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SOLOMONITES

Speed maniacs, to the number of 727 paid \$1309 in fines in Portland during the last month. Now take the next month's bunch of violators and give them jail sentences. March fines would pay April's board bill, and the effect would be more salutary.

Merchants are warned to keep their eyes peeled for a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill. The genuine article has been so scarce of late, that lots of folks would be glad to get hold of even a counterfeit, if only to keep in mind what the real thing looks like.

Yes, times change. If George Washington were alive today he would have about as much chance of being elected president as J. P. Morgan. This is no reflection on Washington. But he was the wealthiest and most aristocratic gentleman in America at the end of the 18th century, and Americans have long since abandoned the practice of choosing presidents from this class.—Mail Tribune.

"Ashland, the Gateway of Oregon." Sounds good, doesn't it? How do you think it would look if blazed in electric lights on an arch spanning the Southern Pacific tracks in the neighborhood of Eighth street, to read like this:

"ASHLAND LITHIA SPRINGS" THE GATEWAY OF OREGON

And that's not stretching the truth. Ashland is the first large town on the line of the Southern Pacific after crossing the California line. Not a doubt but what the railroad company would consent to the erection of such a span, so it was built high enough for trains to pass under. It's worth more than a passing thought, anyway.

Our representatives at Washington might do worse than to pass a law making it compulsory to tax every security issued, whether it be federal, state, county or municipal. Billions of money that ought to be in circulation in the industries of the



nation, remain tied up in securities that are exempt from taxation, and to that extent the burden of taxation of the common people is increased.

The other day the announcement was made that the City Bank of New York had invested \$57,000,000 in government securities that were exempt from taxation. Multiply that transaction by thousands all over the country, and some idea may be gathered of the amount of money that is isolated and rendered immune from bearing any part of the tax burden.

NO LACK OF COURTESY

When General Joffre passed through Ashland yesterday, a great many people, and particularly the school children, were disappointed because no stop was made at the Plaza and the general remained seated in his machine and did not rise to acknowledge the greetings. The French seldom lack courtesy, and it was no lack of that quality which caused the omission. General Joffre is a sick man. He contracted a severe cold while in China, and it has clung persistently to him ever since. The strain of his world tour had been telling upon him for some little time. He is not a young man by any means, and his condition in Portland was such as to necessitate the calling off of the big banquet arranged in his honor. Had he listened to the advice of Sam Hill, who is conducting the tour, and Major U. S. Grant, who accompanied him, he would not have left the train at Medford. When informed of the arrangements that had been made, he insisted upon taking the trip through the valley, despite the protests of those in charge of the tour, rather than inflict disappointment.

BETTER ROADS

Four or five years ago when the people of the state were floundering around in the mire of the Oregon roads, says the Grants Pass Courier, they were willing to pay almost any price to have better ones. Now that a good trunk highway has been provided through the state and other sections have been supplied with better transportation facilities, there is a huge bill to pay. The roads were not built gratis by the construction companies, but by the end of the year there will be a bill of some \$40,000,000 which must be met.

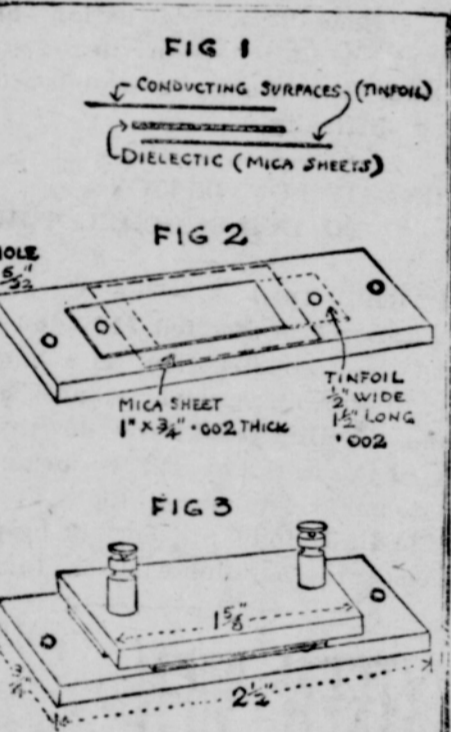
There is only one equitable means of paying for the highways and that is to have those who benefit, meet the cost. It is unquestionably the automobile owner who gets the greatest amount of good. Old Dobbin can plow his way through ruts and quagmires with little damage, but the automobile must have good roads. There is a saving on tires and repairs which more than offsets any tax which the state might justly impose.

Owners of cars realize the fact that the damage done the highways comes through the weight of the car and that a tax levied on the weight is just. Also the gasoline tax as a supplement to the license fee can not be questioned as a good gauge of the amount of use given the highway. But the main feature is that the tax is paid for the privilege of using the highway. Owners of automobiles want good highways and will pay any just tax when they are assured that the money goes back in the roads. It would surely be a poor policy to build a road and then neglect it when a small expenditure yearly will keep it in repair.

How to Make a Radio Set

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 (Written for International News Service.)

NEW YORK, April 6.—The action that results from applying a current to two or more conducting surfaces, same being separated by a dielectric (mica sheets, glass or paraffin paper) (see Fig. 1) is employed in many ways in radio circuits. Such a device is called a condenser, and is said to have a certain capacity or so many micro farads, depending upon the number and size of the conducting surfaces and the dielectric separating them. This may be of a fixed



or variable capacity, depending upon the construction. If the elements are stationary, it will be of a fixed capacity, and if they can be moved at will, it will be of a variable capacity. Since ours is a single circuit receiver employing a crystal detector or rectifier, it will be of help to employ a condenser of small capacity across the telephone receivers which will have the effect of taking the weak electric impulses which are being rectified by the detector are of an intermittent direct current nature and storing them up in the condenser. After same is fully charged it discharges them in a more even manner in the telephone receivers, which will have the effect of increasing the signal audibility which is always desirable.

This piece of apparatus is very simple and easy to construct, but care must be taken to smooth out the tinfoil to avoid blisters and see that all sheets of foil are uniform.

Following Materials Needed

- A condenser for our purpose should have a capacity of about .002 micro farads and the following materials will be needed:
 - 2 binding posts.
 - 1 hard rubber base, 1/4 of an inch thick, 6 of an inch wide, 2 1/2 inches long.
 - 1 hard rubber cover, 1-8 of an inch thick, 1 5-8 inches long, 6 of an inch wide.
 - 7 sheets of tinfoil 1/2 inch wide, 1 1/2 inches long (which can be purchased from a florist).
 - 7 sheets of mica 3/4 of an inch wide, 1 inch long, .002 inch thick.
- To construct, drill four 5-32 inch holes in the hard rubber base as shown in figure 2. Now take the tin foil strips and in one end punch holes to take the binding post machine screws, allowing about 1-15 of an

inch wall at the end. Build condenser up in this fashion. Take the two binding post machine screws and mount them in base as shown. Take a piece of mica sheeting and place it 3/4 of an inch from either end. Now take a piece of tinfoil, passing machine screw through the hole on the right. Now, take another piece of mica sheeting, placing it directly over the preceding one. Then take a piece of tinfoil and place it over the machine screw on the left end and follow these operations until you have used the seven sheets of tinfoil and mica sheeting. You will see by this arrangement that you have alternated the tinfoil strips each time. You will then have three strips of tinfoil connected with the binding post on the left side and four on the right, and will end by having a piece of mica on top of the last tinfoil strip. Now take the cover and drill two holes to take binding post machine screws, and assemble as shown in figure 3. Tighten up on the binding posts so as to compress the tinfoil and mica sheeting, thereby increasing the efficiency of the condenser.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS BY THE RAILROADS

May Be Regarded as Encouraging Signs of Returning Prosperity.

The disbursement of fifteen million dollars, most of which will be paid out in Oregon and Washington during 1922, is one of the encouraging signs of returning prosperity. The Union Pacific System is to add largely to its equipment, to relay portions of its track with rails of greater weight, to ballast anew its roadbed, to replace wooden bridges with structures of steel, and construct a steel bridge across the Columbia River between Walla Walla and Kennewick, this one project to cost \$1,500,000.

An order for 4,500 new freight cars, to cost \$10,000,000, and for 2,500 refrigerator cars at a cost of \$8,750,000 was made public several weeks ago. The refrigerator cars are for the Pacific Fruit Express, one-half of which is owned by the U. P. System.

General Manager O'Brien of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company (Western unit of the Union Pacific System) has just announced the setting aside of \$5,000,000 for improvements and additions on this unit of the System during 1922.

Most of these millions will be expended in Oregon and Washington. The forest and the saw mills will supply all of the lumber which will be used in car construction and the army of railroad workers will be enlarged until it will be of sufficient magnitude to complete the work. The money paid for material and labor will be put into general circulation. Service will be increased, labor in demand and business conditions improved by the millions to be spent by the great transcontinental railroad.

SHIPPING BOARD VESSELS TO BE NAMED FOR PRESIDENTS

WASHINGTON, April 6.—All the shipping board's passenger vessels except the George Washington and the America and the four ships in the South America service, will be named after presidents of the United States, Chairman Lasker has announced.

IN NEW LINGERIE

Clumsy, Starchy Cambrics Only Memories of the Past.

Undergarments Have Grown More Sheer—Matching to Shade of Gown is Latest Whim.

Lingerie of crepes de chine and georgettes has wiped the sisterhood of the red flannels off the map. For no article in feminine apparel has undergone the rapid change in recent years as has the undergarment. From clumsy, beruffed, starched cambrics they have grown more sheer each season until now one could easily hold a week-end's supply in the palm of one's hand. In fact, one New York house which specializes in lingerie has a tiny, patent leather suitcase about eight inches long called "le petit trousseau," which holds a nightgown, undervest and a combination set for the bride. Imagine a bride of a few years back trying to crowd her nighty into it!

The rise of the crepe de chine and georgette in the making of undergarments has been interesting to watch. How shyly we put aside our white linens and nainsooks as we gently stepped into our first pink crepe de chine! Pinks have given way to more vivid colors. Rather venturesome colors of former days are now cast aside as passe.

Matching underwear to the shades of one's gown is fashion's latest whim and no shade can be too colorful for the lingerie of this season. Hosiery of the same tone. For the navy blue costumes there are lovely shades of lavenders and purples.

The envelope chemise seems to have been discarded for the present and the chemise with bloomers or step-in drawers is the favorite sort of lingerie for just now. This combination is extremely practical, for the chemise can be made long enough to take the place of a petticoat or short enough to be worn with the heavier gowns and suits. And as all gowns are made on straight body-fitting lines, these garments do away with all unnecessary waistbands. These chemises are all made with the short empire yokes with straps over the shoulders; the straps are made of the same material as the garment rather than of ribbon. They are made in gold and silver cloths to match the evening gowns as well as in the practical black.

Most of the American made lingerie is made of crepe de chine, georgette or radium silk. From Paris we have the triple voile which closely resembles chiffon, but has body enough to give it wearing qualities. Another imported material is printed linen in colors, the printing being placed as a border in a black silhouette design.

A REGULAR "PUSS IN BOOTS"



This winsome outfit is donned by a prominent "movie" star in her modified Russian boots. The dress, her own creation, is of tan jersey, with embroidered silk dots.

Season's Top Coats.

The wing or cape sleeve is featured in a good many of the season's top coats. One smart model, made of plaid wool material in a heavy weave, had sleeves cut to flare from shoulder to lower edge and much longer than the arm. These sleeves were seamed together on the under arm to wrist length and below this they fell away from the arm to form a decided cape. The coat was full length, belted and finished at the front with a Tuxedo revers.

Heavy Weave of Jersey.

A feature of the silk jersey dresses now being worn is that they are of much closer, heavier weave than formerly. There is less openwork decoration, the requisite variety being obtained by a change of stitch or by the application of chain stitch embroidery. It pays to read the classified page.

MEDFORD LEGION OPENS DOORS TO ALL WAR VETS

At the meeting of the Medford post of the American Legion held Monday night, says the Medford Mail Tribune, it was decided to open the club-rooms and meetings to other war veterans of the United States. As one speaker said, "While the American Legion is an organization exclusively for veterans of the world war, there is a common tie and interest between us and all other veterans who gave their services to the country. It therefore seems fitting that we should bring them into as close association with us as we possibly can."

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