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PROPOSED PUBLIC UTILITY

The editor of one of the country's industrial journals proclaims that highways should be considered public utilities, on an equal basis with railroads, telephones and electric light and power systems. What th—! He says the highways are no longer expensive luxuries, but economic necessities. Sure they are, and this industrial headlight we presume, will proceed to show how nice it would be for the license tax and the gasoline tax money to roll into the coffers of some corporation, rather than go to the state highway commission for upkeep, bond redemption and new road construction. Just imagine some public utility corporation controlling the Oregon system of highways. What a pudding they would have. The fellow making the suggestion—Walter J. Woodall, editor of the Industrial Index—in an explanatory way, says: "Highways that have been properly mined are earning dividends, and extra dividends." The term "mined" that he uses, gets out goat; unless that is a new name for toll bridges. And with our highways controlled by corporate interests, it would be reasonable to expect at least a dozen toll bridges spanning the Columbia between here and Portland, with forced detours leading to all of them. We would like to hear from Mr. Woodall further. We're interested.

The fact that there are two candidates before the voters of Union High School District No. 7 for a place on the board of directors, in the election to be held next Monday, indicates that lively interest will be taken in the result. Mr. Wood, present chairman of the board and on the ticket to succeed himself, will be opposed by George R. Gerking. Both candidates are farmers, heavy taxpayers and prominent in the community. Mr. Wood has taken the duties of his office seriously and has performed them to the best of his ability. He has given freely of his time and attention to the success of the school, and on this record his friends and supporters have petitioned him to run for his second term.

One of our exchanges finds that the railroads have made consistent progress in safety for employes and passengers. Of the hundreds of millions riding on the railroads in 1927, only ten were killed, a new record, and 69 less than in 1926. During the last eighty years the lines have voluntarily spent \$301,306,000 of new capital for safety purposes. The railroads are bending every effort to reduce accidents at highway grade crossings, and the result of their work is shown by the fact that while the number of automobiles have increased 150 per cent in eight years, fatalities resulting from highway grade crossing accidents have increased but 32.4 per cent during that period.

Miss Marie Plouse surprised her home town, Sprangler, Pennsylvania, by marrying a prominent negro legislator of Bahamas. On top of this her sister Margaret shocked the populace further when she voiced surprise that any question should arise about the propriety of the match. Which would indicate that the Bahamas will have the pleasure of welcoming Margaret, also.

An Oregon record for speedy administration of justice has been set by a Baker judge who sentenced two robbers to ten years each, on their pleading guilty. Just twenty hours after committing the crime, they were on their way to the pen. The judge must be a taxpayer.

Edwin T. Meredith, publisher of the Iowa Homestead, at Des Moines, and secretary of agriculture in President Wilson's cabinet, is dead. It was in the Homestead that we used to read how to raise two stalks of corn to the hill instead of one, back when we were kids.

A Baker girl came near drowning while swimming in the natatorium there when she strangled while chewing gum. This is the first instance where we have any record of gum interfering with the activities of the gentler sex.

Sugar beets valued at nearly \$6,000,000 were grown on the federal irrigatin projects in 1927, which reveals a large slice of the source from whence comes "moon" and candy.

Lindy is hopping over the country pretty much as he pleases, and the populace are drifting back to normalcy and giving him landing room.

King George is somewhat of a decorator, himself. He has bestowed the air force cross on the Bremen crew.

The nomination does not appear to affect Herbert in the least; he is still working on the old wood pile.

MEMORIAL TO CLARK

(New York Times)

It has been nearly a hundred and fifty years since General George Rogers Clark conquered the Northwest Territory and added an empire to the Union, but only with in the last few days has Congress acted to commemorate the Homeric exploit. The Senate has passed a joint resolution appropriating \$250,000 to join with Indiana's \$750,000, the total sum to be spent for memorial on the old site of Fort Sackville and for 'celebrations and commemorations on that spot during the years 1929 and 1930. Senator King of Utah, who has always opposed appropriations of this character and even, when in the House, voted against the St. Louis Exposition, was prevailed upon not to insist upon the objection to the resolution which would have postponed action. Besought by his colleagues from many states to let the resolution come to a vote, he confessed that he found his 'fortitude' failing and contented himself merely with voting against the measure.

If the resolution clears the other obstacles that lie in the path of all Congressional action, General Clark and his intrepid Kentuckians and Virginians will have a worthy memorial. As Senator Swanson of Virginia said, if Clark's astounding achievement had been performed for any other nation in the eighteenth century pillars and statues would have long ago risen to him on every hand. He was one of the two or three men in American history who leveled the frontiers, and the scope of his conquest was greater than Alexander's or Napoleon's. In Louisville, which was the base of his operations into Indiana, there are names and places linked with his name and memory; and at Charlottesville, in Virginia, there is a statue. But until recent action of the Senate no imperishable fame in any way commensurate with Clark's great place in history has been provided. His foresight and military genius broke up the alliance between the British and Indians of the Northwest and gave first release to the westering population of the young seaboard nation which he mightily helped to make continental.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given to the legal voters of Union High School District No. 7 of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, that the Annual School Meeting of said District will be held at the school house, to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock to 7 p. m. on the 4th Mon-

day of June, being the 25th day of June, A. D. 1928.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 7th day of June, 1928
ARNOLD WOOD
Chairman Board of Directors
ATTEST:
CLARENCE E. ZERBA
District Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the matter of the Estate of Mary Wolfe, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Bessie Werst has been appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Mary Wolfe, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers, as required by law, to said executrix at the law office of Will M. Peterson, Stangier Building, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is the 1st day of June, 1928.

BESSIE WERST,
Executrix.
Will M. Peterson, George R. Lewis
Attorneys for Executrix. J1J29

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of H. McArthur, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 7th day of July, 1928, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, for hearing of said final account and report. Objections to said final account and report should be filed on or before that date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 8th day of June, 1928.

MANDA J. McARTHUR,
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of H. McArthur, Deceased.
Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon,
Attorneys for Executrix. J8J6

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Melvin J. Canfield, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That George R. Lewis, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Melvin J. Canfield, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge, by order duly made and entered has appointed Monday the 25th day of June, 1928, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court House at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to said final account and report will be heard and a settlement of the estate made.

Dated this the 19th day of May, 1928.

GEORGE R. LEWIS,
Administrator with the will annexed.
Will M. Peterson Attorney for Administrator. M25J22

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