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Editorial Program

- I. Make Springfield the Industrial Center of Western Oregon.
- II. Develop a Strong Trading Point; Build a City of Contented Homes.
- III. Improve Living Conditions on the Farm. Promote the Raising of Purebred Livestock and the Growing of Fruit; Work for Better Markets.
- IV. Tell the World About Oregon's Scenic Wonderland.

"HONEST ABE"

Tuesday we observed the 115th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. The "great emancipator" is one of two or three greatest men this country has ever produced. "Honest Abe" they called him and his examples of honesty in public affairs might well be emulated during the present day.

Honesty! It is the corner stone of the character of every great individual. One may possess every other element of greatness, but if he be dishonest, if he disregard the truth, if he be willing to misrepresent facts or conditions for what seems at the time personal advancement, he is not a great man. Sooner or later the sin of dishonesty will find him out.

The Western World of Bandon has just published a 48-page "Port of Bandon edition" which sets forth the industrial advantages of the Coquille valley and other sections of southwestern Oregon as well as the need for port development. It is a splendid testimonial of the enterprise displayed in Bandon. It appears that the country is 100 per cent behind the project.

Welcome to our city, all those who have settled in our midst in the last few weeks. We wish you all success in the businesses and industrial pursuits you have started in here. Springfield needs more like you.

Eugene has built many new hotels on paper. It's about time she started building one or two with concrete and brick.

Political life in Oregon, county and state, is like the army—one recall after another.

Spring has come even if the ground hog did see his shadow.

Springfield's prospects look better every day.

Editorial Comment

VISIONING TIMBER

A graph showing the timber resources of the yet timbered states of the Union is given on the front page of Portland Commerce of last week. The picture is more striking even than the figures that support it, for it shows how the Oregon lumber pile stands out against the sky in comparison with the little piles of certain other states. These are the figures:

Total timber in Oregon, 480,000,000,000 feet; Washington, 335,000,000,000 feet; California, 300,000,000,000 feet; Idaho, 85,000,000,000 feet; Louisiana, 80,000,000,000 feet; Mississippi, 70,000,000,000 feet; Arkansas, 65,000,000,000 feet; Montana, 60,000,000,000 feet. The total timber in the five leading timber states outside of the three West Coast states is but 360,000,000,000 feet, which is less by 120,000,000,000 feet than the timber of Oregon, and but a little more than that of Washington.

The original timber stand in the United States was approximately 5,200,000,000,000 board feet of which about 1,100,000,000,000 feet remain, and of this 1,115,000,000,000 feet, or more than half, is in the three West Coast states, and a little less than half this in the state

of Oregon. Our national requirements for saw timber are about 40,000,000,000 feet annually and it is estimated that fire, insects and disease destroy about 16,000,000,000 feet more, making an annual drain on our forests of 56,000,000,000 board feet.

We know that we are using timber now five times as fast as Nature can replace it by growth, and that the replacement by planting is as yet only trifling. Assuming that we shall continue our use of timber at the present rate our saw timber supply will be exhausted in forty years.

Forty years is just about long enough to grow a Douglas fir to second grade firewood size. We are headed into a lumber famine that half the people now living will see and suffer.—The Portland Telegram.

WORLD LOSES A GREAT MAN

In the death of Woodrow Wilson the world has lost a great man. As a statesman the ex-president had few peers. From governor of New Jersey to President of the United States, the former Princeton college president, whose political training up to that time had not been practical to any great degree, his ideals expressed in his many writings of "the new freedom" commanded the attention of the entire nation and his ability as a leader in world affairs soon became apparent. His accomplishments were brought about by a great intellect overshadowing all opposition. When once convinced he was right on affairs governing his people no pressure, no matter how great, could alter his decision, and millions of plain people rallied to his support, knowing that no money power could change his viewpoint and that his acts would be dictated by his own conscience. Though opposition grew strong, in a political way, during the closing years of his administration, the big minds of the country knew his worth and had it not been his fate to be stricken with serious illness which covered a period of many years, his accomplishments would have been far greater than now recorded.

Being the guiding hand of affairs during the World War crisis the ex-president withstood a handicap that deprived him of exercising his power to set the political machinery of the nation in perfect operation. Had he had a country devoid of a great war program—commanding the attention of the principal countries of the world—his policies would have been rounded out and put into operation in a more thorough and comprehensive manner. No man, with attendant physical ailments, could have done better than Woodrow Wilson. What would he have accomplished for the world had he been physically fit? He goes down in history as one of the nation's greatest men. Had his true condition been known to the people during his administration much of the harsh criticism directed by opposing factions would have been turned to deepest sympathy. But it was Mr. Wilson's way. He suffered most pangs of ill health unknown even to his closest and most intimate friends and acquaintances. He was too brave to tell of his bodily ailments for fear of exploitation that would undermine our government and bring about an unsettled condition in world affairs through the knowledge going out that he was unable to direct the government and that the nation would be unable to properly function due to his illness. Rather than pass the responsibility to others he quietly kept the world in the dark regarding his serious condition for many years and with great mental exertion guided the nation through its most critical period.

The entire world reverently bows its head in the loss of a great man.—Roseburg News-Review.

Voters have no right to complain about results if they voluntarily abstain from voting. Citizenship is valuable beyond price, but entirely too many citizens neglect their greatest privilege, that of taking part in the government under which they live and pay tax.—Omaha Bee.

MUST DATE ALL EGGS

Every egg now offered for sale in Connecticut must have the exact date of its advent into this hungry world stamped upon it. Anyone who has ever eaten scrambled eggs in a city restaurant will consider this a step forward. But to furnish all the hens of Connecticut with rubber stamps is going to cost something, which according to the rules of business should be added to the price of eggs.—Capper's Weekly.

USED A SERMON-STOPPER

In the ex-Kaiser's pew in the chapel at Potsdam, a push-button has been found which his ex-majesty formerly used to ring a bell in the pulpit. When the minister had reached the allotted time the all-highest would ring the bell. The dominie was expected to finish his discourse forthwith, even though he was in the middle of a sentence. That sounds like the old Wilhelm. It was always me and Gott with him, with the "me" part first.—Capper's Weekly.

INCOME TAX IN NUTSHELL

WHO? Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of \$2,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more must file returns.

WHEN? The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924.

WHERE? Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business.

HOW? Instruction on Form 1040A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT? Four per cent normal tax on the first \$4,000 of net income in excess of the personal exemption and credits for dependents. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of net income. Surtax from 1 per cent to 50 per cent on net incomes over \$6,000 for the year 1923.

TIPS FOR TAXPAYERS

No. 7
Losses arising from fires, storms,

Change Operating Methods

Example, a flood or frost, whether or not connected with the taxpayer's business, may be deducted from gross income in his 1923 income-tax return. If his home or automobile is destroyed by fire, this loss is deductible for the year in which it occurred.

Loss of property by theft or burglary is an allowable deduction and need not be incurred in trade or business. A loss for embezzlement is also deductible.

All losses are deductible only to the extent by which they are not compensated for by insurance or otherwise.

On Journal Staff

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 14.—Curtis E. Price of Springfield was recently appointed as the new assistant for the circulation of the Oregon State Technical Record put out by the engineering students of the college. This publication was formerly known as the Student Engineer.

Price is a sophomore in engineering and will assist in putting out a large publication soon.

A change in operating methods will be effective in the Springfield plant of the Mountain States Power company until the end of the month. Under the new system L. E. Danke will have charge of the second shift from 4 p. m. to midnight, instead of the first shift which is his regular duty. John Henderer will have the third shift from midnight to 8 a. m., instead of the second, and R. L. Burnett will take the first shift, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. The object of the arrangement is to allow Mr. Burnett, who was recently promoted from fireman, to learn the management while on duty in the day time. After this month he will take the third shift, and the other men will go back to their previous duties.

A repair of a furnace at the power plant was begun Monday and continued for three days while the brick work was replaced.

The Springfield Army Goods Store carries a complete line of camping outfits at less price than you can buy elsewhere.

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