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Streetcars And Busses Again.

We are unable to agree with the statement made by Mr. George O. Goodall, in his communication of last Saturday, that busses can operate oftener and give better service than streetcars. Streetcars can operate at intervals of one minute on any line where the volume of traffic justifies it. As to car-steps, we have yet to see a bus that is easier for women and children to get into than a streetcar. That streetcars are better able to operate in snow and ice conditions than busses is not a mere contention but a demonstrated fact in cities where both are in use. City streetcar lines are equipped with power snowplows to clear the streets. Nothing of the sort is practicable for busses.

Mr. Goodall's parable of the steam shovel and the sour-visaged man is beside the subject. It is not a question here of blocking progress for the sake of helping the streetcar company. It is not demonstrated, and we think it is not demonstrable, that substitution of busses for streetcars in Eugene at present would be a step forward. It is the public interest rather than the streetcar company interest that would suffer by the change.

Fifty of capital investments makes for permanency. That is why the streetcar company is here today. Its tracks and its plant and the portion of the pavements which it has paid for are things that it did not feel like abandoning, despite the total absence of dividends. So it has stayed on in the face of its losses, hoping for a better day. A bus line which did not pay dividends would not be so tied. It could take its busses away over night whenever it became convinced that its business was a losing one.

It is entirely possible that eventually, in the urban scheme of things, bus transportation may replace streetcars. But bus transportation has not yet attained to a point of development or practical efficiency which would justify such a change. In large cities where there is enough traffic to support both, there both will be found. In a city like Eugene there is not enough traffic for both, and so the question becomes one as to which is to be preferred from the standpoint of public necessity and convenience. In such cities there can be no question, we think, that the streetcars are to be preferred.

If and when busses are admitted to the streets of Eugene they should come in under regulations and safeguards comparable with those under which the streetcars operate. No such regulations or safeguards are provided in the proposal now before the city. That proposal simply would give the bus company, on payment of a nominal fee, permission to operate for one year. Requirements as to routing, permanent maintenance of service, liability for injury to passengers and franchise requirements are mainly conspicuous by their absence.

The city ordinance under which the bus company has applied for a license is lax. It does not protect the city or the public. It ought to be amended carefully or repealed. The question of admitting busses to Eugene's streets involves far-reaching effects. It needs to be decided on that basis.

"If the people prefer to ride in busses, who shall say them nay?" asks Mr. Goodall. Obviously the answer is, nobody. That is why it is important that the people inform themselves as to just what the carrying to its conclusion of such a preference would mean to them. When they have so informed themselves it is unlikely that a majority of them will "prefer to ride in busses." It also is likely that the decision will be made on the merit of the question and not on prejudice.

A defense day feat performed by the telephone companies the country over which are connected with the Bell system demonstrated the far-reaching service which the telephone could be made to render in national emergency. The story is told in the current number of the Pacific Telephone company magazine. Nineteen thousand miles of telephone circuit were brought into focus at the national capital and operated as a single unit. Generals in charge of defense day activities at four widely separated army corps centers were kept in direct communication with Washington. This 19,000-mile telephone circuit was tapped in 18 cities to enable as many radio stations to pick up and broadcast the proceedings. Towns and cities were called up from Washington which were scattered over the entire country from coast to coast, and the entire demonstration went off without a hitch. It was a marvellous exhibition of what the telephone may be expected to do in time of war.

The fact that Eugene has a cash balance of better than \$225,000 would seem to be a pretty fair indication that there has been good judgment in the recent administration of the city's financial affairs. Can any Oregon city make a better financial showing?

Anyway, Astoria saw the Shenandoah. For the rest of us in Oregon she was a ship that passed in the night.

Even so fine a thing as beautiful fall weather has its disadvantages. The lawn needs cutting again.

Be ready to give your bit for the Lane county unit of the children's farm home at Corvallis.

ROBERT QUILLEN'S TERSE TOPICS

Ah, well! Mr. Dancer is doing enough talking for two. A little of personal liberty remains. Sailors' pants are not compulsory. At any rate distance would tend to enchantment in the case of near beer. A conversationalist is a man who would save what the other fellow is exploiting. The ordinary restaurant has no orchestra, but you can always listen to the coterie. About the best method of climbing higher is to remain on the level. The hard part is to find a candi-

date who has great ability and little money.

"Domestic questions" are those a nation is afraid the League would decide against her.

The old-fashioned daughter got a shingle at intervals, also; but it was made of wood.

No man is an utter failure while people still think it worth while to knock him.

A free country is one in which people are discourteous to hide their unimportance.

Strangely enough, there were Nordic long before sheets and pillow cases were invented.

An old-timer is one who can remember when football was one part strategy and nine parts hair.

We can't help wishing the boy managers would try life hand on a few other organizations in Washington.

The reason good people enjoy reading about goodness is because it gives them a delightful sense of superiority.

Fable: Once there was a man who didn't feel qualified to advise a widow how to invest her life insurance money.

If he is in a distant land and looks bored because nothing spectacular is scheduled, he is an American.

Correct this sentence: "I am greatly elated this morning," said the busy man, "for I have been called for jury service."

Press Comment

Government Ownership

Wonder if those people who are advocating LaFollette's government ownership of railroad idea realize what its effect would be on taxation? In Polk county the railroads pay approximately one-tenth of all the taxes. If the government owned the railroads there would be no more tax from this source. The money thus saved would have to be raised from the remaining taxable property in the county.

Our Governor's Choice

Now that Governor Pierce has decided to trade off John W. Davis to elect Jeff Myers, our state treasurer may well take an added dignity. To be preferred above one's party candidate for president of the United States is a unique distinction. But Mr. Myers should not consider the preference due entirely to his personality—it's his vote on the board of control that the governor is after.

The New Angel

Secretary of the Navy Wilbur announced that he will recast the ZR-3 (Zeppelin Rigid No. 3) as the "Los Angeles," because he desires the great dirigible to become a symbol of peace between Germany, where she was built and the United States and "all others in the world." He said: "When the Prince of Peace was born in Bethlehem, the angels sang 'Gloria to God in the highest, and peace on earth.' In reminder of this angel song, I will name the ship 'Los Angeles.'"

Here we have the typical brazen Los Angeles booster, never omitting an opportunity to advertise his home city and appropriating anything and everything from Zeppelins to divinity for its glory. Doubtless we will be informed that the star of Bethlehem originally rose in Los Angeles, and the city received its name because of

ABE MARTIN



"Oh, we ought t' have lots o' good Chinese fighting weather yit," said Tell Binkley, 'd day, when somebody complained o' th' rain. One o' th' worst combinations we know of is lots o' pep an' no judgment.

The angels first sang their anthem over his hills. They have a fine bunch of angels in Los Angeles, and we read a lot about them, especially of those in Hollywood, where Patsy Arbuckle was among the cherubs. What if their wings are singed and their feathers soiled—the mere fact of their residence in the holy city of peace sanctifies them.

Let us hope that the rechristened Zeppelin, now that it is an angel, will not, like that other angel Lucifer, erstwhile son of the morning, fall from heaven never to rise again.

Ye Editor's Thrift.

The Drain Enterprise announces that all articles for publication will hereafter be charged for at the rate of ten cents per line. One editor has discovered that running a newspaper should not be all for glory. Or is he endeavoring to compete with the marshal of his town in a mad race for wealth.

In Lighter Vein

The Way It Works. (Newcastle Courier) The less of it they have, the more people seem obsessed with the inclination to speak their mind.

Call for Heroes.

A bootlegger suggests that Americans should boost home trade by buying moonshine instead of imported liquor. Here is a good chance to die for your country.

Two Other Folks.

He—"Say, Mabel, may I come over tonight?" She—"Sure, John, come on over."

Safety First.

Newrich—"Be sure you get a good looking nurse for my baby." Mrs. Newrich—"Why?" Newrich—"I want him to have police protection."

Automatic Music.

A mysterious moaning noise recently alarmed the residents of a London hotel at night. It is presumed that an American visitor had carelessly left his saxophone in a draft.

Low-Down.

An Iowa girl enroute to visit with friends in New York entered the city by the Hudson tunnel, then took the

subway to their address.

"What do you think of the city?" they asked on her arrival.

"I couldn't say," she replied. "I've had only a worm's eye view."

According to the Comics. (Life) Tell me which comic strip you read and I'll tell you what kind of moron you are.

Always. (London Answers) Teacher—Children, can any of you tell me what is the most dangerous part of an automobile?

Tommy—Yes, mister, I can. It's the driver.

Eugene 25 Years Ago

(From The Guard Oct. 21, 1909)

Lester Bros. have purchased from George Larson the passenger and mail route between Eugene and Springfield, and will continue the business.

President Strong, president of the university, addressed the Baptist convention in Portland yesterday.

County Clerk Lee today issued a marriage license to C. E. Warner and Miss Daisy Dean Matteson.

Frank Wilkinson a Lane county farmer, has over 200 acres of wheat in the field unfrosted in the Lone Tom precinct, west of Junction. It is bound and shocked. Of course there will be a heavy loss.

Attorney George Dorris was in Salem today on legal business.

E. C. Potter will leave tonight for Kansas City on business.

The State Association of the Congregational church will meet in Eugene October 24 to 26.

Col. Mercer Asked To Define Position

Open Letter Requests Statement Concerning Reported Opposition to Brownell For District Attorney.

Jasper, Ore., Oct. 20. An open letter to Colonel W. G. D. Mercer.

Dear Sir: Your attention is hereby called to the fact that there is a persistent rumor among your great army of personal and political friends of both sexes throughout Lane county to the effect that despite your oft-repeated boast that you are a life-long republican—despite the fact that you are at this very time the republican precinct committeeman of the precinct in which you reside—you are nevertheless opposing the election of Howard M. Brownell, who is the duly elected republican nominee for the office of District Attorney for Lane county at the forthcoming election two weeks hence.

Having known you long and favorably we have reason to believe and do believe that you would not withhold your support from Mr. Brownell unless you conscientiously felt that you had weighty and sufficient reasons for doing so. Recognizing that you have excellent advantages for obtaining authentic information as to the fitness and qualifications of candidates for the several offices in Lane county we, the undersigned registered voters, tax payers, and subscribers hereto, have the honor to request you to explain through the medium of the Morning Register and The Guard your reasons for opposing the election of the said Howard M. Brownell.

JOHN A. OLSON, W. M. DIKEY, W. H. SHELLEY, C. C. MILLER.

Oregon Briefs

The Ashland city council this week lifted the ban which was placed on sprinkling during August when the shortage of water became alarming.

Thomas R. Hopper, prominent farmer and a resident of Umattilla county since 1808, is dead at Pendleton following a stroke of paralysis.

Joseph D. Bates, who crossed the plains and settled in Fortist Grove in 1845, died a few days ago at Gaston, aged 88 years.

John H. Barnes, prominent Klamath county rancher, is under arrest at Klamath Falls on a statutory charge, involving his 19-year-old daughter. Barnes is the father of 12 children.

John Dupuis with several assistants is at Tumalo creek making survey to be used in determining the best place for taking out water to be used for domestic purposes by the city of Bend.

Wesley Haines Jr., two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Haines of Hebo, has gained two pounds while lying in the incubator at the Oregon City hospital. The little one weighed only 3 1/2 pounds at birth.

Joel Flannery, born near Perrydale in 1856 and for many years engaged in the mercantile business at Butler in Polk county, died Monday after a short illness on his farm near Williams.

Prohibition Case Appeals Denied

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The supreme court has refused to grant appeals in the case involving this question: "Whether prohibition agents can stealthily investigate private premises without serving a search warrant," as raised in a case from Nevada, brought by Robert F. Rahn.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Let this Mind Be In You, which was also in Christ Jesus. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.—Philippians 2:5, 3.

Bible Question. (Look Up the Answer) What is the value of a virtuous woman?—Prov. 31:10.

Tomorrow—The Wrong Turning

NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

Special Correspondence To The Guard From Various Live Districts In Its Field

COTTAGE GROVE

COTTAGE GROVE, Oct. 21.—(Special)—H. C. Schafer, Prof. O. W. Hays, N. E. Glass and Prof. Frank Gramis returned Monday morning from the Saturday night's wreck 49 miles from Roseburg on the Bandon road. They started Sunday morning as soon as the boys reached home and told of the wreck. They had some difficulty in finding the wrecked car which was down a 30-foot bank, almost in the river. The car had struck a small tree and it had broken the fall, letting the car down gradually as it uprooted. The car had turned over once and landed on its four wheels. The top, windshield, lights and one wheel were all broken, and it is considered miraculous that none of the boys was hurt. The steering gear got out of fix which sent the car over the embankment.

The Mother's club has changed its name. It is henceforth to be called the Community club.

Eighteen Odd Fellows went to the George Teeters ranch on Silk Creek Sunday and gathered his corn for him and they will dig his potatoes. Mr. Teeters is in the hospital in Eugene.

Mrs. Harvey Taylor and Mrs. James Town, will entertain the Loyal Workers class with a Halloween party in the Christian church parlors Halloween night.

Henry Veach of Cottage Grove, and son Raymond, of Eugene, were hunting Sunday near Corvallis. They got a variety, a skunk, a weasel, three jack rabbits, three jay birds, five hawks, five China pheasants and a mink.

Mrs. Rebecca Medley, daughter Mrs. Opal Hand, with Mrs. Hand's son Volney Jones, motored to Portland Saturday night and spent the week-end with Mrs. Medley's sister, Mrs. Johnson.

Dale and Leslie Hawkins brought home a fine buck deer Sunday night from their hunt.

George Hawley and John Baker went up Mosby creek Saturday on a hunt.

Mary Cooper and Frank Guggisburg, both of Cottage Grove, were married in Roseburg Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller. This was the result of a spelling contest which ended in a tie, so the evening was pleasantly spent playing games. The costumes were all interesting and much pleasure was taken in guessing "who was who." After all the games were played delicious refreshments were enjoyed. About 20 were present to enjoy the

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and family of Silk Creek. C. A. Bartell and S. S. Laawel returned Sunday evening from their trip to Scottsburg. John Coffman and Albert Hellwell returned Monday with a string of fish.

Chaney Overton slipped on one of the curves in the highway near Comstock Saturday night returning from the dance and ran his motorcycle into the bank throwing him off and injuring himself internally.

The American Legion were guests at a big feed given Monday night by the Auxiliary in the I. O. O. F. hall. Mrs. Ed Blakley and son Howard will leave Tuesday for Corvallis to visit Mrs. Blakley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Millott.

H. O. Cox from Merrill, showman at the Arcade Theatre about twelve years ago, was in town Sunday. Mr. Cox is now a farmer near Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lockwood returned to their home in Seattle Monday after visiting with Mr. Lockwood's brother, E. C. Lockwood and family over the week-end.

Mrs. William Barries and son William Jr. returned Monday from a visit in Portland with Mrs. Barrie's mother, Mrs. Catherine Carter.

Mrs. W. F. Jacobs returned from Portland Monday.

Mrs. Wilcox came Monday from Portland to take the place of housekeeper at the Lee Peters sawmill.

Monday morning as Elbert Bede, Elbert Smith, Sam Schwartz with salesman C. O. Wilson who was coming to Cottage Grove to install a new type machine, were coming home, the machine in which they were riding ran off the road near the rock crushing about a mile north of town, breaking the top and one of the fenders of the machine, and hurting Mr. Wilson's back badly. They were returning from Portland where they had been attending the Ben Franklin club and attending to business. Neither of the others were hurt. It will take \$75 to put the car in shape again.

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Recognized Reliability of Utility Investments

SAVINGS banks, trust companies and insurance companies of the United States are holders of about four billion dollars of public utility securities—substantial recognition of the safety and desirability of utility investments.

Of the numerous reasons for this favor on the part of the most experienced and conservative of investors, probably the most important is the unexcelled stability of the utility industries.

In no year since its beginning has the electric power industry failed to show an increase in business. Total annual gross earnings now are approximately \$1,300,000,000, and it is estimated that in the next ten years this figure will double.

In ten years total production of gas has increased 100%; in the same period the use of gas for industrial purposes increased 1,000%.

Mountain States Power Co.

Sound Investing Is Not Spending

evening. Blen Martin was home from C. over the week-end. The W. C. T. U. will meet Mrs. K. B. Melton Wednesday noon. Edith Searle and Gertrude of Eugene visited relatives Sunday. Fred Smith left Friday for Bend where he will receive payments for his leg, which he lost several months ago. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyatt left the funeral Sunday of an old friend Silverton.

TODAY

(Continued from page one) at sixty, many are worthless when they come out of college, and some college graduates earn more a year, other men with no college education earn \$6,000,000 a year, not earn anything.

A college education may be able, but it depends upon the person educated. You can't injure education as you do morphine, and have it

LaFollette complains "Two per cent of the population rule the whole country." True, but that is nothing more than two per cent of LaFollette's body is ruled by part of his brain which weighs less than one-quarter of one per cent of the total weight.

The couple who announced they had discovered "perfect love" each leaving wife or husband in sequence. Are now married. In the sequence, but it tells you what that love was really "perfect" love. They may learn that making other human beings unhappy is the best foundation for a "perfect" love.

Two per cent of the population rule ways has ruled and always will rule probably. The business of the world is to make the two per cent rule the interest of the 98 per cent, merely in their interest and that of their hangers-on.

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