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Attempt Made to Preserve Our Highway Beauty

Twenty-eight state parks, including many outstanding scenic points on our highways, have already been secured by the Highway Department. In addition, timber areas along the highways are controlled so that there will be no timber cutting or undesirable development in the nature of hot dog stands or bill boards.

This has been accomplished in the last few years in accordance with the policy of the Highway Commission to keep the highway of the future as beautiful as it is at present.

With this as a beginning, there is being rapidly accomplished in Oregon a well rounded out system of highway parks. Roadside timber preservation is being carried out in the Blue Mountain parks on the Oregon Trail and Wallowa-LaGrande Highway; sea beach and dune areas are being provided on the Roosevelt Highway; Lava and desert types are exemplified in parks along the Dalles-California Highway.

A beginning has been made. The few parks acquired to date are well scattered and representative of various attractions and scenic types. More yet needs to be done.

More parks for rest places and picnicking are needed on such arteries as the Pacific Highway; more examples of the superb varieties of attraction on the Columbia, Roosevelt and other highways. The river and ocean beach sceneries are especially deserving of additional attention. The timber reservations should go on with additional impetus as greatly increasing the beauty and attractions of the highway systems.

Many of these highway park sites have come to the state as donations and are named as memorials of the donors. They point out that local interest and initiative shown by various communities and counties should be promoted; and especially possible donors of scenic points should be further encouraged to set up park memorials with consequent benefit to our state and our motor visitors for this and coming generations.

Young Men Declared Chief Crime Doers

More laws are broken here by unmarried native born youths between the ages of 18 and 21 than by men of any other age, according to Bruce Boutall, superintendent of the criminal record bureau of common pleas court.

"Young men of this type were arrested a greater number of times during 1927 than any other type," said Boutall, "and the same has been true for several years back.

"However although these boys break more laws and are arrested more times, the majority of murders are committed by married men about 24 years old.

In a recent survey at several penitentiaries where electrocution is the supreme penalty, it was found the largest percentage of men put to death were either 24 or 25 years old.

MARKED COIN RETURNS

Fifty-two years ago D. H. Swan, using a steel die, cut his name into a silver half dollar of the coinage of 1875. Captain I. H. Tarbox, West Brooksville storekeeper, was one of those who watched the procedure. As Captain Tarbox was counting the money in his till on a recent evening he found the coin, the name "D. H. Swan" still showing plainly, despite the half century of wear.

Captain Tarbox plans to present the coin to Mr. Swan's daughter Mrs. Laura S. Smith, who now resides in Wells, Me.

ALSO TAXIDERMIST

"How's huntin' out Chicago way?" "Purty good. Got a nice mounted policeman in my trophy room."

OLD OREGON TRAIL IN SPLENDID CONDITION

A recent announcement from Idaho, states that the old Oregon Trail from the Wyoming state line to the Oregon line will be oiled for its entire length by August 1st, 1928. From this point to Portland the road is either paved or oil bound macadam. Upon completion this will form one of the best roads in the country as the oiling of roads has been extremely satisfactory in the northwest producing a road which in some cases is preferable to paving.

EAST AND SOUTH WANT WESTERN CLOVER SEED

Oregon can continue as a leading clover seed state by developing and producing two kinds of seed to meet demands of north mid-western and southern states, says G. R. Hyslop, head of farm corps of the Oregon State Agriculture college. Warm southern climate requires anthracnose resistant seed while the colder mid-western regions require a hardy type. Oregon experiment station specialists have begun the development of such seeds.

Growers in the middle-west have experienced much difficulty in obtaining stands of clover and alfalfa because of winter killing, while anthracnose causes considerable damage in the south.

Experiments have shown these failures to be largely lack of adaptation originating in seed coming from outside sources. This has been largely responsible for the passage of the federal act which requires that all imported seed be stained.

HOSS RESIGNS AS SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR

Hal E. Hoss private secretary to Governor I. L. Patterson since the latter's inauguration a year ago, has submitted his resignation to the Governor, Mr. Patterson, in accepting the resignation, has asked Mr. Hoss to remain on the job until the first of March, as the governor intends to be absent from the state for several days preceding that date. Who will succeed as private secretary has not been indicated by the Governor.

Mr. Hoss who is a potential candidate for the office of secretary of state, said in his letter of resignation that he did not feel justified in spending any time while on the state payroll to further his own personal political career, and indicated that as soon as he was relieved from duty that he would make a state wide survey of the situation and come to a decision after he had had time as a private citizen to go thoroughly into the matter.

The state press, with which Mr. Hoss has been closely affiliated as an association officer for a number of years, has indicated that it will support him actively if he becomes a candidate, and considerable interest in his political welfare is being evinced by a substantial group of friends, representative of all lines, in the larger centers.

GROCERY TO START ON CASH BASIS

The Gold Hill Groceteria, owned by O. C. Stanwood will start as a cash store, March first according to Mr. Stanwood. In speaking to your reporter Mr. Stanwood stated that the people expect the stores to meet the chain store competition of the nearby towns and he is going to do on the same terms. "If the people want cash prices we will give them what they want" he stated. "The merchant who has all his money tied up in slow and questionable accounts cannot afford to sell as cheaply as the one who gets cash on every turnover.

The matter of cheap prices has come to the front quit forcefully in the past few weeks. The first to make an overture for the cash trade was the Gold Hill Supply Co. who installed what is known as a cash counter from which groceries can be purchased for cash and at a saving. Mr. Walker in this way expects to educate the people into the value of prompt cash payments.

Chamber Of Commerce To Meet Monday

Due to a conflict of dates, it was decided by the Chamber of Commerce officers that it would be best to postpone the meeting called for Friday February 17th to Monday February 20, thereby giving all the advantage possible to the Gold Hill High School to properly advertise and succeed in putting over their play.

At the time that the meeting was set for Friday the play date was overlooked and in so far as the arrangements had already been made for the dramatic event at the high school the cooperation of the club members was vouchsafed.

However with two or three days more for the committee to work on the program and luncheon which will be a part of the evenings entertainment it is bound to increase the enthusiasm and peppiness of the session.

Letters of invitations have gone out to neighbor organization to join in the meeting with the Gold Hill Boosters and considerable, will no doubt be said and done, which tend toward the binding of the communities into a firmer brotherhood so that all might work in harmony for the good of the entire district.

Through its secretary the members of the Gold Hill Irrigation District have been invited to join in the activities of the club. Likewise the members of the Sams Valley community. A large organization should result which will put the Gold Hill community on the map. The aid which the surrounding territories will lend to the city, and the aid so parallel and our problems are the country should bring about a greater and more friendly feeling. It is a great opportunity for accomplishment and advancement.

These three communities have interests which are so interlocking and so parallel and our problems are so nearly allied that they should be met by concerted action on the part of all concerned and not be matters for scattered organizations and individual efforts alone to prosecute.

A huge turnout is expected at the city Hall in Gold Hill February 20. A splendid chance for everyone in this vast trade territory to rub shoulders and exchange greetings and ideas is offered. If such an opportunity is made the most of, then all our interests will prosper and everyone in the vicinity will be happier.

ODD FELLOWS SOCIAL VERY PLEASANT EVENT

The I. O. F. and Rebekah lodges celebrated the anniversary of Odd fellowship in a very appropriate manner last evening at their lodge hall in this city.

Each lodge member was permitted a guest and as a result the large hall was crowded with people all eager to enjoy themselves. They were not disappointed either, as the reports were very good and the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were voted very good entertainers.

An old time dance was featured with Mayer Cook officiating on the banjo and a Mr. Moore from Evens Creek assisting. Another of the outstanding features of the program was a violin solo by Miss Snider a seven year old child which would have been a credit to one many years her senior.

The festivities continued until late in the evening. Many out of town visitors were present.

CITY LIBRARY MOVED

The City Library formerly located in the City Council room has been moved to the room prepared for it in the annex of the same building and the furnishings and books are now cozily housed and privately and pleasantly situated to entertain patrons. The public is cordially invited to visit the library in its new quarters and add their names to the membership roll.

Who Is Your Choice For the Presidency?

In keeping with the efforts of the press over the state to ascertain the feeling of the several communities as to their preference of candidates in the forth coming presidential race we would like to get an expression of the preference of our communities.

This year is rather unique in a political way in so far as neither party has a well groomed candidate for the position of president. Hoover seems to have the greater amount of following in the republican press at present although Ex-Governor Lowden of Illinois is coming to the front. Others mentioned is Dawes, Davis, Borah, and others. Some contend that the convention will be deadlocked and a dark horse candidate will result the same as in the case of the nomination of Warren G. Harding eight years ago.

In the Democratic ranks we have Gov. Al Smith drawing the most fire with Senator Reed also a prospect. The usual battle for domination of the party between Tammany faction and the anti Tammany faction is expected. Tammany has somewhat the edge on the battle now due to the loss of their enemy, Wm J. Bryan.

We would appreciate it if our readers will mail in the following coupon stating their preference of candidates.

DEMOCRATIC

1st Choice

2nd Choice

REPUBLICAN

1st Choice

2nd Choice

What issue do you consider the most outstanding?

Do you favor the \$3 auto license proposal with an increase of gasoline taxes?
Yes or No

Just mail your coupons to the Straw vote editor of this paper right away.

HIGH SCHOOL SHOW PROMISES PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY

The High school play, "The importance of Being Earnest" promises to be one of the best plays ever staged by the students of the local high school.

The students in the cast are laboring over time on their parts so that the presentation will be flawless and highly pleasing to the people of the city.

Mrs. C. G. Bluett has charge of the direction this year and she seems highly optimistic over the advancement made by the cast. She predicts something very good in amateur drama for the people of this vicinity on next Friday evening.

Last year the high school play proved so interesting and enjoyable that a second and third showing was demanded. This fact increased the interests of the students in dramatic work and they expect to make this year's play even better than the one last year.

The play will be given on the stage of the high school auditorium. F. S. Waite, field auditor for the State Industrial Accident commission was a visitor in the city Tuesday, checking up on the state insurance accounts.

Automotive Wise Cracks

An optimist is a tourist who starts out with poor brakes, no spare, a knock in the motor, and who wires 250 miles ahead for hotel reservations.

If all the autos in the United States were placed end to end it would be Sunday afternoon.

BRITONS STILL HOPE TO GET OLD DEBTS

Senators and representatives are being deluged with appeals from British subjects for action by congress authorizing the federal government to assume and pay the repudiated debts of the southern states contracted chiefly in reconstruction days following the civil war.

Ten southern states repudiated bond issues aggregating \$155,525,856. With interest the total repudiated debt now exceeds \$600,000,000.

A large porportion of these bonds are held by British whose fathers and grandfathers purchased them as gilt-edged American securities. The present owners have banded themselves together as the Council of Foreign Bondholders, which is directing the campaign to induce the United States congress to accord them relief.

The British appeals stress the argument that it is the duty of the United States government to pay the debts repudiated by individual states particularly because the 11th amendment to the American constitution prevents an individual, whether a citizen or a foreigner, from suing a state for recovery.

EXPLORERS GO TO NORTH

Seeking to make the first flight from Alaska to Spitzbergen, Captain George H. Wilkins, Australian explorer-aviator, and Carl B. Eielson, his sour-dough pilot, sailed for Seward today.

From Seward they will go to Fairbanks, in the interior of Alaska, by rail. There they will esemble their single-motored wooden monoplane for the preliminary hop to Point Barrow, northernmost tip of the American continent, and the hop-off point for the arctic flights.

They plan to fly from Fairbanks to Point Barrow in March, make exploratory and test flights, and then launch out over the vast unknown of the Arctic sea in a 2100-mile flight to Spitzbergen before arctic fogs make flying impossible.

A powerful radio transmitting set will be carried to keep them in touch with civilization. Should they be forced to alight on the arctic ice pack they will signal for help from the nearest land. Captain Wilkins is convinced that the aviators can "live off the land" by killing game with rifles in the event the rescue is delayed.

The plane, a Lock-heed-Vega, is powered with a 220 horse power Wright whirlwind engine. A gasoline supply of 370 gallons and 40 days rations will be carried, in addition to scientific equipment.

In addition to looking for a continent some explorers have believed existed in the arctic ocean, Wilkins and Eielson plan to make meteorological observations.

BUSSES SPAN NATION THROUGH BIG MERGER

The first trancontinental bus route in the United States, stretching from the Pacific coast to Philadelphia and ultimately coming to New York, was completed today. The bus line, operating more than 400 busses over 50,000 miles of this country and linking more than 1000 cities towns and communities, resulted from the merger of the Pickwick corporation and the Greyhound bus system.

Fare on a trancontinental bus trip is said to be a trifle more than one-third of existing rail rates. Stop-overs at hotels, owned and operated by the bus corporation, however, bring actual expenses to an amount approximating ordinary rail costs. The time required, however, is several days or more longer than on train, depending on the number of stop-overs desired.

The coaches of the Pickwick-Greyhound system, as the new system is to be called, built by the corporation are able to carry 28 passengers. Some of them contain dining cars and other comforts. They are operating on 430 schedules daily, and in 1926 the last date on which statistics are available, carried more than 1,500,000 passengers.

FIRST VACATIONIST—How do you find it here?
SECOND VACATIONIST—Get acquainted with the druggist.

Beaver Portland Opens Operations For The Season

The Beaver Portland this week got under operation again after several months shut down. Monday the cars were delivered to Marble Mountain and the quarry work there started. Tuesday the grease rock work started and the raw grinder started to day. The slurry will be made and when a sufficient supply is on hand all wheels will again be turning and Gold Hill's biggest industry will be going full swing.

While the kiln has not been in operation for three months there have been about thirty or forty men at work at all times in the shops, loading, sacking and finishing in the ing, sacking and finish grinding room.

News of the opening has been looked for for some time and now that it has been accomplished the famous Beaver Portland Cement will begin to flow into the channels of industry at a greater rate. Spring weather over the state will undoubtedly open up much construction and all business and government bureau reports are very optimistic and if all that is said is true there will be plenty work for the local company for many months ahead.

The fact that the midwinter shutdown this year was more prolonged than usual is no indication that the business of the company has fallen away for such is not the case. Last summer an enlarged plant was placed in operation with double the capacity of the old plant and consequently even the increase in business the output was not used up as fast. Supt. C. W. Martin is very enthusiastic over the company's prospects and he predicts a thriving business for the local company. This should sound good to everyone in Southern Oregon as the local payroll is quite an asset.

NOT SO DUMB

Mother—What sort of a man is this finance of yours?
PRISCILLA—Well, mother he says he has always wanted a home.
Mother—I like the sound of that.
Priscilla—and he likes ours very much.—Tit-Bits.

Additional Funds Allotted for County Roads

That the Gold Hill trail, Dead Indian and Butte Creek market roads which are being constructed jointly by the government, state and Jackson county, will all eventually receive additional aid, is evidenced by the recent allotment of \$7000 from the United States forestry fund to be used this year on the construction of the Dead Indian road.

These three roads run east-west from the Rogue River Valley into the Crater National forest reserve. The Gold Hill Taij road extends from Gold Hill to a junction with the Medford-Crater Lake highway on upper Rogue river; the Dead Indian plateau into Klamath county, while the Butte Creek road extends from near Eagle Point, into the Butte Falls district.

The sum of \$75,000 is divided equally with these three roads on this year's road building program by Jackson county, and with the additional \$700 it will give the Dead Indian road a total of \$31,000 for this year's construction. Two units of 10 miles of the Gold Hill-Trail road has been constructed the past two year's and with this year's appropriation the road will be extended another five miles this year. The first units of the Dead Indian and Butte Creek roads will be constructed this season.

SCOTTISH

"Gladys is about the closest person I know."
"What makes you think that?"
"She's so stingy she won't use perfume on windy days."