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The starting point of genius is original discovery; the second step is its interpretation to the world.—John C. Van Dyke.

WORST ROADS IN THE STATE

In a very excellent article giving a summary of the information gained by the newspaper men who were members of the P. E. & E. special train through the Willamette valley, the Telegram of last Saturday states, "Without exception those (the roads) in Washington county, in the vicinity of Hillsboro and Forest Grove are among the worst in the state." There is no use denying the truth of this indictment. Neither is there any use extending excuses of any kind. It is simply up to us to accept the "boobie" prize in the good roads movement until the time when we arouse our selves and decree that we will have as good, or better roads than any county in the state. Washington county farmers are prosperous, they are progressive, and have simply not aroused themselves to this much needed movement. It is not the cost of good roads any more, but rather the cost of poor roads that is attracting attention. The boosting spirit that fails to notice defects in its subject in the long run will prove more of a deterrent to development than an aid.

Let no time be wasted in deciding for better roads for Washington county. Then let a scientific system of improvement be adopted, and immediately put in active operation.

WHO REPRESENTS YOU IN THIS GREAT REPUBLIC

On the first page of this issue, the PRESS announces that it will give several useful and attractive gifts for the most complete and correct list of all American officials who have any jurisdiction in Forest Grove. This includes federal, state, county, city, and any other class of American officials.

The reason of making this offer is to stimulate interest in political affairs. It will prove a very interesting study to compile a list of our representatives, in judicial, administrative and legislative capacity. The contest will close on the evening of September 10th. By that time we hope to receive many lists, and possibly we will have discovered several officials that heretofore have escaped the notice of the public, they are supposed to represent.

From Cornelius Tribune.

Eden Mowe, formerly of Cornelius, will give an entertainment and musical in Forest Grove at the Christian church next Tuesday, the 26th, for the benefit of the Christian Endeavor of the Forest Grove Christian church.

Mrs. Hiram Davis, daughter of F. F. LaHaie of Verboort, and wife of "Hi" Davis, formerly famous Forest Grove ball pitcher, is visiting her relatives from Toledo, Oregon, where her hus-

band is foreman of a logging camp.

A Mighty Hunter.

W. F. Harris who owns a ranch five miles west of Forest Grove visited the county clerk's office Wednesday and inquired as to whether he needed a license to kill ducks on his own property. Deputy Kuratli informed him that he did not. "I am 32 years in Oregon," said Mr. Harris, "and I have never killed anything with a shotgun in that time. There are mallard ducks around

and maybe some time I will take a shot at them, and then the pheasants are coming along. The only deer I ever killed was with a jackknife. In the big snow of 1891, you must remember it, my father-in-law had a clearing in the Siuslaw country. The snow drove the deer down from the mountains and while my father-in-law was at dinner I killed six of them and threw them over in his yard. I did it with a jackknife." "How?" Mr. Harris was asked. "By surrounding them," he replied.—Independent.

MUCH NEEDED ORDINANCE

Some regulation should be placed upon the leaving of obstructions on the city streets. At present many obstructions to the traffic are standing upon the paved business centers which are not only a bother to the public, but a far from pleasing sight. Of course material for the building of new structures, and the piling of other material upon the streets for short periods cannot be prevented, but care should be taken not to abuse that privilege, or else the council will necessarily be forced to pass a strict ordinance regulating such practices.

Rev. Kuhlman of Tillamook was judged guilty of breaking the "smashing ordinance" while in Portland last week. He was freed from the charge of any unworthy intent, but was convicted on the charge of indiscretion. According to this ruling we again learn that ignorance of human nature is more liable to lead one into trouble than mere ignorance of the written law.

Two murders have been committed in the American prize ring during the past few months. How long will the American public permit such reactionary methods of obtaining so called amusement. As a matter of fact, like many other evils, boxing has become much more degrading with the commercialization of the sport.

If some of the city papers would cease giving so much publicity to every woman who appears with just a little less wearing apparel than the one the day before, the temptation for notariety might wain sufficiently to bring about the climax before Mother Eve is surpassed. It is not the lack of clothing that counts for indecency, but the lack of decency itself.

Every one is praising the success of the timber foresters in preventing any serious fires this season. However the danger is far from over, and campers should be more careful than ever, for many of the worst forest fires in the Northwest have been started in September and even in October.

Next week the social welfare school of the O. A. C. will offer two days of instructive program to the people of Forest Grove. Look over the program printed elsewhere in this issue and make your arrangements to attend this conference as it might well be call. d.

Are you boosting for the County fair? If not why not? The County fair is boosting every inch of land in Washington county. Lets all give it a good word and save it our best products.

As some one mentioned this week, the fact that the commercial club is inactive is the best proof that there is need of such activities.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

The PRESS is always glad to receive communications from its readers on either side of any subject. While we do not intend to straddle the fence, we will always give space to any sincere communication.

CREIGHTON WRITES ABOUT ACCIDENT

Gives Interesting Account of Experiences in the Timber

Tree Smashes Leg, but he is Glad to be able to Yell

Bay City, Oregon

Dr. C. E. Walker, Forest Grove, Dear Friend—Well Dr. I am celebrating my birthday down here on Tillamook bay at a health resort called Tillamook Bay hospital with a broken leg.

I was cutting logs in a cove where there was quite a bunch of logs and I was working underneath. I heard a tree fall and as I listened noticed it was coming nearer, so I crawled up to see where it was heading for. It was not coming straight for me so I stayed where I was. When about 60 or 75 feet from me it struck a stump and went to splinters, but I still thought I was alright, not thinking any of them were going to hit me, but a chunk that was probably ten or twelve feet long and heavy as I could roll off, which I first thought was going over me dropped down on me. When I saw it was going to hit me I thought it was all off with me, but it came so one end struck the log lying across the one I was on just behind me and broke the force of it. My, I was surprised when it settled on my leg to find I could look around and yell.

It bruised my left limb pretty bad. I had my watch in my left hip pocket and from there down the further the worse. Both bones are broken below the knee. I rolled the chunk off and yelled a while and the boys came and got a spring and carried me down to the landing and from there by special train to camp. Then at 2 o'clock they put me on the P. R. & N. train and Mrs. McClure came with me here. The boys carried me so carefully and every one has been so very attentive. I was a little disappointed at first. The doctor was at Tillamook so had to wait a few hours, but he finally came and

set the leg and I must say I have not suffered as I expected. I slept most of the night. The skin was not broken except a little on the knee, but when they examined it today there were several large blisters around the break. This will break up my air castles for a short time anyway, but I will be alright again by and by. Now Dr., wont you do me a favor? I've a lot of good neighbors and friends around Forest Grove. Wont you put a little notice of the accident in the PRESS so I will not need to write each one of them, and oblige. Yours truly and good by for this time, R. R. CREIGHTON.

LETTER FROM THE BALKANS

Chas. Pavlekis of the Forest Grove Restaurant Receives Letter

Is Kept in Touch with Actual Conditions in Southern Europe

Below are liberally translated extracts from a letter dated Constantinople, August 12.

The fight started from Cavala. Finally the Greeks got the Bulgarians out of Cavala. They have captured 17 towns, 120 canons, and a large number of guns and provisions. The Bulgarians retreated to their capital, and the Greeks captured 10,000 Bulgarians on the first 25 mile march toward the capital of their opponents.

The Greeks have gained all Macedonia, and as soon as the Bulgarians were driven from the country, the Turks promised to become Christians under the rule of Greece. Fifteen thousand were baptized in one week.

The Greeks were prepared to enter Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, when the powers ordered fighting to stop. It is thought that the Greeks will get 3,000,000 francs from the Bulgarians, and the whole of Macedonia.

LIBRARY NOTES

"Laddie", Gene Stratton-Porter's latest, and perhaps her best book out, is now on our shelf.

A letter from the State Commission notifies us that it is now prepared to send us one or a group of books to meet special interests. I append a partial list hoping that some of our readers will call for some of them.

Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Engines and Boilers, Municipal Affairs, House Building, Domestic Economy, Eugenics, Sunday School Work, Civil Service Examination, etc.

LIBRARIAN.

Well Represented.

Hugh Smith returned from the Tillamook coast Friday and went to his Forest Grove home. He says that Hillsboro and Forest Grove are well represented over on the coast line.—Argus.

Attend Anniversary.

Banks lodge of Royal Neighbors attended the anniversary celebration of the Forest Grove lodge last week. Twenty eight went from here. A fine program was given, and a supper served. Those who took the visitors from here included a barber, a butcher, an undertaker and a doctor.—Banks Herald.

Has Returned Home.

Miss Ella Disbrow has returned from an extended visit at Portland and Forest Grove.—The Dalles Optomist.

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News Snapshots Of the Week

Governor William Sulzer of New York was impeached after an investigation by a legislative committee which charged that he had secretly used campaign checks for speculating in Wall street. Mrs. Sulzer was reported to have confessed that she had used the checks without her husband's knowledge. The impeachment trial was set for Sept. 18 at the state capitol at Albany. Representative Henry D. Clayton of Alabama was appointed United States senator to succeed the late Senator Johnston of that state. Governor O'Neal's power to make the appointment was questioned. The world's biggest battleship, Rivadavia, built at Quincy, Mass., for the Argentine Republic, was given its final touches at the Brooklyn navy yard drydock. Mrs. Emma Smith De Voe of Tacoma, Wash., presided at the conference of women voters from ten states at Washington. Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, wife of the financier, announced a new project for the benefit of consumptives.

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