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THE GREAT OREGON ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM

Hon. R. A. Booth, member of the State Highway Commission, in his address to the Six O'Clock Club in Salem on Wednesday evening, gave a vision of Oregon in the domain of permanent roads that is encouraging and stimulating.

He predicted that at the end of the ten year period beginning two years ago, Oregon will have expended \$100,000,000 on paved highways; \$75,000,000 furnished by the state and the counties and \$25,000,000 by the government.

And he predicted that it will not be necessary to levy a direct tax in the payment by the state of Oregon of its share of this vast sum. The gas engines will pay the bills.

This great road system will be a free gift to the rest of the people by the men who use gas engines for traction purposes.

And, further, the men who own the gas engines will make for themselves great economy in thus providing the paved highways.

In illustration: Mr. Booth said that the gas tax costs automobile users about 5 per cent of the cost of their gas; so that if one using an automobile may travel 105 miles where he could before travel only 100 miles, the extra cost for him will have been covered; that is, the tax he pays when he buys his gas. And no one would think of putting the extra mileage so low.

Then the extra amount of his license tax is more than covered by the saving on tires—to say nothing of the saving on every other part of his machine.

So, directly, the automobile owner is allowed by the Oregon system to make a splendid bargain for himself by his contribution in taxes and licenses.

And he has to the good the saving of time—The saving of units of man power.

And that is the most important of all; a hundred times more important than the other considerations.

Here is a concrete case: A man who has now the use of a paved road and owns an auto truck formerly consumed a whole day from his farm to the market town with his team and loaded wagon in hauling his produce to the railroad and returning home. He now makes the round trip in fifty minutes; and he made it recently, in going after the doctor, in half that time.

We have only one life to live. If we can crowd into less than an hour what formerly took a day, we have accomplished a great thing.

The bonding way is the only way in which we may build paved roads and have the use of them; there is no other way to get the work done in time for the service and enjoyment and profit of the present generation.

And slow to begin, Oregon has now the most comprehensive road building system of any state in the Union.

And she is building her paved roads at a lower cost than any other state.

And she is borrowing her money at a lower rate of interest than any other state.

She is paying less than the United States government.

The Oregon road bonds topped the market of the entire United States in April.

Our system is symmetrically worked out.

The security is absolutely good; the interest payments are absolutely sure.

And the general public is "getting something for nothing."

There is an adage that it can't be done.

But it is being done in Oregon—the great public is getting the use of what will be the best system of paved roads in the United States or in the world without paying a cent of the cost.

It is a free gift from the gas engine users.

And they are getting an investment that pays them more than 100 cents on the dollar directly—and the Lord only knows how much indirectly.

For there are a thousand benefits; ten thousand, and then some.

And besides all this, the tourist travel will bring to the state each year the total cost.

Colorado is claiming that she is getting \$100,000,000 a year from her tourist travel.

And Colorado has only one mountain for scenery; while Oregon has three ranges of them, and several of the wonders of the world; and attractions too numerous to count—and a variety of summer climates that alone should bring more people here than Colorado has received each year.

In fact, Oregon is being made over by her great road building program. Old things are passing away and there is a new spirit, a new vision—a vision of a great commonwealth true to the motto the pioneers gave to her; but expanded to meet all the requirements of an age glorious beyond the dreams of the men who laid the foundations.

How times have changed! It will be necessary for the Republicans to rebuild the system from the ground up when they assume office in 1921.

The latest announcement is that Flume gets self-rule. So D'Annunzio, the wild-eyed poet, accomplished something after all.

The list of war criminals to be tried by the allies has been reduced from 1299 to 399. And still going down.

Governor Coolidge has launched his presidential boom in a modest way. The meek often inherit the earth.

It is the first time in the history of either party that a national convention has been held west of Kansas City. It will break another pre-

Corn show in Salem all next week.

Poland China hog sells for \$25,000 at a Noblesville, Indiana, sale. That is the limit so far.

The Salem slogan editor of The Statesman will show in next Thursday's issue that this is a good corn country. And that, too, is important.

The Salem Commercial club has an immense amount of important work cut out for it, on development lines for this city and this section. It must be liberally supported, and of course it will be.

The civil service law is being shot to pieces by the Wilson administration, largely through the rulings of Postmaster General Burleson. A Democratic president, Grover Cleveland, was its champion, 55 years ago.

Henry E. Morris & Co.

Optometrists

305 State St. Phone 239



endent by nominating a ticket that will be defeated worse than anything since the days of Horace Greeley and Gratz B. Brown.

Not a word from the white house about a little matter that Washington declined and Grant could not get.

There was a time when a nickel bought a loaf of bread, a dish of ice cream, paid for a shoe shine and even made a sizeable tip. Some of the old citizens, in their more reminiscent moods, can recall those days—or at least they say they can.

Walter C. Winslow, in his speech to the Salem Commercial club on Wednesday evening, showed plainly that Salem ought to do more extensive advertising. And, still more important, he showed that Salem has the things that will bear the full light of the widest publicity. That is the way to secure the new capital and the new people we need to get all the land under intensive cultivation. Then the growth of Salem will take care of itself.

OREGON METAL PRODUCTION IN 1919.

A preliminary estimate of the production of metals in Oregon in 1919, compiled by Charles G. Yale of the San Francisco office of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, shows a decrease in the gold and lead produced but an increase in the silver and copper. According to the mines report the output of gold in 1918 was \$1,270,465 and the estimated output in 1919 is \$1,072,661, a decrease of about \$197,804. The output of silver in 1918 was 107,323 fine ounces, valued at \$107,323; in 1919 it was 211,523 fine ounces, valued at \$234,790. The output of copper in 1918 was 2,451,916 pounds, valued at \$605,401; in 1919 it was 2,638,714 pounds, valued at \$501,355, an increase in quantity of 187,698 pounds and a decrease in value of \$104,046. The output of lead in 1918 was 10,601 pounds, valued at \$752; the output in 1919 was 2000 pounds, valued at \$114, a decrease in quantity of 8601 pounds and in value of \$639.

The decrease in the gold output of the state was due to some extent to the scarcity of skilled labor and the increase in its cost and to war conditions generally, but was due mainly to scarcity of water and power for hydraulic, dredge and deep mines. The water in the streams of the state was so low during the last two months of the year that hydroelectric power was entirely cut off from large properties, including the dredges, being furnished for domestic use only. The larger dredges were shut down in November and December for lack of power, so that the dredges of the state, which ordinarily produce 57 per cent of the placer gold and 22 per cent of the total gold, produced, combined, only \$301,900, or \$85,840 less than in 1918, a decrease of 22 per cent. The larger mines were similarly affected. Direct returns from all the dredging companies and the larger deep mines of the state

show a general falling off in the output of gold for the year.

Returns from inquiries to postmasters, merchants, dust buyers, and others reveal the fact that many mines in Oregon were idle during 1919. Higher wages in other industries attracted miners away from their regular operations, and costs were so high that the smaller mining operations were unprofitable.

Most of the Oregon placers are worked by the hydraulic system, but the gold output of the dredges is greater than that of all other forms of placer mining combined.

There are only about a hundred producing metal mines in Oregon, and six of these produce 80 per cent of the total output of all the metals mined in the state, and one of them produces 25 per cent of the total value of the metals produced. These six mines are those of the Baker Mines Co., Cornucopia Mines Co., Homestead-Iron Dyke Co., and the Commercial Mining Co., all in Baker county, and the Queen of Bronze Mining Co., in Josephine county. The only placer mine in this group is the Powder River Gold Dredging Co.

The larger copper companies of the state, which are in Baker and Josephine counties, show some increase in output during the year, notwithstanding unfavorable conditions. The most productive county in the state in all metals is Baker, which produces 80 per cent of the gold and of the total value of all metals mined. Though less ore has been produced in Oregon during the last two years than in 1917, the average value of all the metals mined and treated has increased about 90 cents per ton. The relative rank of the counties of Oregon in the production of gold is as follows: Baker, Grant, Josephine, Jackson, Crook, Douglas, Umatilla, Clackamas, Lane, Malheur, Willows, Curry, and Wheeler.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Will they get through?

Will the legislature dispose of all of its business by Saturday night?

No; it will not. It would not, if remained in session twenty days, or twenty years.

But it may easily be imagined as finishing up all of its important business and letting the rest hang over till the next regular session, or some of it until the crack of doom.

Corn show next week.

It will be held all week, at the corner of Front and State streets.

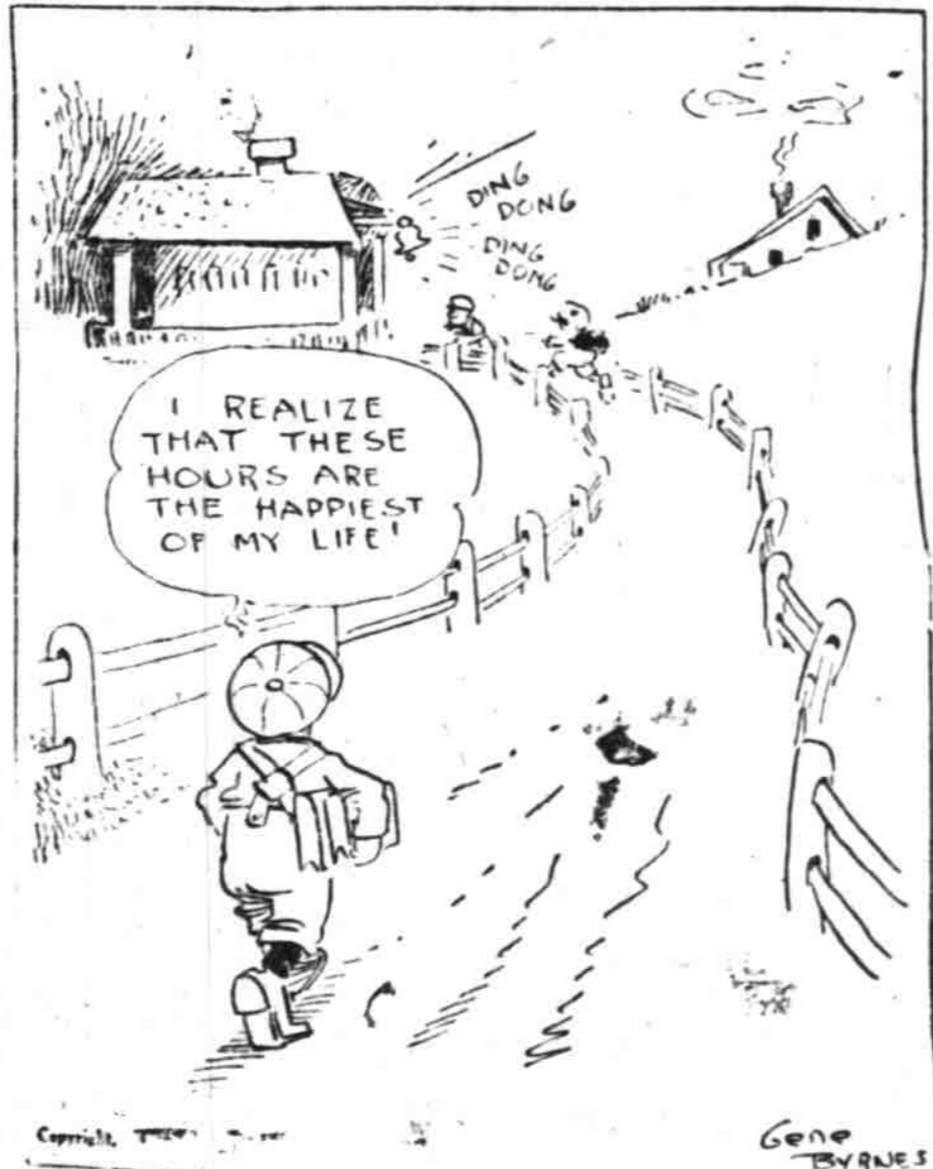
London is alarmed over the spread of Bolshevism and the danger of the disease being caught in Mesopotamia, India and other outlying possessions and zones of influence, held under the awful hand of her far-flung battle lines.

There is real hope of ratification by the United States senate, according to the Associated Press dispatches this morning. Let us knock on wood.

There is nothing new under the sun. It has recently been shown that chickens were hatched in incubators in Egypt 4000 years ago. We think we had the right hind leg

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



A STRANGELY FAMILIAR VOICE



of one of that sort at a local cafeteria the other night.—Exchange.

It now develops that the packers had millions of dollars invested in other business, one line being cigars. No wonder the 5-cent variety smells as if made of the hoofs of steers.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

Governor Urges Observance of National Thrift Week

Governor Olcott, in a statement yesterday, urges universal observance

in Oregon of national thrift week. His statement follows:

"National thrift week of the Young Men's Christian association is to be observed this year from January 7 to January 24 inclusive. I understand this movement has the full support of the United States treasury department and of the leading financial, commercial, civic and educational organizations throughout the United States.

"It is necessary that our serious thought be given to the problem of how to lessen foolish extravagance and waste. I believe a well defined program of education in the matter of thrift will have a salutary effect and I trust that national thrift week will assist in calculating those lessons which must be of benefit to every citizen in every community."

Read the Classified Ads.

Now they say Paris gowns are more daring than ever. But seeing is believing, and—where are they?—Centralia Hub.

TOBACCO HABIT DANGEROUS

says Doctor Connor, formerly of Johns Hopkins hospital. Thousands of men suffering from fatal diseases would be in perfect health today were it not for the deadly drug nicotine. Stop the habit now before it's too late. It's a simple process to rid yourself of the tobacco habit in any form. Just go to any up to date drug store and get some Nicotol tablets; take them as directed and lo! the pernicious habit quickly vanishes. Druggists refund the money if they fail. Be sure to read large and interesting announcement by Doctor Connor soon to appear in this paper. It tells of the danger of nicotine poisoning and how to avoid it. In the meantime try Nicotol tablets; you will be surprised at the result.

Irish Preacher

Sunday 10:45 a. m.

'Can a Christian Be a Successful Business Man?'

MEMBERS OF COMMERCIAL CLUB SPECIALLY INVITED

Sunday 7:30 p. m.

"CAMOUFLAGE"

Chorus Choir of 45 Will Sing

"Wounded For Our Transgressions" and "Sail On"

Male Chorus Will Sing "Give Me Thy Heart"

"The Golden Bells"

Will be Mr. Troy's Great Solo Sunday.

Friday, 7:30 p. m., "Do We Always Reap What We Sow?"

Saturday, 7:30 p. m., will be a Special Night.

Dr. Reid speaks on "What A Blind Man Saw"

Meetings Every Night Next Week Except Monday

Come Early If You Want a Seat

BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner Liberty and Marion Streets