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CIVIC PRIDE

The next few weeks will be times to plant trees and shrubbery, clean up the rubbish that has accumulated in the back yard during the winter and make the home place look beautiful for the summer. If everybody "licks up" a little what a difference it will make in the appearance of the town. There are a few "pluggers" in Springfield who are always boosting for a city beautiful but they can do little if interest is not taken by every property owner.

The Chamber of Commerce has undertaken the erection of a large arch over the entrance to the town on the Pacific highway across the river. They will soon call upon local people to volunteer help or make a donation to pay for the arch. Likewise the Chamber has committees working on a new booklet and when solicited every merchant, professional man and industry in the city should take advertising space in the publication. Both these undertakings are for the betterment of Springfield. It is desired to attract more people here and to ever keep this a live, wide-awake, prosperous community.

Mr. Bok has politely told congressmen investigating his peace awards that it is none of their business how he spends his money so long as he does it honestly. We have a feeling that Mr. Bok is about right. Although we are not an advocate of the peace plan selected by the award judges.

Seventy-five per cent of all the passenger cars and ninety per cent of all the motor trucks in the United States are purchased on the installment plan, according to the Baltimore Credit company. The buyers usually pay one-third or more down and the balance in 12 months.

Mellon's tax reduction scheme is now so full of holes that it doesn't look like it will make good election propaganda. It was a fine idea to save a lot of rich men money and if they don't pay we all know the little fellows will have to dig up.

Coolidge's "front porch" campaign will likely be a back porch campaign since he is prone to make speeches. There's something in his favor, however, if he doesn't open his mouth he can't put his foot in it like some of the windy candidates.

Some of these debiles being tossed into the ring are not a very modern style.

When opportunity knocks don't let someone else open the door.

Certain nPrlanders who are looking for a new name for Mount Hood lament the fact that Washington has a Mount Baker.

The present generation may be living too fast but you would never realize it watching some people work.

Editorial Comment

WIDOWS AND BOY HUSBANDS

Our better class of society which spends its happy home life in New York cabarets and gives week-end parties on street corners, is all buzzed up, notes Mr "Dugs" Baer, over the marriage of the 50-year-old widow to the 16-year-old veteran of the Boy Scouts. What can be sweeter than to be both rich and young? And she is rich. He is young. If some girls think it is better to be old men's darlings than snappy young men's slaves, this rule should tour both ways. Why shouldn't young men prefer to be old ladies' cashiers than young women's paying tellers? Why indeed?—Cappers Weekly.

We ought not to undertake the task of policing Europe, Asia and Northern Africa; neither ought we to permit any interference with the Monroe Doctrine or any attempt by Europe or Asia to police America. Mexico is our Balkan peninsula. Some day we will have to deal with it. All the coasts and islands which in any way approach the Panama Canal must be dealt with by this nation in accordance with the Monroe Doctrine. . . . Let each nation reserve to itself and for its own decisions, and let it clearly set forth, questions which are non-judicial. Finally, make it perfectly clear that we do not intend to take a position of an International "Meddlesome Mattie." The American people do not wish to undertake the responsibility of sending our gallant young men to die in obscure fights in the Balkans or in Central Europe or in a war we do not approve of; moreover, the American people do not intend to give up the Monroe Doctrine.—Theodore Roosevelt.

BETTER USE THE DOORMAT

Mrs. Betty Michaelson, Chicago woman, is sentenced to 30 days in the house of correction and fined \$100 for shooting her husband because he walked over freshly scrubbed floors. Scarcely anything makes a woman madder. Both the judge and Michaelson realized it. The husband begged that his wife be discharged, in which plea he was joined by his mother and father. The prosecuting attorney thought it the duty of the court to discourage other wives who might be inclined to protect the cleanliness of their floors with revolvers, by making an example of Mrs. Michaelson, hence the severity of her sentence. High spirited American wives must be handled more tactfully by husbands.—Cappers Weekly.

A YEAR OF BUILDING

According to the records of S. W. Strass & Co., building statisticians, the building done during 1923 in 264 cities of this country, amounted to \$2,221,961,799, as against \$2,687,283,872 in 1922. The twenty-five cities showing the greatest number of building permits had a total of \$2,278,053,746 in 1923 as against \$1,812,861,763 in 1922. Of these twenty-five cities but two built less in 1923 than in 1922, these being Boston and Pittsburg.

The five cities doing the most building this year are New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Detroit and Philadelphia in the order named, none of these doing less than \$123,000,000. Los Angeles passed \$200,000,000, Chicago built to the amount of almost \$220,000,000 and New York almost \$750,000,000.—Eclair T Telegram.

WOULD PREFER CASH

Russia wants recognition by the United States, but we have an idea that Yankee dollars would be acceptable without it.—Boston Transcript.

Uncle Sam will not recognize Russia till she can recognize her financial obligations.—Boston Herald.

A melting-pot can't change them into good Americans unless they were good Europeans.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

Governments, religion, property, books, are nothing but the scaffolding to build a man. Earth holds up to her master no fruit but the finished man.—Humboldt.

Our Constitution is in actual operation; everything appears to promise that it will last; but in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.—Thomas Jefferson, in 1789.

Lots of people worry themselves to death about keeping alive.

When some prodigal sons return father kills the fatted kid.

If money was everything there wouldn't be much.

Most of the wolves at Russia's door are inside.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TRUCK AND AUTO LICENSE FEES

Truck license fees and regulations will be the subject of consideration at the first public hearing of the Oregon Motor Vehicle License Revision Committee. This hearing will be at Portland at two o'clock on Monday

afternoon, January 23rd, room 529 Court House.

For the past six months the special committee appointed by Governor Pierce to make recommendations to the 1925 Legislature for a motor vehicle license revision reducing the tax burden on the old car has been busy gathering information. The January 23rd hearing will be the first of a

series to be held during the year in order that the committee's report may represent the sentiment of the people of the State.

W. B. Dennis of Carlton, Chairman of the committee, announces that this truck hearing will not take up the problems of the for-hire truck or the passenger bus. These will be the subject of a later hearing.



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