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**MORE ABOUT ROADS**

Fred J. Preston, in last week's  
Brownsville Times, gives evidence  
that he is still in the fight for a de-  
cent road from Brownsville to Mount-  
ain Home which his father waged as  
long as he lived.

We disagree with him in the idea  
expressed below that the tourists  
leave no money in the state. They  
leave it in millions, but it does the  
farmer little good. It benefits the  
people who were able to hog all the  
road funds for their own benefit and  
leave the farmers to hang. It has  
been pointed out that quite a lot of  
this tourist money goes for farm pro-  
duce, but it goes in the summer sea-  
son when unpaved roads are good and  
most farmers are too busy to use  
them. "A road passable at all times  
of the year to the heaviest of traffic"  
which Mr. Preston calls for, is what  
was promised when votes for bonds  
were wanted, and it has not been pro-  
duced even on the paved highway. It  
is a pretty sanguine farmer who  
hopes to live to see such roads reach-  
ing back into the country where big  
loads of produce ought to be moving  
toward market all winter. We give  
some extracts from Mr. Preston's let-  
ter:

Our citizens are waiting the decision  
of the County Court as to the designa-  
tion of our road and would ask reason  
as to the cause of delay.

We stand ready to go forward with  
our end of the program, to deed the  
right of way, board the surveyors free  
of charge and carry the chains in the  
preliminary survey. If the accursed  
automobile together with some of the  
politicians were banished from the  
earth, the rural population would have  
had market roads long ago and not  
so much money would have been ex-  
pended on the highways for the bene-  
fit of the summer tourist, who go  
thither and yon, who add nothing to  
the coffers of the state and often  
leave a trail of crime in their wake.

We want action, nothing less will  
satisfy us. We want a road built up  
to the specifications of the state mar-  
ket road law, passable at all times of  
the year to the heaviest of traffic, so  
it will give us an outlet for our great-  
est natural resource—the timber, and  
make it possible to give our children  
a high school education at home.

We appreciate the efforts of Editor  
Loomis, Charles Sterling and their co-  
workers to secure allotments to be  
spent this year, and are going to act  
on Mr. Loomis's suggestion and keep  
"plugging."

Marion P. Wheeler of Greenleaf is  
the son of the editor of the Enterprise  
but he ought not to be blamed for  
that. He couldn't help it.

The state highway from Junction  
City to Florence goes through his  
farm, or will if it ever comes in full  
existence. Marion writes:

"The Italian who had made life a  
nightmare for us for the last five  
months, while he camped in our door-  
yard with as many as twenty-two  
horses and monkeyed around with the  
road, has gone and if I ever get the  
fence back in the shape it was in  
before, as far as the road will let me,  
we will feel better."

Like Earl Albertson here, Marion  
has a home-made radio plant. He  
writes:

"We sent The Times, Los Angeles,  
(KHJ) a letter a little over a week  
ago, thanking them for what they were  
doing for us, and joking about  
directions and invitations to a barbe-  
cue, telling him that I cranked Lizzie  
up and backed her into the road and  
she sank into the mud up to the seat  
of her pants, and I backed out, and  
Uncle John read the whole works to  
us last night.

"The radio is the most marvelous  
invention of the 20th century, to my  
mind. It has brought the most ex-  
quisite beautiful music, and talks  
from the most celebrated minds, to  
our fireside."

A nation-wide campaign is on  
to prohibit the teaching of evolu-  
tion in the schools. If the law  
could compel the thrashing out of  
the evidence on both sides some-  
thing worth while might be accom-  
plished, but a law banning one  
side of a moot question can be  
productive of mischief only. One  
religious faction believes the evo-  
lution theory coincides with the  
Bible. Another believes they con-  
flict. The majority has no right  
to prohibit the study of natural  
facts nor to permit the teaching in  
the schools of religious or anti-  
religious theories based on them.

We have received a pamphlet full of  
reasons why we are asked to favor  
Mr. Underwood as a democratic pres-  
ident, but we fail to find in it any-  
thing to controvert the report that  
he wants the prohibition bars lowered  
a little. Therefore he can't be our  
choice for that uncertain place in the  
race.

Oil paintings are not popular in  
Washington. Some people there  
have been painted in oil until they  
are very weary of it.

Mr. Vanderlip attacked a dead  
president and lost the battle. Now  
he is attacking a live one. Watch  
for the outcome.

The Pierce recall movement  
still exists—a lame and halting  
existence. Poor little orphans!

Mr. McAdoo and Senator Reed  
are not sleeping together.

**Oregon Occurrences**

(Continued from page 1)

The public service commission filed  
in the circuit court at Salem an  
answer to the suit brought by nine  
railroads operating in Oregon to en-  
join the commission from putting into  
effect lower grain rates under an  
order issued by the public service de-  
partment a few weeks ago.

The eastern Oregon basketball tour-  
nament to decide what team will  
represent district No. 1 has started.  
Ten teams qualified to enter—Ontario,  
Prairie City, Baker, North Powder,  
Union, La Grande, Imbler, Wallowa,  
Enterprise and Joseph.

The public service commission, in  
a telegram sent to the interstate com-  
merce commission, has recommended  
the issuance of certificates of con-  
venience and necessity to the Mal-  
heur Railroad company and the Valley  
& Siletz Railroad company.

Portland's bank clearings for Feb-  
ruary exceeded those of any February  
in the history of the clearing house.  
With clearings for the month of \$140,  
739,962, the total was 5.78 per cent  
above the highest total for this period  
which was ever set before.

The Curry county grand jury at  
Gold Beach returned a not true bill  
after hearing evidence on the killing  
of Lawrence Hare by Paul Mumpower,  
state liquor agent. A not true bill  
also was returned in the case of A.  
E. Neill, who was working with Mumpower.

In 1923 the state fire marshal's  
department, under the jurisdiction of  
Will Moore, state insurance commis-  
sioner, obtained confessions from 34  
persons who were parties to the crime  
of arson. Fires started by these per-  
sons resulted in losses aggregating  
\$54,000.

Wheat was exported from the  
Columbia river during December, 1923,  
less than from all of the other parts in  
the United States combined. The  
December shipments from the Colum-  
bia river totaled 1,558,296 bushels  
against 1,852,127 for the rest of the  
United States ports.

Five hundred thousand trout five  
and six inches long were recently li-  
berated in the McKenzie river above  
the state hatchery near Vida, accord-  
ing to E. H. Goff, superintendent of  
the plant. These trout are longer  
than those usually liberated, being  
held over from last year.

Sale by public bidding of approxi-  
mately 750,000,000 feet, board measure,  
of ripe western yellow pine and other  
species of timber on the Klamath In-  
dian reservation of Oregon has been  
approved by the secretary of the in-  
terior. The timber is the tribal prop-  
erty of the Indians living on the reser-  
vation.

There were two fatalities in Oregon  
due to industrial accidents in the week  
ending February 25, according to a  
report issued by the state industrial  
accident commission. The victims  
were A. E. Aldridge, Beaverton, log-  
ger, and James McGraw, Leneve, hook-  
tender. A total of 613 accidents were  
reported.

The Roseburg chamber of commerce  
withdrew from the United States  
chamber of commerce after a member-  
ship of a few days, when members of  
the local post of the American Legion  
presented literature bearing the name  
of the United States chamber oppos-  
ing adjusted compensation for world  
war veterans.

Although Oregon frequently has  
been charged with extravagance in  
the operation of its educational sys-  
tem, figures in possession of J. A.  
Churchill, state superintendent of  
schools, show that Maryland is the  
only state that spent less than Ore-  
gon for education in 1920, based on  
total expenditures.

Just as the highway commission was  
about to open bids for paving with  
concrete 10 miles between Albany and  
Corvallis, an opinion was received  
from the attorney-general that the  
advertisement for this job was illegal.  
The illegality consisted in advertis-  
ing for one type of pavement, which  
prevented competition.

Investigation resulting from the an-  
nouncement by Governor Pierce that  
he intends to go before the legislature  
at its next session and urge an in-  
creased appropriation for the conduct  
of the state prohibition department  
has revealed that the entire \$25,000  
allotted to the department for its first  
year's operations was spent in less  
than nine months.

The Indian school enrollment at  
Chemawa will be reduced approxi-  
mately one-third and more than 300  
students now attending the institu-  
tion will be prevented from contin-  
uing their education there if legisla-  
tion now pending before congress is  
not blocked. The house has inserted  
a provision in the interior department  
bill prohibiting Alaskan children from  
attending the Chemawa institution  
after July, 1924, which the senate had  
eliminated, but Senator McNary is  
not sure but that an attempt will be  
made to have it reinserted.

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R. C. Goodman proved to  
be a bad man. He was a  
manual training teacher of boys  
at Hood river and highly respect-  
ed. He lured a 16-year-old boy  
to help him in a series of thefts  
and he landed in jail, as offenders  
usually do.

E. D. Isom and family and John  
Willbanks went to Eugene Sunday af-  
ternoon to visit D. I. Isom.

Linn county's net debt was reduced  
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**In the  
Days  
of Poor  
Richard**  
by **IRVING  
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(Continued)

Solomon Binkus and Peter and Israel  
and John Bones and some settlers  
north of Horse valley arrived next day  
with the captured Indians, who, under  
a military guard, were sent on to the  
Great Father at Johnson castle.

Colonel Hare was astonished that  
neither Solomon Binkus nor John  
Irons nor his son would accept any gift  
for the great service they had done  
him.

"I owe you more than I can ever  
pay," he said to the faithful Binkus.  
"Money would not be good enough for  
your reward."  
Solomon stepped close to the great  
man and said in a low tone:  
"Them young 'uns has growed kind  
o' lovesick an' I wouldn't wonder. I  
don't ask only one thing. Don't make  
no mistake 'bout this 'ere boy. In the  
bush we have a way o' pickin' out men.  
We see how they stan' up to danger  
an' 'ard work an' goin' hungry. Jack  
is a reg'lar he-man. I know 'em when  
I see 'em, which—it's a sure fact—I've  
seen all kinds. He's got brains an'  
courage, an' a tough arm an' a good  
heart. He'd die fer a friend any day.  
Ye kaint' do no more. So don't make  
no mistake 'bout him. He ain't no  
hemlock bow. I calculate there ain't  
no better man-timber nowhere—no,  
sir, not nowhere in this world—call it  
king er lord er duke er any name ye  
like. So, sir, if ye feel like doin'  
suthin' fer me—which I didn't never  
expect it, when I done what I did—I'll  
say be good to the boy. You'd never  
have to be 'shamed o' him."

"He's a likely lad," said Colonel  
Hare. "And I am rather impressed by  
your words, although they present a  
view that is new to me. We shall be  
returning soon and I dare say they  
will presently forget each other, but  
if not, and he becomes a good man—  
as good a man as his father—let us  
say—and she should wish to marry  
him, I would gladly put her hand in  
his."

At Fort Stanwix, John Irons sold his  
farm and house and stock to Peter  
Bones and decided to move his family  
to Albany, where he could educate his  
children. Both he and his wife had  
grown weary of the loneliness of the  
back country, and the peril from which  
they had been delivered was a decid-  
ing factor. So it happened that the

Irons family and Solomon went to  
Albany by bateau with the Hares. It  
was a delightful trip in good autumn  
weather, in which Colonel Hare has  
acknowledged that both he and his wife  
acquired a deep respect "for these  
sneaky, wise, upright Americans, some  
of whom are as well learned, I should  
say, as most men you would meet in  
London."

**CHAPTER II**

Sowing the Dragon's Teeth.  
That winter the Irons family and  
Solomon Binkus went often to the  
meetings of the Sons of Liberty. The  
purpose of this organization was to  
induce people to manufacture their  
own necessities and thus avoid buying  
the products of Great Britain. Facto-

The grand jury indicted Roy Dempsey  
for his share in the robbery of the  
store of Lamar & Lamar at  
Peoria. E. W. Cole was indicted for  
stealing sheep, pleaded guilty and was  
sentenced to six months in jail and  
paroled on account of illness in his  
family. Only one other case was  
investigated and the accused, being  
named Wheeler, was not indicted. He  
was W. R. Wheeler of Lebanon, ac-  
cused of forgery.

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