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And Remember to Get a Stop-Over for Springfield.

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OF COURSE WE COULD DO IT.

The Springfield spirit is not dead. The Go Getters are not forgotten. Pep, snap, and ginger of former days sparkled in the fine community effort to provide in Springfield a suitable camping ground for travelling autoists. Less than a week ago the plan took form. Monday one of the local organizations offered its rooms for a meeting, and a lot of personal solicitation, added to the call published Monday in The News brought out a fine representative crowd Tuesday evening. Wednesday morning the work was under way, and before noon the first tourist had been captured and welcomed as the guest of Springfield. Snap and ginger characterized the printing of handbills for use on the main highway until proper signs could be painted and erected.

The news is going forward that Springfield offers accommodations to the traveller—accommodations that are superior, and worth making an effort to reach. Three parties the first night is just a beginning. The news will be spread to the north and to the south and to the east and the west. Others will hear of Springfield and will be her guests. Treat them right and they will send others. The measure of the

success of the plan is the measure of public interest in the comfort and welfare of the travelers.

The particularly pleasing thing about the whole project is the spirit of co-operation in which the work is being accomplished. Citizens with a little spare time, and citizens who have to take a few moments from an already busy day have joined in the work of making the needed preparations. All of the details have been grasped at once, and as soon as a feasible detail is suggested, it has been put into execution. The effort and the spirit that prompts it are splendid.

And right here we want to pay a tribute to the man who has made possible the plan in many of its desirable features. Mr. Simon Klovdahl of Eugene is a man. He is a big, broad man. The property, use of which he has donated, is in litigation at this time over a sidewalk assessment. Mr. Klovdahl objected to the amount of the assessment and declined to pay it, saying he would depend upon the action of the courts. The case is now in the state supreme court, but Mr. Klovdahl, instead of being resentful at his lack of success in the lower court, offers the property, rent-free, for the benefit of the community. Mr. Klovdahl is a gentleman, and he has the hearty appreciation of the citizens of Springfield.

DO YOU KNOW—

That there are irrigated lands in every county in Oregon with two exceptions?

That there are interesting irrigation projects at West Stayton, Brownsville and near Medford, and that others are contemplated in the vicinity of Roseburg?

That about 50 per cent of all farms in Eastern Oregon are wholly or in part irrigated?

That about 50 per cent of the tillable land in Eastern Oregon requires irrigation to produce paying crops?

That there are only two "Carey Act" projects in the state now selling land?

That Oregon is the only state in the union that has appropriated funds and completed an irrigation project?

That raw land, with full water right, can be purchased at \$40 an acre, 10 years' time?

That irrigated land makes alfalfa, alfalfa makes hogs, and hogs make money?

That some of Oregon's irrigated lands produce more corn per acre than do lands in Iowa?

That east of the Cascade range there are hundreds of thousands of acres of lands where water, sunshine and soil await capital for creating a great trade center for Portland? —Portland Chamber of Commerce News.

There does not appear to have been any mad rush to put into effect The News' suggestion of Monday that Springfield bond itself for half a million or so in order to encourage the Southern Pacific to finish the Natron cutoff. That might be going a little strong, still, the only way for a community to get anything is to go after it with inducements.

The merry whistle of the thresher calling the husbandman to his labor can be heard at four thirty these mornings—if you are up in time.

And to think that a man is not safe in Georgia, even when behind bars and the ward of the state! For shame, Georgia!

ASHLAND'S PLAN OF CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

By MORRIS J. DURYEA

It is a common practice for municipalities to bond themselves for civic improvements and to provide funds for sites and bonuses to induce new industries to locate within the city. Seldom, if ever, has a city bonded itself for the purpose of changing the entire course of its history and making itself over into a new kind of town. A city in the Southern part of Oregon, the City of Ashland, is the first city in the country, it is believed, to do this remarkable thing. The interesting feature of what is being done by this Oregon city is the incidental development of a great natural resource of the State itself.

The people of Oregon have been too busy thinking about their rich heritage in the way of millions of acres of fertile soil, billions of feet of stand-

ing timber and thousands upon thousands of undeveloped horsepower, these great and potent factors in the commercial, industrial and agricultural progress of the State, to give much thought to the wealth of resources the State has in its wonderful scenery and abundance of healing waters. Tons of literature, proclaiming the advantages the State possesses for the homeseeker and investor, have been sent broadcast over the World. Only in the past few years have we begun to lay much stress on the advantages the State offers the tourist and sightseer, and to set forth in our literature the fact Oregon is the peer and equal of any state in the Union in the variety and grandeur of its scenic attractions. We

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