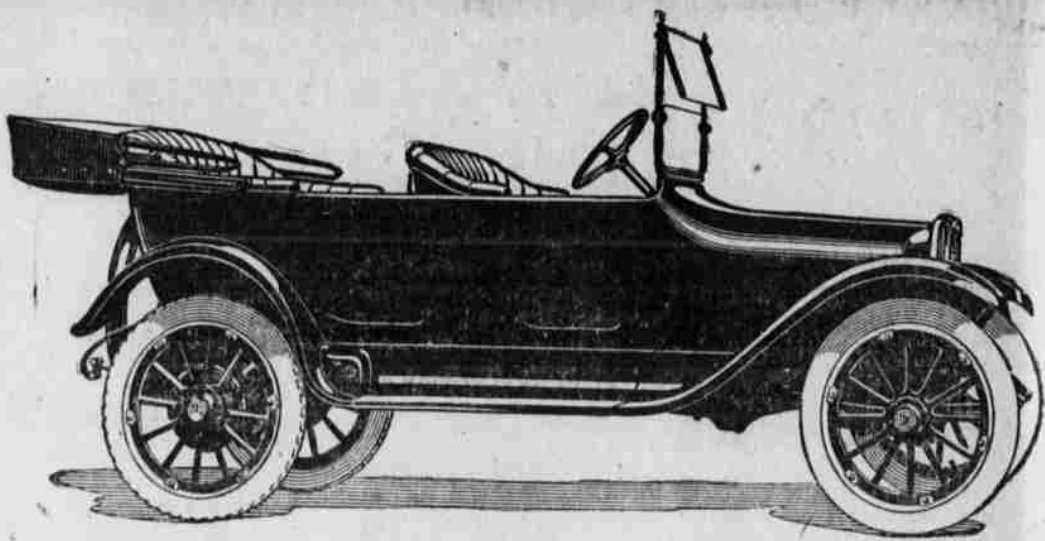


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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

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The Tidings has a greater circulation in Ashland and its trade territory than all other local papers combined.

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SPY SYSTEMS.

The elaborate working out of spy systems in Europe is appalling to the simple hearted and open American

mind. The insidious ways of the Old World are revolting to our franker methods of procedure. Our secret service has been merely a scheme for detecting crime.

Over in Europe it is a vast mechanism for securing military information, influencing opinion in foreign countries, stirring up strikes, revolutions and all kinds of troubles for peoples regarded as hostile. Our military position is no doubt understood quite as well in Berlin as in Washington.

Warfare with Germany means an unknown and insidious force of information gatherers and plotters right among us. No one can know where it is or whom it includes. A great deal of injustice will be done on suspicion to many loyal German-Americans who are standing by their adopted country.

But one can be sure also that some things that look perfectly innocent really mean mischief. The little tumble-down shop in some back city alley, where they apparently are turning out some trifling industrial by-product, may be the place where deadly bombs are being made for some wholesale destruction.

A great many ridiculous errors will be made. Engineers measuring a lot, telephone and wire gangs locating services, will be regarded by someone as spies. The police will come running breathless to question them. But people who seem to be taking observations and who are lurking in places where their business is not apparent, and where they might do damage, will have to be watched.

The United States will have to resort to the measures long ago enforced abroad for the registration of aliens. There should be correct lists of unnaturalized foreigners, their addresses and business. No unoffending man will be hurt by such registration, and valuable information will be secured.

DON'T THROW IT AWAY.

Some time during the coming month every registered voter in the state will receive a pamphlet containing the proposed constitutional amendments and measures to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the special election on June 4. Arguments both pro and con, by authorities, are included in the thirty-eight pages of the pamphlet, advance copies of which have been received, and

every voter should carefully read and study the measures and the arguments so as to fully perform his duty as a voter in an intelligent manner. Too often these pamphlets are thrown into the wastebasket unread. There is no reason for lack of information on any of the measures. Read the pamphlet and consider it.

THEIR HORIZON.

Down in Jackson county there is a sudden and alarming suspicion that President Wilson is disloyal—that is to say, disloyal to the paramount welfare of the Jackson county democracy.

The president abandons his kept-out-of-war slogan and breaks with Germany; and there is not a tremor among the rock-ribbed Jackson county faithful.

He summons the hated money barons of Wall street to his aid, and through them gets the assurance that they will get under the \$5,000,000 bond issue; and Jackson county stands pat.

The president throws to the winds any past fears of a large standing army and plans a great military organization of 1,000,000 to 3,000,000 men through universal conscription; and the boys of Jackson do not blink an eye.

But when he forgets the vast deserts of the democratic organization of Jackson county and invites Bert Anderson to be an appraiser of the Federal Farm Loan Board, at \$2,400 per year, there is trouble, mighty trouble. For he it known that Bert Anderson is chairman of the republican county committee, and Jackson county democrats had a candidate of their own in W. N. Campbell, chairman of their committee.

Wars may come and wars may go; worlds may stagger and chaos may reign; time may end and eternity may begin, but the horizon of the Jackson county democracy continues to be bounded on the north by a political job, on the south by another political job, on the east by the promise of a job, on the west by the hope of a job.—Oregonian.

Plans have been completed for a new hospital at the Roseburg Soldiers' Home.

Portland business men are demanding abolition of the unregulated jitney and that operators take out bonds of \$2,500 for each fare.

Commission Is Firm With Paving Cos.

Paving promoters who have come in contact with the state highway commission have received little comfort. The commission insists that high prices for paving, boosted up to reimburse paving companies for promotion expenses, will not be tolerated. The state should not be required to pay promotion costs, the commissioners say, and they state further that if paving bidders do not whittle their prices down to where these fancy promotion charges are eliminated, the state will buy its own machinery and build its own roads direct by day labor.

A reduction of 25 cents a barrel on the market price of cement when used for road work was tendered by the Oregon Portland Cement Company to the state commission at its meeting just held, and the cement people were commended for the spirit they showed. However, the commission insisted that to be thoroughly fair, the cement company should include cement for bridge work in the 25 cents a barrel reduction. The company has the commission's demand under consideration, with every prospect of favorable concession.

The word also has gone out that no patented pavement will be used by the commission unless the promotion and royalty charges are squeezed right down to a reasonable profit on the actual work to be done. The commission flatly states that all standard types of paving must be considered in open competition with each other, and that if none of the bids is low enough, "the commission will proceed to do the work itself by force account after the purchase and installation of its own paving plant."

The quotation is from the formal expression of the commission. All who come in contact with the commission are discovering that it means business, that it is composed of men who cannot be stampeded, and that promoters who try to put something over on the state receive short shrift. The bearing of the commission is one of firm determination that a full dollar's worth of actual construction work must be done for every dollar expended by the state, and that none of the state's money may be used to pay for anything except full value received for actual work done.

Heard and Overheard

(By Lynn D. Mowat.)

Did you ever stop to consider that if you take the butter out of milk you will have buttermilk, and have you ever wondered what you would have if you took the butter out of buttermilk or the milk out of the butter or the milk out of the buttermilk?

Howard Barrett is considering moustering his mustaches out of service before going to war. He says he is afraid someone might take him for an officer and salute him.

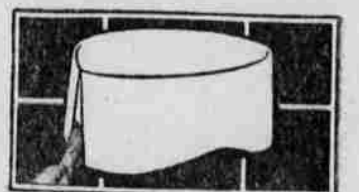
John Enders has a pair of fine pigskin puttees such as only officers are allowed to wear. He is undecided whether to sell the puttees or write to the secretary of war for a commission on the strength of them.

We heard it rumored that City Engineer Walker fell into the lithia spring the other day, but that he suffered no ill effects on account of the fact that he was wearing a new spring suit. Suitable suit, so to speak.

We made a mistake in reading proof on a White House grocery ad once and had to make good \$4.80 worth of cheese as a result. In Thursday's Tidings we made a little mistake of \$495,000,000, through leaving off three ciphers in giving the amount of bonds which the president wants issued, but are awaiting word from Washington before making good the loss.

Al W. Filson is a vaudeville artist of renown, but he prefers the movies.

Helen Holmes won't let anybody dictate to her. But her husband, J. P. McGowan, her director, often gets the chance to tell her some things.



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