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THE INEVITABLE HAS COME

The expected has arrived. A
move is on foot to initiate a reduc-
tion of three-fourths in the price
of auto and truck licenses.

Oregon has shouldered an enor-
mous bonded debt for roads which
certainly were needed but which
she was unable without much dis-
comfort to pay for.

Protests were quieted and oppo-
sition put to sleep by the soporific
whisper that the roads would not
cost the taxpayers anything, be-
cause automobile license fees would
take care of the bonds, interest,
principal and all.

Maps were circulated, showing
paved roads almost to every man's
door, and issue after issue of bonds
was authorized. Then the screws
began to turn, raising auto and
truck licenses and gasoline taxes
little by little. Blood would be
drawn without the loser of it—
the dear public—feeling it.

Now it is discovered that these
auto owners are taxpayers and,
more threatening still to the
smooth-laid plans, they are voters.

The promised market roads, the
roads which were the most needed,
have not been paved. The auto
owner who lives where for a good
part of the year a streak of mud
in place of a road separates him
from the market, from the rail-
road and from paved roads, after
voting for road bonds and paying
his taxes, his auto and truck li-
cense fees and a high price for gas-
oline, feels as if he had bought a
gold brick on the installment plan.

Perhaps the farm auto owners
who are stuck in the mud cannot
outvote the city goldbrickers and
reduce the installments, but if they
join forces with the other auto
owners who are being cinched to
pay for roads something is likely to
happen in a state where there are
more auto cars than families.

A few years ago when farmers
complained because the road-bond
money was all being spent on
through lines and the promises of
feeder roads into rural regions ig-
nored they were told: "Have pa-
tience. The work cannot all be
done at once. After the through-
lines are finished your roads will
come." Now he is told: "The
fund will hardly finish the through
roads that have been begun. If
you want roads, build 'em."

It looks as if Slim Von Hog-
straightener failed to get enough
coin to meet his needs by commer-
cializing his courtship and mar-
riage and selling the story of it
for publication. After Millicent
Rogers married him she found he
was penniless. She sold a string of
pearls to pay their passage to Eu-
rope, but there they were worse off
than in America. Millicent has
\$10,000 a year from her grand-
mother's estate, but that is a trifle
to the state count. He threatened
if her father does not change his
attitude and punge up for her,
divorce the "dream pig," which
would probably be the best thing
that could happen to her.

After one look into an Ameri-
can kitchen, with all its conveni-
ences and devices to save time and
work, the marvelous buttons that
one has but to press to work won-
ders, the equipment to make
everything quick, comfortable and
easy, I undertook America for the
first time.—Mrs. John Adams of
London.

If only the above fitted "the"
American home, instead of one in
a thousand! How many years it
would add to the lives of weary
housewives! Let us hope such a
day may come.

EVOLUTION

People who deery the teaching
of evolution are usually people
who do not know the meaning of
the word. Half of them think it
means the theory that man de-
scended from the ape and that
Darwin taught it, neither of which
suppositions is true.

Evolution is the process which
produced the Burbank and rose
potatoes from their scrub ancestors.
It produced the gorgeous blooms
of the modern flower garden from
modest-blossoming wild plants.

It has produced the belleflower,
Spitzenberg and Baldwin apples
from the runty little fruits our
great-grandfathers knew.

It took the scrub cattle of a few
centuries ago and from them
evolved the Jersey, Holstein and
other excellent breeds of which
Oregon is so proud today.

Within authentic history's scope
evolution has produced the braini-
est, most scholarly and efficient
race of people the world has ever
known, the offspring of the bar-
barous hordes of Goths and Van-
dals and Huns who once overran
Europe and almost completely
quenched the light of such civiliza-
tion as then existed.

When Roger William went out
from the Puritans, declaring that
they had no God-given right to
decide what he might believe or
disbelieve, or to compel by law the
observance of their sabbath, and
founded the Baptist church, that
was evolution.

Without evolution not one of
the churches of today would have
come into existence.

People sing: "God moves in
a mysterious way his wonders to
perform" and then think they are
wise enough to pierce all myste-
ries and whoever fails to see things
their way is in error.

Their interpretation of each
text in the Bible is the only cor-
rect one.

If they understand the state-
ment that God made man of dust
to mean that he did it directly and
instantly, then it would have been
impossible for him to extend the
operation through millions of
years, passing the material through
thousands of vegetable and animal
forms in the process, and whoever
dares to look at evidence which
the Almighty inscribed on rocks
and mountains and ocean beds is
on the dirt road to hell.

The Enterprise has found a spot
where it can agree with Senator
Lafollette. The senator has intro-
duced a bill for government control
of the mineral oil industry and the
price of gasoline. The Teapot Dome
bribery charges will look pretty small
beside the sums that will be spent to
beat such a bill if it seems to have
any chance of becoming a law.

The cruising of timber land to
ascertain its value for taxation pur-
pose is being discussed. Some people ar-
guing that the cruiser who reports
the most timber is worth the most
pay. By this time the fellow who
sits down and guesses at 60,000,000
feet should have a bigger salary than
he who makes a careful examination
and finds but 50,000,000 feet.

Judge Eakin, at Astoria, has
ruled that evidence of law viola-
tion, though obtained illegally, is
admissible in the trial of the viola-
tor. This disagrees with the
Portland judge who held that Mr.
Labbe should not be tried for
breaking the law because somebody
else also had broken it.

Eggs older than any ever served
in a Portland restaurant have been
found in South Dakota. They
are petrified and their age is esti-
mated at between 80,000,000 and
80,000,000 years.

"The dead know not anything."
That is why Frank A. Vanderlip
does not know that he is a "dead
one."

Mr. McAdoo was the best presiden-
tial timber available for the democr-
atic party, and no taint of corrup-
tion has been fastened upon him, but the
fact that he has drawn large fees as
attorney for "big business" since he
withdrew from public office would
cost him and the party many votes if
he should be the nominee, and the
chance that he may be is not as good
as it was. Meantime every attempt
to fasten oil stains on Coolidge has
failed and today he is the logical can-
didate of his party.

Oregon Occurrences

(Continued from page 1)

At a meeting held in Condon and
composed of the majority of farmers
and business men of Gilliam county,
two resolutions were adopted with-
out a dissenting vote, urging congress
to pass the McNary-Haugen export
corporation wheat bill. In addition to
this, every man and woman present
contributed to a fund to be used in
defraying expenses and organized
themselves into the Gilliam Farmers
and Business Men's league.

Cutting of bag limits and shortening
of open seasons for fish and game in
the interest of wild life conservation
is a definite program agreed upon by
the state sportsmen's association at
its annual meeting in Portland.

Theodore T. Geer, who served as
tenth governor of the state of Ore-
gon in the years 1899-1903, died at his
home, 470 East Fifty-third street
North, Portland, as the result of a
stroke of paralysis suffered recently.
The ex-governor was 73 years old.

Miles Cannon, field commissioner of
the bureau of reclamation, Washing-
ton, D. C., met with 300 Klamath irri-
gators to hear complaints and recom-
mendations of the water users. Can-
non's findings on this project will be
submitted in a report to the secretary
of the interior.

A meeting of the labor officials of
Oregon, California and Washington
probably will be held within the next
few weeks to determine the best
methods to be used in handling un-
employed in the three states. It is an-
nounced by C. H. Gram, state labor
commissioner.

Helen H. Moore, 19-year-old daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moore, of
Salem, was declared winner of the
first prize in the contest conducted by
the Salem chamber of commerce with
relation to designing an automobile
windshield sticker appropriate for ad-
vertising that city.

A new town will spring up at Odell
lake within the next six weeks with
a population of more than 1500 per-
sons, according to the railroad con-
tractors on the Eugene-Klamath line,
who plan to establish camps at Odell
where a small army of workers will
be quartered, probably for the next
year.

The winter fishing season on the
Columbia river will close Saturday
and no commercial fishing will be per-
mitted from then to the opening of the
regular fishing season at noon on May
1. The winter season has been a fairly
successful one for the comparatively
few fishermen who have had their
nets in the water.

Roy Klein, secretary of the state
highway commission, announced that
he had instructed John Baker, district
attorney of Hood River county, to
proceed with the prosecution of the
Pacific Telephone & Telegraph com-
pany on charges of wanton destruc-
tion of trees along the Columbia river
highway in the vicinity of Castle Rock.

A list of bootleggers and moon-
shiners in Wasco and Sherman coun-
ties, was received by Sheriff Chris-
man from Sheriff Hill of Tulare, Cal.
The list was taken from the body of
Roy Vincent, alias "Alabama," who was
killed by the California sheriff while
resisting arrest in connection with the
Mosier bank robbery of last Novem-
ber.

While engaged in blasting stumps
on their land between Aurora and
Wilsonville, Naef brothers, prosperous
farmers, found in the wreckage of one
big stump a \$10 gold piece and two
silver dollars. A careful search failed
to reveal any more money. There
is a general impression that the money
was a part of the loot stolen from the
Aurora bank.

The Fidelity & Deposit company,
with headquarters in Maryland, which
in April, 1923, bonded George L.
Cleaver, state prohibition director, in
the amount of \$5000, has notified Gov-
ernor Pierce and Sam A. Koser, sec-
retary of state, that the protection af-
forded the official under the bond
would be terminated at the expiration
of the 30-day period.

There were three fatalities in Ore-
gon due to industrial accidents dur-
ing the week ending February 21, ac-
cording to a report prepared by the
state industrial accident commission.
The victims included: C. A. Moran,
Portland, faller; Ernest Soash, Scan-

oose, truck driver, and A. E. Al-
ridge, Rector, logger. A total of 139
accidents was reported.

Fines collected through the activi-
ties of the state traffic officers operat-
ing under the direction of the law
enforcement bureau of the state motor
vehicle department during 1923 ag-
gregated \$28,761.15, according to the
annual report of the traffic depart-
ment. Fees totaled \$33,429.83. The re-
port indicates that the traffic officers
covered 247,996 miles and made 1576
arrests.

Allotments amounting to \$480,174
have been approved by the bureau of
public roads for the forest road sec-
tions of the Roosevelt highway, Sena-
tor McNary was advised. These funds
are to be used as follows: Reedsport,
Coox bay section, three miles, \$68,674;
Brush creek, Mussel creek section,
\$75,000; Neskwinn-Siletz section, 22.5
miles, \$228,500. Another allotment for
still another section is for \$58,000.

County agricultural conferences to
consider the agricultural program
adopted at the economic conference
at the Oregon Agricultural college the
last of January will be held soon in
four counties. Such conferences have
already been held in Lane, Josephine,
Jackson and Deschutes counties.
Crook county will have one February
28-March 1; Malheur, March 5-6;
Union, March 7-8, and Hood River,
March 10-12.

Miss Cleona Smith was home from
Eugene over Saturday and Sunday.

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Representative Hawley of Oregon,
a member of the ways and means
committee of the house of represen-
tatives, in a speech on the proposed
tax reduction bill declared that the
present bill proposes to make it pos-
sible to multiply the number who pay
income taxes above \$10,000. The bill
reduces the taxes of all taxpayers,
relieves from all income taxes a great
number now paying in the lower
brackets. No person whose taxable in-
come is \$10,000 or less will pay any
surtax. Before computing the normal
tax, several exemptions are sub-
tracted. The normal rate is reduced
25 per cent. And after the tax is
computed 25 per cent of the tax will
be subtracted in the case of earned
incomes. This will apply to all tax-
payers in the lower brackets. The
tax of a married man with two chil-
dren, having an earned income of
\$6,000, will be reduced 44 per cent.

A Salvation Army lass had ap-
proached a group of young sports
standing on a corner, and one of them
as she held out her tambourine took
a nickel from his pocket and said
freshly, "If I give you this nickel
will you say a prayer for me this
evening when you lay your pretty
head on your pillow?" "I'll say it
now" she replied, and as he dropped
in his nickel, she lifted up her face
and said, "O Lord, make this young
man's heart as soft as his head."

Machete and Hoe.
The only implements used by most
of the native farmers in Portuguese
East Africa in cultivating corn, kaffir
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short-handled hoe instead of a plow.

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Present wages make necessary
present railroad rates, and there-
fore wages and rates must stand
or fall together.

The hourly wage of railway em-
ployes at the end of 1923 was 120
per cent higher than 1916. About
90 per cent of all employes are
paid on an hourly basis. The
average wage per day of all em-
ployes paid on a daily basis in
1916 was \$3.04, and in 1923 it was
\$7.91, an increase of 160 per cent.

The average earnings of all em-
ployes in the year 1916 were \$892,
or \$4.83 a month. In the 12
months ended with November,
1923, they were \$1,626, or \$135.55
a month, an increase of only 82
per cent. This apparent discrep-
ancy between the earnings per day
and per hour on the one hand and
the earnings per month on the
other is due to the fact that the
number of hours worked per day
and per month by a great majority
of the employes has been reduced.

The reduction of hours has in-
creased the amount of wages the
railways must pay by making it
necessary for them to employ more
men. For every 1,000 tons the
railways hauled one mile in 1916
they paid out \$3.10 in wages, while
for the same service in 1913 the
wages paid were \$6.10, or almost
exactly double.

It is curious how many hold that
indecency is the most unforgivable
sin. Their denunciation never lets up

A carload of condensed
milk is being assembled in
Oregon and Washington to be
sent to the children of the near
east. This will be joined by other
cars collected on the coast and in
the middle west, and by the time
they reach Chicago it is expected
that at least one solid trainload of
milk will be the result. Trans-
portation is furnished free by the
railroads. "There is nothing so
essential for our children in the
near east as milk," states J. J.
Handwerker, director, "and there
are more than 100,000 underfed
orphans for whom this milk is
being collected."

"The Rosary" Popular.
Eighty thousand copies of the song,
"The Rosary," were sold in 1913, the
year of its publication, and many
thousands of copies have been sold
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