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A CONTRAST IN ROAD-BUILDING.

A number of years ago, during the biennial apportionment of state road funds by the Washington legislature, it was conceived by some of the members of the committee about Seattle and Tacoma that improvement of roads in the south-western Washington counties would be so advantageous to Portland that Washington money should not be devoted to that purpose.

But times have changed. Since then, long-distance automobile touring has come into vogue. Autoists from eastern states and California journey forth to partake of the varied summer attractions of the northwest. They come from the east over the Columbia river highway and they come from the south over the Pacific highway.

The Carlyn bill is in principle a copy of the plan of road financing that originated in Oregon. It proposes to capitalize automobile registration fees into bonds, and thus make the automobiles pay for the roads.

It is a fact that Washington got the good roads fervor much earlier than Oregon. It created a state highway department in 1912, and fifteen years ago designated primary and secondary state highways and imposed a state-wide highway tax.

But it cannot be fairly said that there are any good roads or that there are any bad roads in Washington. The complaint concerns principally their continuity. If one happens to live in one of the larger cities, or on a main highway, or on a good road, one can find good roads to ride over.

From the Columbia highway within its borders under a county bonding act, and several other counties had exhibited a progressive road-building spirit. But the main work has been recent. The gap in a continuous pavement from Hood River is now being closed on the lower Columbia river highway.

the highway commission. But on a pay-as-you-go plan, it is doubtful if a commission of no more, now high degree could have accomplished a quarter as much in the same time. It has been able to plan ahead on the basis of the fact that it had been forced to let new grades go to pieces or to rely on makeshifts; availability of funds has made possible the letting of large contracts and the fact that large contractors and executive have caused contractors to prepare to handle them and to meet price competition of other contractors.

But the future of Oregon is bound up to a large extent with the future of the north-west states. The bigger the inducement, the greater the number that will come to approach the state and the railroad. In that it is a means of communication between far-distant as well as neighborhood communities, Oregon will have to be content with what it is to its best interests if railroad development were backward north of the Columbia river.

THE SAD FATE OF GEORGIA.

If Tom Watson shall have been nominated for senator in Georgia—that is, if he is not reported to have been defeated by the republican ticket in Wisconsin may be attributed to the influence of the American Federation of Labor. Any better result was hardly to be expected in so radical a state as Georgia.

There is one other democratic testimony as to Watson. Here is what one opponent, Governor Dorey, who ran as a pro-league, pro-Wilson candidate for senator, offered as his opponent:

Tom Watson deceived our boys to remain the draft. He deceived the ignorant and collected \$12,000 from poor boys that he would save them from the boys sent in jail. Watson deceived our boys during the war, and deceived our boys in their purchase of the draft.

OFF THE RESERVATION.

Mr. Bryan may be sulking in his tent as blind old Homer says of Achilles, but he is not sulking. He may be drowning his sorrows in the democratic baseball park, as cartoonist Perry pictures, or he may be going fishing, as democratic head-quarters in the Pacific northwest, he is still boiling within, while calm without, as the ubiquitous reporter suspects and sees; but whatever it is, the old man is not sulking.

There is no likelihood of his nomination and no likelihood of his election. But why should any democrat be willing to let the country be run by the aristocracy of the nation? For the triumph of prohibition is a triumph of the aristocracy of the nation.

JUNKING HELIGOLAND.

Heligoland, the impregnable, behind which the German fleet lurked throughout the war, save for a few forays, is now being dismantled under allied direction. By the terms of the armistice, the island was to be fortified or to serve as a naval base, though Germany retains possession. It was the foremost symbol of German strength when the Prussian prince, the Kaiser's son, today oxyhydrogen flames are cutting its guns and turrets into scrap steel, and high explosives are shattering its massive reinforced concrete.

actionary, puts forward a policy for the benefit of agriculture which is both practical and progressive. It is statesmanlike, for it treats agriculture in its true relation to other interests and is linked with the past in contrast with those radical schemes which would break abruptly with all that has gone before. He derives the principle on which his policy is founded, not from the economic theories of German and Russian socialists, which improve on an old campaign slogan by rejecting the old flag, but demanding an appropriate but not the American constitution, which teaches self-help free from paternalism.

ESCH BEATEN, BUT SO WAS SIMS.

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SALESMANSHIP IN COFFINS.

The undertakers have spent the week-end assembling and discussing of their mutual affairs—in which all of us have some eventual concern—and it was but natural that they should talk shop.

One of the anomalies of the outbreak of bolshevism in Italy is that it follows closely on a visit of a delegation of Italian capitalists to Russia. They saw what bolshevism has done up to see only what was favorable to the interests of their own class.

HARDING'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY.

It is refreshing to turn from Governor Cox's mendacious appeals to class prejudice to Senator Harding's sane and sane proposals for agricultural policy for agriculture which shall treat it not as a distinct, selfish, selfish interest, to be served by the government, but as a part of the whole nation, to be fostered on the principle of "all for one and one for all."

The spirit in which Cox appeals for votes is expressed in this characterization of his rival as: "The great exploiters of the senatorial oligarchy and of big business interests trying to buy the presidency." Harding is expressed in these words of his speech at Minneapolis: "I very much deplore the present-day tendency of running a party on the basis of class activities. It has become a very serious thing to see the rank and file of those who constitute the ranks of labor, another to those who make up the great farming community, and still another to those who make up the manufacturing world and its associated commerce, and to other groups of less importance."

The survivors of the Italian earthquakes ought to emigrate to Los Angeles, where the quakes are less deadly. The mere fact that the navy has gone bone dry doesn't mean there will be more navigating by moonshine. The cheapest liberty bond was quoted yesterday at 1.7. That's the price of the safest investment.

BY-PRODUCTS OF THE TIMES

Gas Man Turned Off Lights, So Edison Sought Revenge. According to a friend, Thomas A. Edison is of the opinion that it was anger that first turned him toward inventing the incandescent light. How it happened is related by a friend in the New York Tribune.

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How the dollar invested works for the individual himself has been best illustrated by the first great American millionaire, John D. Rockefeller. In 1871, he bequeathed \$1000 to the commonwealth of Massachusetts and to the city of Boston as a mark of his appreciation for the good government of the state.

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Those Who Come and Go

Five thousand sheep and several thousand lambs comprise the Dam Ranch, in Wheeler county, Eugene Spray, who with Ed Templeton, owns the ranch, is in Portland, and is being sold by Charles Martin, of Olex. Mr. Martin had holdings on Rock creek for many years. Dam Ranch, the best of the best, the best irrigation ranches in Wheeler county. It gets its name from the dam across the John Day river and the first dam built long ago, went out and a second one was put in. William B. Potter and associates built the dam, and who the ranch is named after. Mr. Potter was formerly a member of the Oregon legislature. Dam Ranch raised 8000 head of this year, and it has raised as high as 10000 tons. Mr. Templeton and Martin are not likely to sell any of their hay until through the winter. The Dam Ranch is said to be worth about \$150,000.

Visitors from Vancouver, B. C., at the Multnomah are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. MacSwiney and Mrs. Grady. Mrs. Grady is agitating against the system of traffic which prevails here, in which the collector goes to the collector's office instead of the right, the rules being the reverse of those in the United States. She is agitating against the change in the local street car company, which complains that it is being asked to pay \$300,000 to change cross-over switches and the platform gaps on the cars. Vancouver is also enjoying double time, the regular rate of 1000 being the latter being one hour ahead of standard. The local time is a relic of daylight-saving days.

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JAZZ IS PLEASURE OF MASSES

IN MUSIC OR DANCING IT FILLS WANT OF AVERAGE PERSON. PORTLAND, Sept. 9.—(To the Editor)—Of late I've noticed several articles in The Oregonian dealing with jazz music and "animal" dances and some of our magazines have been reading about them and even suggesting that some sort of legislation be enacted against them.

Let us try to define the little word "jazz" which after all is only a slang expression, and give it the true meaning of it. Originally, the word was used to designate a certain rhythmic style of music that was suitable for dancing, but that meaning has been enlarged upon to include a great number of things. We designate color arrangements with it now, apply it to wearing apparel and most anything else in which it is used. It is a word which has a meaning, we can truthfully say that the sporting page of The Oregonian or any other newspaper is not a "jazz" style. If some of our old jazz masters such as Longfellow, Shakespear, and others, had been given the accounts would convey less meaning than the accounts of modern jazz dances. It's the same with music. The public hasn't the time to devote to a study of music and just as it requires a student of painting to understand the writings of a Milton, a student of painting to appreciate the music of a Tschakowsky symphony without the knowledge of the composer's melodic, intricate harmonies and musical progressions. Thus we find the reason for the popularity of popular "jazz" tunes, as they are of simple melodies and natural harmonies that are easy for the untrained musical ear to grasp.

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"A Woman."

By Grace E. Hall. "A Woman." That was all the name she wrote On that last page wherein her message of encouragement was passed. A wondrous message, too, in that kind note. Read it and the words she had to say: And from a heart that life has touched and taught. There came a white messenger to bring Acknowledgment most tender of the thought. That in my little song I've tried to sing.

"A Woman." Ah! Those words are deep and strong; How many pictures flash before one's eyes. Woman—the inspiration of life's song; Woman—the sweet white crutch, or life's worst lie! Where battles rage, or by the snowy slopes of the mountains, or in the fields of red. "A Woman." To be only that, less than a man, may seem a meager harvest field. But, woman, she but represent the name. In very truth—what golden sheaves do you yield? And so I'll write this letter with the rest. Its message on my pen shall leave its mark. I know the name she signed was really best. Because to be "A Woman" means so much.

Stars and Starmakers.

By Leone Cass Baer. You bet on an election Delighted if you win, Forgetting the defeat When you've lost. You make a thousand dollars When stocks are running strong. No matter what the market does. Who plays the market wrong. The girl you take to dinner Consents to share your fate. But while you're glad to win 'er. Some suitor gets the gate. To gain the mountain's crown, But while you're going higher. Somebody's going down. You clean up on the races. You're a winner when you're a loser. Dejected on the face. The busted bookies wear. As through the crowd we amble. We ought to get the blues. To think it's all a gamble. And some one has to lose. Yet while your sun is shining. You do not give a rap. That some one else is winning. It's just the other chap. That's how the fates arrange it. We cannot mend or change it. It's just the way things is.

But Something Always Happens. A get-rich-quick scheme is a spectacular success as long as it is all coming in. But when it's going out. All the Embellishments. Architecturally speaking, choice between the candidates. Both of them have front porches, and both of them have bay windows. Onward and Upward. The coast of living is like mountain climbing. We think we are at the peak when we are really only over the first of the foothills. (Copyright, 1920, E. C. Hall.)

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of September 10, 1895. Louisville.—The 29th annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic opened this morning with a big parade in honor of Commander-in-Chief Lincoln. In the 33d annual report of the city's schools, Superintendent Platt shows the following language, which was to be 19,471, embracing 9412 boys and 10,059 girls. The second trial of W. E. Ellsworth for the murder of his wife, Edith, by a coroner's jury, was held at the Washington territory fair will be held at the Walls commencing September 21 and continuing four days. A local firm has chartered the Norwegian bark Loveld and will load wheat for Liverpool. Portland academy affairs has more than 1000 in its rolls, reports Professor Rogers. Earlier Democrat Strong Defender of His Constitutional Prerogatives. PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(To the Editor)—October 18, 1895, in the last joint debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas at Alton, Ill., near my home, Judge Douglas said that you convert the government from a republic into a despotism. I resist this invasion of the national rights of the people. The constitution of the president is independent of the senate in appointments and treaties. The senate has a veto over the president. Whenever you recognize the right of the executive to say in the senate, you are that you convert the government from a republic into a despotism. I resist this invasion of the national rights of the people. I intend to resist it as long as I have a voice to speak, or a vote to give. (Copyright, 1920, E. C. Hall.)

No "National" Holiday.

TWIN ROCKS, Or., Sept. 7.—(To the Editor)—Kindly let me know if there is such a day as a national holiday, and if it is not, I will stand by. No holiday has been fixed by act of congress. Some holidays are observed in all states, but by individual enactment in each of them.

Yard Refuse Is Garbage Problem.

PORTLAND, Sept. 9.—(To the Editor)—Now while the removal of garbage is being discussed, it would be wise to think of other unsightly refuse to be disposed of—clippings from the hair of the men who are not going to be left out in the cold. JOHN HENRY PATTON, 273 Chapman St.

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