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Portland plans to spend 20 millions of dollars in building four thousand new homes this year, to accommodate her steadily growing population.

Of the 22,000 names of towns and postoffices in the United States forty-three appear more than twenty times—but still there is only one Coquille.

The bible still continues by far the best seller among all the books published in the world, the number disposed of last year being thirty millions, while a sale of a million for any other book would be immense.

William J. Abbott, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, on a recent visit to Portland made the statement that some sensational newspapers apparently used as a test of the news value of a story, the standard, "If it shouldn't have happened it's news."

Mountain liquor and motor car accidents took a toll of twelve lives at Chicago last Sunday. It would require a war of much greater proportion than the world war for the United States to cost us as many lives as booze and gasoline power are making away with for us now.

People earning less than \$5,000 a year are now paying a larger percentage of income paying bonds than ever before and those in or near the millionaire class are being taxed to come bearing securities—to evade the higher taxes falling on the larger incomes now.

As to what was happening on the eastern coast while we were enjoying summer temperature and brilliant skies here Wednesday, the following press dispatch from the eastern coast tells us:

"A violent snow and sleet storm, which for New York city was the second big one of the season, today (Tuesday) tossed a mantle over the northeastern section of the United States and then rumbled seaward.

To morrow is the day when they are to have a total eclipse of the sun at the Sentinel senior's old home on Long Island covering a broad band in the state from the Atlantic ocean to Niagara Falls. Such an event has never happened there since the first settlement of the country, about 1640, and will not occur again for hundreds of years to come. Something is expected to be learned there at that time about "static," terrestrial magnetism and other matters of scientific interest during the two minutes the sun will be totally obscured by the moon.

On his first trip to the Pacific northwest, about twenty years ago, the old man of the Sentinel stopped over for a few days at Twin Falls, Idaho, and while there walked over to the Snake river gorge five miles away one morning. What he saw there leaves him no occasion to doubt the statement of the engineers of the Interior department at Washington, who say that stretch of 187 miles on that river, between Lewiston, Idaho, and Huntington in this state, is capable of furnishing more than a million horse power. Still the Idaho county offered no attractions to the writer compared with the Pacific coast in southwestern Oregon.

Compulsory state insurance for all motor vehicles, with the state flat-factly in the insurance business is proposed in a bill introduced at Olympia by Representative Marcus R. Morton, of Spokane, says a press dispatch. The measure is due to be bitterly fought by insurance companies, who see in it a loss of millions in yearly premiums.

The state premiums proposed, however, would cut indemnity costs for motorists. The schedule is:  
Motorcycles, \$5 a year; passenger cars, \$10; trucks and trailers, \$15; stages \$25.

From the fund thus created a minimum of \$5 a week would be paid to victims totally disabled with \$5 a

week as the minimum for partial disability. Amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 would be paid as death indemnity.

### IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS

One of the rather intangible things the light and power companies of Oregon are accomplishing through the expenditure of great sums of money is to aid materially in improving the standards of living of thousands of people living in the centers of population. The extension of high-tension and distribution lines into the districts beyond the congested centers of population enables city people to buy or build homes in the suburban sections where they have plenty of fresh air, a garden spot or a modest acreage, and still have all the modern facilities for domestic light and power service in their homes.

Today, these Oregon utilities are enabling cities to spread out without depriving the population of any of the comforts and conveniences to which they have been accustomed.

### IMPORTANT DON'TS

More people are keeping bank accounts each year, so that the following advice is needed by more people now than ever before:

"Safeguard your checks as you would your money," is the admonition recently issued by the American Bankers' Association in connection with their campaign to induce greater care on the part of writers of checks to frustrate forgery. And their warning is well advised, for about 95 per cent of the business of the United States is now transacted by the use of checks and other credit instruments. Here are a few of the don'ts to which the association is urging public attention: "Don't" write in pencil, eraser or correct, leave spaces, sign blank checks, cash checks without verifying the endorsements. And after all they really amount to just one rule: Exercise good common sense. But so many times, unfortunately, this quality is lacking in the very quarters where one would expect to find the most of it.

### THE WEST IN CONTROL

At the close of a long article on the distribution of the most powerful committee chairmanships in the senate, Mark Sullivan, probably the best informed and most widely read of the correspondents at the national capital, directed attention to the fact that so many of the most important committee places are each held by senators hailing from states west of the Mississippi river. They come: First from Iowa; second from Kansas; third from Arkansas; fourth from Idaho; fifth from Utah; sixth from Wyoming; seventh from New York; eighth from Maine; ninth from North Dakota.

### LOWERING SKIES AT SALEM

That an open break between the legislature and Governor Pierce may occur at any time appears from events of the past few days according to Senator Charles Hall, who is spending the period of week-end adjournment in Marshfield, says last Saturday's News.

Despite efforts of many members to avoid such a situation others are equally determined to rob the governor of his power of appointing the fish, game and Port of Portland commissions and bring about repeal of the prohibition commission statute, said Hall.

Hall expressed regret that the child labor amendment to the federal constitution is apparently doomed in the legislature and said that he favored referring the question to the voters in the event the legislature failed to ratify the proposed amendment.

### INTO THE SAME OLD TRAP

The bootleg game is repeating in detail the abuses which called down the public wrath upon the saloon, and this may prove the deciding factor in prohibition enforcement. The abuse which did more than any one thing to set the public upon the saloon was its greed for the trade of children. It is part of the liquor history of this country (and within recent months in England) that the li-

quor interest fought with every conceivable weapon the proposal to keep children out of saloons. It was in meeting the saloon resistance to this proposal of plain decency that the public got in training for the bigger fight.

The bootleg business is repeating the game of annexing youth as a customer. The vicinity of high schools everywhere is infested with gentlemen who peddle the illicit stuff. Mere kids, with too much money for their own good, know in increasing numbers where to get the booze. In a number of cities special investigations have been made along these lines with appalling disclosures.

Now, what will occur sooner or later is this: parents who complacently read in the papers that the bootleggers are busy, and who naturally assume that it only means that the old-time boozers are getting their liquor (as a matter of fact, few people strenuously object to that) are going to catapult out of their easy chairs and expel a yell of wrath that will shake Washington when they learn that it is not the old-time boozers, but their young sons and daughters that are getting the liquor. And when that starts, the bootleggers can kiss their graft goodbye. It will all be over.

The complacency of America means that it has not yet caught on to this ancient indecency of the liquor business—the corruption of youth. When the American people learn what is going on, prohibition will be no longer a joke, and prohibition enforcement will become a cruel steel trap.—Dearborn Independent.

### MANY KINDS IN OREGON

Wednesday, January 21st, day before yesterday, would have been considered a very pleasant spring day—for say April—back in the writer's native town on Long Island—about seventy-five miles east of New York City. Here it was the sort of spring day we often enjoy this month, and we only hope that when April arrives we shall see no colder ones. But it struck us very curiously on such an afternoon as we were enjoying them, to take up the morning's Oregonian and reading an item like the following from another section of our state:

"Drifting snow near Union, east of LaGrande, has resulted in blockading many roads, according to reports received here. Several children at Union Junction, two miles west of Union, are unable to get to school because of the snow. Parents here taken the matter up with school officials in an attempt to solve the difficulty."

### Open House at Hall Building

Contribution of the Hall building to Marshfield business district was realized in full for the first time by the many residents who attended open house for Coos and Curry Telephone company and Coos Bay Building corporation Saturday afternoon and evening.

Nearly 80 per cent of the floor space is now leased, assuring financial success to the men who ventured nearly \$200,000 on their faith in the community. The luxurious office rooms were open to the public Saturday, giving visitors opportunity to see every phase of the structure which is the largest office building in the state outside of Portland.

More than 700 persons visited the building Saturday, it was estimated. Visitors were loud in their praise of the modern plant and equipment and Charles Hall, president of the Coos and Curry Telephone company and of the Coos Bay Building corporation, received innumerable congratulations for the splendid showing made by both organizations.

Officials and trained employees of the company explained technical details of the modern plant which has been provided for telephone patrons. The plant is designed to take care of any contemplated growth in the next ten years and proved a revelation to many.

Design and installation of the mechanical equipment was carried out under the supervision and direction of Earl W. Gates, superintendent of the telephone company, and under the plans formulated by Gates, additional equipment can be installed to provide for practically unlimited expansion in line with the growth of the community served by the company.

Spectators expressed keen interest in the multitude of wires, relays, automatic switching equipment, switchboards and alert operators but probably the rest room and kitchenette provided for the operators attracted as much attention as any single item.—News.

### Stray Logs

One log, 18 inches in diameter and 16 feet long, mark fork in diamond. One 18 inches in diameter and 30 feet long, mark R in circle. One 14 inches in diameter, 16 feet long, mark D. S. One 22 inches in diameter, 20 feet long, marked with letter B & A. All white cedar.

W. E. Cross.

### A Reckless Reporter

Those who live here and know how it felt in the Coquille valley about a month ago, with the mercury about 15 degrees above zero may be interested in some extracts from a letter O. H. Heine wrote from Eugene, Oregon, to a North Dakota friend a month ago today. He begins very reasonably in describing what really must have seemed like arctic conditions to a resident of the Umpqua valley just before Christmas, but by the time he gets through the bars are all down and he isn't thinking at all how his stuff will sound back here in southwestern Oregon, where we are enjoying non-freezing April weather in the latter part of January. We didn't appreciate the winter weather we had last month and probably shall not see the mercury drop below 20 above here on the coast for another generation. But just read how the Eugene man let himself go with all the brakes off only two days before Christmas. We clip from the Iowa Story City Herald:

Friend Harry:—I see by the Pioneer that you are having some cold weather back there, but Oregon has you skinned as usual. I always knew that we could beat you raising blackberries, and now we have you skinned for cold weather too. You may brag about your 40 below but it you have never seen zero weather in a damp, salty atmosphere, you don't know what real cold weather is.

Some people don't believe anything except what they see in the newspaper, so I will enclose some clippings from the Eugene papers to prove the truth of my statement. We have nearly a foot of snow and are having zero weather right along as a regular diet. The gasoline freezes and busts the carburetor on my flivver about as fast as I can put them on, and they are having so much trouble with their pumps at the filling stations that they are talking of selling gas in chunks like ice.

The bootlegger are selling frozen moonshine molded into square chunks and colored to imitate butter. Some of the dishonest ones are selling butter to suckers who think they are getting the real stuff; I always put mine on the stove and test it out before I pay for it.

The hospitals are full of people with broken legs. This cold weather has forced some Oregonians to step lively, who never did such a thing before in all their life, and their rusty bones made still more brittle by the extreme cold, could not stand the strain of quick motion.

The people here have so many clothes on during this cold snap that when they slip on the slippery streets and fall down they can not get up again, and the Mayor had to put on 100 special police to set them up like pins in a bowling alley, as so many were down that they interfered with automobile traffic.

Our old drill which is down 3,000 feet had to suspend operations as the drill froze to the bottom of the well and they broke the cable trying to yank it loose.

A burglar broke into the police station, held up the chief and swiped his fur coat, the only one in town.

All the thermometers in town which were hung outside were busted one night, and we being curious to know how cold it was bought and hung out another and it was busted again the next night. This went on for several nights, and we thought the cold weather busted them, but last night they caught a fellow busting them with his fist. They asked him what he did it for and he said, because the d—n things all lie. "I saw 60 degrees below zero in Alaska and that was warm compared to this."

### NOTICE TO REMOVE LOGS

The following marks are on logs, which came on my place on Coquille river near Riverton during high water in 1924, and the owners are notified to remove them at once:

- Circle R, 2 cedar; circle M, 1 fir, 1 cedar; circle AC, 1 cedar; circle PL, 4 cedar, 3 fir; circle Mc, 5 cedar, 3 fir; DS, 7 cedar; EN, 2 cedar; circle J, 1 cedar, 5 fir; square FX, 2 fir; crescent in square, 6 cedar; F above C & C in oblong, 1 cedar; star in circle, 9 cedar, 2 fir; 1 8 9 trident in square, 3 cedar; 1-2-3-9 † in circle, 1 fir; EN, 1 cedar; circle FH, 3 cedar; triangle S, 1 cedar; GH 2 cedar; S reverse J, 1 cedar; triangle F, 1 cedar; H, 1 cedar; PLQ trident, 1 cedar; LOUD, 3 cedars; RM, 2 cedars; circle star AK, 3 cedars; circle CS, 1 fir; circle PE, 1 fir; cross below oblong, 1 fir; B, 1 fir; circle A, 1 cedar, 1 fir; circle T, 1 fir; circle trident ? K, 1 cedar.

J. D. Donaldson.

"I saved the price of a new tire this week. I had the Coquille Service Station fix that blow out, and now she's jake." Better take your old tires to them and have them vulcanized.

Warranty and Bargain & Sale Deeds for sale at the Sentinel office.

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**CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 6**  
"THE HUMDINGER"  
Not so beautiful, but a bear for half words, is the Humdinger, No. 20 Vertical in the only real stumper, though, because it's only in the big dictionary. The interlock with simpler words makes the solution possible for even the inexperienced.



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**Horizontal**

- Reproductive body
- Body of assistants
- Detest by alibiatory nerves
- To regret
- Not fresh
- A sewer (var. spelling)
- Stiffness
- Sting
- Indo-Chinese salient
- Vessel for seaweed
- Consumed
- Man's title
- Summers
- Not out
- Man's nickname
- Turbulent
- Above
- A pellet
- Weakness
- Greek letter
- Blang for head
- Pertaining to the steam
- Section of a wall
- Condition
- Not
- Set of steps
- A point
- A disconcerting
- A cerebral vivante

**Vertical**

- Admission to be quiet
- Perianth philosopher and poet
- To live again
- Handsome
- Purpose
- Prated to die
- Botanical term
- In front of the mouth
- Printer's measure
- Home formation
- Regular
- One suffering from boredom
- Infest
- Chemical term; an organic base
- The skeleton
- Explet
- First name of southern poet
- Chum
- Small mound

The solution will appear in next issue.

**It Traveled Far**  
Five years ago Mrs. James Crory, of Eastern Nebraska, lost her signet ring in a plum thicket near her home. While on a hunting trip recently her husband shot prairie chickens near the Wyoming line, 500 miles away. In the claw of one of the birds brought home was found a black, corroded ring, which, cleaned and polished, proved to be the ring she had lost five years before. Identification was complete through her initials on the ring.—Portland Journal.

**Solution of Puzzle No. 5**

