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State Highways

Commenting upon the state highways of California, the San Francisco Bulletin says: "They smeared the landscape with a thin streak of cement, coated with a thin veneer of asphalt. It looks impressive, but much of it lasted only long enough to take photographs of the new roadways and to make local newspaper stories. In a very little time, with comparatively little traffic, whole stretches of highway proved almost worthless."

It is true that many of the California highways have gone to pieces and have had to be rebuilt. There are several reasons, the principal being that California was a pioneer in paved highways and methods had not become standardized, and many of the roads were experimental; the rapid increase and development of motor traffic, including the use of highways for huge auto stages and trucks and trailers, subjecting the roads to a pressure and pounding unforeseen at the time of their construction and the political necessity of making a little money build many miles of highways, and therefore pleasing many sections.

The paved highway is a comparatively new thing and still in the experimental stage. Many of the highways built, not only in California, but in Oregon and other states, are bound to be destroyed by a heavy traffic they were not built to stand. When macadam roads were built, no one foresaw the invention of the motor vehicle as a destroying agency and the millions spent in their construction were largely wasted. When the hard surfaced road was first built none saw that it was to be used as a free right of way at public expense to compete with railroads. Consequently when traffic for which a ten inch pavement is needed to sustain is put upon a four inch pavement, the latter soon crumbles.

Oregon has had the advantage of California's mistakes as well as its own experimentation. It is only nine years since the first paved road in the state was constructed. Highways now being built are much more massive and permanent than those first constructed. There may have been waste but there has never been a substantiated scandal in highway construction in either state. Oregon's highway system has attracted the praise of the nation and is now nearest to being standardized of those of any state, according to federal authority. Charges made during the recent election campaign were purely political and cannot be substantiated as is well known by those making them.

It would be a shame to let the state highway system become the spoils of politics.

Taxpayers Lethargy

The budget for the Salem school district for 1922-3, amounting to \$243,250 adopted at a taxpayers meeting last night attended by two taxpayers. One of them presided and the other moved the adoption of the budget as prepared by the school board.

This attendance is characteristic of the interest shown by taxpayers in their own affairs. When it comes to paying the taxes levied last night, there will be a loud wail from those too indifferent to even discuss the levy in advance.

If taxation is excessive, it is the people themselves that are to blame. Their indifference to public affairs is proverbial. They will blithely vote all kinds of bond issues and expenditures and then recall the officials in charge of public business because taxes are high. And usually the ones who howl the loudest pay the least, but are silent when the tax levy is fixed—the only time it does any good to kick.

There will soon be a taxpayers meeting to pass upon the budget for county expenditures. It will receive about the same amount of attention that the school budget did and yet about the first of April when the tax payments are due for the expenditures now authorized, the old familiar despairing lament from the taxpayer and the customary denunciation of official extravagance will be loud in the land.

The public has developed a strong penchant for regulating the other fellows' business, but when it comes to regulating its own, is strangely apathetic.

Along State Street

Men usually get their pull from their own push.

Women who remember shop signs and trade marks make good wives.

The beauty of the modern girl appears to be very much on the surface.

Some folks get a reputation for patience by being too darn lazy to move.

The more worthless a man is the easier it is for some women to marry him.

Some people would never be heard of if it wasn't for the mistakes they make.

The man who spends more than he earns robs someone else of his rightful share.

Be cautious of the man who never made a mistake. There's a first time for everything.

It is quite possible for some people to say just what they think without doing much talking.

Many a girl who is only just "a little dear" before, often proves to be an expensive luxury after marriage.

If a boy is said to be the living photograph of his father, is it right to call a girl the very phonograph of her mother?

The difference between the squaw of early times and the squaw of today lies in the way she puts on the paint.

There was a time when some people believed the world owed them a living, now the world believes the United States owes it one.

Another indication that we are living too fast is the appearance of a disease, called "limousine foot," caused by stepping on the accelerator.

PANTOMIME—By J. H. Striebel



The Regeneration of Malcolm Starmount

By Idah McElone Gibson.

The Mind of a Boy
Starmount, who had risen from the table, turned impatiently on his friend.

"Not at all, Ted. In spite of all this worry about Tennant I am happier than I have ever been in my life.

"That girl and her family, her attitude toward them and life is something clean and bright and beautiful. I was growing to feel that we were all damned hypocrites and cowards, and then right before me, in a place I never expected to be, I found Mary. Why, just finding her, Ted, as I did in that stuffy store basement makes me feel as though there is something in this life of ours that is greater than ourselves.

"She is so different from any other woman I have ever known. One moment she is a child, so innocent that I cannot think it is possible that she is 16 years old and must have seen sordidness and sin unspeakable down there in the slum. And the next minute she is grown up with the experience and wisdom of a woman of 35. Why, finding her, Ted, was like finding a beautiful white lotus blossom out beyond the gorgeous, blazing, poisonous flowers that grew on the border of the morass—the only kind I had ever known.

"Hell, I'm growing maudlin. But, Ted, inside of me I am earnest. I am honest and I am trying to think straight for the first time in my life."

"You have never taken the middle of the road course, Mal. You have always pursued the byways with great enthusiasm, and now that you tell me that you have forsaken the primrose paths, I shall expect to see you treading the road we call straight and narrow with the same wholehearted enthusiasm with which you have been chasing rainbows."

"That is all right, Ted. Do you really think that I am such a rotter that I never have a decent aspiration?"

"On the contrary, Mal, I am your friend. I think I am fonder of you than anyone else in the world. I know that you have many decent aspirations and I am hoping that this new departure of yours will lead you into something that I have always known you could be—that it will make you understand that there is much more pleasure in really working than there is in merely idling.

"What did the doctors say of Mrs. Devlin?"

"I didn't tell this to Mary, but the doctor telephoned me after they got back to the hospital that Mrs. Devlin cannot live three months even with the greatest of care. One lung is entirely gone. They called me up to tell me something else and it worries me greatly. They tell me that Mary's lungs are in a very bad condition and that Eddie's are also affected. Living together in unventilated rooms has nearly done the work. But they assure me that with the best of care and strict regime both Mary and Eddie will be brought back to health. I'm sending them to the Adirondacks tomorrow in my car. I'm going to send Miss Jeffries along to take care of the two children and have several nurses are necessary for Mrs. Devlin."

"Will they allow Miss Jeffries there, Mal?"

"Yes, I asked the doctors that, for Mary has seemed to take such a fancy to her that I wanted the nurse to be with her if possible. Miss Jeffries was sent out from the tubercular hospital in town and I am sending them to the camp that is attached to this hospital."

"I am glad that you have decided upon that, Mal. It will give us a chance to clear up this other mess."

"Mess' is right. Do you know, Ted, I sometimes wonder just why we go along in this world riding for a fall. We are more or less conscious which way we are tending, but we tell ourselves that we will probably miss it somehow and we decide not to worry about it."

"That old saw about not crossing your bridges until you get to them works both ways. You should know whether there really is a bridge or if you're likely to drop into the middle of the stream by not finding out what is the matter with it before starting to cross."

"I never cared a hang for Nelda Courtney, but I wanted something to do, and I got into the way of asking her with me. As far as Nelda herself was concerned, she really meant nothing to me."

"If her face had become disfigured, or her form crippled, she would have become positively disgusting to me. But I liked to possess her in the eyes of the world. I liked to exploit her beauty hung with jewels bought with my money. I liked to feel that men were envying me. What a petty, sordid ambition it all was. Yet I am not sure I'll never do anything of the kind again. I know I am no saint."

"I was thinking, when I was out there swimming with those children that I was not even a decent and respectable member of society. I have done nothing in the world to help anyone along except to spend the money my great grandfather worked hard for and my grandfather and my father conserved. Then I usually spent it for some unworthy thing and only some undeserving man or woman profited."

"Do you know, Ted, that never in my life have I come in contact with the mind of a boy! I know now that I never had the mind of a boy myself. I was always grown up."

CORN SHOW OPEN WITH SPLENDID EXHIBITS SHOWN

The Marion and Polk county corn show is now officially open for inspection by the public, as at 3 o'clock this afternoon an address of welcome was delivered by Mayor-elect Geise followed by a general talk on the possibilities of corn production in the valley, by Prof. George Hyslop, of the Oregon Agricultural college. Exhibits numbering 147 have been entered with a majority of exhibitors preferring to enter exhibits of yellow dent corn. Independence growers, who were successful with the Independence corn show held last month, have placed 22 exhibits and from Mouth alone, 10 exhibits are competing for the cash prizes. It is the plan of those in charge of the corn show to present a short program each afternoon at 2 o'clock, closing with a general program including a community sing on Saturday

AMUSEMENTS

Liberty
Leaving Today
Alice Brady in her stage success, "Anna Ascends," a very fine program.
Oregon
"THE SIN FLOOD"
with HELENE CHADWICK and RICHARD DIX
Bligh
Hickman Beesley Co., presents "Mother O'Mine."
Chic Sale in "His Nibs."
Grand
Coming Tomorrow—Matinee and Night
Edna Wallace Hopper in person. The 63 year young woman. Also the big success, "Remembrance."

DAUGHTER OF SLAIN CIRCUS MAN CALLED

Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 14.—Hazel Brunen, the 17-year-old daughter of John T. Brunen, circus owner, who created a sensation yesterday testifying against Mrs. Doris Brunen and Harry C. Mohr, charged with plotting the death of her father, was on the witness stand today. She was cross examined by Walter Keown, counsel for defense. She revealed the story of her elopement with William Parkstrom, the lion tamer and how her stepmother, Mrs. Doris Brunen, had sided with her against her father. When the trial was resumed today Mrs. Harry C. Mohr, who created a stir yesterday by crying out to Hazel, "I'll smack you dead," was permitted to sit in the court room again, but before being allowed to enter she was searched for weapons. APPROPRIATION APPROVED
Washington, Dec. 14.—After little more than an hour's consideration the senate today passed the second annual appropriation bill of the present session, that for the state and justice departments. It carried about \$33,500,000.

COUGH ALL NIGHT?

Are you kept awake at night with that annoying cough—that irritating tickle in your throat? Then keep a bottle of BINZ Bronchi-Lyptus by your bed and take just a sip when the cough bothers you. You'll be asleep before you know it and your cough will be relieved. "NIP IT IN THE BUD WITH BINZ PRODUCTS" TRY YOUR DRUGGIST FIRST



Looks Like a Royal Audience BUT Jiggs and Dinty

are actually before the Hong Kong Chief of Police

No adventure you ever read or heard of holds so many hearty laughs as the uproarious round-the-world trip of Jiggs, Maggie and all the other famous comic characters in

Bringing Up Father

By GEORGE McMANUS

Newspaper readers in every corner of the civilized earth are enjoying the hilarious happenings to Jiggs as presented by George McManus. You can see this piece of fun ONLY in

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M'NARY ASKS FOR FURTHER RELIEF

Washington, Dec. 14.—Another agricultural relief bill was added to those pending in the senate when Senator McNary, republican, of Oregon introduced a bill to extend for one year or until June 30, 1924, the powers of the war finance corporation to make farm and livestock loans. The bill, which was referred to the finance committee, also would extend until January 31, 1927, the authority of the corporation to issue notes and bonds.

DR. BELL'S Pine-Tar Honey

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When the famous blissful of "33" caused so much suffering, Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey brought relief to thousands. Today, it is the same genuine pine-tar syrup, compounded from the dependable prescription of an old family physician. This reliable syrup stops coughs, soothes irritated tissues and relieves congestion. Children take it readily because of its pleasant taste. At all drug stores.

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Carter's Little Liver Pills never fail. Millions will testify that there is nothing so good for biliousness, indigestion, headache or slow, pimply skin. Purely vegetable. Small Pill—Small Dose—Small Price