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HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

WHILE the government report which is made public today indicates that the engineering department does not favor an immediate new survey and improvement of the jetty, and while this condition of affairs is quite disappointing to the people of Coos Bay, the fact should not be overlooked that the local engineer in charge of the district recommended the work as is shown in the report. While Coos Bay did not gain just what it wanted at this particular time, it is at least gratifying to know that the local engineer, a man whose technical knowledge and two years' work here places him in a position to judge, co-operates with the community by recommending the improvements desired. Such cooperation is by no means a small matter in eventually securing what is wanted. It should also be remembered in a time when the community might be disappointed, that there has already been done a large amount of excellent work on the inside channel which has greatly helped the local conditions.

VOTE FOR GOOD ROADS.

AMONG the numerous road measures submitted to the people upon the ballot for action at the November election, is the one submitted by the people of Southern Oregon, known as the County Home Rule bill. This measure, as its name implies, gives to counties the right to build highways, if desired, upon the consent of a majority of the voters if obtained at a general or special election.

The bill does not differ materially from the constitutional amendment submitted and carried two years ago, except that it is self-enacting and requires no enabling act and no legal entanglements or interpretations by the courts to hamper action.

No limitation is placed upon the indebtedness, as such limitation is needless, for the taxpayers will not vote for too large indebtedness and if they did, the bonds could not be sold. The limitation of two percent placed in the so-called Harmony bills, will be fatal to many counties as taxpayers will refuse to vote for an indebtedness unless it benefits by good roads, all parts of the county, which cannot be done with a small amount. Under this measure, the amount of indebtedness is left to the taxpayers to decide.

The measure provides that the county court, in its order of election shall "provide every detail concerning the form and manner of disposing of the securities issued" and to insure the success of the election, the roads to be constructed, the materials to be used, will also have to be set forth.

The simplicity of the measure is its strong point, and it has the endorsement of all of the leading good roads advocates, including Sam Hill, the president of the national good roads association. Its number upon the ballot is 360. Vote YES upon this measure.

BASEBALL HAS ANALOGIES With LIFE.

NO GAME was ever devised and developed that contains more of the factors constituting human nature than baseball; none that offers closer parallels to the course of human life. The common characteristics manifest themselves, especially in a contest between the champions of leagues for the championship of the world.

The contest of life and that on the field develop heroes. Not seldom these developed from men from whom little was anticipated. There occur exigencies in life and emergencies in ball, the former called crises and the latter pinches, that reveal the adequacy or competency of the man. He who then shows that he can bring home the winning run or supply the sagacity to solve a puzzling situation in important affairs is the man who reaps the applause of the spectators, ceives rewards for trustworthiness.

Baseball is not one of the serious matters of life, but it has serious elements that sometimes almost reach tragic quality. Red-leaping blood goes to winning of success in each; stalwart sinews, strong minds and true eyes; unflinching courage that hopes against hope and fights a seemingly lost battle through to victory.

Consider the pluck and faith of McGraw and Marquard. The latter is a pitcher who cost the magnate \$11,000. The first season he was a "lemon," the sourest of failures. He lost game after game, and the master was urged, more

vigorously than courteously, to discharge him. But McGraw saw the latent possibilities of sweet lemonade when the lemon should have ripened, and held tight to the sour fruit.

But one day McGraw patted Marquard on the shoulder and said: "Go to it, Rube; you can win in a walk." And Rube went to it with a vengeance and won his game—the only one of four decided contests won by his team.

McGraw won because he had faith in and loyalty to Marquard. Marquard won because he had found McGraw to be the best friend he had ever had. Many "lemons" of real life might become heroes at the touch of a friend's hand on their shoulder at some critical time of opportunity and responsibility.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING Since then nor Phrygian marble nor the use of purple more dazzling than the sun, nor the Falterian vine, nor the Persian nard, composes a troubled mind, why should I set about a lofty edifice with columns that excite envy, and in the modern taste? Why should I exchange my Sabine vale for wealth, which is attended with more trouble?—Horace (Smart, tr.)

CONTENTMENT.

I had my dreams and so I lived content; A dream beneath the wide, kind skies of old; Out in the orchard when the soft winds bent The swaying branches and strange stories told Of life within the far-off town of men— Mad music on the highways and the gleam Of glory on life's firing line—and then I lived content because of such a dream. I have my dream and so I live content— A dream within the gray walls of the town, Of old-time orchard lanes, the fragrant scent Of mignonette and roses—fields of brown And golden harvest—the remembered glow Of God's lost sunshine warning to the gleam Of star-lit dusk, back home again, and so I live content because of such a dream. Grantland Rice.

When a Coos Bay man gets full he uses a lot of empty words.

Some Coos Bay women think it a sin to do a lot of things they will coax the men to do.

No bride can see herself as her husband's mother see her.

To my anonymous friend: Your lines in yesterday's paper

called to mind a quotation from Goethe's Wilhelm Meister, of which the following is a free translation: "How desolate this globe would appear if we saw in it only oceans, rivers and mountains. But to know some friend here and there who takes an interest in us and our work, makes this world a beautiful garden." E. BANDEL.

It doesn't pay to do favors for a man who has a poor memory.

A ball team can't win in a walk; it must have at least one run.

A woman's social rating may be based on her washday clothesline.

There is a man in Marshfield so stingy that he will not tell a joke at his own expense.

When a girl begins to call a young man by his first name she probably has designs on his last.

If a man can't blame anyone else for his troubles, he can at least drive himself to drink.

The man who shoots at random never hits the target.

THE EDITOR'S PRAYER.

I would free from the city's rule and law—from its fashions and forms let loose—and go where the strawberry grows on its straw, and the gooseberry grows on its goose; where the catnip tree is climbed by the cat as she clutches for her prey the guileless and unsuspecting rat, on the rattan bush at play. I will watch at ease the saffron cow and the cowlet in their glee, as they peal in joy from bough to bough on top of a cowslip tree; and list while the partridge drums his drum, and the woodchuck chucks his wood, and the dog devours the dogwood plum in the primitive solitude. O, let me drink from the moss grown pump that was hewn from a pumpkin tree! Eat mush and milk from a rural stump, from form and fashion free—new garnered mush from the mushroom vine and milk from the milkweed sweet—with luscious pineapples from the pine! Such food as the gods might eat! And then to the white-washed dairy I'll turn, where the dairy maid hastening hies her ruddy and golden butter to churn from the milk of her butterflies; and I'll rise at morn with the earliest bird, to the fragrant farmyard pass, and watch while the farmer turns his herd of grasshoppers out to grass.

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WILL HELP PORTLAND.

When the Southern Pacific's new line to Coos Bay is extended to connect with the Northwestern Pacific at Eureka, Oregon may turn the tables on California. Hitherto the Coast counties of Southern Oregon have been annexed commercially to California, but the new road will not only reclaim, but may annex Northwestern California to Oregon.—Oregonian.

WHY do you PAY MORE for FLOUR and FEED than you CAN GET IT AT HAINES FOR?

SEE the AIRSHIP next Saturday and Sunday.

HEARD ON THE STREETS

"Gloomy weather puts me on the blink," remarked a Front street business man this morning as he gazed out at gray skies and dripping atmosphere. "I would rather swelter in sunshine than be comfortable in gloom," he continued. "It seems to affect everyone. It has a tendency to chill the most buoyant and cheerful disposition. People who are accustomed to carrying around a smile come in with a long face and act as if their creditors are after them. This talk that every cloud has a golden lining, or something like that, is all right to read, but I want to tell you it takes sunshine to dry up the mud so that an auto can make the trip from Coos Bay to the railway in one day. It takes a smile to drive away a frown. It takes a cheerful word to melt down the blues. And it requires a radiant nature to put people in a radiant frame of mind so that we will get the smiles and the cheery talk. I don't mean that everyone I see has a funeral face on a cloudy day, but there is a lack of sincerity in the smiles and in the joy talk you get on a gloomy day. It looks artificial. There is an atmosphere of melancholy to it, a mental depression that makes one think of tube roses, floral harps and other funeral trappings. Give me sunshine and I don't care what anyone says."

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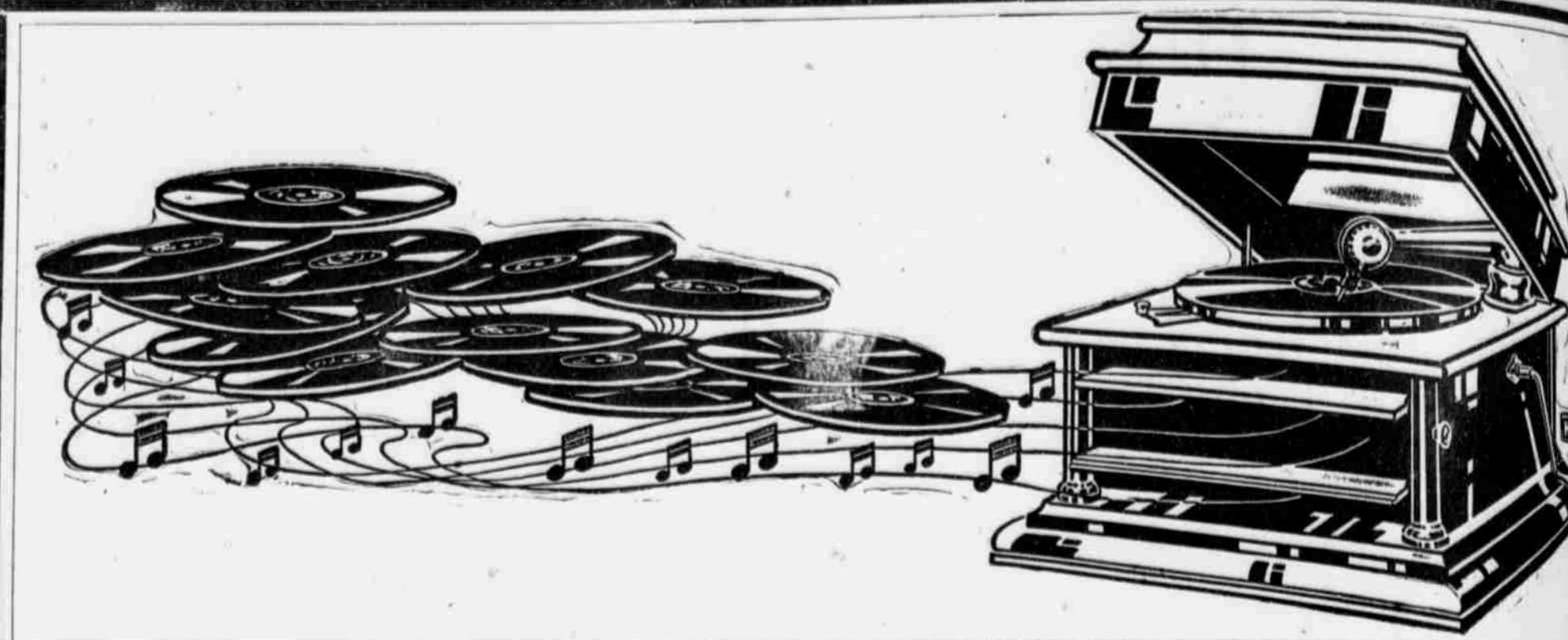
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WILL BRING BOY HOME SEA BORN BOY NAMED ORF

P. G. Jordan Wires That He Has His Son Who Ran Away. P. G. Jordan of Ten Mile, who went to Eureka, Cal. after his son, wires that he got the boy and will return home on the steamer Alliance. The boy ran away from home in company with a woman who was here for a time. A man who passed as the woman's husband also went on the same boat. Mr. Jordan when he left intended to prosecute the man and woman on a charge of kidnapping. He does not state in the telegram as to what he did in the way of prosecution. The message received by Marshal Carter was as follows: Eureka, California, Oct. 20, 1912. Jack Carter, Marshfield, Oregon. I got my boy and coming on Alliance. The woman was known here as Mrs. Humphrey. She came from Baker City, Oregon, where she was known as Mrs. Hale. She also used that name part of the time she was here.

WILL MEET AT MYRTLE POINT

Good Roads Association to Hold Gathering There Tuesday Night. Another meeting of the good roads association will be held at Myrtle Point Tuesday night. Representatives from different parts of the county will attend and the good roads matter will be presented to the people of that locality. Another meeting will be held Friday night at Bandon and the following Tuesday at North Bend. These meetings will give an opportunity to present the good roads plan in the various communities of the county and just before election a big meeting will be held at either Marshfield or Coquille. The membership of the association is one dollar and an effort is being made to secure one thousand members. The money thus raised will be used in sending out literature to boost for the adoption of the home rule bill, No. 360, which if passed will allow this county to bond for any sum desired to build roads. GREAT AIRSHIP EXHIBITION Saturday and Sunday, OCTOBER 26 and 27. If you have anything to sell, trade or rent, or want help, try a Want Ad. Try The Times' Want Ads.



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