State Fire Marshal Harvey Wells. Albany, Hood River and Marshfield suffered the heaviest loss.

Clatsop county is in need of school teachers and unless application are received for existing vacancies soon, several country schools will be without instructors next fall, according to O. B. Byland, county superintendent.

Seth L. Roberts of Portland was appointed by Governor Olcott to succeed J. W. Ferguson as a member of the state board of accountancy. Mr. Ferguson resigned when he became a member of the industrial accident commission.

The grain yield of Clackamas county for 1919 is to be larger than for many years, and the farmers, who have planted much of their land this year to oats, wheat and other grain, are optimistic over the outlook for a large harvest.

The war mineral relief committee will arrive in Portland July 24 and will remain one day investigating the claims of chrome mining interests in Oregon for reimbursement of losses sustained while producing ore for the government.

According to reports from Washington the Pacific fleet and Secretary of the Navy Daniels will visit the Columbia river harbors when the new fighting division of America's navy is sent to take up its position on the western coast.

One million dollars worth of state highway bonds were delivered by State Treasurer Hoff to a syndicate headed by Carstens & Earles of Seattle, who bid them in at the monthly meeting of the highway commission in Portland at \$94.28, the issue netting the state \$942,600 with accrued interest from June.

Hereafter convicts who violate their paroles by the commission of a crime will be returned to the state prison to serve the full maximum sentence without any hope of further consideration for parole by the governor or the state parole board.

Blame for the epidemic of small pox which has resulted in 650 cases in Portland since it began in December is fastened by Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, upon inefficiency and red tape in the Portland office of the United States shipping board.

Dr. F. W. Hollister of Portland was elected president of the Oregon State Dental association at the close of the annual convention in Portland. He has been secretary of the association for the past year and is a member of the state board of dental examiners.

Pendleton's newest financial institution is the Inland Empire bank. It started with a capital of \$250,000, which is exceeded by only two banks in the state outside of Portland. J. W. Maloney, for 36 years a resident of Umatilla county, is president of the bank.

Fred M. Hesse, of the Hesse-Martin Iron works of Portland, has been appointed by Governor Olcott a member of the state board of engineering examiners. He will take the place of J. C. Strange of Portland, who was unable to accept the appointment for business reasons.

With the shipment through Bend of a large quantity of lumber and tank materials by Jason Moore, who holds options on the nitrate deposits at Summer and Abert lakes in Lake county, it is indicated that there will be considerable development of these deposits this summer.

Oregon has nearly \$30,000,000 in highway building funds in sight for the years of 1919-20-21, according to information received by the department of industries of the Portland chamber of commerce from Roy A. Klein, secretary of the Oregon state highway commission.

All of the Oregon Congressional delegation was present at a hearing on the Hawley bill appropriating \$2,500,000 for the Roosevelt highway held by the house committee on public roads, in Washington. An appeal for the highway was also made by Louis J. Simpson of North Bend, Or.

Stolen property worth about \$1000 was recovered by the Portland police after a workman had plowed up two sacks of silverware and other articles from a cache at Sixth and Main streets. The stolen goods had been buried under the porch of an old house, which has since been torn down.

REWARD

We note that Road Supervisors and property owners make a practice of burning weeds, that accumulate along the fences adjacent to our power lines. This practice is dangerous, as it damages the power lines and places the life of persons who may come in contact with a down wire in danger of instant death.

We are compelled to offer a reward to stop this dangerous practice. We will pay \$25 to any one giving us information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who in any way may cause our lines or any of our property to be damaged.

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