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The policy of the Coos Bay Times will be Republican in politics, with the independence of which President Roosevelt is the leading exponent.

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THE GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

THE NATIONAL Good Roads congress, which has been holding a four days' session in Baltimore, is in itself evidence that the movement for road betterment is gaining momentum.

Almost every state in the Union is formally discussing the important question of road improvement, and in some states legislation is in embryo for the creation of permanent roadways through co-operation between property owners, the counties and the states.

The property owner is directly benefited, as good roads really reduce the distance between farms and markets. Distance is no longer the drawback it was formerly, if roads are good, because the automobile can annihilate distance while the owner is enjoying the process.

CANNED MUSIC AND TRADITION.

AMONG THE WONDERS of the times is the recording of the voices of notables, of actors and singers, and the works of musicians. After these people are dead, after they have passed many of them out of memory, these records will be taken from their storage places and the people of the newer generations will have opportunity to hear how well our song birds caroled and how skilled were our pianists and violinists.

It is all truly amazing to think about and yet there may be much of disappointment for ears of the twenty-first century. Time weaves traditions about a great name. There are many who will not concede that Jenny Lind has her equal among any living now. The eloquence of Daniel Webster rings more nobly in history than the cold analysis of his speeches seem to warrant.

The canned speeches and music are likely to rob many a celebrity of his crown after his departure. There will be competitors always to challenge and there will be the occasion then for measurement and comparison, a process that may prove fatal to assertions of supremacy.

LONG PRISON TERMS

FOR THEFT OF 65 CENTS NEW YORK, June 14.—Convicted of robbing a drunken man of 65 cents, David Anderson and Michael Condon were sentenced to not more than fifteen years nor less than seven years and a half in Sing Sing prison.

THE LITTLE LANDERS.

THE LITTLE LAND league, a national organization, the object of which is to reduce the number of nomadic laborers in the United States, is beginning to secure the support of thinking citizens in all parts of the country.

At present a certain percentage of the laboring population of the United States, having no interests to hold them at any particular place, rove irresponsibly about the country, saving nothing and making no homes and living only from day to day on the wages they happen to be earning.

It is the object of the Little Land league to encourage laborers to acquire small pieces of property in the places they are employed, and make themselves permanent homes. By becoming small land owners laborers will gain an inducement to settle down in one place and begin the right sort of economy. There is no man so poor but that he cannot in time secure a little land which he can put under cultivation and upon which he can live in ordinary comfort.

THE ANTI-TRUST CAMPAIGN.

THE POLICIES of the Taft administration in the matter of trust prosecutions differ far less from those of the Roosevelt administration than the country has recently been led to believe.

During President Roosevelt's seven years the task of dealing with the trusts was largely educational. It was necessary, for one thing, to awaken the people to the need of curbing monopolies. The Sherman law was little understood by the courts and the railroads and trade combinations had ignored it; they had chosen, in fact, not to read it. A good deal of preliminary litigation was required in order to gain an understanding of the law and to obtain rulings upon which further and more effective prosecution could be carried on.

A TEACHER ON AFRICA.

THE TRIP OF Mr. Roosevelt is a good deal more than a sportsman's pursuit of elephants, giraffes and a miscellaneous lot of animals. The ex-president, without handling a pointer or covering his clothes with chalk dust, is serving as an instructor in geography and natural history.

There are few Americans but have recently learned much more of Africa than they ever knew before. Travel stories, as they appeared in the magazines in the past and the travel books as the children brought them home from the libraries, were fairly easy to dodge. One didn't even have to cut the leaves or glance at the pictures. But now we are bombarded with facts and fancies, with history and maps, with photographs and cablegrams and temperature tables and railway earnings until there is no eluding the reading of the stuff. And, as in other long avoided fields, a person finds it full of interest. We doubt if anyone in this corner of the world was not surprised to hear of the immense colonization schemes carried out by the Germans in East Africa, so heartily complimented by Mr. Roosevelt in his message to the kaiser. And Uganda seems another land than the one it was popularly thought. By the time the distinguished hunter departs for home his country will have learned Africa as thoroughly and as swiftly as it learned of the Philippines after Dewey sank the Spanish squadron.

"CASTLEWOOD" at the P. K.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

If you can't be a sun, resolve not to be a cloud. —Selected.

A BASEBALL ROMANCE.

A baseball player loved a maid Who was both fair and wise. Said she, "I'll have no base tricks played By anyone your size.

"I'll put a shortstop to you if The home plate you dare throw At me in any breakfast tiff— No such wild pitch will go.

"I'll be the umpire and decide Who's foul and what is fair— Don't ever think that you can slide Home late while I am there.

"And you will catch it, past all doubt— You may be sure of that— And will as surely be put out If you go on a bat.

"Now, if to these things you agree, There's only one more thing— It's true you make a hit with me But where's your diamond ring?"

"O, don't let that disturb your plans." Said he, "Today, sure thing, I'll win my game and then the fans Will make the diamond ring."

Don't let hope run away with your judgment.

There is absolutely nothing original to be said in making love.

A boy is a great deal more likely to outgrow warts than bad habits.

There is no way of getting at the number of animals Mr. Roosevelt misses.

Better not get acquainted with the people of Mars. They might want to borrow something.

"Conversation is a lost art," says a New York essayist. Yes, the best we get now is common talk.

Says a scientist: "The men of Mars have abnormally large heads." That is of course, providing Mars is inhabited.

A man may think his own opinion is not worth much, and yet it gives him a pleasant sensation to have somebody ask him for it.

One writer says that kissing through a veil isn't worth while. But even at that it beats osculating through the meshes of a screen door.

No man will ever make himself popular by declaring that whiskey will not cure snakebite. It is a waste of time to monkey with traditions.

The woman who carries cash in her stocking may not be as swell-elegant as the girl who has a fancy purse, but she usually has more cash to carry.

THAT BABY.

I'm a married man of forty and my wife is forty-one; She'd a daughter when I spliced her, who to womanhood had grown Now this daughter's my stepmother! my old dad, aged sixty-three, Has married her; they've got a babe—now what is babe to me?

Then my father's now my stepson, by his marriage, that is plain. But his wife is my stepmother. Oh, 'twill soon drive me insane; For if I'm my father's father, then it follows I must be, Why, my blessed own grandfather, that's quite evident, you see.

I've thought baby was my grandson; but again that cannot be; I cannot be grandfather to a brother, you will agree. But if it is my brother, then it is very plain to me That my wife must be grandmother to her husband, don't you see?

Oh, what pretty complications, little baby, have you made! You have boxed up all relations, and that, too, of every shade. Am I brother, am I cousin, am I granddad, or, in fine, Can I be your aunt or uncle, or is it that you are mine?

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