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New Auditorium for University Provided

University of Oregon, Eugene, July 16 — Eugene citizens have voted \$500,000 in bonds to provide an auditorium on the University of Oregon campus. This building, which is to be the gift of the city to the University, will provide for one of the most important items on the University's five year building program for the financing of which the \$5,000,000 Gift Campaign is being conducted.

There is now no place on the campus where all the University students and faculty can be gathered together at one time. The present auditorium is a room in Villard hall, seating only a thousand persons, in which less than half the students can meet together.

The new auditorium, provided by the city, will have a seating capacity of 5,000 at its largest, and will be so arranged that the seating capacity can be reduced for smaller meetings. It will be planned so as to be available for conventions and civic gatherings as well as for the regular exercises and meetings of the University.

The five year building program includes buildings for which funds must be provided within the next five years to meet the needs of the University's rapidly growing enrollment. Among these buildings are the Library, Science Building, and various other class room buildings. Because the University enrollment has increased so much faster than its income from the State, it has been necessary to meet the present building emergency with gifts from private sources.

Don't Be the "Other Fellow"

About 15,709 lives were lost in motor vehicle accidents (exclusive of grade crossing collisions between motor vehicles and trains) in the United States during 1923, an increase of nearly 2,000 over the 1922 record. Grade crossing fatalities make a total exceeding 17,000.

This estimate was made by the National Safety Committee of the Automobile Department of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters on the basis of statistics of 135 cities.

It may be all right to insure your car against fire, theft, collision, public liability and property damage, and so long as the accident which may be due to your carelessness merely hurts the "other fellow" you let the insurance company worry about the cost. But if you happen to be the "other fellow", insurance collected by your heirs may not help you in the place to which you go.

No insurance has yet been found which will prevent death and injury; hence, it pays to be careful. —Ind. News.

Job-holders

Figures from authoritative sources assert that nearly \$4,000,000,000 is paid out annually in the United States every year to public officials, active and retired.

These figures are not surprising when we know that nearly 3,500,000 persons are on the public pay roll, federal, state and local.

Nearly one-half of the \$8,500,000,000 spent yearly by our government goes to officials and former officials. Every taxpayer should understand that almost one-half of his taxes goes to support office-holders.

One of Mussolini's first acts was to dismiss 100,000 men from the public payroll. Our trouble is that the job-holder is the backbone of every political party. Jobs are the currency in which party debts are paid. And this currency is at present inflated. —San Francisco Examiner, June 30.

Musk Oxen Drive Off

Hungry Wolf Packs

Of all the strange animals of North America the musk ox is one of the queerest and most interesting, says William T. Hornaday in the Youth's Companion. First of all, it is a true connecting link between wild cattle and sheep. It is able to live and thrive in cold arctic regions, even up to the farthest north for hoofed animals, the most northerly point of Greenland. It has horns like the wild Cape buffalo of Africa, cattilelike hoofs, and its flesh looks and tastes like beef. It has next its body a dense coat of soft, woolly hair and through this grows a coat of very long, straight brown hair, like that of the Tibetan yak. It has a tall so short and small that the animal seems tailless. Its supply of "musk" and its "musky" odor are both wholly imaginary.

For thousands of years the musk ox herds have been preserving their calves from the hungry wolf packs of the North by most excellent military strategy. When wolves threaten a herd it at once forms a compact circle, with the adult bulls and cows standing shoulder to shoulder in the outer circle, and with all the calves and young stock inside.

Even to hungry wolves that circle of deadly down-drooping horns is impregnable. A bull may leave his place for a moment to rush out 30 yards or so in an effort to puncture a wolf, but he never is lured too far. Back he goes to the circle, backs into his place and plays the game to the end.

Remained Single for Various Odd Reasons

In the course of a breach of promise case a man confessed that he had avoided the marriage he had contemplated because he had a fondness for a certain dish to which, he discovered, his prospective bride strongly objected, and it was on this score that he broke off the engagement, London Tit-Bits states.

A well-known man of letters once confessed that he had consistently shirked the ordeal of marriage because it involved what was to him a still greater ordeal, that of proposing.

And there were at least a score of women known to this man and his friends who would have been only too glad to have been led to the altar by him. That none was destined to be so escorted was due, simply and solely, to his rooted aversion to proposing.

An actor, famous in his day, once declared that his reason for remaining a bachelor was that he preferred breakfasting in absolute peace and quietness.

It was his custom, on rising at seven o'clock, to have his breakfast by the fire, instead of at the table in the usual fashion. The meal was laid ready and he simply helped himself, allowing no one to disturb him until 10:30, while he read his letters and papers in silence.

To marry, he said, would mean the breaking of a long-established habit and because of this he declined to take the step.

Largest Fresh Springs

The National Geographic society says that it is impossible to state exactly which fresh-water spring is the largest in the United States since springs fluctuate in their discharge, and it is also the question of considering a group of springs singularly or collectively. Among the largest fresh-water springs in the United States are the Thousands springs and the Malad springs, both of which are in Idaho. Either of these springs would supply the city of New York with water. Silver springs in Florida are also among the largest fresh-water springs in the United States.

A Little Careless

"What do you know of the character of the defendant?" asked the judge of a colored laundress subpoenaed in an accident case of a white man arrested for careless driving of a motorcar.

"It's tolerable," Maria said.

"Had you seen him drive the car before?"

"Yassah."

"Would you consider him careless?"

"Well, jedge, as fo' de car—dat little thing ain't gwine to hurt nobody, but being us is all here, I might as well tell yo' dat he sho' is careless 'bout payin' fo' his wash!"

Hid From Lightning

A thunderstorm was approaching and a group of Jennings county women began talking of the laughable things people do to guard against lightning. The honors went to Mrs. Henrietta Elliot of North Vernon. She turned to a former pupil and said, "Alice, you must remember the time a terrible storm came up in the afternoon and lightning struck several trees right close to the schoolhouse. I got so scared I pulled the door back to hide myself the best I could, and took off my steel hoopskirt!" —Indianapolis News.

Doing One's Duty

Take good care of disagreeable duties. Attend to these first. Never select the things that you want to do, and shirk upon others the things that you do not want to do. Choose the disagreeable things you will get in your manhood. You cannot grow in any other way so fast. You may be angry with some shiftless man, who is willing to put on you work that he ought to do himself, but you cannot afford to be unfaithful because somebody else is. —Henry Ward Beecher.

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