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HINDSIGHT

When people along the Missis-
sippi river, and along the Ohio, and
in Texas and Oklahoma and else-
where over the nation talk about
flood prevention the people in a high
and dry country turn a deaf ear.

Worse yet, the people in the low
districts give the matter little sus-
tained attention because those who
want to get the necessary engineer-
ing done do most of their talking
at a time of the year when there
are no floods. So the general atti-
tude is "Why spend money when
there is no flood?"

The same people, naturally,
think the Italians who live under
Mount Etna are no less crazy to
go right back to living on the vol-
cano's shoulder, building new
homes over ashes hardily cold and
taking no engineering precautions
to divert future lava streams from
the villages.

When an elevated train fell into
a crowded street in Brooklyn the
other day, the mayor of New York
was on the spot in a few minutes.

While the last victims were being
hustled off to hospitals or to the
mortuary, the mayor was exclaiming
over the rotting condition of the
timbers that did duty as a guard
rail.

We talk in a lordly way about
the poor, ignorant Italian peas-
ant. Americans, of course, are dif-
ferent. They build their levees
and spillways and reservoirs be-
fore the floods come, and see to it
always before the accident that the
guard rails are in perfect condition
to protect life.

TO KEEP BOYS STRAIGHT

A Chicago municipal judge dis-
covered the other day that nearly
2000 boys had been in his court
various offenses since the begin-
ning of 1922. He decided the num-
ber was too many and immediately
called a conference of interested
leaders to start an informal crime
prevention bureau. He believes
that a great many of the boys who
are brought before him could be
saved from further offenses if the
court carried on more constructive
work.

Among the things advocated for
this work are the establishment of
a detention home so that boys of 17
years would not have to be jailed
with hardened criminals, the ex-
tension of the probation officers'
work, co-operation of business men
and employers to see that boys are
properly employed, and the placing
of boys' court officers at all police
stations.

A thoughtful, understanding
judge has every opportunity to con-
sider the problem of the boy just
starting to go wrong. When such a
person continues to have faith in
the boys themselves and seeks to
change the machinery of his court
to help them instead of merely
punishing them, his plans deserve
attention and support.

LESS EATING

A New York restaurant man of
long experience says that the pat-
ronage of metropolitan restaurants
—who include not only New York-
ers but residents of every other
city and town in the country—are
eating much less than they used to.

The after-theatre lunch has al-
most disappeared, and when it is
indulged in, it usually consists of
a mere sandwich or salad. The big
table d'hôte dinner also is a thing
of the past. Instead of the six or
eight courses of yore, a dinner con-
sists usually of only three or four
courses, and small portions. Like-
wise, lunch is diminished to only a
couple of courses, generally one
dish and a dessert, with tea or
coffee. The old-fashioned heavy
American breakfast of fruit, cereal,
meat, eggs, griddle cakes, etc., is
giving way to the light continental
breakfast of coffee and rolls.

This same tendency is seen else-
where, as one goes west and south.
And it is clearly due, for the most
part, to prohibition.

When meals were started with
cocktails and continued with wine,
the appetite was stimulated while
the stomach was put to sleep. Thus
excessive quantities of food were
poured into a digestive system too
stuffed to resist the outrage.

Now food is eaten on its merits,
and appetite, more soberly judging
the body's needs, knows when to
stop.

Health improves accordingly.
Less drinking means less eating,
and so the gain to an over-nour-
ished and over-stimulated nation is
doubled.

A new immigration quota was
open on July 1, and shiploads of
hulens rushed eagerly into Amer-
ica. There's a thought in that for
the pessimists who stand and crouch
that opportunities are dead in this
country.

Down in Berkeley erring small
boys are no longer summoned to
the woodshed; instead, they go into
a neuro-psychiatry clinic. Shucks!
That sounds more terrifying than
any shingle that ever was!

A New York commission house is
to operate hereafter on the prin-
ciple of the golden rule. Too many
of these New York commission
houses alter the golden rule to
read merely: "Do others."

The ever reliable Associated
Press reports that snakes are still
cheap in London. That's news. At
last accounts boose prices there
were still high.

Earlier Days in Eugene

EARLIER DAYS
(From the Morning Register, July
2, 1924)

Springfield now has an organ-
ized fire department with the fol-
lowing officers: Chief, Robert
Moore; assistant chief, Roy Mor-
gan; secretary, J. F. Woods; treas-
urer, B. A. Washburne; trustees,
Milton Bally, Grant Roberts and
T. E. Abene.

The grocers and dry goods deal-
ers have agreed to close their
stores at 9 A. M. July 4.

The schooner Pel Norte, that
went on the sandbar off the Sius-
law, has been floated.

Ell Bangs, liveryman, is placing
new sills under the old part of his
bar, and otherwise improving his
property.

Charles Cochran, of Cottage
Grove, assisted the local band in
its concert last night.

Twelve iron benches have been
placed in the park grounds to take
the place of the old wooden ones.

Walter Stafford has disposed of
his Wells Fargo express equipment
to Ora Allepaugh, who will here-
after conduct the delivery service
for the company.

Mrs. Clara Esson has returned
from Turner, where she attended
the Christian convention.

Fred Lamb left yesterday for
Saginaw, where he takes charge of
the Booth-Kelly store. Frank Page
has resigned a manager of the
store and has returned to Eugene.

Wants Ditching Hastened

EUGENE, Ore., June 30.—(To
the Editor.)—People interested in
Amazon drainage are not satisfied
to wait another three weeks to be-
gin action on the relief work along
the old ditch, as suggested by the
mayor at the last council meeting
to a delegation of 36 property
owners. In three weeks the grass
along the ditch will be ripe, and
dry, so fire would spread if they
burn the brush that has cut in
the ditch. The brush should be
burned while the grass is green,
then do the excavating later; as
most of it can be done with powder
by a man who knows about pow-
der ditching. The only time to
ditch with powder is while the
ground is wet, as when dobe land
in that vicinity dries and begins to
crack the powder will lose its
effect.

UNLOCK DOMAIN IS
POLICY OF HARDING

(Continued from page one)

ervation, reclamation and devel-
opment. Nowadays, I think there
is disposition to change the order
of terms, and mention develop-
ment first. Not that we are any
less devoted to conservation, but
there is increasing realization that
in our national development we
have reached the time when wise
programs for development in all
parts of our domain must be en-
couraged.

"Traveling about this country,
and somewhat also in other coun-
tries, I have been constantly im-
pressed that wise development of
natural resources does not often
result in their disastrous dimini-
shion. Rather, it seems as a rule
to result in a growing and expand-
ing, an increasing supply and vari-
ety of the very riches upon which
we make drafts.

"I do not fear that present de-
velopment is liable to impoverish
the future. The precise con-
trary, according to every history
of place. Why, you all remember
that a quarter century ago as
wise an American as James H. Hill
was warning that within 15 years
this country would have to import
wheat. Twice that period has
passed, our population has grown
enormously, and yet today we are
producing a greater surplus of
wheat than any other country in
the world. Our difficulty is not
to find wheat for ourselves but to
find other countries that will buy
it from us.

Great Future for West

"So contemplating the certainty
that another century will give us
a population of probably 300,000,
one is forced to conclude that
the wise development of resources
is the only policy to which we dare
commit ourselves. There was a
time when the public domain was
thought of as a treasure house of
wealth to be looted and
again the day when we should

Greenwood New Head of
Civitan Clubs

Ernest Greenwood, of Wash-
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The Office Cat

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Is there any good reason why the au-
thor of this should not be hung?

We wonder if—
The violets in the hands of the Little
Patty Soap girl ever wither—
If—
Al Johnson knows any jokes beside pro-
hibition ones—
If—
Smith Brothers ever shave—
If—
Mary Pickford ever wears hair pins—
If—
The Gold Dust Twins ever wear
dresses—
If—
This is funny.

Getting up in the world isn't so very
difficult; the hard part is getting up in
the morning.

Fable—Once there was a man who
could drop back to second gear without
offering some alibi to excuse his car.

The happiest people are those nobody
is trying to "develop."

The room for improvement never has
a far-sight sign attached.

For psychological effect suspending
prisoners is better than suspending
sentences.

Have you noticed that the flames of
love usually burn brightest when heated
by gold bricks?

A tick town is a place where there
isn't much of anything to do between
lodge nights.

The way to avoid a blue Monday is
to exercise a little more restraint in
the matter of Sunday dinner.

Before marriage he may be the light
of her eye and afterward she'll take care
not to let her light go out.

They may be to you about their age
and get by with the aid of rouge
and powder, but when you hear them
buying shoes and they say, "We sure
and get 'em big enough around the toes, son,"
you've got them dead to rights.

A boy's class in Sunday school was
asked what gratitude was. After con-
siderable squinting, one went so far as
to say they hadn't gotten that far in
school yet.

SMALL PARTIES TO UNITE

MANY POLITICAL GROUPS AT
MEETING IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 2.—The majority
of delegates arrived here for the
three-day conference starting to-
morrow, July 4, to discuss political
labor organizations, co-opera-
tive societies and other organiza-
tions invited here to attend a
meeting to plan for uniting political
action by minority groups.

The Farmer-Labor party, under
whose auspices the conference is
being held, also is meeting in con-
vention and this gathering will as-
semble tomorrow, later merging
with the other meeting.

M. T. Bennett, of Hartford,
Conn., was chosen temporary
chairman of the conference at a
meeting of the national executive
committee of the Farmer-Labor
party here today and the first day's
program of the conference was
planned.

4 DAY IS I. W. W.'S PAY

AMOUNT IS HIGHEST EVER
PAID OFFICIAL CLAIM

LOS ANGELES, July 2.—Four
dollars a day is the highest salary
ever paid to an official of the In-
dustrial Workers of the World.
Robert Russell, who said he was
a member and former official of
the organization, testified today in
the trial of 27 alleged members of
the I. W. W. on charges of criminal
syndicalism. An additional al-
lowance for transportation is au-
thorized when necessary. Russell
added, but no provision is made
for hotel bills.

Russell, who gave his residence
as Oakland, Cal., was on the stand
most of the day, identifying vari-
ous pamphlets and circulars pub-
lished by the I. W. W. and specifi-
cally which of these were being cir-
culated and which were no longer
in circulation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Nell V. Faulhaber et ux to Thomas W.
Cole et ux—tract in tp 17 S R 6 W
—\$10.

Idaho F. Campbell to Roy B. Scroggs
part of blk 12 Packard's add to Eu-
gene—\$10.

U. S. to Donald F. Mattson—SW 1-4
sec 16 R 6 W.

E. C. Wilfert et ux to Charles Mc-
Gowan et ux—lots 1, 2 blk 9 Gross' add
Eugene—\$10.

Charles McCrossen et ux to Fred J.
Stevens—lots