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COMMUNITY WORK

The county forum, with local forums co-operating with it and with each other, may mean much to Linn county. "Every one for himself and the deuce take the hindmost" may have suited the cave man and some of the generations in the course of his evolution into the race as we have it today, but that motto is obsolete among right-thinking people.

"All for each and each for all" is more in harmony with the spirit of progress.

Halsey is ripe for development along this line. The moving picture here, at one time our most noticeable week-day diversion, was starved out by the increasing number and popularity of entertainments by home talent. School organizations, fraternal bodies and societies are giving more and better diversions from the daily grind and receiving liberal patronage. The time seems to be approaching when even a prophet might be received with honor in his own country.

The community organization being accomplished with the aid of the county forum means an intensifying of this co-operative spirit.

One of the early results is likely to be a spacious community house in which the public work of Halsey organizations may be presented. Several localities in the county already have such buildings and are deriving general good from them.

A building which would house the city council, fraternal society entertainments, radio and other concerts, lectures, banquets, school plays, games and gymnastics, the public library, etc., will probably be among the results.

Separate buildings, without co-operation, would be impossible because of the expense.

This page is printed Wednesday morning, before the Halsey meeting.

ROADS AGAIN.

The state chamber of commerce has a land settlement committee whose business it is to give information to prospective settlers about available land in Oregon. Local chambers of commerce have similar committees at work in conjunction with it and the hope is expressed that during the coming season great strides may be made in getting landless people upon peopleless land and increasing the population of this state.

The railroads are launching a \$3,000,000 campaign to bring settlers to the west and the Portland chamber of commerce is putting \$300,000 into the scheme.

It is proclaimed that "a portion of the advertising fund will be used in placing the settlers as they arrive. They are not to be left at the mercy of the land hawkers who had fleeced the newcomers before."

Douglas Taylor represented Halsey at a conference on this subject in Albany Wednesday night of last week where W. E. Wadsworth of Harrisburg, M. D. Shanks of Lebanon and Leonard Gilkey or Scio were appointed to name a larger board who shall advise settlers coming to Linn county of the value of lands and seek to save them from being imposed on in the price or induced to take more land than they can handle.

To be efficient this much-needed committee should and we hope will explain to newcomers the transportation facilities for any tract on which they may contemplate locating. If

the prospective settler is likely to be marooned on his farm, with an impassable sea of mud between him and a paved road or a railroad, for the greater part of the year, reveal the truth to him before he puts his money into a bottomless hole.

The state abounds in fertile tracts of land like that on the western and of the east and west highway, crossing the Cascades and running through Eugene to Florence, of which we heard so much four or five years ago when we were advised to vote bonds to build a network of highways which would develop Oregon's resources.

One thread of the warp of that network has been visualized in the Pacific highway. Another is suggested as the Roosevelt highway, and a start has been made at placing one in eastern Oregon. A thread of the warp reaches from Astoria to Umatilla county. Most of the rest is "in the eye, Horatio."

Of the wool thread through Eugene to Florence the state commission made a beginning some years ago, starting from Junction City instead of Eugene. Its condition was referred to in a quotation from Marlon Wheeler in these columns last week. Last Thursday's Eugene Register shed more light on this dark subject where haste is being made so slowly after all these years. It said:

"The low pass road over the summit of the mountain is in pretty bad shape, says Scott Lyons, who has just returned from Triangle lake where he had been for a number of weeks working for the Guy F. Atkinson company which has the contract to build the Blachly-Rainrock section of the coast highway. He said that the contractors on the mountain section will have to wait until dry weather comes before they can repair the road over the summit. Only the base rock has been laid and this has been cut through in many places.

"The road built by the Atkinson company around the lake is in good shape, said Mr. Lyons. Construction work will be resumed below the lake when the weather will permit of continuous operations, he said.

The American Telephone and Telegraph company made a profit of \$11.35 a share in 1923, against \$11.14 a share in 1922, by charging such royalties and fees against subsidiary companies, like the Oregon Telephone and Telegraph company, that they put on a poor mouth and ask leave to raise rates, but railroad companies mustn't make over 6 per cent if governing commissions can prevent it.

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We are told that reparation payments by Germany "depend upon the will of Germany to pay." Then it has nothing on which to depend.

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(Continued)
CHAPTER III
The Journey to Philadelphia.
The New York Mercury of November 4, 1770, contains this item:
"John Irons, Jr., and Solomon Binkus, the famous scout, arrived Wednesday morning on the schooner Ariel from Albany. Mr. Binkus is on his way to Alexandria, Va., where he is to meet Major Washington and accompany him to the Great Kanawha river in the Far West."
Solomon was soon to meet an officer with whom he was to find the amplest scope for his talents. Jack was on his way to Philadelphia. They had found the ship crowded and Jack and two other boys "pigged together"—in the expressive phrase of that time—on the cabin floor, through the two nights of their journey. Jack minded not the hardness of the floor, but there was much drinking and arguing and expounding of the common law in the forward end of the cabin, which often interrupted his slumbers.
He took the boat to Amboy as Benjamin Franklin had done, but without mishap, and thence traveled by stage to Burlington. There he met Mr. John Adams of Boston, who was on his way to Philadelphia. He was a full-faced, ruddy, strong-built man of about thirty-five years, with thick, wavy dark hair that fell in well-trimmed tufts on either cheek and almost concealed his ears. It was beginning to show gray. He had a prominent forehead, large blue and expressive eyes and a voice clear and resonant. He was handsomely dressed.
Mr. Adams greeted the boy warmly and told him that the testimony which he and Solomon Binkus gave had saved the life of Captain Preston. The great lawyer took much interest in the boy and accompanied him to the top of the stage, the weather being clear and warm.
When Jack was taking leave of Mr. Adams at the Black Horse tavern in Philadelphia the latter invited the boy to visit him in Boston if his way should lead him there.
Jack went to the house of the printer, where he did not receive the warm welcome he had expected. Deborah Franklin was a fat, hard-working, militant, economical housewife. She had a great pride in her husband, but had fallen hopelessly behind him. She regarded with awe and slight understanding the accomplishments of his virile, relentless, encompassing intellect. She did not know how to enjoy the prosperity that had come to them. It was a neat and cleanly home, but as of old, Deborah was doing most of the work herself. She would not have had it otherwise.
"Ben thinks we ortn't to be doin' nothin' but settin' aroun' in silk dresses an' readin' books an' gabbin' with company," she said. "Men don't know how hard 'tis to git help that cleans good an' cooks decent. Everybody feels so kind o' big an' independent they won't stan' it to be found fault with."
Her daughter, Mrs. Bache, and the latter's children were there. Suddenly confronted by the problem of a strange lad coming into the house to live with them, they were a bit dismayed. But

The federal supreme court has decided that a state law prohibiting the possession of intoxicants is valid although the liquor was in the party's possession before the Volsted law went into effect and its possession expressly excluded from the ban in that law. The state law prevails.

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