

### Federal Aid in Road Building Benefits All

Oregon farmers and tourists now enjoy 139 miles more of federal highways than they did a year ago. This mileage, completed in the year ending June 30, cost a total of \$2,305,315, of which the federal government furnished \$1,323,270. Highway construction under this plan now under way in the state totals 136 miles, while the total mileage completed previous to last year was 655 miles.

This additional mileage, while a convenience to the tourist in the state, is a godsend to the farmer. It is estimated that each and every farmer in this section of the country averages 69 tons of farm products hauled to market and 13 tons of feed, fertilizer, machinery, supplies, etc., from town. When good roads make trucks feasible this is not very burdensome, but it represents a good many hours' labor where horses and poor roads must be used. And to while the tourist finds inter-city roads mighty comfortable, to the farmer a good and serviceable road from his farm to the nearest market is a down right necessity.

The expansion of hard road systems both in this and other states in recent years has given the farmer an added inducement for going into business for himself. That he has not been slow to take advantage of the opportunity is testified in the increasing number of roadside markets on the more frequented highways. Figures show that each of these markets takes in fifteen to thirty dollars up to several hundred dollars a day varying with the locality, the preponderance of buyers being tourist driving through the vicinity. Some of these are nothing more than stands of simple board construction while the more pretentious are housed in buildings which may be locked after the day's or season's business. The most successful of the markets are so placed as to have convenient parking facilities where prospective buyers may examine the articles of goods, which should be of good quality yet moderately priced and attractively displayed.

H. J. Elmer, 73, of Bull Run, was fined \$100 in Justice Miller's court at Sandy on complaint of forest service officials and upon refusal to pay the fine was committed to the jail at Oregon City for 50 days. Elmer is said to have set a fire adjacent to forest land August 3 without a permit and to have refused to put out the fire at the request of Fire Warden Larsen.

F. N. Wyckoff of Spokas, supervisor of the forces which are combating the spread of white pine blister rust in the forests of the Pacific northwest, is in southern Oregon to direct the fight there. The United States bureau of plant industry has ordered the destruction of the cultivated black currant, which is a "seed" for the disease, and that work is now proceeding in the forests near Medford.

### BILL THE BARR SAYS

THE TIME A WOMAN PICKS TO GROW THIRSTY IS WHEN SHE IS IN A CROWDED THEATRE SEVEN SEATS FROM THE AISLE.



### UNIQUE GRAIN EXHIBIT

Ten Varieties From 8 Experiment Nurseries To Be Shown at The Sherman County Fair

B. B. Bayles and D. E. Stephens expect to leave Moro this Friday for Prineville where they will attend a meeting of farmers at the experiment wheat nursery maintained near that place by the Moro experiment station. The nursery at Prineville is an irrigation project and has several different conditions to contend with in wheat growing that are not met with at other similar wheat nurseries. Mr. Stephens stated before leaving for Prineville that he expected to harvest the wheat soon after his arrival at Prineville and bring it to the Moro station by auto truck for threshing.

Mr. Stephens also stated that there were ten local stations in Oregon, nine in eastern Oregon including Moro and one in the Willamette valley, that were all growing the same wheat varieties. He was planning to make an exhibit of ten varieties of wheat from samples from all the nurseries in eastern Oregon and place this on exhibit at the Sherman county annual fair to be held at Moro, September 10-11-12. By this means farmers can compare results of a variety of wheat grown in many different sections of the state and judge which is best for each locality.

Mr. Stephens also stated that each nursery location was growing 30 different wheat varieties beside many varieties of oats and barley. At some stations all winter wheat was killed last winter while at other locations only the most tender varieties were winter killed. Pendleton and Dufur locations were the two where winter wheat came through in best condition, although even at these places the tender varieties suffered.

Installation of an electric stren at the Oregon state penitentiary is proposed as a means of warning the public of a break at the institution.

Charles C. Dawes, vice-president of the United States, will speak at the public auditorium in Portland the night of September 7, Labor day.

Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence have purchased a block of ground on the crest of the hill above Astoria on which to build a hospital.

By a vote of 262 to 170 McMinnville voters approved a bond issue of \$10,000 by the city for repaving of Lafayette avenue and repairing city streets.

The 17th annual convention of the Luther league, Portland district, was held in Astoria, with delegates and visitors to the number of 150 in attendance.

Sam Delain, 19, who had been attending the Chemawa Indian school, was drowned while swimming in the Willamette river a few miles north of Salem.

Miss Catherine Murdock, Klamath Falls girl, has received word that she passed the California bar examination and will leave at once to practice law in San Francisco.

The government trail between Scottsburg and Smith river in the Siuslaw national forest in Douglas county will be completed this week. The trail is 13 miles long.

The explosion of a hot-water heater in the plumbing shop in Salem of Theo. M. Barr resulted in damage to the building and equipment estimated at approximately \$3500.

H. H. Clark of Calexico, Mexico, manager of the largest cotton plantation in the world, is in Tillamook completing arrangements for the purchase of from 800 to 2000 calves.

### Modern Home Comforts Best World Ever Knew

Architecture for comfort and convenience has progressed more rapidly in this nation than in any other. The poorest American home generally has its bath tub, electric lights, gas or electric water heater and telephone. A great percentage of the homes have in addition, gas or electricity for cooking; the house is wired to plug in a vacuum cleaner in every room; the dining room is provided with fixtures to operate an electric coffee pot, waffle iron, toaster or other convenience for table use. In the wash room will be the electric washing machine, the electric and gas operated ironing machine and probably an electric clothes drying outfit. In the kitchen will be the electric dishwasher and the electric refrigerator. This latter article is just coming into more general use and in conjunction with the laundry equipment will be the greatest money and labor saver for the housewife that has yet been devised.

The gas furnace controlled automatically and lit by an electric push button, has made the old days of wood chopping in large cities a thing of the past. For comfort, the electric fan keeps a breeze going and for beauty and utility the modern electric lights and fixtures transform a room of gloom into one of cheer and hominess. Electricity plays an important part in milder's toilet and does work which many hand maidens would have been unable to accomplish in the days of the Roman emperors. The "electric servant" does work in the American home for a few dollars a month which could not be accomplished in any other manner by numerous servants at a hundred times that price.

While Egyptian tombs are being opened to dig out relics of monarchs of past ages, it is interesting to note that they contain no conveniences to compare with those which the common laborer in the United States can enjoy today. We have read about the Roman bath and seen pictures of big fat Romans walking down into them, but it is pretty safe to say that they were a chilly proposition alongside of the American bathroom with its instantaneous hot water heater ready for use at any hour of the day or night. Incidentally, the truck driver or millionaire of today can have the same type of bathroom equipment at a modest cost, but only a Roman emperor could enjoy the "pleasure" of a Roman bath.

### Federal Estate Tax Repeal Wrong Theory

The plan to abolish federal estate taxes would in actual practice destroy the ability of states to levy inheritance taxes because of the competition which would develop between the states in the way of encouraging the repeal of state inheritance tax laws. This would encourage the migration of capital and capitalists from states which levy inheritance taxes to those which do not levy inheritance taxes. Also the repeal of the federal estate tax would deprive the federal government of its only means of securing revenue from tax-free securities now exempt under the federal income tax law.

There is no good reason why bankers, merchants, farmers and other business men should ask congress to levy heavier tax burdens on themselves in order to afford relief to the estates of owners of tax-exempt securities which avoid taxation during the life of their owners.

"Big money rushes to tax-exempts as iron filings to a magnet." Large fortunes thus invested ought to pay estate taxes until the federal constitution is amended to permit taxation of their income during the life of their owners.

One of the principal objections to inheritance taxes is the fact that such taxes are frequently levied on the same property by several different states as well as by the federal government. This multiple taxation would not be remedied except in a small degree by the repeal of federal estate taxes. This duplication can be very easily remedied by amending the federal law to provide that credit on federal estate taxes shall be given for all inheritance or estate taxes paid to states.

The federal law should also be amended in the interest of American business and agriculture by reducing federal estate taxes on all property on which the income is now subject to federal taxation and by leaving the federal estate tax on tax-free securities to stand higher than on those subject to federal income tax.

Federal inquiry into five projected extensions and mergers which Oregon railroads have asked the interstate commerce commission to sanction will be begun by an examination of the commission at Portland on October 5, it is announced.

Representative W. C. Hawley has received a telegram from the war department that an additional appropriation of \$20,000 has been authorized for the dredging and improvement of the Willamette river between Portland and Salem.

Odel lake, scenic body of water near the summit of the Cascades on the Eugene-Klamath Falls railroad is connected by rail with the outside world. The line of steel from Paulina, east of the mountains has reached the south end of the lake.

### LUMBER MILL VISITED

Ten Snow Cap Mountain Peaks Seen at One Time on Auto Trip to Bend

Attorney Ira M. Peterson was in Bend part of this week on professional matters connected with his office. Upon his return he stated that on the trip down he counted ten snow cap peaks that were in sight at one time. While at Bend he had an opportunity to inspect the Brooks-Seaton lumber mill which he said is a wonderfully large concern employing 1300 men in its lumber mill, operating its lumber railroads and its logging camps. The lumber mill cuts 200,000 feet of lumber each 24 hours, working three shifts six days each week. All the refuse material and saw dust is burned by the mill with which to operate gigantic steam engines which in turn generate electricity with which all the work in the mill is performed, each saw, planer, lumber carrier, etc., having its own individual motor. The operation of gathering the waste fuel is an interesting one to observe as it is just about as automatic as is possible to attain, even to feeding the fires under the big boilers.

### Waste Through Fire is Serious Economic Loss

Former President H. A. Smith of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, in commenting on the 1924 fire loss of \$548,000,000 said:

"That this enormous destruction causes no ripple on the commercial sea, speaks well for the stability of stock fire insurance, but such a waste if unchecked, nevertheless threatens our economic life. If business men in every community would take up the fire waste problem and apply practical business methods to its solution, this country in another twelve months would see a material reduction in this needless economic loss which continues to be a heavy drain on our national wealth."

Dealing with taxation and legislation, Mr. Smith attributed the large number of bills introduced at every legislative session, in part, to the tendency toward government by bureau, which he regards as highly dangerous.

"Of late years," he said, "the people seem to be leaning more and more heavily upon a paternal government, but the insidious encroachment of government upon private business is bound to undermine our prosperity and bring disaster. The hand of government in business is the touch of death." If we would prevent it we must so conduct our affairs that the people who are the government will not feel interference is necessary.

The first issue of the Malin Progress, a weekly newspaper is off the press under the management of the farmers of the Klamath irrigation district. The newspaper will be the official organ of the farmers and water users of southern Klamath county.

Boatmen of the Macleay Estate company, whose boats are in use taking salmon from Rogue river, have been fined nearly \$10,000. Recent inspections of boats there developed few were complying with government regulations.

Prosecution of William Levens, state prohibition director, who is under indictment at Klamath Falls charged with the theft of a revolver from a cabin occupied by a Mexican laborer, probably will be deferred until the return of the attorney-general, who is now on his vacation.

Members of the senate committee on public lands which has to do with the granting of additional lands to the states, grazing of livestock in the national forests and administration of national parks and Indian reservations, will hold a hearing in Portland September 8 and 9, according to a letter received at the executive offices in Salem. The committee will hold another hearing at Pendleton on September 10 and at Baker on September 11.

Seventy-nine water-power plants in Oregon at present are developing a capacity of 244,227 horsepower, the geological survey reports. Of the plants listed for the state, 57 are operated by public utilities or municipalities and are credited with a capacity of 193,463 horsepower. The engineers of the survey have estimated that Oregon's water-power sources fully developed would deliver 3,665,000 horsepower for 90 per cent of the time or 6,715,000 horsepower 50 per cent of the time.

The Oregon state textbook commission, acting upon legal advice received from Elton Watkins, Portland attorney, convened in Salem and adopted textbooks used in the public schools of this state on which contracts with the publishers have expired. In assuming that Mr. Watkins was correct in his interpretation of the law and that the commission has authority to adopt textbooks at this time, an opinion previously handed down by Attorney-General Van Winkle for the guidance of the state board of education, was disregarded. In this opinion the attorney-general held that the statutes provided specifically that one-third of the textbooks should be adopted at a meeting of the commission in November, 1924, and one-third of the textbooks in the same month every two years thereafter. Adoption of textbooks at any other time would be illegal, the attorney-general held.

### IN MEMORIAM

Ronald Maurice Ellsworth, only child of George and Leota Ellsworth of Moro, was born in Portland on the fourth day of September nineteen hundred and twenty, nearly five years ago.

He left this life about midnight August the nineteenth, and many are the relatives and friends who miss him more than tongue can tell.

It seemed impossible to locate the nature of his illness, although he had not been well for a month or six weeks. He was taken to The Dalles and Portland, but found no help from doctors there.

The funeral service was held at the Methodist church on Thursday last. Misses Millie Benson and Elsie Bourhill sang the songs of comfort and Mr. and Mrs. Feenstra conducted the service. Many friends and beautiful floral offerings endeavored to express their mute sympathy.

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### NOTICE OF EIGHTH GRADE FINAL EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that the county school superintendent of the Sherman county, Oregon, will hold final examinations for eighth grade certificates on Thursday and Friday, September 3rd and 4th, 1925, at the county court house in Moro, Oregon, as follows:

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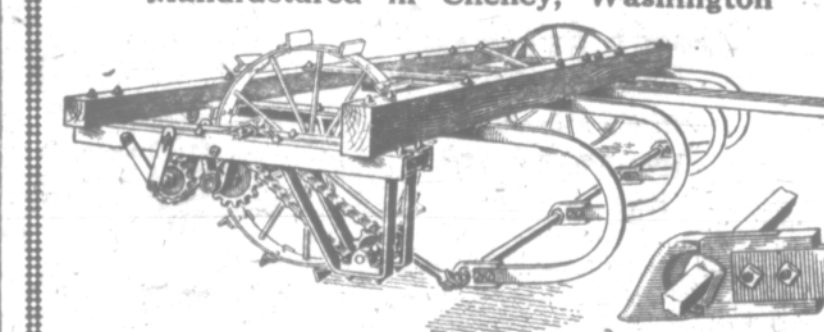
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