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FRIDAY, MAY 22

## Railroad Prospects.

WHEN the Southern Pacific company completes the standard-gauging of the Nevada, California & Oregon and connects it up by finishing the Oregon, California & Eastern between Lakeview or some point in contiguous territory and Klamath Falls, the traffic of a vast territory in south-central Oregon and in states beyond will flow into western Oregon through Eugene, via the Eugene-Klamath cut-off.

Completion of that project will place the perishable products of the upper Willamette valley nearer to the eastern markets by more than 400 miles—a full day's run—than they are at present. Klamath and Lake counties, which have long held trade relations almost exclusively with San Francisco, will be brought for the first time into intimate touch with western Oregon. Eugene, more than any other western Oregon city, will be in position to establish close trade relations with the newly brought-in territory.

The Southern Pacific company is showing a disposition actively to develop its territory and to extend its lines. It is the only large railroad system in America or the world which is expanding heavily at present. In addition to its Natron-Klamath line, now well advanced toward completion, it has, also nearing completion, a new cross state line in Arizona, from Tucson to Yuma and a line under construction in old Mexico between Tepic and Guadalajara, which will give a direct route to Mexico City. In practically all its territory the Southern Pacific company at present is pursuing an active and aggressive policy and is prospering. This condition is reflected in its securities, which for some time past have shown more strength in the market than those of any other railroad company.

In the movements which it has just announced for developing its south-central Oregon territory and bringing western Oregon into direct connection with its route to the east, the Southern Pacific company has obtained a certain advantage over its rivals of the Hill and the Harriman railroad groups. Whether that advancement will be permanent is something the future alone can tell. It will depend entirely upon what the Hill and the Harriman lines shall do to meet the situation.

## When it Rains.

IT hasn't been raining rain alone in Lane county this past week. It has also rained increased yield of growing things and prolongation of the green season and lessened liability of forest fires in the coming summer and fuller and more promising trout streams and a cleaner face for nature than is usual for this time of year.

The weather man says that the rainfall for May will set up a new record. That is nothing to feel gloomy over. Perhaps to that scientist back east who predicted recently that we are to have no summer, it may even bring a glow of evanescent satisfaction. And after that there will be plenty of dry and warm weather.

The rains of the past few days have been general over Oregon. In the wheatfields east of the mountains they have started the recently re-seeded acreage of wheat to growing in earnest. They have made dry-farmed hay heavier than it otherwise would have been. They have done wonders for growing truck gardens. They have prolonged the blooming period of early wild flowers.

Yes, we have rains in Oregon. We are very glad indeed that we do. The rains are responsible for many of the things that make life here worth while. It is rare indeed that they damage anything, except the feelings of some party or other of picnickers for the day. Let us paraphrase the familiar song: "It isn't raining rain to us; it's raining things worth while."

A Los Angeles court decides that nobody but Charlie Chaplin may use the balloon pants, snake cane and flapping shoes affected by that comedian back in the days when he was screen-acting. Next, somebody ought to mandamus Chaplin to make us of them himself. As things stand, the court upholds a dog-in-the-manger policy. Chaplin will not clown because he has all the money he wants, and he refuses to allow anyone else to clown as he used to do.

The valley of the Umpqua, of which Roseburg is the city center, is famous for its strawberries, and Roseburg is famous for its hospitality and entertainment. All these are brought into combination this week, in Roseburg's annual strawberry festival, which opened yesterday. It is a good occasion for Lane county folks to pay Roseburg a neighborly visit.

That was a fine and interesting exhibition that the girls of the Creswell district high school club put on before the chamber of commerce yesterday. It was another demonstration of the value of boys' and girls' club work. Results of that work are practical.

Portland Rotary club gives \$25,000 to the Doernbecher hospital. That is a practical application of the ideal of service.

Don't miss The Guard's university-student edition tomorrow. It's going to be a good newspaper.

## COMMENT OF THE PRESS

**The McKenzie Pass Cut.** (Bend Bulletin)  
Last summer when bureau of public road workers were blasting the deep cut through the lava ridge near the eastern edge of the picturesque terrain of dark colored rock, the universal prediction was that this cut would prove a barrier to the early opening of the McKenzie pass road to traffic.  
This prediction was based on the belief that in the winter months the drifting snow, virtually always in motion over the mile high, unprotected lava beds, would fill the cut, which is about 40 feet deep. Persons making the prediction—and they were many—stated that snow would remain in

ing parallel to the coast, north and south, it is obvious that the high winds which whip over the summit come from either the east or west, the general direction of the cut.  
Nature, "working in mysterious ways her wonders to perform," is proving to be an ally of man in breaking down the great barrier which separates central Oregon from the coast country.  
But Not Jack. (Portland News)  
Jack Dempsey is now in Europe. A lot of other American fighters were over there in 1918.

**Inaccurate Information.** (Portland Journal)  
Governor Pierce wires President Coolidge that "sentiment in this state is strongly in favor of an annual review of our military strength Armistice day."  
Where does the governor get his information about such sentiment in this state?

Armistice day is a peace day, not a day for war preparations. It is the day commemorating the dawn of peace after the bloodiest war in history, not the day that hostilities commenced. It is a day to rejoice for the peace that came on the 11th day of November, 1918, not to get out our cannon, rattle our sabres, and inspect our fighting forces in anticipation of more conflict. It is strictly a peace day, and peace days are not war days.

President Coolidge has already announced that he is against military gestures on Armistice day. He conceives the occasion as one to be thankful for peace, not to anticipate more war. In that conception the president is correct and he will no doubt be so adjudged by the people of Oregon.

**An Outdoor Tonic.** (Pendleton East-Oregonian)  
If there are any residents of Umatilla county who feel that their ardor for Oregon is being undermined, a trip over the Old Oregon trail and the La Grande-Enterprise highway is recommended as a tonic. That person who can look out over the wheat fields of Emigrant Hill, or see the beauties of Willows lake and the surrounding country, and still remain untouched by nature's offerings in Oregon must be losing his sense of appreciation of the beautiful. The month of May lends the color and the atmosphere that enhances the attractiveness of those scenes.

## 25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of May 22, 1900)  
J. E. DAVIS has let the contract for brick and cement work on his new building to Simmons and Clark. The carpenter work will be done by the day.

The band of Pleasant Hill is practicing regularly and there is no reason why Pleasant Hill should not feel proud of such a band, and of course it does.

F. M. Wilkins has been named a member of the committee arranging for the local Fourth of July celebration.

R. A. Booth left today for points south.

President Frank Strong of the university went to Ashland today where he will address the high school graduates.

The state intercollegiate field meet will be held one week from Saturday in Salem. A good crowd from Eugene is planning to go.

Ben Lurch, well known Cottage Grove merchant, is a visitor in town today.

Reports are that trout are taking the fly in fine shape at McKenzie bridge.

## In Lighter Vein

**Advice to Teacher** (Philadelphia Bulletin)  
"Tommy, your arithmetic paper is very poor. I shall have to write to your father."  
"Give him fits, teacher. He did that paper."

**A Reasonable Surmise** (Ohio State Journal)  
President Coolidge doesn't show his feelings much, but he must have 'em, and we imagine the mechanical horse has been ridden pretty hard lately.

**Still at Large** (Lake County (Ind.) Times)  
None of the men who would make perfect husbands are married.

**Add Definitions** (Cincinnati Enquirer)  
She: "What is an egoist?"  
He: "He's a man who never leaves the broadcasting of his greatness to others."

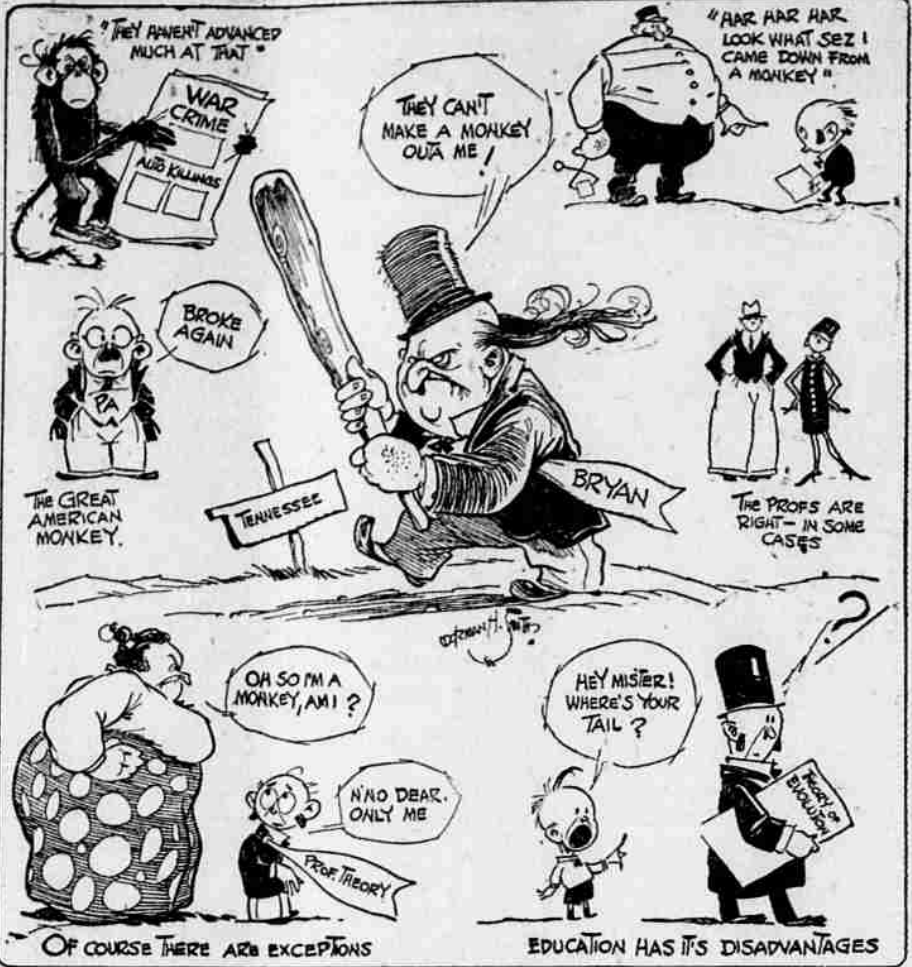
**Contemplation** (Washington Star)  
"I have heard that you contemplate retiring to private life."  
"I do," answered Senator Sorghum; "the same as I contemplate going to heaven. It's a sweet and blissful prospect, but somehow you don't feel in any particular hurry about it."

**The Dilemma** (Vikingen, Oslo.)  
"I told you to say 'No, thank you,' when offered a second time."  
"I did, mother, but they offered it again and I didn't know what to do in that case."

## Chicago has Drive On Obscene Books

CHICAGO, May 24.—(By the Associated Press)—A widespread drive against salacious magazines is indicated in reports from cities throughout the country.  
From Washington, city and Washington state officials have taken action to have barred from news stands publications which they say contain obscene pictures and reading matter.  
Ten popular priced magazines were ordered withdrawn from sale in Washington last week.  
County prosecuting attorneys of the state of Washington are planning a statewide fight against indecent publications and have called a meeting for Friday at Tacoma to discuss the situation.

## Monkey Business



## COOLIDGE FATTENS ON HIS JOB

Theory That it is Fatal to be Elected President Explored by Incumbent

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer)  
WASHINGTON, May 22.—Calvin Coolidge has about exploded the theory that it is fatal to be elected president. To be sure, he'll die some time, but even if he dies in office he won't die of being president of the United States.

Instead of wasting away under his present job, his health is sounder today than when he moved into the White House—probably because he



has taken especially good care of it since then. It's his idea that worry, not work, killed his predecessors who succumbed to the cares of office. One thing he may die from is being hit by an automobile. Anybody may miss it by a rather narrow margin a few days ago. That is, he missed being hit, not necessarily being killed. It would be a great honor to any motorist to run over the president of the United States. President Coolidge, however, refused to confer it on anybody. That cold New England temperament of his!

He was taking one of his almost-daily afternoon strolls, with his usual plain-clothes guard. Hiking southward down Connecticut avenue, they came to the point where it intersects Rhode Island avenue and M street—a mean place.  
The cop had the east and west traffic held up, to let it pass up and down Connecticut. It looked like a good time. The president and retinue

## In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN  
NEW YORK, May 22.—One of the best flapper stories I have heard concerns young Henry Rogers, son of H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil millionaire.  
Young Henry was deprived of the use of one of the family cars because he drove too fast along the Long Island roads. Then he asked his father if he could have a car if he bought one out of his allowance. His father, believing that he could buy no high-powered car out of his allowance, gave his permission.

Young Rogers bought an old flapper for \$30. However, he continually made improvements on it until he had spent \$100, with the result that he had a racing body with a bright blue coat of paint and the engine had been regeared until it could make 100 miles an hour.  
Then the elder Rogers intervened. He arranged with a garage man to realter the car so that it would not run. "There," said the mechanic, as he finished his work. "I'll guarantee that car won't run a mile without burning out its bearings. It's all out of gear." Young Rogers took the car out and made his usual speed with no damage to the car.

The next day the young Barney Oldfield took his remodeled flapper to the garage to have the oil system inspected. The garage man drained off all the oil in the car, told the youth that his car was all right and then watched him drive down the street in the expectation of seeing the bearings burn out.  
Young Rogers is still driving his car at great speed without any oil and the bearings haven't yet burned out.

## A THOUGHT

There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.—Luke 12:2-3.

The craftiest wiles are too short and ragged a cloak to cover a bad heart.—Lavater.

## Tom Sims Says—

LONDON girl says 110 pairs of stockings are reasonable. We say they would be for a centipede.

Spring's so lazy we eat marshmallows instead of chewing candy.

Florida man wants bachelors to pay a tax, maybe a luxury tax.

Nothing on earth bores us so much as people with gimlet eyes.

Ancient Babylonian ruins show they had flappers. So do our ruins.

Russian children are starving. The Moscow doesn't give enough milk.

Auto bumpers on telephone poles may be the next step.

When did paperhangers start making patterns for bathing suits?

American battleship shot up an iceberg and the chunks will drift down to the rum fleet.

Scientists find 1800 thunderstorms going on every minute. Spring hate do seem expensive.

Sarah Ghosh, Hindu, left \$5000 so two artists' models could buy some clothes. Good Ghosh!

## State Battleship Transfer Pending

SALEM, Ore., May 22.—Carl E. Abrams, chairman of the battleship Oregon commission, said today that the commission, accompanied by Adjutant General George A. White, will go to Bremerton tomorrow to make final arrangements for the transfer of the old battleship to Portland harbor. Admiral Chase, commandant at Bremerton navy yard, has notified the commission that the ship is ready to be moved. Plans are to reach Portland with the ship on June 15. It probably will leave Bremerton with two tugs about June 6, and will be at Astoria several days before proceeding to Portland.  
The members of the commission are Colonel Abrams of Salem; Howard Waddell of Roseburg, and Life Manning, Colonel Werillon and Mrs. Cora Thompson of Portland.

## Rowell's Comment

ONCE more comes a widely published "refutation" of the argument that these foreign debts can be paid only in goods. We sell more to Europe than Europe sells to us. And yet Europe, with no exchangeable money to do it with, somehow pays.  
The explanation is that, besides importing goods, we export money. Some of it we loan, to be invested abroad; some of it we give, in immigrants' remittances to relatives; but most of it we spend, in freights in foreign ships, and in the expenditures of American tourists abroad.  
So we may be paid back, still in our own money, but not all in money that we paid for imported goods.  
This proves only that "goods" must be taken to include services, and to cover goods and services to Americans abroad, as well as to those at home. There are "invisible" as well as visible exports and imports. It refutes only too narrow a use of the word.  
But the conclusion still remains: Europe can pay us only in our own money, which we have first paid Europe for something, or sent as a gift. Including the invisible with the visible exchanges, Europe can pay us only in kind, by selling us, in goods or ser-

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vice, delivered to our people, for our money, in America or in Europe, more than we sell to Europe.  
International debts can be paid in money only to the extent that they are first paid in something else. To whatever extent we are unwilling to be paid in this way, we are forbidding ourselves to be paid at all.

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