

The value of a fire extinguisher as an accessory to automobiles, was clearly demonstrated last week, following an accident on the Columbia River Highway, when a burning overturned car with two passengers pinned beneath, was saved by the timely use of a fire extinguisher brought from a nearby machine.

C. W. Devore of Estacada has been under the weather for a few days suffering from one of his periodic attacks of malaria, but was able to attend council meeting held on his porch Tuesday evening, when the council settled the details relative to the issuance and disposal of the bonds in connection with the street paving.

Brief Sentences Featuring the Speech of Acceptance of Charles E. Hughes.

America First and America Efficient.

We are too great a country to require of our citizens who are engaged in peaceful vocations the sort of military service to which they are now called.

We cherish no illusions. We know that the recurrence of war is not to be prevented by pious wishes.

We denounce all plots and conspiracies in the interest of any foreign nation.

Adequate preparedness is not militarism.

During this critical period the only danger of war has lain in the weak course of the administration.

The nation has no policy of aggression toward Mexico. We have no desire for any part of her territory.

We propose that in the competitive struggle that is about to come the American workingman shall not suffer.

This representative gathering is a happy augury. It means the strength of reunion. It means that the party of Lincoln is restored, alert, effective.

The dealings of the administration with Mexico constitute a confused chapter of blunders. It is a record which cannot be examined without a profound sense of humiliation.

We must take Vera Cruz to get Huerta out of office and trust to other nations to get our own citizens out of peril. What a travesty of international policy!

Destroying the government of Huerta, we left Mexico to the ravages of revolution.

I stand for adequate federal workmen's compensation laws.

The administration was to seize and punish Villa for his outrage on our soil. It has not punished any one; we went in only to retire.

I favor the vote for women.



—May in Cleveland Leader.

THE FLAG AND THE MAN.

Bargain At 98c A Yard

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ty, and it cannot even afford to pay for them in its own community, if such work was possible.

Why should eastern Clackamas taxpayers be supposed to keep quiet and allow their share of the taxes to be spent on hardsurfacing roads which they seldom or never will travel, when such disgraceful obstacles as the Boring Hill Road and the "Devil's Washboard" remain right on our main travelled roads?

The motor resorts, hotels and road houses in the vicinity of Mt. Hood in this county; along the Columbia Highway and in fact all parts of the state, where good roads lead, are doing a rushing business now, accomodating thousands of people and taking in thousands of dollars.

This part of Clackamas County is not getting its share of this travel and business, just because our roads contain obstacles. This condition is of direct vital importance to every resident of this section, as it means an actual loss of money, not only in land values and advertising but in actual cash which would be distributed among our merchants, our farmers and our hotels. We have the scenery, we have the attractions and the accomodations, but we have not unobstructed roads to bring the tourists and visitors here.

So, why should we remain contented with present county road building conditions? Why not at once circulate a petition, which would be signed by every resident in this part of the county, remonstrating against the present hardsurfacing epidemic, until the county court expends a sum sufficient to grade and make entirely passable the Boring Hill Road and that stretch of highway between Barton and Eagle Creek, known as the Devil's Washboard.?"

Some such action as this, coupled with an injunction restraining the present hardsurfacing, would bring results; but just so long as we continue to grumble and find fault with conditions and do not carry the complaint to the county court itself, matters will continue as they now are.

If the News can be advised of the names of such taxpayers who will circulate petitions in their neighborhood, it will get together with the leaders in this movement throughout this part of the county and start the ball a'rolling.

Miss Eva Keeney of Portland is a visitor at the T. H. Dodge home in Estacada.

Mrs. Adolph Wiederhold of George returned today from a three weeks visit among friends and relatives in Portland.

Miss Gladys Carpenter of Estacada, who graduated from the high school last year and Miss Bess Abbot, who has been spending the summer at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. W. Bartlett of Estacada, are leaving Saturday for San Francisco by boat. Miss Abbot will enter Miss Harkers' school at Palo Alto, while Miss Carpenter contemplates attending a school near San Pedro.

One Phase of Efficiency.

"And you have had the same servant for two years?"

"Yes," replied Mr Crosslots. "She says she doesn't believe in changing after she has gone to the trouble of teaching the family her ways."—Washington Star

Sure Enough.

"Another new hat? You should save your money, with the price of every thing going up."

"But why? The longer I save it the less I can buy with it."

Contentment, as it is a short road and pleasant, has great delight and little trouble.—Epictetus.

Grant Lands Will Not Be On Tax Roll

County Assessor J. E. Jack Tuesday received a letter from Louis L. Sharp, chief of the field division of the general land office of the department of the interior, instructing him to take from the tax rolls of the county the Oregon & California grant lands. These lands total 98,206 acres and are assessed at \$1,148,000. The government is expected to pay delinquent taxes on the property.

"The title to these lands having been by the act of congress reverted in the United States, they are no longer subject to taxation and should not be placed upon the assessment rolls which are now being prepared by you," reads the letter from Mr. Sharp.

"I would therefore request that you kindly see that the lands covered by the said act are now and hereafter omitted from the assessment rolls of your county. By so doing you will avoid presenting complications which will surely prevent the early payment of taxes, now due in your county, in accordance with the provisions of the statute."

Spending one's vacation in a hospital is hardly the pleasantest form of a recreation, but Earl Day of Estacada, the popular mail carrier on R. F. D. No. 2 was this week operated upon at a Portland hospital and is reported to be well on the road to recovery.

IN PREPAREDNESS THE ADMINISTRATION HAS FOLLOWED, NOT LED

In the demand for reasonable preparedness the administration has followed, not led. Those who demanded more adequate forces were first described as "nervous and excited." Only about a year and a half ago we were told that the question of preparedness was not a pressing one; that the country had been misinformed. Later, under the pressure of other leadership, this attitude was changed. The administration it was said, had "learned something" and it made a belated demand for an increased army. Even then the demand was not prosecuted consistently and the pressure exerted on congress with respect to other administrative measures was notably absent.

We are told that the defects revealed by the present mobilization are due to the "system." But it was precisely such plain defects that under the constant warnings of recent years, with the whole world bent on military concerns, should have been studied and rectified. The administration has failed to discharge its responsibilities. Apparently it is now seeking to meet political exigencies by its naval program. But it has imposed upon the country an incompetent naval administration.—From Mr Hughes' Speech of Acceptance