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FUTURE OF THE RAILROADS

CARRYING on the friendly discussion of the future of the railroads, a letter from Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the Oregon highway commission clarifies the press reports of his remarks at a recent convention in Seattle where he spoke of the railroads as "doomed". Some excerpts from Mr. Scott's letter (and we trust he will not object):

"In Great Britain 100 years ago there were 115,000 miles of pike roads and highways, all in high class order. Steam motive power took the business away from the highways because of speed and greater drawing power of the steam locomotive. In the last 25 years the tractive power of the internal combustion engine has been taking transport business back to the highway.

"In my own view this return of transport business to the highways is due entirely to the internal combustion engine and the air tire, and will continue indefinitely in growing degree. The railroads have too much curvature, too little speed elevation at turns, their rolling stock stands too high on the tracks, to compete with the growing speed and capacity of the highways. I believe that you and I will live to see the day when between Portland and Chicago and New York there will be a high-speed 4-lane highway that will outstrip the railroads in both passenger and freight traffic.

"The railroads, staggering as they are under excessive capitalization, unable to pay their debts, exposed to growing competition of the highways, are doomed in my opinion to a shrinking importance in the transportation of the country. In this sense I used the word doomed. I did not say or mean that the railroads are going out of business."

It is this vision of Mr. Scott's which makes him so valuable as a state highway chairman. In the new Willamette route across the Cascades, for instance, he has insisted on nothing short of standards adequate for the future. And we share with him the view that if the railroads are to hold even coordinate importance with the highways of the future, the railroads will have to be reorganized and rebuilt. But this is foreshadowed in the new equipment and new methods which are being developed.

In the last century we have seen rapid fluctuations in the importance of various forms of transportation—the highway, the railroad, the waterway. Just now the railroad is "down", but as new techniques are applied we believe there will be a new importance for the shining rail.

COMMON SENSE ON HEALTH

COMMON sense can do more to check the spread of dangerous diseases than all the medicines in the world. Thus common sense and an intelligent campaign of education has done a great deal to prevent the spread of dreaded infantile paralysis from California to Oregon.

Guarding a child's resistance is more important than all other precautions. That is a simple matter. It involves seeing that he gets plenty of sleep at regular hours, plenty of good plain food and not too much of it, plenty of normal recreation, preferably in the open air.

Nobody knows just how poliomyelitis spreads and for that reason it is absurd to keep a child fretting in virtual isolation. He should be watched for colds, nausea or other possible symptoms. A competent doctor should be consulted without delay for any trouble.

The best protection, however, is a sensible routine, as near as possible to absolute normal.

The Aztec name of the god of war is Huitzilopochtli. Still peace is more difficult to pronounce.

With a pair of twins added to his household, Ring Crosby will do some real crooning nights.

The Eugene bankers had some pretty floats in the Progress Parade, but if they could just have shown some of 'em making a loan it might have been more in keeping with the spirit of old times, says Blue River Bill. What a gesture!

Mrs. McGurk views the end of the pageant calmly. She says it isn't much easier to listen to Ajax complaining about shaving than his moans about whiskers.

The pageant is greatly praised as an event which pulls the whole community together, but it is going to be kinda nice to get back to some of the old squabbles.

Whoopee! It's over!

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

ONE CENT A CRATE

(Roseburg News-Review)

SOME folks, especially some city folks, often express skepticism of the claim of farmers that they are down trodden and badly in need of relief. The city man has to pay a pretty fair price for farm products purchased for use in his home. He does not realize, seldom stops to think, that the farmer might receive no more than a very small part of the money paid by the consumer.

A glaring example of what sometimes happens to a farmer who hopefully grows a crop for market was brought to the News-Review office recently. It was a statement received from a produce company accompanied by a check, showing the results to the grower for a shipment of 301 crates of broccoli. The figures tell their own story. Here they are:

Sold 221 crates No. 1s at .732\$161.77
 80 crates No. 2s at .2075 28.80

\$190.57

Less
 Labor and incidental expense\$ 6.47
 Ice 12.46
 Inspection 2.32
 Freight 108.54

COMMISSION 24.33
 \$154.12

Crates 31.45
 \$ 28.93

Check \$ 2.52

The farmer, you see, received less than ONE CENT per CRATE for his broccoli crop. The commission merchant made \$24.33—or nearly ten times as much as the farmer. Nor is this an isolated or exceptional case—there were at least five other growers who had the same experience. Part of the trouble was that the farmer trusted the commission man and shipped the crop on consignment without an agreed price or actual sale. This is a common practice and usually works out all right—the only trouble is that when something goes wrong with such a deal the only person who loses money is the farmer—the man who furnished the produce out of which each of the other handlers took full profit.

Well managed cooperative marketing has worked out well in many branches of agriculture. It has saved many producers from just the sort of disaster as that suffered by the farmer mentioned above. Cooperative marketing of farm produce is not a perfect solution—by any means—but it is infinitely better than trusting a crop to some "buyer" who has no interest but his own at heart.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The new Federal Housing Administration is the government's blue chip in a big gamble that most of us want to own nice, modernized homes. And that we're willing and able to borrow for building and repair if the cost is cheap.

Somebody estimates there's nearly \$20,000,000,000 of building and repair work to be done. That's what Administrator James A. Moffett and the FHA will be shooting at.

They can't lose anything except their optimism. No matter how far short of twenty billions they fall, something will have been done toward stimulating construction and the heavy industries whose stagnation is largely responsible for keeping 10,000,000 people out of work. The FHA may do much more than PWA or fare a little worse. That's anybody's guess.

Employment For Five Million Is Foreseen

Moffett says 5,000,000 persons will be employed in this drive for new homes and repairs on the installment plan. Optimistic. But there will be jobs for more than 5,000,000 if the program goes over in a big way. Brain trusters who planned the act, regarding it as recovery's big opportunity for the next 20 years, hope the house industry can expand as the auto industry did after the war.

Production capacity is over-expanded. Housing isn't. About 800,000 homes estimated as needed to meet a shortage and 50 per cent of houses need repair. About one-tenth of the normal \$3,000,000,000 a year for home-building is now being spent. We have the need, workers, and materials. Now how about the money?

High Profits Banned; Terms Made Easy

The "water"—profits which used to make suckers of home-builders and installment buyers—and the risks to mortgage-holders will be taken out. Ten months to five years to pay off repair loans at probably 5 per cent; 20 years to pay off first and only mortgages on both new and old homes at 5 or 6 per cent, plus 1 per cent a year insurance charges. Both types of loans, extended by banks and other private lenders, will be insured.

Thanks to FHA, various costs to home-builders should be cut 10 to 30 per cent, excluding taxes. Volume building may offer further incentive to price-cutting. FHA may work out a yardstick and refuse to insure loans based on exorbitant bids. New national mortgage associations will sell insured mortgages in an effort to get capital back into the real estate field, unafraid.

Modernization loans, also available to factories, are limited between \$200 and \$2,000. Total lenders' loans for repair are insured to 20 per cent, eliminating risk. Home mortgages are insurable up to \$16,000 and 80 per cent of appraisal value.

Selling Is Right in Moffett's Line

Moffett, who has been learning about housing for the first time, is an able executive and super-salesman. He was selling oranges of oil to the navy when Roosevelt met him. He is affable, poised, alert and quick to absorb. His father was a Standard Oil president and he himself was a \$100,000 Standard of New Jersey vice president until he quit in a row with Walter Teagle last year.

Lately Moffett has been on the federal oil board and a \$125,000 Standard of California vice president. Good friend of F. D.'s, he is 48, keeps a yacht on the Potomac, gives big parties and has a wife and five children.

He has hired Ward Canady, advertising company president, as his publicity man, appointed Albert H. Deane—former General Motors executive and co-author of the act—as boss of the renovation campaign and expects to get 500,000 men and \$500,000,000 at work by fall.

The next article of this series, covering the National Labor Relations Board, will appear in an early issue of this paper.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBREIN

(Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine)

THE death rate from heart disease in the United States in 1930 was 132 for each 100,000 of the population. In 1932 it was 224 per 100,000, an increase of approximately 70 per cent.

Some of this increase is due to the fact that more people are living longer, and that they must die of some disease or, at least, from a breaking down of the body generally. Since the failure of the heart is associated with death, it is reasonable to believe that as more people live longer, more and more will die of heart disease.

However, other factors are involved in this increase. One is the improvement in the ability of doctors to diagnose certain types of heart disease, such as those affecting the coronary arteries or the small blood vessels which supply the heart itself with blood. Another important factor is the increase in frequency of heart disease in people past 50 years of age.

In previous generations many people died of infectious disease of childhood. Now they tend to avoid these diseases or to recover from them, but sometimes there is sufficient damage to the heart to show itself in the increased number of deaths after 30 years of age. The various types of heart disease vary in different parts of the country. Rheumatic fever predominates as a cause of heart disease in the north and east portions of the United States, but is much less in the southern portions.

In the western and southern portions of the country, high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries are associated with the increase in heart disease.

The figures show that heart disease is twice as frequent in the northeast portions of the United States as in the far south, while the middle west and central states are just between the two.

That type of heart disease which is called hypertensive, and which is associated with high blood pressure, seems to be increasing and is said to be incident to the increased strain and complexity of modern life. It is a remarkable observation that native Chinese seldom have high blood pressure, but develop the condition when transplanted into the life of the United States.

Among African natives, high blood pressure is seldom seen, but the direct descendants of the African natives in this country have a higher incidence of abnormally high blood pressure than do white people living in the same districts.

High blood pressure, therefore, is to a large extent a total personality reaction to modern civilization.

SIDE GLANCES



"Look at her pretending she doesn't know any of these old songs."

RE-ELECTED!



Above is Rev. Harry R. R. Neet, for the past four years pastor of the local Lighthouse Temple, who was reelected general superintendent of the Bible Standard Inc., at their conference which came to a close this last week in the Lighthouse Temple. Rev. Neet will supervise the work of the organization at home and abroad, which will entail much travel during the coming year.

News of Trent

TRENT, July 30.—(Special)—Helping Hand club met with Mrs. Ernest Mauney Wednesday for an all day meeting. Soon after the noon hour, little Betty Joy Kimball presented Mrs. W. L. Wheeler with a large birthday cake. It being Mrs. McClure's birthday too, she was included in the surprise. Later in the afternoon a shower was given Mrs. Clayton Kimball. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Mauney's were Mrs. Neva Dall, Mrs. Agnes Story, Mrs. Vera West, Mrs. Sigurd McClure, Mrs. Velma Subauer, Mrs. Betty Kimball, Mrs. Huntington, Mrs. Beryl Jaques, Mrs. Vada Ferguson, Mrs. Lillian Bristow, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Nora Hunter, Mrs. Alice Kimball, Mrs. Vina Higgins, Mrs. Thelma Kime, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Hattie Jacoby, Mrs. Bessie Kimball, Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. Vera Mauney, Mrs. Castle Moore, and the hostess, Mrs. Mauney, and 16 children.

Next Sunday, Aug. 5, is the date set for the picnic of the club ladies and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartle, of Seattle, Wash., visited the Tom Moore family here last Tuesday and Wednesday.

PAL AVENGED!



Police Sergeant Martin Zarkovich of East Chicago, above, saw his comrade avenged when John Dillinger died in a Chicago ambush. Zarkovich, given major credit for planning the trap, had devoted months to trailing the outlaw, after the sergeant's pal, Policeman W. P. O'Malley, had been killed by the Dillinger gang in an East Chicago bank holdup.

NEW WEEK QUIET SOCIALLY

W. R. C. Tea Will Be Given On Tuesday

By MARIAN LOWRY
 FEW events are booked for the week as Eugene rests from its strenuous pageant week.

With the new month, too, many more will be leaving on vacation trips.

TEA IS TUESDAY

The July birthdays of members of the Women's Relief corps will be observed at a tea to be given Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Marie Franz.

MEETING MONDAY

Active and alumnae members of Alpha Omicron Pi are to meet Monday evening at the home of Miss Evelyn Schaefer.

FORMER STUDENTS WED

Several former students of the University of Oregon were married the past week.

Miss Frieda Brunner and T. E. Amstutz, the latter a graduate of the university, were married in Gresham, July 22. The couple is to live in Gresham. Mr. Amstutz attended the Northwestern University law school after getting his degree at Oregon.

Miss Myrtle Jansson, former student, was married July 22 to De Los E. Clark of Halsey in Colton. Mr. Clark attended Oregon State college. They will live in Crane where he is principal of the schools.

Among engagements announced recently is that of Miss Violet Ackerman to Robert Clark Christensen. Both attended the university where the bride is a member of Chi Omega, and Mr. Christensen of Sigma Chi. Miss Margaret Spencer and Sam Lockwood Jr., both former students on the campus, will be married September 8, announcement of the date being made in Portland this week.

Miss Dorothy Alice Swisher and Kenneth Reynolds Jette, both former Oregon students, are to be married August 25. Miss Swisher is a member of Kappa Delta sorority at the university and Mr. Jette a member of Sigma Chi.

Miss Winifred Winkler and Earl P. Newberry were married in Portland, Saturday. The bride is a member of Alpha Xi Delta on the campus. Mr. Newberry attended the University of Washington and is a member



Extract puts the pure flavor of fresh lemons in a lemon pie.

CALENDAR

Monday

7:30 p. m.—Alpha Omicron Pi alumnae and active members meeting, home of Miss Evelyn Schaefer.

Tuesday

W. R. C. party at home of Mrs. Marie Franz.

of Theta Chi. They are to reside in Portland.

FROM PORTLAND

Miss Ethel Johnson of Portland was among visitors here over the weekend. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon and was in Washington, D. C. for some time before returning to Portland.

RETURNS TO PORTLAND

Mrs. F. E. Lawrence returned to her home in Portland, Sunday, after a visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas I. Chapman.

VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Avery had as their guests during the Oregon Trail week, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Woodcock and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riley, all of Corvallis.

MARRIED IN EUGENE

Miss Lucille Rainey of Minneapolis and Jack Whittenberg were married

Supper Is Given For Pageant Directors

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. Rosson entertained at a buffet supper Sunday evening for the group who directed the Oregon Trail. About twenty-four were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilderman of Portland, house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rosson, were among out-of-town guests.

at noon Saturday at the home of bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Zora tenberg. Rev. Bryant Wilson officiating. Emil Lukes of Portland and Miss Nettie Lu Whittenberg, sister of Mr. Whittenberg, attended the wedding.

Shining Rock mountain, near Lakeville, N. C., gets its name from a cliff of pure white quartz which glows in the sun.

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