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"THE EUGENE WAY."

Has the money spent by Eugene in paving and other public improvements paid dividends?

The question is easily answered when we figure the increase in property values during the past three years, and the growth in population and business. It has also brought with it the sense of satisfaction which comes with living in a modern, up-to-date city that is pointed to throughout the entire Northwest as a model of municipal enterprise. The Baker City Daily Democrat says Eugene owes her advancement as a city largely to street paving, an editorial from that newspaper being reprinted on this page today—and we agree with the Democrat in most of its conclusions.

The Portland Daily Journal, whose publisher recently visited Eugene and Corvallis, prints an editorial under the caption, "The Eugene Way," praising this city in unstinted terms, and another advising the Benton county city to copy the methods of the University city and emulate its enterprise.

Oregon as a state is proud of its "University City" today, when three years ago it knew and apparently cared little about it. That alone is a reward well worth the cost in labor and money. Hundreds of new people are coming here, many of them bring means to invest, drawn and fascinated by the beauty of a city whose citizens have taken advantage of natural attractions and scenic beauties to make it an ideal place of residence.

The Journal, in its editorial, says:

"There is much her sister cities in the Willamette valley can learn from Eugene. Nature did much for the University City, but her men have done more. They have fashioned and built with a remarkable conception of order and symmetry. They have the beginnings of a city that is literally a gem in all its appointments. The visitor's impression when he stands amid its streets and structures is one of harmonious adjustment. Objects upon which the eye falls are pleasing in their sightliness and restful in their lines of beauty. The deformities of building and ancient models of construction are delightfully conspicuous by their absence or are swiftly vanishing under the work of city beautification. Over this gem of a city, and standing like a veritable sentinel on duty, looms a tall butte whose graceful lines are a climax in the orderly arrangement of this shiretown in the middle Willamette. The eye passes from its base up its gentle declivities to its arched brow and is delighted with the vision. The whole as the setting of a scene in which distant ranges, green landscapes and tree fringed streams are mingled, is the master's conception of a small city beautiful.

"Eugene is the product of the Eugene spirit. It was an old town in the usual unsightly habiliments of village construction. It was of a kind with the other towns of Oregon until men of progressive mold set about to put the place in order. The work of elimination and substitution has been pushed with an intelligence and vigor that has produced an inland city that vies with all in the country in its claim to civic beauty. Its unity and its order are priceless as an asset for its future growth. The visitor who beholds it is tempted to adopt it for his home. The Eugene way is the way by which neighboring cities in the Willamette valley can, by adopting it, wonderfully benefit themselves."

"Corvallis should become such a city. Nature gave it the site and the state and nation have given it the means. A navigable river, a matchless agricultural district, delightful landscapes and a lordly educational institution are a magnificent heritage. An unsurpassed system of mountain water that is infinitely creditable has been provided by Corvallis men, but with this accomplished, effort has too nearly come to a stop. The citizens of the place should not falter. They should move as a unit, tear down the old structures, freshen the paint and put their city in order. The Eugene spirit widely applied in Corvallis will make Corvallis the beautiful neighbor of beautiful Eugene."

The Pendleton Daily East Oregonian says of the school question in Oregon: "A defect of the initiative and referendum system is that sometimes through pernicious activity on the part of men who imagine they have a grievance measures that are clearly detrimental to the best interests of the state may be brought up for consideration. The remedy for this evil lies in the exercise of good sense by the people and in the squelching of those who make improper use of their powers. To the plan for a single board of regents for all the schools there are many objections. Some of them were presented by this paper when a bill providing for a single board was introduced in the last legislature. The principal objection to the change is that at this time the various boards of regents are composed of able men who are interested in the various schools, and who give their services without cost, whereas under the single board plan the full control of all the schools would be placed in the hands of a few political appointees, whose chief interest would lie in drawing their salaries. What the schools of Ore-

gon need at this time is protection from those who, out of revenge or for other reasons, are continually trying to harass the schools by holding up appropriations and by suggesting radical changes in management when no changes are needed."

The state of Washington has undertaken the task of regulating marriage by adopting a law, similar to that passed by the Oregon legislature and vetoed by the governor, that men and women must be morally and physically fit for the duties of husbands and wives before they can legally enter the matrimonial state, and bridegrooms will have to show their fitness, by a physician's certificate and affidavit, before they can secure a marriage license. The law provides, among other things, that women who desire to marry must be of legal age, fixed at eighteen years, and men twenty-one years; also that the parent cannot give consent unless the girl is more than fifteen years of age. The penalty for giving false information or performing such marriage is a fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than three years, or both. It is also provided that no woman under forty-five years of age, or man of any age, except he marry a woman more than forty-five years, either of whom is a common drunkard, habitual drunkard, epileptic, feeble-minded, idiot or insane person, or formerly afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis, or any contagious disease, shall intermarry or marry any other person within the state.

On any warm and sunny afternoon visitors to Central Park, New York, may see a rather unusual sight. Scores of well-dressed women may be seen sauntering along the smooth paths of the park and leading by long and brightly polished steel chains, not their pet dogs, but their—little children. Where the new fashion originated is still a matter of dispute, but it has been tried and found so advantageous that it will probably find many imitators. Undoubtedly it has many advantages. It adds materially to the peace of mind of a woman to know that she has her child or children under control while walking in the park, without being compelled to be constantly on the lookout for automobiles, bicycles, carriages and other vehicles. Another consideration is that the child fastened to the mother or governess by a steel chain is not so apt to be lost or kidnapped. In view of the undiminished nefarious activity of kidnapers of the "Black Hand" or unaffiliated to any particular organization, it seems a wise precaution to keep the children chained.

Eugene has grown faster in the past two years and is now building more business blocks, public buildings and residences than any city in the Northwest of corresponding size. This growth will continue because the surrounding country has resources, when properly developed, in agriculture, fruit growing and milling sufficient to insure the commercial prosperity of a city several times the present size of Eugene. What we need most to do now is to work for the systematic development of these resources so that the thousands of incoming homeseekers may be properly taken care of. Electric railways and irrigation will play important parts in the future growth of the upper Willamette valley and its chief city.

Vacation season draws near, and in all parts of the country preliminary preparations are being made for the annual outing. In this busy age it becomes more and more apparent that there is a limit to human endurance, and that a recreation, change of scenery and vocation are an absolute necessity. Those who live by the sea yearn for the mountains; those who live in the interior pine for the salubrious salt air. Variety is the spice that seasons life and the American race would be stronger, physically, and keener mentally if less heed were given to the pursuit of the "almighty dollar" and more time devoted to communing with nature.

The following news item from the Salem Journal shows how great is the field for investment of capital in Willamette valley electric roads: "The freight business now being carried on by the Oregon Electric between here and Portland has just about doubled, according to statements made by the officials today. Every day the local freight leaves this city with a full carload, and the incoming cars are also laden with goods for Salem business houses. There has been some intention on the part of the company to make further improvements in their passenger service. A later night train is now talked of and two more additional cars during the day service. More cars will probably be placed on the Forest Grove line also."

All offices in the Turkish cabinet seem to be filled at this time, except that of minister of executions, and that is the one job of all which promises to be the most called for. They have a way of disposing of the high and low alike in that country calculated to discourage the most ardent office-seeker. If an officer does not give satisfaction to his superiors they do not wait to employ the recall, but go to work to have him publicly or privately assassinated.

The heads of the American households are now wondering how in the world the deposed sultan expects to keep the eleven wives he has retained in big hats and such like furbelows, since he has been compelled to give up all his fortune to satisfy the demands of his enemies. Over in this land of the free the men find it difficult to satisfy the demands of one woman, let alone eleven. It always did seem to us that the sultan was a man of extremely poor judgment.

Luther Burbank is now said to be perfecting some sort of a cactus which produces alcohol and sugar. It is likely to become a very popular vegetable, especially in the districts which have lately gone "dry." No doubt the old toppers will find some means to furnish a glass and a bit of mint or lemon rind so that they may take advantage of the latest invention of the great California plant wizard.

Chicago always bobs up at inopportune moments. One of the ministers of that town comes forth with the information that the big hats worn by the ladies of this age are a sign of evil times. Honestly, now, we do not believe any such stuff. The preacher is a mean old thing, so there!

OREGON MUSICIANS
WIN RECOGNITION

One of Oregon's cleverest musicians, the violinist, Mrs. Susie Fennell Pipes, returned last week from her stay abroad, says the Portland Daily Journal. Mrs. Pipes has been studying with the famous Spiering, with whom she is a favorite pupil and who pronounced her as having the finest temperament of any woman musician he had ever met. Mrs. Pipes' home is in Eugene, but she is well known in Portland and has been heard in work here. She began her studies here, going next to Chicago and later to Berlin. Mrs. Spiering was so delighted with her work that he offered her free tuition to induce her to continue her studies. Out west she has delighted many audiences and her work is truthfully ranked with that of the finest grained artists. The Musical Leader and Concert Goerndent from his Paris correspondence writes this from Mrs. Susie Fennell Pipes of Portland, Oregon, has been spending a few weeks in Paris, before returning to America. She has just completed two years of study with Theodore Spiering, one of the best known teachers of violin in the world. At a morning musical last week Mrs. Pipes was the guest of honor and played a number of selections. These were given with such beauty and depth of tone, such sympathy and musical expression, that it was evident that an exceptional artist was playing. Her rendering of "Vieuxtemps F Minor" showed a breadth and finish of style and ease and virtuosity combined with skill and technique which bore evidence to the fact that Mrs. Pipes is a gifted and preferred and by temperament and study in every way a musician. "On her return to America in April, Mrs. Pipes will make a concert tour of the Pacific coast and has also arranged to assist Mary Adell Case when she appears in concert later on in the summer. Miss Case has been studying in Paris for some time and has met with great success. Besides touring as a soloist with Harold Bauer she has been engaged to tour with Fritz Kreisler, violinist. She expects to spend the summer in Oregon. In the fall, then, two of Oregon's most successful artists who have both won recognition abroad, will be heard together in concert."

APPOINTMENTS IN
FOREST SERVICE

Portland, May 6.—The Forest Service has just announced the following changes and appointments on National Forests in the Washington and Oregon district:
C. R. Davis and Robert J. Watson have been appointed Assistant Forest Rangers on the Umpqua National Forest; Walter G. Hellan, Forest Guard on the Wenatchee; Rolin J. Phelps, Assistant Forest Ranger on the Whitman; E. E. Robertson, Forest Guard on the Columbia; Ralph Taylor, Assistant Forest Ranger on the Cascade; John H. Russell and Earl Park, Forest Guards on the Wenaha; Bert Howard, Assistant Forest Ranger on the Malheur; W. H. Brown, Forest Guard on the Siskiyou; and S. A. Moore, Assistant Forest Ranger on the Crater.

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ACRES AT HOOD RIVER

Hood River, Or., May 5.—The largest land deal ever made in the Hood River Valley was closed today, when Burt Van Horn, of New York, sold to Edwin R. Pooley, of Philadelphia, 100 acres of orchard for \$105,000.
"This includes 35 acres of bearing orchard, the balance of the trees ranging from 2 to 6 years old. At the time he bought him up in his starting to produce a full crop, the trees being mostly 7 and 8 years old, it has produced 18,000 boxes of apples in the last four years, which have sold from \$2 to \$3.25 per box. Last summer Mr. Van Horn sold 40 acres to Dickerson & Peck, of Minneapolis, for \$34,000 and 10 acres to William R. Starrett, of New York for \$9,000. The gross sales made during the past eight months amount to \$185,000."

EUGENE'S PROGRESS

(Baker City Democrat)
There has been a remarkable change in public spirit in the Southern Oregon towns during the past two or three years, particularly noticeable at Eugene, the formerly dead university town. A few years ago Eugene was characterized as dead as a graveyard, whereas now under a campaign of publicity education it has taken its place as one of the most progressive cities of Oregon. The commercial organizations are paying a \$5,000 a year salary to an expert publicity man and as a result of practical boosting Eugene has doubled in population in the past three years and municipal improvements that have been carried out have made that city an ideal place to live and there is improvement and progress all along the line.
The greatest factor in Eugene's progress has been street paving. It was the one thing that pushed general improvement and the good work is still going on.
The growth of Eugene and its municipal up-to-dateness is a striking example of what can be accomplished along public spirited lines.
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MARRIED
At the bride's home in Eugene, Monday afternoon, May 10, 1909, Carl Beck and Miss Beattie Wiles, Justice of the Peace R. S. Bryson, officiating.

At the office of the justice of the peace in Eugene, May 10, 1909, George Hart and Miss Maude Cole, Judge R. S. Bryson, officiating.

At the home of the groom, May 9, 1909, Alfred Pratt and Miss Amanda Richardson, Rev. E. Harrington, officiating.

DIED
At Redlands, Cal., May 10, 1909, Dr. J. E. Payton after a long illness. He was a former Eugene physician and was aged 55 years. He was in partnership with Dr. W. Kuykendall during his residence here. He was a brother of Mrs. A. E. Farrington. The remains will be cremated at Pasadena, Cal.

E. J. Martin of Russellville, Arkansas, arrived here today to look over the city and surrounding country with a view of locating. He is a capitalist and mine owner, but wishes to retire and settle down somewhere on the coast on a little fruit farm. He visited Manager Hartog, of the Commercial club at Colusa, Cal., while the latter was boosting for that city a year and a half ago, but Mr. Martin was not satisfied with that place and did not locate there. Mr. Hartog induced him to come to Eugene and thinks he can show him other men who are looking for new homes, included among them being a banker and his two sons.

The Irving strangle will give a lesson at the Lowry grove, near Irving, on Saturday, May 22. A good program is being arranged for the occasion.

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