

Trucks Play Big Part In Rise Of Smaller Towns

Trucks are playing an important role in town building in many communities, according to Portland Ship-By-Truck representatives at 45 N. Park street.

In support of his assertion, Mr. Frye points to remarkable growth in population and commercial activity in towns connected with principal market centers by truck express routes and by roads over which trucks can operate efficiently. This growth in towns where the truck supplies a long but satisfactory chiefly, he says, instead of transportation need.

"The town without a railroad has, in the past, existed to fulfill some purely local need," says Mr. Frye. "It has made no effort to expand, and, in fact, any effort in this direction would have been useless. With the advent of the truck as a vital part of the transportation system of the country conditions have undergone a radical change and the small town with inadequate or no railroad facilities is making its hitherto more fortunate neighbor look to its laurels.

Mr. Tom Snyder, chairman of the Indiana Highway Transport Committee, in an address before the Highway Motor Transport Conference held in connection with the New York Motor Truck show recently, calls attention to the work the truck is doing in this respect. He cites the case of two Indiana towns, one of which is on a railroad and both of which were about the same size. In recent years, he says, an interurban was put through one of the towns with the result that it left the other far behind in progress and growth. More recently the other town, Monroeville, adopted the motor truck as its means of transportation, with the result that it is giving its rival on the interurban line a very serious run for its money. Truck express routes to Indianapolis and other market centers have been established and not only are successful themselves but are contributing to the success of the town.

Ship-by-truck advocates also point to Brykesville, Md., as an example of what the truck is doing in town building.

New Secretary Of Agriculture Big Booster For Roads

Washington, April 3.—Edwin T. Meredith, newly appointed secretary of agriculture, believes there should be active continuation of present federal and state co-operation in the connecting of state roads system with systems of adjoining states in order that the working out of an adequate highway program for the whole United States may proceed in an orderly manner. He also advocates the continuance of work now going forward under several aid road law.

New Windshield Cleaner Is Here

An air windshield cleaner—the latest word in windshield cleaners—designed to keep the driver's half of the windshield free from rain and clear to his vision at all times, has appeared in Salem. The Salem Vets company is the local distributor.

Great Western Garage Improved

Retouched with a new coat of paint within and without the Great Western Garage, 147 North High street, is being rapidly transformed into one of the most attractive auto host-esses in the city. Under the guidance of Smith and Watson, new comers who are young and enterprising with the vim of youth, the old garage is growing into one of the most popular in the city.

DISABLED SHIP SAVED

Los Angeles, Cal., April 2.—The steamship *Camsuset*, which reported by wireless yesterday that its engine had broken down in Santa Barbara channel, entered the harbor safely in tow of the tug *Bahaha*, which went out in response to her call. The *Camsuset* is a 3,300-ton freighter, and was bringing a cargo of lumber from Oregon.

OPERA SINGER SEEKS DIVORCE

Santa Cruz, Cal., April 2.—Allen Tyeu Gentle, grand opera singer, filed suit today for divorce from Dr. Robert Bruce Gentle, New York dentist. The complaint charges desertion, stating that they have lived apart for eight years. The couple were married in Seattle in 1910, and have one son, Bruce Gentle, 14 years old.

MEXICANS SLAY YANKS

Washington, April 2.—Two more Americans have been killed by Mexicans in the Tampico oil fields, dispatches to the state department today said.

New Europe will degenerate into a kind of "Tom Fiddler's Ground" and even into utter lawlessness unless the controlling power intervene promptly and resolutely. * * * Already the supreme council is ignored and ridiculed. The game of secret diplomacy is again in full swing.—The English Review.

The Central American hummingbird (the size of a bluebird) is the smallest bird in the world.

Coming To The Oregon



Lovely Norma Talmadge, noted film beauty, has become old; her cheeks have faded; her eyesight has failed; and her hair, once so luxuriant and cascading in its raven beauty has become thin and grey. But the change is only temporary.

Comedy Drama Next Alcazar Feature Here

"The Alcazar Stock Company" are to present the popular and sensational comedy drama, "Shepherd of the Hill" as their next attraction at the High theatre, Tuesday Matinee and night, April 6. The "Shepherd of the Hill" is a true narrative of the life and surroundings of the humble dwellers of the mountain country and it is the caliber of a play that touches the emotion and, while the story tells and deals with the rough people in the hills, its influence is far reaching into the minds of the people.

There comes to the mountain country a stranger who is more or less well cultured, and who is more than glad to rid himself of the vanities of the big cities of which he is well accustomed. He soon becomes a friend of all the mountaineers, and also the adviser of many of them.

Not only is there much emotion to the theme of the play, but there is also interwoven one of the prettiest love stories written in any play in years back, and the humor, pathos and tragedy are all part of the story which keeps the interest throughout the entire action of the play.

Cupid Holds Own Against H.C.L. In Marion County

Notwithstanding the fact that the H. C. of L. seems to be playing a winning game in other parts of Oregon, in its contest with Cupid this year, the little God of Love is holding his own desperately in Marion county. Reports from all over the State show that the amount of marriage licenses issued so far during 1920 is far below normal, and disregarding utterly the fact that leap year may have something to do with it, statisticians are blaming the high cost of living for the prevalent condition.

Cupid Holds Ground Comes now Marion county, proudly flaunting her records in the face of her sister counties and shows that neither the high cost of living or high cost of matrimony can dismay the dauntless Benedicts of Salem and surrounding cities. From January 1 to April 1, 1920, 42 marriages had been performed in Marion county. During the same space of time in 1919 64 licenses have been recorded.

January lead with 25 licenses, March follows with 24, while February, being the shortest month, shows only 18. April already has one marriage to its credit.

What is Reason? It may be that the prices of things in general are not as high in this county as elsewhere, and residents have chosen this unique way of advertising the fact. Or it may be that women here are more appreciative of their leap year privileges. If so, it would be well, perhaps, to let women in those Southern States that are making such a glorious fuss over ratifying the Woman Suffrage amendment, know about the way Marion county feels toward them and their rights.

It might be instrumental in causing an influx of the fair sex, which would cause Astoria to think twice before claiming that she is second in population in the state.

NAVY PROBE POSTPONED

Washington, April 2.—Further hearings before the senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war were postponed today until Tuesday. Admiral Rodman, commander of the Pacific fleet, will testify then and will be followed by Admiral Wilson, commander of the Atlantic fleet. Secretary Lunnie said today he would be the last witness to appear in the presentation of the department's case.

A Chicago paper assures us that "The 25-cent sock is again on the market." Men with only one leg may be interested in this announcement.—Portland Telegram.

The salary of the mayor of Ottawa has been raised to \$5000.

Warmed of an attack to be made on him at Cairo, Clemenceau said "One must die some day; what does the place matter?"

There are 40,000 head of wild elk in Yellowstone Park.

Armenian Relief Ship Has Salem Men Among Crew

D. E. Griffin, of the Salem Machine and Welding Company, and who will soon establish his permanent home here is at the present time one of the officers of the Steamship Bearport, which cleared from Portland several weeks ago laden with 24,000 tons of flour for Armenia.

The Bearport, which was the last of government built boats to be launched from Pacific Coast shipyards was especially chartered for the voyage of mercy. Assignment of the ship's personnel was honorary and the post of chief engineer was eagerly sought by many of the best marine engineers in the country. Chief Engineer Griffin was awarded the berth because of his record of service during shipping activities on the Pacific coast. The appointment being made for the western department of this division of federal work.

The Bearport was last reported as having passed through the Panama Canal. Her next port will be New York. From New York the route takes the Pacific-built vessel to Gibraltar and thence to her final destination, Trebizond on the Armenian coast. After discharging cargo, the Bearport will stop at several Egyptian and Mediterranean ports, then eastward through the Suez Canal and across the Pacific to Portland.

Mr. Griffin is expected to return from this voyage in about five months at which time he will retire from the marine game and devote his time to his Salem interests. He is accompanied on the present trip by Virgil Cook, a Salem youth and a son of M. Cook, who is also interested in the same firm with Mr. Griffin.

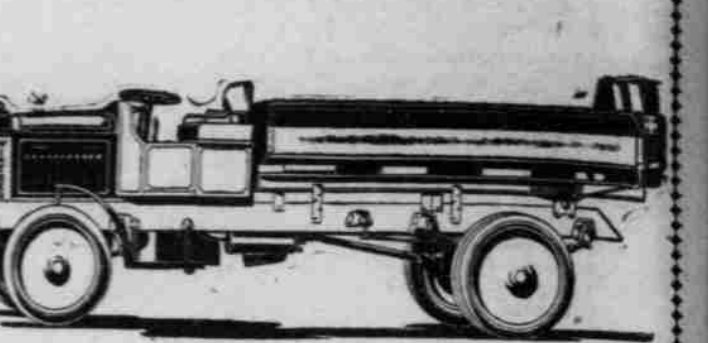
McManus Cartoons Provide Plot for Next Grand Bill

A typical Gus Hill comedy in three acts "Bringing Up Father in Society" and based on the famous George McManus cartoons will be the next attraction at the Grand theatre commencing Friday, April 9. To dwell at length upon an entertainment that has already become an American institution would be taking up too much valuable space. Suffice it to say that this latest version of the popular comic, and likewise brand new in every respect is said to eclipse its predecessors in every way. It is described as an avalanche of unalloyed fun, a riot of mirth, song, music, cackling, happiness, joy, gladness, charm and dexterity. "Father" naturally is against upsetting conventions. On the other hand, "Mo-

there is for it. Consequently when there is an opposition of set ideas an upheaval is sure to ensue. And it does with hilarious results.

CRATER LAKE SNOW BOUND Medford, Or., April 2.—Forest Ranger Brown, stationed in the Crater Lake national park reported today there are seven feet of snow at the lake and more snow is falling. A month ago there was very little snow at the lake and it was then thought the road to the rim would be open by May 1. Now it is believed the road will not be open until about the usual time, the first week in July.

MURDER VERDICT HELD UP St. Louis, April 2.—The jury in the trial of Uthula Broderick, 16 years old, charged with first degree murder by killing her step father, Joseph P. Woodcock, April 14 last, had not reached a verdict this afternoon. The jury was given the case at 7 o'clock last night.



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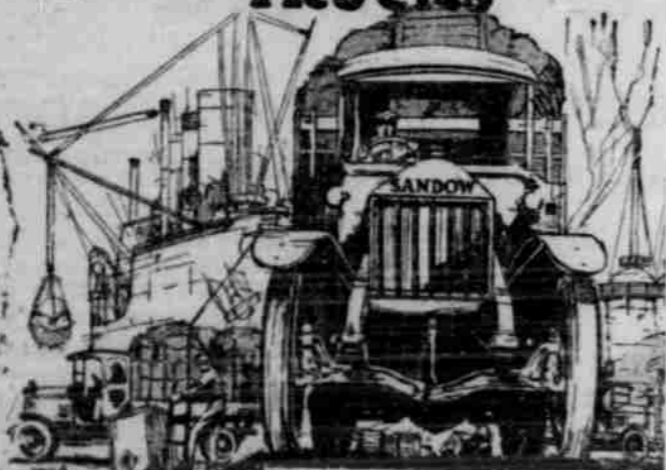
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