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**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS TO
BUILD NORTH.**

The State Highway commission of California has let a contract for 38 miles of hard surface road costing \$295,000, which is to be taken from the California \$18,000,000 state highway bond issue. The Humboldt Times, which gives this news in a special from Sacramento, makes the following comments: "The great state highway will pass through Humboldt county to the Oregon line, the Mendocino strip is located in what is known to the highway commissioners as route number two through which the road will be built from San Francisco to Oregon along the coast.

"For the past few months a large crew of surveyors have been in the field in Mendocino county and in southern Humboldt under the direction of State Highway Division Engineer Somner of Willits. The surveyors are now working in the neighborhood of Garberville along Sproul creek.

"Later the crew will survey north through Humboldt, following the line of the present county road, and into Del Norte county."

This matter concerns Grants Pass to a very large extent. If the people of Del Norte county will have this road continued from Crescent City to the state line near Waldo, Josephine county will complete it between Grants Pass and the California line. Much of our part of this road has already been completed and if we can secure a highway through to the sea we can reduce the freight rate to all points along the Pacific. We hope that the people of Del Norte county are fully alive to the situation and importance of this hard surface road. Crescent City will profit greatly by getting the California Highway commissioners to build to the Josephine county line, but if they cannot do this, have Del Norte county build the road.

HE ONLY PRETENDED TO SLEEP.

The congressional investigation, which is going on at Seattle in the impeachment proceedings of Judge Hanford, has resulted in no little evidence that the judge was in the habit of indulging in "boozing" quite frequently and appeared on the bench in an intoxicated condition. To meet this charge, ten character witnesses were placed on the stand last Saturday, who explained that the judge's appearance of napping on the bench was merely a habit. They said that the judge at all times, when closing his eyes and seeming to sleep, paid strict attention to what was going on in the court. Judge Hanford is not the only man who has been accused of sleeping at his post of duty. Mad Anthony Wayne was charged with sleeping on the battle field in the midst of a terrific fight with Indians. Napoleon, history says, was asleep in his saddle at the battle of Waterloo. This sleep habit, while not a crime, is decidedly out of place in a court room or, for that matter, on a battle field, but the question appears to be, was he asleep or merely making believe?

WONDERFUL GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT.

A dispatch from Eppingham, Ill., has this to say in regard to the good roads movement which will be read with interest by the men and women of Josephine county who have so earnestly urged the building of permanent roads:

"One hundred and forty thousand good roads boosters have joined the

movement for a national highway. At a meeting today in Highland 20,000 members were pledged and the campaign in Illinois was started.

"Missouri is the banner state, with 43,300 members. The Golden Rod of the Show You State waves in triumph over the sunflower of Kansas. Judge J. M. Lowe of Kansas City, president of the National Old Trails Ocean-to-Ocean association, and Col. Del M. Potter will go to Washington on the Times car to present the argument for federal aid for a national highway to President Taft, and later to Congress, and it is estimated that when this tour ends 300,000 voters will be pledged to work for a national highway over the old Cumberland pike."

The time will soon come when there will be good roads in every state. No movement during this part of the century has made progress as rapidly as this and the future looks even brighter than the past. The roads are being improved everywhere and the automobile manufacturers are as rapidly improving their machines. No longer is this horseless vehicle a plaything. It has entered into the business of everyday life, taking the place of the horse on all kinds of road rolling stock.

A TERRIBLE MODERN PEST.

The caterpillar plague in Colorado is of a character never before equaled. To illustrate—a dispatch from Central City says that millions of these worms have sprung into existence in the gulches near that city and are destroying the forests, eating the crops and have even tied up the tramways used to bring down ore from the mines. They have made the tramway rails so slippery that they cannot be operated until the insects have been scrubbed off and the rails sanded. The account continues that the mines have been invaded, their galleries made so slippery with their crushed bodies that operation of the mines has become hazardous. The miners, the farmers and all classes have appealed to the state forestry department for relief. Will our scientists be good enough to hazard a guess as to the reason for the visit of the caterpillar? These insects are even worse than the 17-year locust, but fortunately that plague has not put in an appearance for at least 30 years. The caterpillar has this year spread over a number of states and its encroachment is being fought by the authorities in a number of commorwealths.

IF THE CAMPAIGN WERE ONLY OVER.

If the political campaign were only a thing of the past, most people would be greatly pleased. It does seem as if common, ordinary presidential politics are one of the worst scourges inflicted on the country. The desire to bring about productive conditions in the United States is so universal that it may be said that the business world is ready for expanded enterprises as soon as politics take a more settled shape.

NEWSPAPER OPINIONS OF WOODROW WILSON.

It is interesting to watch the great newspapers of the country in their comments on the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for president by the democratic party. These papers, almost regardless of politics, speak in the highest terms of Mr. Wilson, and a large majority of them prophesy his election. A few of them mention a possible third party, which they say might make a difference, but others claim that such a new organization would only insure the success of the democrats. The most of the editorial writers talk about the American people as being capable of managing their own affairs and make the claim that the days of caesism are gone forever. It is contended that the progressives of the two parties are likely to line up for the New Jersey governor. This, of

course, is only newspaper talk, but, like straws, it tells which way the wind blows. It will take fully another fortnight to gain a clear comprehension of the political situation nationally.

THE SEASON OF 1912.

This has been an exceptionally cold spring and late summer, but we have finally come down to the old fashioned summer time and people enjoy it hugely. Old timers talk about our late rains and cool weather as being something that visits us about once in every ten years. This may be unpleasant to some people, but the farmers rejoice as such a condition brings good crops of all kinds. This season will be pleasantly remembered by most people for the many good things it has brought us. There have been more farms developed this year than in any one year in the history of the county and the outlook is good in mining and all other lines of industry. All we are called upon to do is to unite our energies and work together for the common good.

A YEAR OF BUMPER CROPS.

Kansas made a call for 30,000 farm hands to assist in harvesting her wonderful wheat crop. The Sun Flower state has long had the record in wheat growing, but this year she outstrips herself. Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri, like Kansas, have also wonderful crops in both wheat and corn. The states mentioned are not the only ones which are fortunate in crop growing this year. The whole country is rejoicing and when market day comes, the returns will bring prosperity to the people of the various sections. Prosperity always follows when our farmers are successful and this year there will be no exception to the rule.

**THE NEWEST DANGEROUS. EPI-
DEMIC DISEASE.**

The hookworm disease seems to be spreading with great rapidity. Virginia and other extreme southern states is where it has prevailed for a long time but it has now entered Kentucky. During the fall of 1910, the surgeon general of the United States army announced that a large portion of the recruits from that state were infected with this terrible disease. This announcement created such interest throughout Kentucky that an appropriation was secured from the next legislature and an investigation started which has never ceased since then, and it was found that the disease exists in 28 counties in different parts of the state.

The hookworm disease is so called from the fact that a small round worm about one-half inch in length and about as thick as an ordinary hairpin is the cause. The sufferer from the disease is said to be a pitiful object. The first symptoms show intense anemia. As the disease takes further hold the sufferer swells in all parts of the body, the skin becomes pasty, the face loses its look of intelligence; in children the growth is stunted and the victim looks prematurely old. Extreme lassitude is a never failing first symptom; then the swelling begins and continues together with the lassitude until the victim dies.

The 15th annual international congress on hygiene and demography, which meets in Washington in September, will take up and discuss this terrible epidemic disease. The Kentucky state board of health has already determined that the general disregard for sanitation in the country and small towns, and the outskirts of larger ones, is responsible for nearly all cases of the hookworm malady.

MONEY SAVED TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

The people of Grants Pass have been rewarded for their practical business methods in providing fire protection for this city. Already the

fire insurance companies have reduced their rates to an extent that will pay the cost of the fire fighting apparatus every year, so it will be seen that it pays the property holders to provide fire protection by investing in a machine that is equal to the best in use. The only regret is that this policy was not adopted at least five years ago. It would have saved a large amount of money for those who are so unfortunate as to have fires.

**SOCIALISTIC VIEW OF THE
TARIFF.**

The Chicago Evening World (Socialist) takes up the subject of tariff as connected with the two old parties. It says:

"It is clear that the republican and democratic parties are getting ready for another sham battle. They are trotting out the old moth-eaten tariff question as the great issue of the day. They hope thereby to divert the attention of the workers from the problems with which they are really concerned.

"The democratic platform declares that 'the high republican tariff is the principal cause of the unequalled distribution of wealth.' This statement is absolutely false, and the men who wrote it know that it is false. They know that in free-trade England, where there is no protective tariff, the extreme of poverty and riches are even greater than in the United States.

"The hypocrisy of the capitalistic parties, both in the United States and England, is shown by the fact that in England, where they have free trade, the conservative party tells the workers 'your misery is due to free trade. Your poverty will be abolished if we establish a protective tariff.'"

"In the United States, on the other hand, the democratic party puts forward exactly the opposite proposition, and tells the workers that their poverty is due to the high protective tariff."

That was a terrible fight that W. J. Bryan had with the Tammany Tiger at Baltimore. The brute went limping back to New York but the Nebraska statesman turned his face to the west and reached his home near Lincoln without the sign of a scratch made by the tiger's claw.

The people of this county must not forget that the big Grange fair is the place to make a display of "home manufactured" goods. Such an exhibit can be made very interesting and will astonish most people.

NEW HOPE.

Hughie York, Miss Flo Wynant, Mrs. Messinger and Mr. Parkey spent the Fourth at Ashland and report a fine time.

Miss Eva McAllister spent the Fourth at Swede Basin.

Miss Grace McAllister attended the dance at Wilderville Thursday.

Misses Grace and Eva McAllister and Miss Hilda Lempke took dinner with Miss Flo Wynant Sunday.

George Barden is in the chicken business. He has two dozen and a half hens and some days he gets three eggs.

Everybody is busy making hay now. Mr. Warner and family spent the Fourth at Ashland.

Miss Hilda Lempke of Grants Pass is visiting relatives here for a week.

Mrs. Lawless entertained Mrs. John Scherz on the Fourth.

Mrs. H. S. Wynant entertained Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. McAllister and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and son on the Fourth. Ice cream and cake in abundance were served. Later in the day they all went to the Leonard Orchard, where there was lots to eat and everything was fine. Mr. Hill is certainly doing a noble work on the place.

Get your ride now from the Rogue River Hardware Co. while they have a complete stock. Remember it is only about three weeks until the deer season is open. 7-12-12

Artistic Job Work at the Courier

**HUNDREDS ATTEND GRANTS PASS
DAY AT ASHLAND CHAUTAUQUA**

Grants Pass Day at the Southern Oregon Chautauqua at Ashland, Wednesday, was participated in by hundreds of Ashland people besides several hundred Grants Pass residents, and added another success to the credit of this city. A special train leaving at 9 o'clock carried about 100 passengers for Ashland, while many went earlier in the day, and there were already scores of Grants Pass people in attendance at the sessions, these all helping to swell the crowd that filled the assembly hall in the afternoon.

The program was rendered as previously published in the Courier with the addition of readings by Mrs. Laura Thomas Gunnell, which added greatly to the pleasure of the afternoon. Miss Ethel Palmer played the second piano part in two four-hand numbers, taking the place of Prof. Field, who notified the committee late the previous afternoon that he would be unable to attend. Great credit is due Miss Palmer for her masterful rendition of these two difficult pieces with so short a time for preparation.

The Ashland people were enthusiastic in their applause, and to the question propounded by President Billings: "What's the matter with Grants Pass?" there came back the spontaneous response, "She's all right," given with a heartiness which assured the visitors that their efforts had been appreciated.

At the evening session, before the regular program, Miss Genevieve Pattillo and Miss LaCosta Mangum each gave pleasing vocal selections.

In the afternoon Rev. Robt. McLean conducted the round table, taking as his topic the Latin republics

and discussing the question of the United States establishing a protectorate. His time was very short on account of the length of the afternoon program.

Many Grants Pass people remained at Ashland to attend the closing sessions of Chautauqua.

The following was the musical program arranged by the people of this city:

- Overture — "Semiramide".....Rossini Orchestra
- Ladies Quartette—"Song of the Seasons".....Hawley Mrs. Sabin, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Herrick, Miss Pattillo.
- For Two Pianos:
 - a. Concerto in G. Minor..... Mendelssohn Miss Winifred Flanagan,
 - b. Danse Macabre.....St. Saens Miss Bernice Quinlan
- Vocal Solo—"When the Heart is Young".....Dudley Buck Mrs. W. W. Walker
- Clarinet Quartet.....Mayer Messrs. Wharton, Hubbert, Newell and Applehoff
- Double Quartette — "Nightingale and Rose".....C. Lehnert Misses Nina Paddock, LaCosta Mangum, Genevieve Pattillo and Mille Drake
- Messrs. L. L. Herrick, G. P. Cramer, A. E. Voorhies, Theo. P. Cramer, Mrs. L. L. Herrick, Accompanist.
- Piano Solo—"Scherzo".....Chopin Miss Ethel Carolyn Palmer
- Vocal Duet—"Excelsior".....Baife Miss LaCosta Mangum, Prof. MacMurray
- Overture—"William Tell".....Rossini Orchestra

**HAWKINS IS NEW
MANAGER UNITED PRESS.**

NEW YORK, July 11.—Announcement is made today of the appointment, effective at once, of W. W. Hawkins, first vice president of the United Press, as general news manager of the organization. The new head of the United Press, who, at varied times, has served as manager of the Albany, Washington and San Francisco bureaus, succeeds Roy W. Howard, recently elected to the board of directors.

**GENERALS MOVE IN MEX-
ICAN CHECKER GAME.**

EL PASO, July 10.—General Huerta of the federal army is moving toward Juarez from Chihuahua. General Orozco, during the night, moved the rest of his rebel troops from Encillas to Juarez, the move being hastened by the approach of the federals. It is believed the rebels will attempt to hold Juarez against the federals as the rebel capital.

**WILEY PREDICTS ELECTION
WILSON AND MARSHALL.**

CHICAGO, July 11.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former republican officeholder, believes Wilson and Marshall will sweep the country. Wiley made this assertion here today.

"I think Wilson and Marshall will sweep the country with their kind of progressivism," said Wiley. "They are both progressives from principle and not from policy, as is one person I might mention. I think Roosevelt will run far ahead of Taft on a third party ticket."

PRISONERS EAT GAME COCKS.

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., July 11.—Thirty thoroughbred gamecocks, captured in a raid on an illegal cock-fight, were served at dinner to the city jail prisoners here. Some of the feathered warriors were tough and battle-scarred, but the guests voted the banquet a success.

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