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FTEN THE QUESTION IS ASKED: "What is the matter with Oregon?" and there is a new answer, in one form or another, for cluding the Portland Journal and some members of the state grange, who maintain that there is nothing the matter with Oregon, that this state has about reached the highest goal that any state can attain,

old, as far as western states go, and has an area as large as New York, Con- every one of these difficulties. No ground is too soft, no rain too great or territory undeveloped. The burden of necticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermoot and New Hampshire, yet traffic too heavy to kill the value of hard surface, properly laid within its borders dwell only 275,000 and of this number over one-third live in Portland,

studied the subject, declared in a recent address that the state was over urbanused, it at the head was too big for the body. Many as we with Mr. Mills brought out by this editorial, taken from an eastern exchange

James J. Hill and other competent observers say the trouble is that we hold our agricultural lands too high and that there is not sufficient return to state or county. The capital of Vermilion county in Danville, the home of contractors and outsiders carry off the instify the stranger settling in this state. Land can be dear at \$1 an acre or cheap at \$200.

Mr. Mills, in speaking on this subject, said:

"The only measure of value is whether a farmer can make a good living for himself on the land and a reasonable rate of interest on his investment.

en his capital invested in Oregon lands than he gets from his worn out lands offered for sale last May, but an injunction by half a dozen wealthy farmers work on the terms mentioned. I bein New England, or even the rich lands of the Middle West, then he will stopped proceedings at that time. Last week the supreme court of Illinois, there this is true as a rule throughout come to us in ever increasing numbers, for good news travels fast. In the passing finally upon the case, validated the bond issue, and in the early part the county. To succeed in getting meantime all this highly colored literature of our booster organizations avails of the present week a special session of the good roads committee of the Veres nothing if we cannot deliver the goods when the settler comes.

"Indeed, a disgruntled newcomer returning to his eastern home disap- an advertisement of the bond sale, pointed in his expectations, spreading poison wherever he goes, works us incalculable injury.

can be reasonably sure of a better return on his investment than he received sive citizens of that state will not long delay doing it. The Vermilion county making false statement about them from his old farm in the east? Certainly we cannot regulate the price of plans contemplate the building of seventy-two miles of concrete, or brick and create harmony at the same time. privately-owned land by law. How then can we increase the productivity paved, highways, according to the amount of travel over various routes, This is a case where we must get to infles of hard surface roads; had to reet our great domain and render the results of man's labor of greater value?

grass grow where none grew before.

"To do this we must not only help ourselves, 'fly with our own wings,' but we must leave no stone unturned to get proper assistance from the state and national governments.

"Second-We must put the markets of the world within easy reach of every farmer. To that end we must see that he has good roads over which

Oregon that if built will work wonders for the development of our state. This road has been called by Senator Lair Thompson "The People's Road" and it is-for unless we of Oregon do our part it cannot be built.

more capital."

MAN WHO RECENTLY QUIT EXTENSION WORK of the University of Oregon because a college education will give him a good conscience, which he believes, is a detriment in the race for success, does not deserve success and probably will never attain it. What he wants, he writes to the heads of the extension department of the university, is "a callous conscience and a slumbering pity." The name of the student is withheld by the university, as all such correspondence is confidential, but it should be published in every newspaper in the state so that honest and upright citizens can avoid him, for their own protection, as far as possible. Here are some more of the man's sentiments:

"I realize that with a college education my conscience might interfere with my life's ambitions. These ambitions are to get riches, no matter by what method; to secure fame, even at the cost of a million souls; to trample opon the faces of the poor and make the rich bow before me. In the realization of these ambitions, I need a callous conscience and a slumbering pity.

The student then remarks that he understands the main purpose of higher education to be the instilling of culture, the development of character, and cultivation of social usefulness in young men and women.

"By so doing it is claimed the university benefits society as a whole, which claim seems founded upon substantial fact," he writes. "College men and women have a broader and deeper view of life, so that social service ap-

"But it appalls me," he protests.

"A higher education might cause some virtue to be inculcated in me that might perhaps cause a guilty conscience to prick me. Therefore, I say, I must avoid such a deterrent."

Here is a man who does not want to be human, to have a kindly spirit for his fellow man. Here is a fellow who has never realized that the greatest joy is caused by a kindness done to one in need, a gift to a friend. Here is a man so ignorant, too absolutely lacking in observation, so shallow in his mental capacity that he believes he can attain satisfaction and happiness through fame and riches.

This man will never attain fame. He might reach notoriety, and hi name burnes into the minds of millions through scare heads on the front

1881-1916

The growth of a solid, steady reputation cannot be pushed or hurried. The commercial trademarks which have become household expressions were not thrust upon the nation by a "whirlwind campaign" of advertising, but by the constant repetition year by year of claims which were made good to the letter. To win permanent, inseparable friends takes time and testing; it is so with a bank just as with any other business.

QOur friends have made us what we are; we believe we have had a hand in making them, too. To retain the old by continued fidelity and devotion, and thus attract the new, is our constant aim.

The Bank of Oregon City THE OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

OREGON CITY ENTERPRISE page of newspapers, but his name will not be connected with anything that will reflect to his credit, if he continues to follow his present course.

His riches, and men of his narrow capacity do oftent acquire wealth, will not bring him happiness, nothing but misery, shame and sorrow. He is stilling to trample a million souls, he says, to attain his ends. If he really means that he is a monster, a being that should be put behind locked doors or exiled forever from the companionship of a fellow being,

He will kill his conscience, and in so doing he will kill all the better and do to build hard surface roads on the higher things in his own life. He will avoid virtue, as he would a disease, excremely beavy traveled roads, and so and he will avoid everything that is clean and good.

But do not fear, this man is harmless. He is too near a stage of madness to be dangerous. He will get less out of life than thousands of the poor road must be built, we will know just

every time the question is repeated. Of course there are those, in FIGHT FOR PERMANENT ROADS is not a local one. It out knowing what we want and not has spread through every section of the country, except in those portions which years ago saw the folly of macadam, gravel and other find ourselves as a county, in the same cheap roads and now have hard surface on trunk highways. In every district box Oregon City is in-practically But there is something wrong, somewhere. Oregon is comparatively there is some particular difficulty in road making, yet hard surface overcomes in the pioneer stage, too much of our

Just as the movement for hard surface is a nation-wide one, so seems and no way of getting any except by to be the feeling aroused against this type of pavement. Strangely enough, borrowing and paying a rate of inter-A. L. Mills, president of the Portland First National bank, who has the farmers, the ones who would be most benefited by permanent roads are the est that means confluention of their ones who usually opose it. Take for example the truth of this ascertion, as kind of roads they can afford to build,

> Something just done in Vermilion county, Ill., may be impiration and the work on themselves, and on this also direction to those who are trying to get permanent roads in their home road purposes than on a plan where "Uncle Joe" Canson, although the official records do not disclose that our money that as a rule they do not earn uncle took any conspicuous part in the long fight which has now resulted in a what they get, as is claimed by some is not right. complete victory of the good roads party.

The public opinion of the county on the question was shown in the vote agreement that the work done in distaken some time ago on a proposal to issue \$1,500,000 in Vermilion county by contract for the money spent and bonds, the money raised from the bond issue to be expended in the making of 10 per cent added. I would agree to pay When we put it within the grasp of the settler to make a better return hard roads. The anticipated litigation followed quickly. The bonds were the cost of investigation if a reliable milion county board of supervisors, prepared, and ordered the printing, of est figures that it will pay to do it, and pers will tell the truth and pull for

Hard road making in the Illinois prairie country has always presented a difficult problem, owing to the nature of the alluvial soil. But ways and false reports as to the amount of in mind a simple and effective way. "Now how can we make our land values such that an industrious settler means having been discovered of doing the work, it is plain that the progress money spent and how spent in our which could be had by the time we are States as yet without laws for going at the work as Vermillion county has, can merits of the case the right thing to spent all told, \$68,000 on the two miles. "First-By encouraging by every means within our power the great irri- get them through the pressure of an educated public opinion. That public do by the course so far taken by the while we are finding a way to get the gation projects that are absolutely necessary if we are to make two blades of opinion is awakening everywhere to a recognition of the losses Commercial club and the Oregon City money let others experiment that can in time, money and opportunity caused by dirt roads, is undeniable.

■ VERY ROAD LAW in the state of Oregon should be swept off the statute books and a new, modern, practical, efficient and economical town by the court, which would leave the government and get money at two fendant that the appeal from the fedsystem substitued. Oregon will not have roads that compare with the the country districts to build the per cent. Why not push for a law givto haul his produce, and we must give encouragement to railroad development. roads of progressive states as long as we stick to a code so tangled, so ineffi-"Mr. Strahorn has proposed a system of 400 miles of railroad in central cient and wasteful as the present one. The Oregon road laws, instead of for the men who back such moves. It bond fastice would carry by a large vote dered by that court before November, being an aid to road construction, actually retard the good work.

The first thing the matter with Oregon road laws is the wonderfully the most ardent advocates of hard sur den on anyone. Cut out insults, false complaint until next November, until it is—for unless we of Oregon do our part it cannot be built.

"What Oregon needs then for its development are more settlers and have been passed. They conflict, many of them are out of date, and apply that their arguments should not be fair treatment to your neighbors and wish to should have been passed. to pioneer Oregon stead of the Oregon of today Recently a Portland lawver attempted to find out just what the road laws of the state were and he gave up his job. He said it was impossible to collect and compile these stattes because of the conflict, repetition and the general over supply of law.

> Then, too, the Oregon road laws are nursing along a system of road con- and want a smooth road to ride on man. Under its provisions, we in Clackamas county have spent over a quar- and the contracting firms that expect er of a million of dollars a year for the last five years and today nine-teath. of the roads of the county are in such shape as to be almost impassable.

We see the county court this month trying to pick out the 60 road super. regardless of the effect on the com. Kelly to serve from three to 20 years. Croxton, state mediator, announced to visors. All the petty community differences, prejudice, personalities are the cost. ragged into the road affairs. All this is fostered by the state road laws.

A comparison of Oregon roads with California highways is certain to have been misrepresenting matters afted committing the crime and was clared off. The men at a mass meetndict the statutes of this state. From Washington, where less money is spent, published in the paper and statements the roads under a somewhat different system, are better and there are more made by speakers would lead us to be

miles of permanent highways than in Oregon. Oregon needs a legislature that will wipe out of existence its antiquated surface roads of our main roads that Oregon needs a legislature that will wipe out of existence its antiquated surface roads of our main roads that coad laws and pass in their stead an entirely new system that will encourage we have been spending a quarter of a Port of Astoria can go ahead and ac of whom, however, have been on a ermanent highway work; a system that will, for instance, not prevent a levy million dollars a year, etc. The facts quire and operate boats for the trans- strike, although they were compolled r permanent road work when it is voted by the taxpayers, or will bar such roads and bridges in the county and the authority granted by the legisla- deavoring to settle the strike at the other progressive highway legislation.

Even the laws enacted by the 1915 legislature have added to the tangle. The courts are kept busy for months trying to figure out just what effect the new statutes will have on the old. Suits are filed against counties by cities distribute it just about how it will go attempting to collect 100 per cent of the road fund, because of questions raised and has gone before. It will take one by the tangled road laws. Other towns declare that the county has no right to levy road taxes on property within their boundaries, because of other tan- in fact a little more than \$44,000, will gles. As time goes on the problems increase and more hairsplitting decisions go to the cities. This will still leave are required, and they will continue until the slate is wiped clean.

ANY ARE THE SMILES at the latest Democratic joke, and it's the new law-70 per cent going to the sprung right here in Oregon City. Decorating the broad chest of districts where collected. This would one of our leading Democrats, is a button bearing the picture of leave \$127,000 for the county road dis-Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, and the slogan, "Safety First," The reason for the slogan, according to the best information obtain- ure year for example. District 19 has ble, is not evident unless it indicates that the only safe thing to do is to elect averaged \$44.00 per mile of road for a Republican president and congress at the next national election. One thing certain and that is there is nothing unusually safe about the Democratic in line when such rotten methods are cheme of things, which includes a low tariff, the seaman's bill, foolish cur- used for educating the people in favor ency legislation, and such. Clackamas county voters are going to vote The papers pick up any thing a man safety first" next November and it's a ten to one bet that this county will might say and twist it in such a way to go solidly Republican from one end to the other.

JOHN STARK WONDERS

he Enterprise)-I wonder:-

If Unk. Andy will now come across

with that pension for indigent profes- the cabinet for? ff and are now raising it again?

understood the tariff question? If apointment to a bunch of lawyers? it would make sledding easier next feating just-eats?

for traffic again?

Why the Democrats did not keep their pre-election promises on canal When the Phillipinos will get the independence promised by the ticians will get the habit of keeping work?

What has become of W. Jennings and then wonder some more.

MAPLE LANE, Jan. 11.—(Editor of lif Wilson succeeded in knocking the Enterprise's taste, they published him into a three-cocked hat? If that was what he got Bryan into

If Bryan intends to put up the Teddy Why the Democrats lowered the tar- stunt of four years ago to split the

party? If the Democrats were right when If the tragic ending of the tragedy they promised lower tariff? If they near the county line was not a disthey have eaten all the tariff on hand If some reformer will not make it and are now just passing the plate unlawful for any one quilty of such for a second he'ping? If they think crimes to commit suicide thereby de-

Why some of our reformer legisla-When the Panama canal will be open tors, lawyers or what-not don't propose a license for the committing of such crimes?

recall about the fair ground racket? If that would not be easier for some present administration? When poli, of our reformers out of a job than real

Why not have a good old fashioned

JOHN F. STARK.

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE A Well Known Woman Speaks.

Bob Schuebel Writes.

ELDORADO, Ore., Jan. 11 .- (Editor of the Enterprise)-The time is coming in Clackamas county when it will it is not out of place to experiment in a small way at this time, so when the time comes that a good deal of such what kind of hard surface to build, as well as having solved the problem of raising the money to build them. But to go into this business blindly withopening the land is a serious burden on the settlers, who have no money, as a rule, is the the kind they can do I would not hesitate to sign up an

find the way to raise the money. Th's hard surface roads along honorable will never be accomplished as long as speakers and our papers give out and find the way to get them. I have papers you have geen driving us apart afford it and we only experiment in a ness on Sunday. Many people would instead of together.

ounty have shown is the disposition come out ahead in the end. to try to get all the road money raised in their town limits returned to the banker can deposit county bonds with bridges as well as build their roads, ing the county an equal chance on the United States is taken in good faith. Now such attempts do not speak well same security? With such a law your A decision will probably not be renshows they have very little sense of in Clackamas county and hard surface I shall, therefore, continue the final right and wrong. There are among roads assured without a serious bur- disposition of the demurrer to this considered. I prefer to those who ex- we will all fare better. Until you passed 72 years ago." pect to speculate on property, on ac change your methods, you will fail. count of such roads. Those who want to find a safe, long-time loan for their money, and so advocate bonds. etc. Those who bought automobiles fat contracts; all these mentioned might be willing to push hard surface tacking a girl about 15 years old and roads before the proper time to do so.

about our road money: The article located after several months' search. Heve that the 60 road supervisors had spent enough money to have built hard money. Now I will take this sum and sop county. tenth, or \$24,000, for bridge fund. This is rather a low estimate. One-sixth, about \$45,000 in a general fund with the county court for other expenses, such as laying out new roads, etc. 1 am now figuring on a basis that the tricts, which is just about one-half what is claimed, and I took a high fig-

Now when a man objects to falling of their schemes, what is the result? make a man look ridiculous and a crook. I want to give two examples: When I tried to register and failed at the time on account of not having my father's papers, what was said at the time was twisted and published to try to make me out a fool. Still worse, few years ago, when I had been mixed up in a public matter that did not suit a report that a man, prominent in this matter, had sold his farm on time and foreclosed on the poor man; hinted at robbery wound up asking if this looked like a reformer. No names were men tioned, but the conditions and the writer's previous statements, would indi cate he meant R. Schuebel. Now ! want to give you the facts of what took place, and leave you to judge what kind of a man he must be to write such an article without knowing the facts, which are: I had sold my farm on time; received \$1000 down. The man set his own time for future payments; failed to make good, even to pay taxes on time. I gave him all the time he wanted to sell then, although I had made a small payment on place in Washington. I dropped that and paid him for what wire fence he put on the farm; paid him for what I wonder much about the foregoing fruit trees he planted and bought all

he had it his own figure That is

something I would have no trouble to

in Every Town in Oregon Neighbors Say the Samo.



for my nerves and a genera hreak-down and after using only three bottles I was completely cured. I also used Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for the blood and it proved very beneficial.

"I can heartily recommend Dos

Hauen, 643 Deacum Ave. The mighty restorative power of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription speedily causes all womanly troubles to disappear-compels the organs to properly perform their natural functions, correcta displacementa, overcomes irregularities, removes pain and misery at certain times and brings back health and strength to nervous, irritable and exhausted women.

It is a wonderful prescription, pre-

pared only from nature's roots a burbs, with no alcohol to falsely sti plate and no narcotics to wreck the It banishes pain, backache, low spirits, hot flashes, dragging-down sensation, worry and sleeplessness surely and without loss Why should any woman continue to

worry, to lead a miserable existence, when certain help is at hand? What Dector Pierce's Favorite Prescription has done for thousands it will do for you. It's not a secret remedy for its ingredients are printed on wrapper. Get it this very day from any medicine dealer in liquid or tablet form.

prove, and get the Enterprise tried to make out I was a robber.

Surely, a man's sense of right and wrong is limited to be the author of that article. Now the sooner our palines, the quicker we will get together ready, as hard surface roads are still

At Ellensburg, Wash., they built two small way until we have solved the practically have to give up their busi-About all the cities in Clackamas problem of the money and we will

We now have a law under which a R. SCHUEBEL.

SILVERTON BOY SENTENCED.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11.-Noah Wolfard of Silverton pleaded guilty to atwas sentenced today by Circuit Judge mon people and their ability to stand in the penitentiary. His plea for a pa

ASTORIA CAN RUN BOATS.

are, in 1907 we spent \$101.088.11 or portation of passengers and freight on to quit work. Mediator Croxton is engradually increased as the valuation in- ture of 1915 was the decision of the su- plant of the Republic Iron & Steel creased, until this year, 1916, we will preme court today in the case brought raise about \$246,000 county road by District Attorney Mullins of Clat tatives of the company and the men

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY IS PUBLIC

TOTAL OUTSTANDING WARRANTS PLUS INTEREST IS \$176,580, STATEMENT SHOWS.

The net indebtedness of Clackamas county to \$150,955.61, acording to the semi-annual report, which was made public Monday. The report shows the ondition of the county for the period ending January 1.

The county has on band, in the general and the road funds, \$25,624.42, while the total liabilities is \$176,550.03. The statement follows:

Liabilities-

To general fund warrant drawn on county treasurer, and outstanding and unpaid \$ 37,620,48 county road warrants, out-136,949,55 standing and unpaid. Estimated interest accrued 2,000.00 thereon

Total liabilities \$176,580.03 Resources ly funds in hands of county treasurer applicable to payment of general funds unds in hands of county

treasurer applicable to payment of county road 24,727.13 warrants Total resources \$ 25,624,42 Net indebtedness\$150,955.61 Total general fund warrants\$ 40,360.77

l'otal regular road warrant

l'otal special road warrants

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issued 34,341.81 Total warrants issued .. \$310,528.31

135,825,73

SUNDAY CLOSING LOW IS TIED UP UNTIL NEXT FALL

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and football grounds, are conducted unassumption that they can transact business, and enough people are out of employment at present, without unnecessarily adding to their number.

"I re'y on the assurance of the deeral beach to the supreme court of the

YOUNGSTOWN STRIKE IS DECLARED OFF

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 11 .- Fred night that the strike of the tube work-Let me illustrate how some of you fard, who is about 20 years o'd, fled Sheet & Tube company had been deing tonight voted to accept the company's offer of an increase in wages amounting to approximately 10 per cent, and will return to work tomor

> company, and conferences of represenwill be resumed tomorrow

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OREGON CITY At Oregon City, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business on December RESOURCES

Loans and discounts \$ 83,634.88 Overdrafts, unsecured 476,86 U.S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) 12,500.00 Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal 163,974.89 Subscription to stock of Federol Reserve Bank Value of banking house 1,750.00 Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank 7,816.30 Net amount due from approved reserve agents in Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities 14,243.03 16,432.16 Net amount due from banks and bankers 7,412.80 Other checks on banks in the same city or town as 1,119.25 Notes of other national banks 3,235,00 Federal Reserve notes 375.00 Coin and certificates 16,879.15 675.00 U. S. Treasurer 625.00 TotalLIABILITIES. \$272,124.81 Capital stock paid in \$ 50,000.00 \$ 50,000.00 8,931.98 1,401.25 161,814.86 Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days 24,729.50 Time Certificates of deposit 7,440.87 Other time deposits Total of time deposits

\$272,124.81 State of Oregon, County of Clackamas, ss: I, F. J. Meyer, cashier of the above-nambed bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge

F. J. MEYER,

Notary Public.

CORRECT-Attest: LATOURETTE, LATOURETTE,

M. D. LATOURETTE, Director Subscribed and aworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1916, E. C. LATOURETTE

My commission expires July 17, 1919.