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THREE PLANS FOR BRIDGES

HOW to take advantage of the liberal federal offers of credit and build the five bridges needed to close the most bothersome gaps in the new highway along the Oregon Coast!

That is a real problem for the state highway commission and the people of the counties concerned, at the present moment. Three plans have been proposed.

The first suggestion was that the state highway commission should borrow the necessary \$3,000,000 from the R. F. C. and back the loan up with its own bonds to be redeemed out of tolls which would be as low as 25 cents for transients or 10 cents a crossing for commuters using books. The state commission didn't like that plan because the highways are already carrying \$30,000,000 of debts—with difficulty because cash revenues are falling off.

The second suggestion came from Judge Robert W. Sawyer, of Bend, a former member of the state highway commission but one of the men who did a great work in pushing the completion of this extraordinary route, especially the new scenic sections along the Lane county coast. Judge Sawyer proposed that the counties affected should issue bonds and be paid back out of tolls. The counties, Lane among them, objected to that. It would be difficult to get a favorable vote. The counties themselves already have plenty of debt.

Now comes E. B. Aldrich, of Pendleton, the Eastern Oregon member of the present commission with a plan which combines some features of the original scheme with the Sawyer idea. He proposes the creation of a "special bridge district," embracing not only the counties which would have the bridges but all the counties benefited by and dependent on the road along the coast. Let the bridge district spread the load, issue the bonds, build the bridges and assume the responsibility of seeing them retired without taxpayer cost.

The Aldrich idea, it seems to us is the best yet suggested. Here is a plan which the new Coast Highway Association could easily work out. It spreads the risks among ALL the communities benefited. If the highway engineers are correct in their estimates of traffic and toll revenues, there would never be any direct cost. In fact, travelers from other states would help pay off the \$3,000,000 bonds.

The idea is not new or strange. The people down at Reedsport and Scottsburg and along the Umpqua built their entire highway by the creation of a special district. The Bridge District idea is sound. We need the bridges. Why not get busy on this plan at once?

PAYS TO GET FACTS

Is it worth two cents a month of the county's money to look into the case of each needy person? Is it worth that much to find out whether a person is actually in need of food, clothing or medical care—or, say, whether a certain family is a fit one to adopt a parentless baby? If you will take the time to look into the facts, you must agree that it is.

It costs the county just about that to have the Red Cross get records in each charity case. The taxpayers pay \$2500 a year for the administration of the poor funds. The Red Cross does the work for the county court. The taxpayers spend an additional \$50,000 a year in actual relief to the poor. The county court checks the bills but we are dealing now with the cost of distributing that fund. That is 2 cents per case per month.

The Red Cross is helping 3,531 families this year, and estimating that there are 4.3 persons to each family, and is reaching 15,341 persons. Our county population is 54,000. To make our \$50,000 county poor fund cover the needs every cent must be carefully spent. So far as possible every case must be taught SELF HELP!

Investigation has shown in a number of cases that people with fair-sized bank accounts have asked for county aid. Hundreds of transients must be weeded out. Occasionally pensioned widows will marry, and with the county in constant touch with the cases, the pension can be lopped off at a saving to the taxpayers. Conversely, if a family comes to need more, constant watching of the case enables the county to give the added relief when it is needed.

Look through the records in the Red Cross office and you will find that every case, opened or closed, is kept on file with notations of all developments. If you will pore through some of these records you will see that the monthly bill for relief is rather small, but that the needs are met.

Do you know that this year the Lane chapter of the Red Cross brought in \$7,000 worth of materials from the national organization, while taking only \$2500 from the Lane budget? The national sent in \$1500 worth of garden seeds, \$3300 worth of flour (more than the cost of administration alone) \$1635 for the training school (to train the girls who do the work) and stores of cloth and fruit jars. In addition, the national Red Cross has been contributing \$6,500 a year to the work here because the Eugene bureau is a training center. Thousands of dollars are brought into Lane county every year by showing veterans how to get government pensions due them. Thousands more are obtained by locating and contacting relatives of those who ask county help.

MARKET-COOPERATIVE SUCCESS.

THE outstanding success attained by the Eugene Producers' Public Market has attracted the attention of marketing specialists and agricultural experts the country over. The local market and its plan of operation have been copied by organizations of farmers, not only in Oregon, where its reputation is best known, but in numerous other states.

The market has provided a "controllable outlet" for Lane county agriculture. It has put Eugene consumer and Lane county producer in personal touch. It has actually brought business to the city and stimulated business growth. The tremendous attendance at the "third birthday

party" Saturday gives proof of what the market means to us.

Merchants of Eugene have from the outset cooperated in every way with the farmers in this enterprise, realizing always that the market is in no way a competitor but a factor in the upbuilding of their own business. Much credit is due William A. Ayres who has been market master for many years. Under his management it has grown without "outgrowing growth." We mean by that it has had conservative financial administration keeping pace with growth. In the last year, for instance despite depression, \$4,300 of the market bonds have been retired, some of them in advance of retirement date. With a return of normal times the market will in a few years be free of debt. And farmers own it, control it for the marketing of "home grown" products. The Eugene market is a monument of cooperative success.—H. B.

The Cincinnati ball club was organized in 1868, an expert tells us. And just one look at the National League standings will convince anybody that it acts its age.

A New York surgeon succeeded in grafting a small bone taken from the back to the head of a patient. If he could only reverse that process for our politicians!

The principal reason that charity can't begin at home these days is that there's nobody home.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

METEORS—\$1 A POUND

(The Bend Bulletin)

METEORS are worth \$1 a pound on the Condon market, reports the Globe-Times, published in the Gila county town. That price was quoted, adds the Globe-Times, following the visit of H. H. Nininger, a meteor buyer with credentials from the Smithsonian institution. Mr. Nininger said, it appears, is interested in any sort of metal, just so it bears the interstellar trade mark.

The hunter of meteors further explained to the Globe-Times news staff that there are three types of marketable meteors—solid metal, stone with small grains of metal scattered through its mass and an intermediate grade of about half stone and half iron. Meteorites, Mr. Nininger said, are never porous, never round and they are somewhat heavier than volcanic rock. But regardless of their type, they are worth \$1 a pound to the Smithsonian.

"We are interested mostly from where these meteorites come, not where they fall," the hunter of stellar metal is quoted as having stated. The meteorites which strike the earth are supposed to be fragments of planets, planetoids or other stellar bodies shattered by collisions.

All of which brings to mind the possibility that many of the hundreds of men now panning stream beds in the John Day country and in western Oregon and the scores of prospectors who are hunting for the yellow metal in sulphide ores are passing up a good bet in not attempting to locate some of the planetary metal which is selling for \$1 a pound. Meteor mining has many possibilities, it appears to us.

The business of locating meteors of considerable poundage, ones not burned to dust after striking the earth's atmosphere, should be a most pleasant occupation. It is work which can be done at night, when the stars are shining and the constellations are blazing overhead. However, meteor mining should not be a solitary occupation.

New fresh meteors, still warm from atmospheric friction, could be located, it appears to us, in much the same manner forest service lookouts spot fires—through triangulation readings. For instance, three or more miners, well scattered over a region, could put aside their gold pans, picks and shovels and set up an approved fire finder. Then, all these prospectors would have to do is rest in their beds, under the stars, and keep a close watch for long tailed meteors. When a "fireball" is spotted disappearing over the horizon, the prospectors for heavenly metals could take triangulation readings. Exactly at the place where the projected lines cross on a map should be the meteor.

Of course, the triangulation readings at times may be wrong, just as calculations of gold miners occasionally go amiss. Meteors, it may develop, are where you find them—like gold and other rare metals.

This plan of meteor hunting through the use of triangulation readings may not meet with the full approval of astronomers and prospectors. But seekers of riches who watch the starry skies night after night may find in the blazing constellations an inspiration even more valuable than those meteors which at present are selling at \$1 a pound on the Condon market.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
 (NEA Service Writer)

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The men who manage and help manage political campaigns are a hapless lot. Nobody loves them and usually they are not especially lovable. If their candidate loses they usually drop off to oblivion and even when they win they are likely to learn that there is a jinxed and thankless job.

In fact, you might say that Democratic political managers have usually been happily forgotten once their man lost the election, whereas Republican managers more often than not have remained in the picture a while only to squirm and suffer.

William M. Butler, the Massachusetts millionaire, was Calvin Coolidge's campaign manager and all he got out of it was a temporary appointment to the Senate and a couple of tragic tries at being elected to that job with Cal's endorsement. He has faded back into the position of campaign contributor, if he is that.

THE HOOVER HENCHMEN

Mr. Hoover's hand-picked Republican national chairman have been, successively, Dr. Hubert Work, Claudius Huston, Senator Simon Fess of Ohio and former Congressman Everett Sanders, whose last public job was that of secretary to Coolidge.

Sanders is new at the post, having been appointed for the 1932 campaign, but the other three went out to the tune of much rejoicing, whether loud or subdued, among Republicans. Work was the victim of his own ineptitude, Huston the victim of his private activities as disclosed by the Senate lobby committee, and Fess merely a victim of Fessism.

Mr. Sanders may yet fool everybody by blossoming out as an able, effective manager, but most of the comment on him to date has been confined to speculation as to how he came to be considered for the job, let alone appointed. He may be considered as a more or less typical Republican campaign manager, however, and one is reminded that his home state of Indiana has bred plenty of good politicians, even though Mr. Sanders does seem to be a rather colorless, unimaginative person.

BENJAMIN AND BROWN

A couple of gents in the background, holding no official campaign position, are expected to do most of the fast, more important thinking.

First, there is Hoover's close friend Ray Benjamin, who is credited with a keen mind and great political sense, and then there's Postmaster General Walter F. Brown, one of the few administration politicians on whom no flies have been observed at one time or another.

Robert H. Lucas, who has been executive director of the national campaign and really ran things during the Fess tenure, is now a mere assistant to the chairman at Chicago national headquarters and seems to have been relegated to the comparatively obscure position for which he has been headed ever since he tried to trick Senator George Norris out of nomination and election in Nebraska. One hears that they wouldn't even let Lucas call himself "assistant chairman."

SIDE GLANCES



"I'll bet that architect handed me the wrong set of plans. Instead of a filling station, this is looking more and more like a church steeple."

1200 ELECTRICAL ACCIDENT DEATHS PER YEAR IN U. S. SHOW SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM

By DR. MORRIS FISHBURN
 (Editor, Journal of American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine)

THE Leyden jar was discovered in Holland and Benjamin Franklin flew his kite and drew down lightning from the sky well before the beginning of the 19th century. Electrical applications were made also as early as 1754 with a view to the treatment of paralysis.

There is recorded in the Philosophical Transactions published in England in 1754 the case of a girl who was paralyzed by electrical shock. The first two accidents definitely recorded in England occurred in 1870 when a stage carpenter was killed by an alternating current of 250 volts, and in 1880 when a member of an orchestra in a theater in Birmingham was killed by a short circuit.

Dr. MacDonald Critchley finds that there are 2000 injuries annually from electricity in each of the big countries of Europe except Germany, in which

the average number is about 400. In the United States the average death rate is one per 100,000 or 1200 per year.

In Germany it is only 0.6 per 100,000 and in England and Wales it is only .07 per 100,000. Some investigators are inclined to attribute the low death rate in England to the backwardness of the electrical industry in that country.

The exact mode of death in cases of fatal electrical accidents is not yet clear. Many feel that it is due to paralysis of that portion of the brain which is responsible for breathing and certainly it is possible to demonstrate changes in the brain after electrical shock.

The nervous system is a poor conductor of electricity and is therefore often severely injured by the passing of electric currents.

Sometimes electrical injury to the central nervous system may not produce immediate serious effects but be followed later by progressive disorders that are serious.

CRESWELL NEWS ITEMS

CRESWELL, Aug. 31.—(Special)

Baskets of fall flowers added to the attractiveness of the Civic club rooms at the regular meeting of the club Tuesday afternoon. The hostesses were Mrs. F. K. Nordhoff, Mrs. Arthur Olson, Mrs. W. W. Parsons, Mrs. J. G. Radabaugh and Mrs. F. A. Richardson. Refreshments were served at the social hour following the program.

Mrs. M. A. Horn presided at the business session which opened with the singing of "America the Beautiful." Under the committee reports the John Bradford recreational school in Eugene next month was announced through the home economics committee. Mrs. C. H. Sedwick of the legislative committee urged all to study the measures as printed in the recently mailed pamphlet that will be voted on at the fall election. Mrs. Elizabeth Tryon of the literature, art and education committee offered remarks relative to the Barlow memorial on the Mt. Hood loop, dedicated to the memory of Samuel K. Barlow. The pioneer was the great grandfather of Mrs. W. E. Nason, a member of the Creswell club.

The library committee was in charge of the program. The roll call response was favorite authors. Mrs. W. W. Parsons read an article, "He Who Sells His Soul a Book," Mrs. C. H. Sedwick read "The Book of Books," Ruth Burgoyne and Pauline Land sang "Down the River of Golden Dreams," and "When Your Hair Has Turned to Silver," accompanied by Mrs. Burgoyne. A skit "As It Will Be" was presented by Mrs. Clara Traxler and Mrs. W. E. Nason.

Bernice Carlson played a group of "cello solos, accompanied on the piano by her sister, Pauline Carlson. Mrs. W. S. Burgoyne sang "Give Me Your Smile," accompanied by Miss Vivian Ogram. Miss Allyn Spencer gave two readings, "Deserted," and "Between Two Loves."

Thirty members were present. The guests were Mrs. Fred Carlson and daughters Bernice and Pauline of Sacramento, Cal.; Mrs. D. Rissue of Carlisle, Wash.; Miss Myrtle Greshong; Mrs. S. S. Morse; Mrs. Emmett Meacham, of Eugene; Mrs. Conley of Hollywood, Cal.; Miss Vivian Ogram, Pauline Laird, Lucile Kent, Ruth Burgoyne, and Miss Allyn Spencer.

Local Four-H club leaders met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. R. Miller to decide about achievement day projects. As all work has not been completed by the clubs a regular achievement day could not be planned but exhibits of all local clubs will be on exhibition at the Civic club house Thursday afternoon in co-operation with the Garden club's window show and silver tea. The leaders are Miss Vivian Ogram, Mrs. J. R. Miller, Mrs. Blanche Gwyther, Finis Rose and E. J. Edwards.

CRESWELL BRIEFS

A. V. O'Neal and A. J. Brown of the Cotton Blossom singers were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blankenship Monday. Ellis Wilburn

was at the B. A. Land home at Thomas Pruitt with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McKay. The group got together at the Blankenship home Tuesday morning and went through their morning rehearsal before going on to Eugene.

Eleven Boy Scouts met with their leader, L. E. Zinkler, Monday evening for the regular meeting. A letter from Herbert Hoover, national scout executive, was read, demanding an increase in all troops before the first of the year. The boys were invited by the Girl Scouts to a vernal roast and camp fire evening on the Zinkler place Wednesday.

A capacity house greeted the Cotton Blossom singers at an entertainment presented by them at the Methodist church Monday evening. A program of spirituals and other southern songs was given also a reading of Paul Lawrence Dunbar's "Little Brown Baby," by Thomas J. Pruitt, manager of the group.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Goheen and daughter, Beverly Jean, and Richard Groshong were guests of Miss Myrtle Groshong and her mother, Mrs. Hattie Groshong, on an auto trip of 280 miles Sunday. They went by the way of Reedsport, Conville, North Bend, Marshfield and Roseburg.

An old-time runaway was staged Monday afternoon with M. A. Maguaret and his team as the participants. In turning around a load of straw was upset, catching Mr. Maguaret so they were unable to hold the horses. They proceeded down B street, and across the railroad tracks where one of them fell. Mr. Maguaret was not hurt.

Mrs. S. C. Veatch and daughters, Miss Enid Veatch, and Miss Wanda Veatch of Halsey, called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Martin Tuesday on their way to Roseburg. Miss Enid teaches mathematics in the Roseburg high school.

In the last 12 years the Salinas-Watsonville district in California has developed 30,000 acres of lettuce.

On his first hunting trip, Charles Boyle, 9, of Oakland, Cal., brought down a two point buck unaided.

COTTAGE GROVE NEWS ITEMS

COTTAGE GROVE, Aug. 31.—(Special)—A good attendance was had Sunday evening at the Christian Endeavor services in the Christian church. Miss Elizabeth Hemenway was leader. The lesson subject was "Why do some people approve of Christians, but disapprove of organized Christianity?" After the reading of the lesson and clippings, questions were asked and answered. Roy Mason announced that everyone is urged to be present at the executive meeting Wednesday evening at 8.

The young people's organizations of the different churches have representatives at the high school surveys where they are registering it ascertain the choice of the church the different students prefer, and inviting them to attend services.

Mrs. H. A. Hagan left Monday for Portland and expected to leave Tuesday evening on a ship for Los Angeles. She will visit the Charles Burkholders of Santa Ana and her aunts and uncles in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Knight and brother, Jack Knight, and family of Eugene will leave soon for a two week's stay at Enterprise where Harrison Knight has an irrigated ranch.

Charles Caldwell is putting a new floor in the Oumpanough grocery store. This store is located in the Currier building on the West side and is one of the oldest buildings in Cottage Grove, it being more than 40 years old.

Fay Wooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wooley, has returned from San Francisco where she has been this summer with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wyan.

Mrs. Henry Umphrey, mother of C. E. Umphrey, and his sister, Miss Lenore Umphrey, are visiting the C. E. Umphrey family before they leave for Lincoln, Neb., where Miss Lenore

will teach this winter, in the Lincoln high school.

Rollin Brown and comrade, Jack Gehron, who have been visiting Rollin's father's father, A. M. Brown, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner, will leave for their S. California Wednesday, as their furloughs will expire that day.

Mrs. Susie Garoutte and Harry Wilson will leave Friday for Portland. They are taking Eugene boys home to her parents, in Portland. Mrs. Orpha Boye is a daughter of Mrs. Garoutte. Mrs. Garoutte and Harry Wilson will remain in Portland until after the Marion county fair.

Drain Personals

DRAIN, Aug. 31.—(Special)—Willie White and Monelle Patches returned Monday from Turner where they attended the convention of Endeavorers. Miss Lovina Wilson of Monmouth, accompanied them home, and will visit relatives here and in Yoncalla.

Mrs. Guiley of Eugene visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krebs, over Sunday. Mrs. Glenn Roberts and children of Elkton visited friends in Drain Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter and family have moved back to Drain from Oakridge where they have resided for the past year. They will live on the Danewood place in north Drain. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krebs and baby returned Saturday from Bend where they spent a week visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Patches and two children of Cottage Grove visited his mother, Mrs. Ida Patches, Sunday.

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