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The Road of A Hundred Surprises



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THE following interesting descriptive article and accompanying illustrations of the Florence stage route appeared in a recent issue of the Standard Oil Bulletin, of San Francisco, and through the courtesy of The Bulletin, republished in The Times. All the scenes and many of the pictures are familiar to Coos Bay people. On this particular trip among those readily recognized are Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cumbers, Rev. Father McDavitt, and Al Meyer. The following is the article as it appeared in The Bulletin:

"It is doubtful if even the proprietors of the unique stage line plying between Marshfield, Oregon, and Florence, also in the West-foot State, would renege if someone should call their business a freak service. On this trip you get acquainted with names like 'Umpqua' and 'Stuslaw.' When you run into names like that you have a right to expect that you are going to get something besides the commonplace. And you do, on the Coos-Bay Florence Stage Line. In the first place, it operates on a regular schedule, is always on time, and the time is never the same as the day before. The jaunt begins with a launch ride

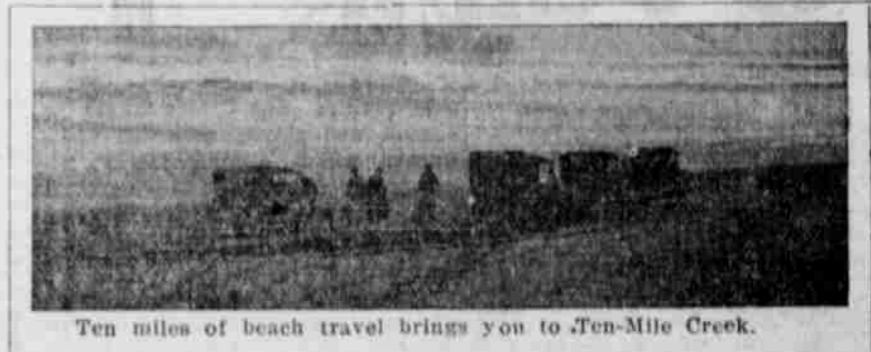


"Water, water! all around!"



Auto stages are waiting where you leave the motor boat

from Marshfield. The leaving time of the launch is determined by the tide; if it leaves at 2 a. m. one morning, it leaves an hour later the next, and an hour later the next, and so on until the 12 M. schedule is reached. Then they go back to the 2 a. m. schedule. The launch takes you down Coos Bay almost to the bar. There you leave the boat and embark in a Ford automobile for a spin up the beach and across the sand dunes. Two miles of this part of the journey you don't exactly "spin." It is over 2x12-inch planks laid lengthwise. Where the marsh land makes it necessary, this track is elevated. Ten miles of beach travel brings you to Ten-Mile Creek.



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law River. A six-horse stage is waiting for you on the opposite shore, and this vehicle takes you down the beach another twenty miles, the land journey ending when you embark in a motorboat and cross the Umpqua to Florence, Oregon. Lloyd H. Cornwall, one of the proprietors of this unique service, writes:

"It may interest you to know that we have been using Red Crown gasoline and Zerolene cylinder oil in our Ford cars on the ocean beach and we are getting excellent results from Zerolene under the most trying conditions. The beach at times is soft, and driving in low gear is often necessary, yet we have never had a case of heating."



The engine is raised when fording Ten-Mile Creek.

Homeless Belgian women on the way to the bread line.



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A Joke on the Lynx.
Frequently during the winter nature plays a joke on the lynx. Mr. Lynx does his hunting at night and lies outstretched on some horizontal limb during the day. Some day, while the lynx is dreaming, the sun comes out bright and warm and softens the surface of the snow to such extent that when the animal climbs down and starts in search of his supper the soft snow collects in great clumsy balls on the long foot hairs. The lynx sits down and with his sharp teeth gnaws away the accumulated snow. gets up and starts on, only to find that the balls have collected again. Again he sits down, a little less patiently this time, and gnaws the snow away. In a short time it has accumulated once more. The infuriated animal tears at the persistent snow with his sharp teeth and wounds his feet until they bleed. You can often track the animal by the bloodstains on the snow.—Youth's Companion.

A Costly Client.
Miss Bayley told me that Mr. Phipps, the oculist, told a gentleman, who told her, the following anecdote of the late Duchess of Devonshire. Mr. Phipps was sent for to Chatsworth to operate upon the duchess' eye. He stayed there some time and at parting received from the duke a fee of £1,000. Just before he stepped into his carriage a message from the duchess brought him to her chamber. She hoped the duke had done what was handsome by Mr. Phipps. The gentleman protested:
"Yes, and more than handsome."
"It is an awful thing," continued her grace, "to ask, but really I am at this moment in immediate want of such a man, and if you could, Mr. Phipps—"
What could the oculist do? He produced his £1,000, took his leave and never heard of his money from that day to this.—From "Recollections of a Long Life," by Lord Broughton.

Holland's Colonies.
Holland, with a population numbering only a little more than 6,000,000 and with an area only about one-fourth the size of the state of New York, ranks third among the countries of the earth in the number of its colonies and fifth among them in the area of its colonies. Only Great Britain and France have greater colonial populations, and only Great Britain, France, Germany and Portugal have greater colonial areas. The Dutch rule six times as many people—38,000,000—outside of Holland as there are within its boundaries.—Argonaut.

The Spinal Column.
The spinal column, or backbone, is the most ingenious engineering structure ever constructed. It contains within its center the spinal canal, injury to which would produce in its immediate paralysis or death. The separate bones of the spinal column are fitted and adjusted so nicely that there is little danger of this, and, besides being provided with cushions, it is elastic and strong.

Making Progress.
"Is the girl you love beginning to smile at you?"
"Well, no," replied Cholly Litebrane veraciously. "She hasn't gone quite that far, but every time I say anything she smiles at me."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Unanswered.
"Say, pop, may I ask you a question?"
"Yes, Teddy. What is it?"
"When a man's finished milkin' a cow, how does he turn off the milk?"

Success in Fiction.
Crawford—How can he make money out of short stories if he never sold one?
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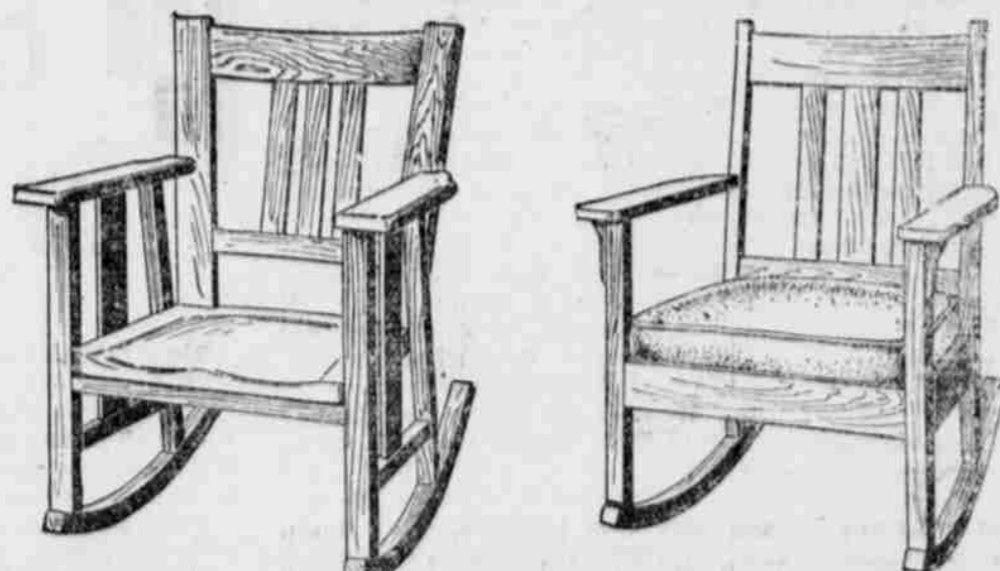
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