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Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands establish Thou it. Psalm 90:17.

WIDER, STRAIGHTER HIGHWAYS

The above will do for a heading; but it should say more nearly straight highways. Nothing can be straighter than straight.

At Rockaway on Saturday night there was not enough parking space for the automobile crowd.

And Rockaway was a lonesome, abandoned farm on the Tillamook beach only a few years ago.

They are talking of a new air line highway from Salem to Portland, crossing the Willamette near old Champeog.

And when it is built this highway should be 40 feet wide, at the least. We are growing and will grow in population...

And we may have to take to air transportation from the sheer necessity of getting parking space.

To get an idea of the necessity and the movement for wider automobile highways, the following, under the heading "Traffic Demands Wider Roads," from an official publication of the Portland Cement association...

As the number of motor cars in the United States mounts nearer the 23,000,000 mark, the need for wider highways is being recognized in many communities.

Wayne County, Michigan, a pioneer in modern road construction as well as in automobile manufacture, has established a minimum width of 40 feet for all county road pavements...

One of the most notable super-highways, the Detroit-Pontiac road, is 204 feet wide and 17 miles long, which was completed last year.

Several other well known highways have been widened to take care of the increasing traffic. One of these, the Boston Post road, the historic link between New York and Boston...

Chester Pike, another bit of well known highway, has been widened to 35 feet from Darby to Chester, Pa. It is soon to be widened to 55 feet.

It is predicted that before many years, the Lincoln Highway will be at least 40 feet wide from coast to coast. The ideal section of this famous road, near Dyer, Indiana, has already been widened to 40 feet.

Similarly, other districts are building wider highways. In the Buffalo-Niagara Falls region a 290-mile system of paved roads of from 40 to 60-foot width is to be constructed.

PIONEERS IN HOP GROWING

(Oregonian, Monday.) A Willamette valley contemporary, The Salem Statesman, has set for itself the interesting, and not too easy, task of discovering who first raised hops commercially in the Oregon Country.

One of the Adams-Welshers, who came to Oregon from Wisconsin and settled at Buena Vista in Polk county in 1857, the legend has it that he raised the acres of upland and planted it to hop roots...

It is not easy to dissociate the name of Meeker from the hop history of the northwest. North of the Columbia it is recorded that Jacob R. Meeker, who did not live to see the importance of his enterprise...

The claim of the Puyallup valley antedates that of the Willamette, unless an earlier period than 1857 can be established for Dr. Keil and his Aurora followers.

The Statesman still believes hop growing in Oregon on a commercial scale was begun by the Aurora colony, about the time that colony commenced its settlement there, in 1856 and 1857.

But a vital correction of nearly all historical sketches written about the colony ought to be made here. Even Fred Lockley recently quoted some one as saying the colony had a distillery.

At Aurora there was a saw mill, flouring mill, tailor shop for making the clothing, weaving plant for making the cloth, glove factory, wagon making shop, tin shop, wood working plant, etc., etc.

But there was no distillery, and no brewery in the colony. All property was in common, so no members of the colony could have had a distillery or a brewery.

"Sips for Supper" man, back after a four day trip looking for sips around the sound, says: "But what surprised us most is that we come home and find out The Statesman hasn't got still water in the Willamette yet."

The hot weather has cut down the late hop yield. But even so, the indications are for a larger tonnage than last year; and for higher quality hops, providing favorable weather may be had for picking, and from now on to picking time for the late variety.

These are the dullest days of the whole year for Salem. Hop picking time is here; schools will be opening soon, and vacation time will wane from now on.

Speaking of advertising, Salem business people will profit by doing more of it, and pushing out to a wider territory for the cream of this the great trade territory that is, by right of conquest by service, Salem's.

What's the use? People make more money than in dad's time, but there are 40 more ways to spend it.

Who would dare to suggest to our ill treated farmers to even attend meetings, like the middlemen do, "organize" and talk things over among themselves...

Under suspension of the rules, a petition to vacate an unnamed street in Cook's East addition to the city of Salem was put through for final passage by the city council last night.

Another petition, to vacate a part of East Nob Hill street, was passed for first and second readings and laid over until the next meeting for final consideration.

Statesman news boy lost a Rugby bicycle last night; perhaps stolen. Has red Rugby handle grip on left grips with places for fingers. Hand size split.

The Oregon Statesman of Salem tells of a bridge across the McKenzie built 53 years ago of stout Douglas fir. Now that it is torn down to be replaced by a modern structure...

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THE MORNING ARGUMENT

Poor Pa By Claude Callan. "The foreigner in our block claims he's been naturalized, but I doubt it. He's still livin' within his means."

Aunt Het By Robert Quillen. "I'd like to know if old patient Job ever held a squawkin' baby on one hip an' had hot grease pop out on his hand when he was gettin' in dinner."

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE. All correspondence for this department must be signed by the writer, must be written on one side of the paper only, and should not be longer than 150 words.

PLAN FEDERAL BUILDING \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000 to be Spent, Estimate. RAPID CITY, S. D., Aug. 15. (AP)—Plans for the erection of federal buildings throughout the country are going ahead on the assumption that congress will increase the sum to be spent outside the District of Columbia from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

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TWO DISTRICTS MAY REORGANIZE

SUMMER LAKE PROBLEMS CONSIDERED. Bond Holders Appoint Committee; Easy Payment Plan Meets With Favor.

Reorganization and refinancing of the Deschutes and Summer Lake irrigation districts may result from a conference of the bond holders of the two projects held at San Francisco last Saturday.

A bond holders' committee was appointed, and an effort now will be made whereby the settlers will be given an opportunity to pay off their indebtedness in an easy installment plan.

Reorganization and refinancing of irrigation districts was made possible under a law enacted at the 1927 legislative session creating the state reclamation commission.

CONSTANTINOPLE, AUG. 15. As a measure against a wave of suicide especially among young students, the new chief of police, Cherif Bey, has promulgated an order prohibiting the press from giving extensive publicity to suicide cases.

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