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THE \$6,000,000 ISSUE

Every citizen of Oregon should b vitally interested in good roads, for the lack of these has been one of the greatest hindrances to the develop ment of the state. Frank Terran of King county, Washington, wh will be remembered in Bandon f. the lecture he gave prior to the Coo county road bond election, said th other day:

"Oregon was a great state when Washington was a territory, but Washington has forged ahead largely for the reason that she has developed her highways. That has developed her farms and her dairy industry." Terrance knows for he has been or

the ground and engaged in the dair business

On June 4th the voters of Oregon are to decide on a \$6,000,000 bon issue for road construction. Thi amount would be distributed thru out the state, the larger portion go ing to the more populous sections o the Willamette valley where hard surfaced highways will be built Twenty miles of hard-surfacing outlined for Coos county and proviions are made for rock post and for est roads from Roseburg to Marsh field and from Eugene to Marsh

It is estimated that the six million will build 600 miles of hard surface roads. The routes as outlined ! clude many more than 600 mil consequently there would doubtle be some rivalry as to which are be built first. This matter will larg ly be up to the new highway con mission of which E. J. Adams of E. gene is a member. Although they has supported their own candidate. Con county people have confidence in M Adams. He is interested in this se tion and will see that Coos coun gets a square deal with the rest. evidence of this the following take from a letter by him to Chas. Ha president of Coos County Good Road

"I hope to have a meeting at Marshfield for the road program as soon as it can be arrenged · · · For the consideration your Myrtle Point-Rosels read I hope to have a meet scheduled for a hearing on that at Marshfield or some convenient point for you and get the attention of the commission centered on it as soon as possible The first thing is for you to get after the Federal Highway Department, Dr. Hewes, Portland, Ore. Broadway building, and make sure they will co-operate with the state on this section of road.

While Bandon is not directly on the routes mentioned for state aid it would share in the benefits to the county at large. A hard surfaces road between Marshfield and C quille and Myrtle Point, built with state money, would mean that much less for the county to build, and would therefore allow more county funds in the future to be used on other roads.

Before the day of election every citizen should become theroughts informed of this measure, so as t vote intelligently. Its passage means the inauguration of a definite read building plan, such as shoul have been adopted in Oreg n year ago. As yet no objectionable fee tures of sufficient import have been presented to overshadow the van benefit the expenditure of the amount in permanent road building would be to the state as a whole.

"There is not the slightest doubt that the plan is cleverly conceived. says an influential Willamette val ley exchange. "It offers to every part of the state a share of the new roads to be constructed. It place the burden of expense where the burden ought to be (carry both the principal and interest from increased auto licenses) - at least in the minds of non-owners of automobiles, wh are in the majority when it colnes

There is just one thing that is lacking-for some reason or other. The plan would be greatly strengthened by a provision forbidding the payment of large royalties on patented processes of paving. With this provision included, it would doubtless be possible to get from 25 to 50 per cent more road for the same amount of money.

PROHIBITING CARD GAMES

For the city of Bandon to adopt lice games is merely taking an emparrassing situation out of the hands f the district attorney and passing up to the local police officials.

hat extent has been rigidly enforced. are effected which were impossible but it was never intended to be en- before orced against an innocent little ource of amusement such as perfecthich one buys the smokes than ship alone. tere is in one asking another up to e showcase to have one. The difrence is that they find a little more ciability in the former method.

Public dentiment is not in favor enforcing the law "to the letter" this respect: in fact to meet the eneral idea on the subject the law ould be amended to allow such exptions. To prohibit grown men om enjoying the club room priviges of a cigar store or pool hall light please a few in Bandon but with the majority it would appear rong would be righted, while on hand labor. he other hand it would make life r those not always busily engaged little more uninteresting. Even he most radical "prohibitory" states a the Union do not deny such privi-

ommunity is altogether separate and listinct and should be enforced. Buven they should be given some ource of social diversion aside from he public Saturday night dance. The uestion is up to the community

IT TAKES TIME

r the resuscitation of such enter- vailed in peace time. ises for there are many things to By able and vitally interested e forth with their share . supsity of their loyalty to the cause.

YES HE'S RIGHT

andled Wisconsin beese the greater dairy ellous of the West. At Cottlie ther merchant thought that was bout the most inconsistent thing he ad ever heard of, and in the next reath he tried to sell me some Milaskee candy" Thus this orden athusiast continued for a half hour more, deploring the sad fact that here is a woeful lack of loyalty toeg n made goods he handed the editor a card rinted in St. Louis, presented him ith a cigar made in Tampa, Florida, nd departed.

The interview given out at Portad the other day by Manager W Hall of the Riverton Fuel Comany and re-printed in last week's Vorld has been the source of conderable comment here. He stated hat his company would agree to urnish a return cargo of 500 tons a eek to the Portland-Bandon boat 'he fact that neither Coquille nor andon could secure a pound of coal r over a week is causing folks to onder what magic feat of producon Mr. Hall had in view. There as been a shortage of coal off and n in the Coquille valley all winter. spite of the fact that the price has nised considerably. Much wood has an consumed in place of coal, bethe latter was not avrilable the Riverton company is (anable producing 500 tons a week for ortland it looks as if it could at ast take care of local demands at

Henry Stewart, the world walker. hile in Bandon Monday said: "The past between San Francisco and ortland is the most unprotected in he world, and it has the biggest bluf-

The crowning effort of the coming year will be to make two spuds grow where but one grew before.

"Majority rules" does not apply to the U. S. Senate.

Editorial Comment

(FROM OUR EXCHANGES)

SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY

There are reasons, and good ones, believe that the shipbuilding inhe state law prohibiting card and dustry of this country, which has received such an extraordinary impetus since the outbreak of the war, will survive and prosper after the war. When business is once established on The law was passed to do away a gigantic scale, economics in prowith money gambling devices and to duction and improvements in plant

Standardization has been the secret of success in other manufacturing respectable men of a community fields, but standardization has herend in willing away an idle hour tofore been lacking in shipbuilding mong friends at a game of cards, at Each ship constructed by the Amerihich the stake (to make it inter- can shipbuilder was of a different ting) is a nickel cigar. There is design, of different size and tonnage more harm in two friends match- and under-water design, and often g wits at a game of cards to see with special engines built for this

Now some shipyards are laying down small fleets of vessels, each one of identical design with the othmodern lines, according to the best told that Pete had threatened to "fix" possible elimination of waste motion I would be on my guard. extremely Puritanical. No great and the greatest possible economy of Nevertheless when the time of dan-

With the experience now being acquired here and efficient plans successfully operated, only the establishment of the iron and steel industry on this coast is required to insure that shipbuilding can hold its own on The law governing minors in this this coast and grow in magnitude. -Seattle Post Intelligencer.

.... REACH OUT AFTER SETTLERS

Relaxation of the munitions boom men by the Baldwin Loco notive Verks on completion of a large en tract. Throughout the last two years There is some impatience over the the allies have been equipping them of the negro standing over me. I could elay in getting the shipyard and selves to make their own munitions, woolen mill re-established. Everyone importing only the raw material, and day purchased a revolver, loaded it anxious to see these industries we may expect that other plants in and placed it under my pillow. rought back into operation at once, this country will cease their feverish is it is felt that every day lost under activity and turn to production of I saw that Judge Montague, who had he present flourishing conditions articles used in peaceful vocations apporting both industries means the There will no longer be need off emss of a goodly payroll to the com- ploying three shifts of workmen, and normal industry will be able to secure H wever, it must be remembered labor at wages that will be reasonhat it takes time to work out plans able, though much higher than pre-

Employment for many of the dise considered. While the various charged men will doubtless be found in other factories in the East and assured there is still much to Middle West, but some are likely to which requires deliberation. take the opportunity to come to the se fund f r the woolen mill is Pacific coast. The thrifty among lete. There are some, them will have saved good sums out of their war wages and may have an cal prosperity, who have a t yet ambition to be their own bosses on Western farms, especially in these ney and by me that Pete was the on these may depend the abil days of high priced wheat, potatoer judge's murderer and equally probable y to swing the deal and the com- and onions. The time is ripe for the that he would carry out his threat to in harre is bending every pacific coast to prepare for renewes be bought at reasonable prices on there was any clew to Judge Montaand should patronize Ore- easy terms. Oregon's great need is gue's murderer. As for me, I was to n industries," emphatically declar- development of the back country by take every possible means to be ready d a traveling salesman in the World a population of actual producers. By for Pete should be carry out his threat ffice the other day. "Why, I found this time the inflation should have concerning me. The chief of police archant at Marshfield selling Cali- been so completely taken out of land wished to send a man to sleep in my house, while at Myrik Point prices that settlers will be attracted, house, but I concluded that this would -Oregonian.

POWER OF THE PRESS.

Give me but the liberty of the press and I will give to the minister a venal house of peers. 1 will give to him a corrupt and servile house of commons I will give him the full sway of the patronage of office. I will give him the full house of ministerial influence. I will give him all the power that place can confer upon him to purchase up submission and overawe resistance. And yet, armed with liberty of the press, I will go forth to meet blm undismayed. I will attack the mighty fabric that he has reared with the mightier engine. I will shake down from its height corruption and bury it amid the ruins of the abuses it was meant to shelter.-Sheridan.

SAD CASE. "I should have had a ninety-

The moody golfer said. "I should have had, but some how got An eighty-four instead.

"I jumped eight bunkers, seven mounds and Fourteen traps today. No matter how I pinyed each shot

The inck was all my way. "I never missed a bally putt I should have made"-and

then-"Gee, but I was a tucky dub."

He muttered once again.

Sadly they wired Matteawan A double guard to send Before he grew more violent And tried to shoot a friend. -Collier's Weekly

The Man Who Was "Fixed"

By ALAN HINSDALE

When I was a young man-soon after the war between the states-I went to Kentucky. Kentucky had been a slave state, and there were a number of negroes who had been freed. These were thrown on their own resources, and many of them had a hard time to make a living

One day I missed some clothing from my room, and the janitor of the building in which I lodged disappeared at the same time. The police were set in motion to find the janitor-Pete Martin. They succeeded, and he was brought to trial, I being his accuser. He was convicted and sent to state prison for two years.

Soon after his conviction I received a call from his former master, who said that it had been reported to him by Pete's associates that as soon as he got ers in every detail. These ships out of prison he would "fix" me for are standardized, just as the Ameri- having sent him up. The gentleman can automobile is standardized, and also told me that the convict was the there is a corresponding reduction in only slave he had ever owned of whom the actual cost of construction. More- he was afraid. Misery loves company, over, the new plants are built on and my misery was lightened by being factory practice, overloped in this the judge who sentenced him as well country to a higher degree than else- as his accuser. I thanked the gentlewhere in the world, with the largest man for his warning and told him that

ger came I forgot all about the matter. I had made a memorandum of the date of expiration of the convict's term; but, learning that they all get time off for good behavior, I had considered the memorandum worthless and put it away, forgetting it. It happened that in looking over some old memoranda 1 kept in a pigeonhole of my desk I hit upon the date of Pete's release on the very day his full time expired.

Throwing it into a wastebasket, I put the matter out of my mind. But is indicated by the laying off of 1890 it came back again that night when I was in bed about to go to sleep. Suppose I should awaken in the middle of the night and see the powerful figure not get rid of this dread and the next

> One morning on taking up my paper sentenced Pete, had been called to his door at 10 o'clock at night and shot through the heart by a man who had disappeared without having been seen by any one except his victim. The account given indicated that not the slightest clew to the murderer was in the hands of the police.

I went to the state's attorney and told him my story. He at once inquired of the warden of the prison in which Pete had been confined and learned that the convict had gained no time for good behavior, but had been released on the expiration of the term for which be bad been sentenced. It was considered probable by the attor-

"fix" me as well manigration from the East. No bet- The police were instructed to look ter means can be found than to have for Pete, but not to give publicity to eady a list of farm lands which can the fact that he was wanted or that be more trouble than it was worth. I got out my revolver, which I had discarded, saw that it was in order and loaded and had a telephone apparatus placed on a table beside my bed.

One night after all in the house were asleep there came a ring at my doorbell. I telephoned the police-by previous arrangement-that I was being called up late at night, then went to a window and called out that I would come down as soon as I could get on some clothes. A few minutes after my telephone message the policeman near my house was at my door. But whoever had rung had disappeared.

If my visitor was Pete he did not come again. Several months passed without my being molested, and I was beginning to think that Pete had concluded that it would be wiser for him to forego his revenge upon me when one night I was awakened by the flash of a dark lantern in my eyes. I believed there were burglars in the house. Taking the telephone instrument under the cover to deaden the sound, I called "Police!" giving my street and number.

I knew that there would be no waste of time by the police, and I hoped by remaining quiet the burgiars would go on doing their work. At the same time, seizing my revolver, I slid noiselessly out of bed and, feeling my way to a closet, left the door ajar so that I could see out. I had not been there long before I heard a tread in the ball, then footsteps approaching my bed. I saw a figure pass a window. Whoever was in the room must have gone to the bed, felt for the occupant and, finding no one there, retraced his steps, for I heard nothing except footsteps in re-

Hastening to the door, I shut and locked it, then raised the window sash as softly as possible. Seeing figures below, who I surmis-

ed were the police, I called to them to enter. They had surrounded the house and broke in at once. They hunted every nook and cranny and at last found a negro in the garret, whom I identified at once as Pete Martin. Pete was convicted of killing Judge

Montague and explated his crime on the gallows.

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