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### Tendency Toward Wider Roads With Higher Per Cent Grades

As county roads are pushed farther out into the rural districts away from the main paved highways, the cost of hard surfacing and the utilization of already well packed road grades becomes an important problem.

With the road tax bill mounting at a rapid rate, it is essential that feeder roads be constructed on as economical a basis as possible consistent with a satisfactory type of pavement which will involve a minimum of maintenance cost.

The fact is becoming more generally recognized that the elimination of reasonable grades is not so important as the widening of roads. The modern automobile can go over a fairly steep hill but there is danger in rapidly moving vehicles passing on too narrow a road.

Therefore, the tendency is to widen the road from fence to fence more like a street with a paved strip in the center and gentle slopes on each side which will enable several automobiles to pass at a time if necessary.

This type of road construction is being accomplished at a minimum of cost by the use of a phallic concrete which adapts itself to an old road base already well compacted or to a concrete base which needs resurfacing.

Common sense ideas in road construction are replacing a lot of engineering talk that has cost the taxpayers millions of dollars in the past.

**BILL THE BARBER SAYS**  
THE ONLY WOMAN WHO CAN BE SURE THAT HER HUSBAND IS REALLY WORKING WHEN HE SAYS HE IS, IS THE WIFE OF THE RADIO ANNOUNCER.



### \$20,000,000 State Bond Issue Proposed For Land Speculators

A twenty million-dollar state bond issue is seriously proposed by Multnomah county legislators with which to pay off the bonded indebtedness of irrigation districts. The interest on these bond issues has been guaranteed by the state for a period of five years, after which time it was understood that the investors in these bonds must take their chances of payment.

Under this procedure many millions of dollars of bonds were sold at considerable less than par. Now it is proposed that these be bought by the state at par and give the men who engineered the deals a good big juicy commission for their foresight in mortgaging all the property of the state for this money. Many of these same promoters have also made a small fortune from the charges incurred in the promotion of the districts, the sale of the bonds, the engineering, contracting and constructing of irrigation ditches that never have had water turned into them or building dams that never have nor never will hold water.

It is proposed that the state assume all this obligation to protect the settler on the land who was outvoted by absentee land owner speculators when the question of organizing the districts was first voted. It would be cheaper and more honorable that the state reimburse the settler on the land who has survived until this day and let the bond holders keep their bonds or else go to work and honestly perform their part of the deal.

During Sunday night services at Salem thieves visited the Friends church and First Baptist church and took from the two places a dozen overcoats and many hats.

Ira Nelson Morris, former American minister of Sweden, has been named as consul general of Rumania, with headquarters at Chicago, it was learned at the state department.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of the late president, will leave for Havana December 6 to be present at the unveiling of the memorial erected at Santiago de Cuba in honor of the old leader of the Rough Riders.

Crime among women apparently is on the increase or more are being caught and married women lead single women in running afoul of the law, according to statistics compiled by the California state bureau of criminal identification.

Important changes in rules for the transaction of business in the federal courts throughout the country, which are expected to speed up the conduct of trials, are outlined in letters just sent to all federal district judges by Chief Justice Taft.

### CHAMBER OPPOSES TAX PUBLICITY LAW

Washington, D. C.—Immediate repeal of the law permitting publication of income tax returns and establishment of a tax commission to simplify tax regulations was urged by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in a statement outlining its position on national economic questions presented to President Coolidge.

The chamber also asked for extension of the budget system, a continuation of the principles embodied in the railroad labor board, establishment of an immigration commission to recommend and administer legislation and the development of waterways.

Publication of income tax returns, the statement declared, "violates the good faith which the government owes to its citizens to protect them in their private affairs."

The Howell-Barkley bill, proposing abolition of the railroad labor board, was assailed as a "long step backward."

#### Interior Department Returns Surplus.

Washington, D. C.—The interior department has returned to the treasury \$25,128,786 of the department's 1924 appropriation. Secretary Work announced, representing a saving of \$23,157,139 by the pension bureau alone in dropping 14,217 pensioners from the rolls.

#### Grandchildren Mrs. Harding's Heirs.

Marion, O.—Jeanne and George Neely De Wolf, respectively 15 and 12 years of age, grandchildren of the late Mrs. Warren G. Harding, were left the bulk of her estate estimated to be in excess of \$500,000, under the terms of her will, filed for probate here.

#### Error in Income Tax Vote Found.

Salem, Or.—In making up his official election proclamation the secretary of state discovered in the official returns from Lane county an error that reduced the majority in favor of the repeal of the state income tax law from 16,093 to 12,744.

#### Italian Composer Dies in Brussels.

Brussels.—Italy's premier operatic composer, Giacomo Puccini, died here. He came to Brussels a short time ago to undergo radium treatment for a malignant growth in the throat.

#### Removing Rust Spots

Rust spots on metal should be rubbed with a cork that has been dipped in paraffin. A cork moistened with paraffin is also splendid for removing marks from hearth tiles.

### National Republican Leaders Want Party Cleaned of Wreck Masters

Quite a gasp of dismay went over the nation this week when it was proposed by United States senators that when the new congress be organized men such as La Follette, Brookhart, La Follette, and some others not named be declared no longer republicans in fact, that they be barred from becoming heads of committees in charge of national legislation. This action should have been taken years ago. The republican party should not be held accountable for actions of men like these, who have done everything in their power to hinder in place of helping formulate national legislation and yet when election day comes wish to label themselves republicans. It is an admitted fact that the McNary-Haugen measure would be on the statute books today if it were not for the opposition of La Follette, exerted through his friends from Wisconsin, members of the national house of representatives.

Victor L. Berger, socialist representative from Wisconsin, agrees that the action taken was eminently proper when in referring to the matter he said: "It was absolutely proper for the republican senatorial caucus to read Senators La Follette, Ladd, Frazier and Brookhart out of the party, because, as I take it, only a republican has the right to belong to the republican party, and only a democrat has a right to belong to the democratic party."

#### Paragraphs of State News

A full-time school nurse will be employed by the Eugene schools the coming year.

The governing board of the Lutheran brotherhood of Oregon met at Salem Sunday.

More than 300 shrubs have been planted on the Eugene army grounds during the past few days.

The Oregon public service commission has sent two engineers to Ogden, Utah, to attend the grain rate conference.

The state fish hatchery at Oakridge has just taken 9,000,000 trout eggs, one of the largest takes in the history of the plant.

The report of the directors of the Lake county round-up, held recently at Lakeview, showed a deficit for the year of \$1500.

Trust companies in Oregon increased their resources \$1,407,069 to a new total of \$12,456,585 during the year ending June 30, 1924.

R. C. Chase of Delmar in Coos county suffered a \$650 loss when two Alaska blue foxes slipped through the meshes of their netting and made their escape.

Plans for development of the Clear Lake water and power project are to be carried in a bill to be introduced in congress by Representative C. W. Hawley.

Federal farm census enumerators in all the counties of the southern Oregon district have been appointed by Ralph N. Laird, supervisor for the district.

Company I of the Oregon national guard has opened a school for non-commissioned officers at Silverton, instructions being given every Sunday afternoon.

A total of \$39,053.28 was expended by C. C. Chapman in behalf of the repeal of the state income tax law, according to the report filed by him with Secretary of State Koser.

Two carloads of horses were shipped recently from North Powder to Robinson, Nev., two carloads to Monterey, Cal., and one carload to Corvallis for use in the United States cavalry.

Consolidation of the world war veterans' state aid commission and the state land department will be undertaken at the next session of the legislature, it was announced at Salem.

W. R. Neel, state highway engineer of Georgia, accompanied by a number of other state highway officials from the east, spent two days last week inspecting the highways of this state.

State Highway Commissioner Babcock and Chief Engineer Mullen of the state of Minnesota spent some time at Salem last week conferring with officials of the state highway department.

Johnny Gruelle, famous author of children's books and originator of "Ragged Ann" dolls and books, is dangerously ill in an Ashland sanitarium, following a recent appendicitis operation.

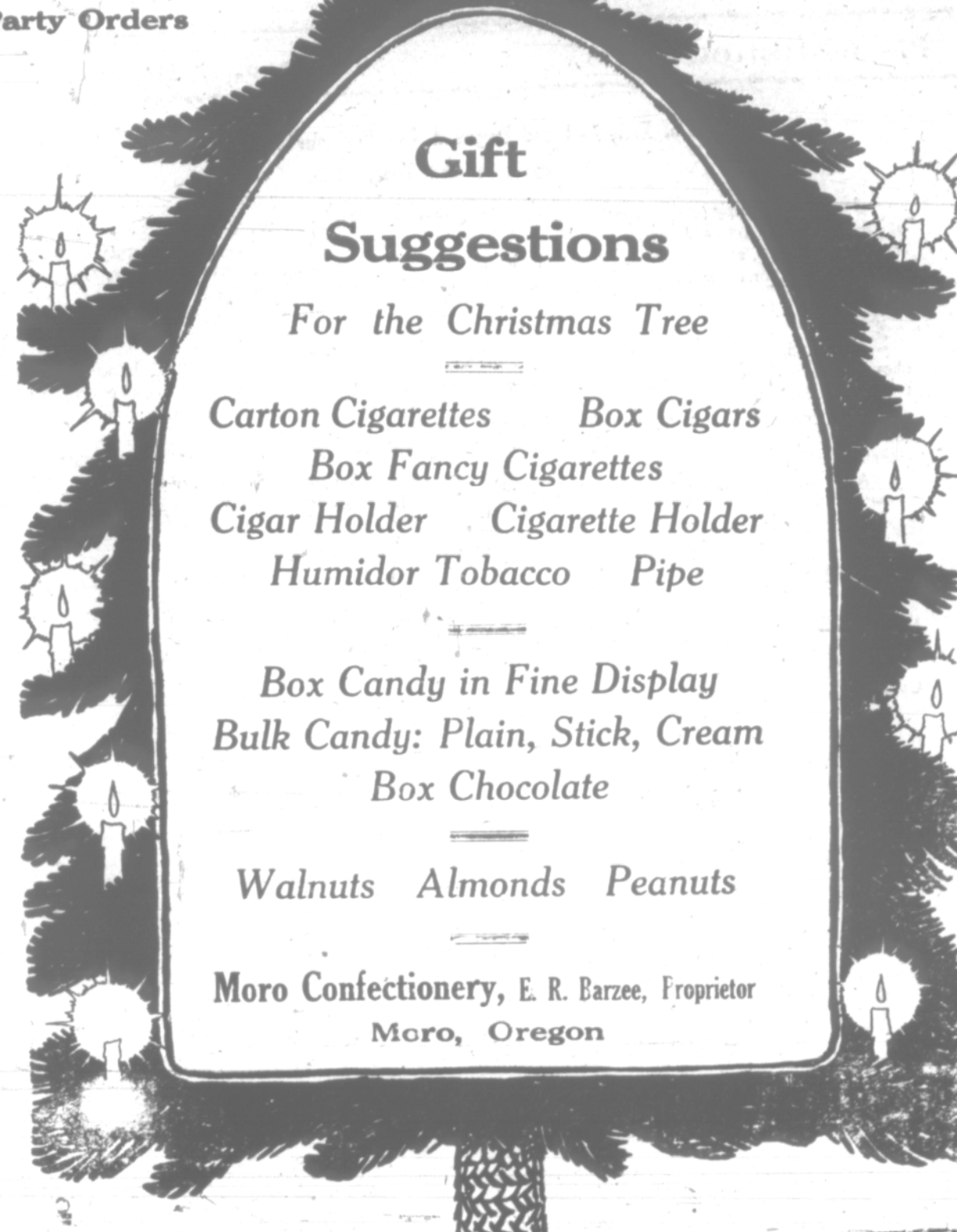
For the second time within a week the power line from Pendleton which serves Pilot Rock was put out of commission Thursday when wild geese flew against the line and caused a short circuit.

Announcement was made at Klamath Falls of the signing of contracts for two new irrigation districts which will cover approximately 8000 acres and represent a construction cost of between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Preliminary work will start at once. The two districts are the Malm and Shaasta View irrigation projects, which have been hanging fire for several years.

Acting under a legal opinion handed down recently by the attorney-general, Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, will send out approximately 4000 notices to individuals, corporations and partnerships preparatory to collecting the fourth installment of the state income tax. There also will be included in these collections approximately \$800,000 in deferred payments of the tax.

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### Teachers Hold Local Institute

A local Sherman county teacher's institute will be held on Saturday December 6, 1924, in the Moro public school building. The program, as arranged, will be as follows:

- 9:45. Opening, music in charge of Miss Dorothy Perkins, Moro.
- 10:00. General assembly, "The Teacher and Citizenship" Prof. J. F. Burch, Oregon Agricultural College
- 10:45. Get acquainted recess.
- 11:00. Departments: High school department, "A New System of Grading," Prof. J. F. Burch, Grade department, "Early History of Oregon" (Illustrated), Dr. J. B. Horner, Oregon Agricultural College.
- 12:00. Luncheon, Moro domestic science department, Miss Anne McPherson.
- 1:00. Opening, Miss Dorothy Perkins.
- 1:15. General assembly, "History of Oregon," Dr. J. B. Horner.
- 2:00. Departments: High school department, "The Teacher as an Engineer," Prof. J. F. Burch, Grade department, "Parent Teachers in Oregon," Dr. J. B. Horner.
- 2:45. Organization of county O. S. T. A. division.
- 3:15. Superintendent's talk and dismissal.
- 3:30. Principal's meeting.

### Resolutions of Condolence

Hall of Moro Lodge Number 113, Moro Oregon, December 1st, 1924.

Whereas: It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our beloved brother, H. P. Andersen, and whereas by the death of our brother, this lodge has suffered the loss of a good upright Odd Fellow, the community an honorable citizen; therefore, be it resolved that the charter of this lodge be suitably draped for a period of thirty days; that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our lodge and that a copy be furnished the Pacific Odd Fellow and our local paper for publication.

Fraternally submitted,  
A. M. Young  
I. M. Peterson  
C. L. Montgomery  
Committee.

Cutting of lumber at the new Bohemia Lumber company's plant three miles below Cottage Grove started last week. About 60 men are employed.

More than 300,000 pounds of pyrotol and sodalite for blasting purposes have been ordered during the past year by the farmers of Washington county.

Mrs. Henrietta Melhase, 70, of Klamath Falls, was burned, perhaps fatally when gasoline in which she was washing a woolen dress exploded.

Preliminary steps toward the grading and surfacing of a road from Chilquinn to Beatty, a distance of 30 miles, have been initiated by the Klamath county court.

Douglas Yocom, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Yocom of Portland, died at Wasco from wounds resulting from the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting.



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