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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.

### THE NEW SCHOOL PROGRAM

With funds voted for a \$25,000 grade school building on the unit plan and the promise of a site people of Springfield have embarked on a school program which will serve the city for many years. Springfield school district should get away from voting more bonds until the \$65,000 of old bonded indebtedness of the district is reduced. The district will have a school that will likely serve the grades for two or three years when the new building is done. Units can be built on this structure at the cost of \$3,000 a room. Whenever a new room is needed it would be good business to do it by a direct tax. In that way the district will not be increasing the bonded indebtedness and pyramiding interest. The interest we pay as a school district now every year would build a unit every year on the new structure. Let's stop wasting our money on this sort of financing until we are forced to, and that will be when Springfield is twice as large as it is now.

People living near the Second street and railroad crossing report counting 22 accidents at the crossing during the last few months. The railroad company promised an automatic alarm signal for the crossing several months ago but no one has seen or heard it as yet.

The American Legion boys are considering plans for a club house. This is an undertaking in which they should receive the loyal support of the community.

There are 25,000 miles of concrete road in this country but it seldom reaches to where you are going.

You won't have much luck with anything you don't enjoy doing.

People in the United States would own 87 per cent of the world's autos if they were paid for.

Ask a girl for her hand and she may keep you under her thumb.

Women are rolling their own again—we see.

### Editorial Comment

#### DAWES AND THE SENATE

With characteristic directness, forceful diction and temperamental heat, Vice President Dawes preached a sermon to the United States Senate on one of its grave faults—the use of one man power to block legislation. He is not the first man to advocate a time limit on debate. No analysis of his motive is needed. It is clear that he chose the first opportunity of inviting the country's attention to a reform which he strongly desires. It may be

conceded that he violated the amenities of the solemn occasion and with questionable taste. This is also characteristic. He makes his own rules for combat. He picks out the vulnerable spot and strikes quick and hard. He is no stickler for nice proprieties. Of course, he offended many senators, but what of that? No genuine reformer has ever escaped giving offense and making enemies. It was not the just criticism which rolled the Senate, but the time and place and the manner of Dawes' chastisement.

### WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY It Serves All

"A newspaper is a different sort of business from every other in that its most valuable asset comes from the confidence of the people rather than from its buildings, presses and material assets," said a speaker before a recent convention of Pennsylvania daily and weekly newspaper publishers and editors.

The speaker might have gone a step farther and said that the newspaper has few if any things in common with other businesses. This probably results from the fact that the newspaper serves the mental needs of the public, while all other business serve physical needs.

In one respect the newspaper is not a business in the sense of being a private enterprise. Its readers regard their newspaper more in the light of a public utility serving the community than as a private business making a livelihood for its owners and employes. So thoroughly has this feeling been inculcated into the public mind that the average newspaper serves its community first and its owners second. In return the newspaper gains that most valuable asset, the confidence of the public. That newspaper which has lost the confidence of its readers may be said to have failed in the first test of newspaper success, but so far as business is concerned, it might more appropriately be termed an adventure.—Centralia Chronicle.

Certain insidious beliefs seem to find entry into world consciousness every now and then in such a way that undoubtedly they help to produce highly undesirable results. Such, for example, during the war period were the aggressive suggestions from many sources which aroused on both sides anything but peaceful sentiments. Similarly today a subtle campaign is apparently being waged with a view to impressing upon thought the words, "next war." On every hand, even in sermons and during ordinary conversations, this phrase appears as if "the next war" could not possibly be averted. But why should there be a next war? If half the effort that is being put into the campaign to foist this suggestion upon the world could be employed to help maintain peace, something worth while would be in process of accomplishment. "The next war" must never break out! that is the best solution to all the problems that it would bring in its train.—Christian Science Monitor.

### MAN'S LIMIT

(From Chicago Journal of Commerce)

Man is to remain, intellectually, and we daresay physically, as he is, in the opinion of the English anthropologist, Sir Arthur Keith. Whenever experience in evolution the human race has undergone physically, the course of ages to come is not to make a superintellectual of him, is the conclusion of this distinguished student of aboriginal races. Indeed, Sir Arthur inclines to the belief that the intellectual machinery of man, his brain, is diminishing rather than increasing in size. He is pleased to feel justified in this opinion, because a highly developed intellect "causes its owner more pain than pleasure."

At the present time, this scholar says, men have ten times more brain power than they are ever likely to need, and likens the great majority of human beings, as respects intellect, to people living in a cellar when they have a big house unoccupied above them. It is not, he continues, intellect that preserves the human race, but animal instinct, the attraction existing between the sexes. A purely intellectual population would in time perish from the earth.

Incidentally Sir Arthur notes that the newspaper is the index of the average human mind, because not more than 5 per cent of its contents deal with affairs of the intellect. Certainly crime, sports, sex and politics fill most of the news columns if the country. His inclusion of politics as something out of, or at least to one side of, the intellectual, interests us. Presumably, when we grow to use "the big house" above the cellar to which our intellects now confine themselves, we shall have reached the limit. We are stumbling toward it.

### WEST FIR PRODUCTION CONTINUES SLOWLY

Employment Conditions Other Than in Logging and Lumbering are Better

Portland, March 12—(Special)—Despite the fact that logging and lumbering continue to be curtailed, employment conditions in the northwest improved last week and more men found work than during any similar period of the year, according to reports from various northwestern cities received at 4L headquarters here today. The greater part of new employment was from farming, mining and construction sources, the reports state.

Conditions in the pine districts of the Inland Empire are improving daily, the reports show, and sawmill activity there is fast approaching normal. Condensed reports from the various 4L offices follow:

#### Portland

Employment conditions in Portland have improved slightly during the past week. Road contractors have been hiring crews and calls for agricultural workers have continued to come in steadily. Most local sawmills logging on the Tillamook line became more active last week when the Wheeler Lumber company at Cochran resumed operations. The Cobbs-Mitchell camp near Valstev also has started logging and the Eagle Lumber company at Westlimer, Ore., and the American Logging company at Carson, Washington, are other concerns which will resume work this week, it is reported. There are fewer unemployed men in this city than there

were one week ago.

#### Aberdeen

There was no added curtailment of log production on Grays Harbor last week. Although the Aloha Lumber company shut down one side, logging was resumed at the camps of the Greenwood Timber company. Labor turnover in camps of this district was larger than for many weeks past. Sawmills, generally, are continuing to run but five days a week. Shipping here has been active and Longshore workers have been kept busy.

#### Seattle

More men were sent to jobs from Seattle last week than during any similar period in six months. The employment came chiefly from farming, mining and construction sources, however as both logging and lumber manufacturing in this district continues to be greatly curtailed. Camps closing last week included one of the Simpson Logging company at Shelton, and also one side each at the Phoenix Potlatch, and at the Irving-Hartley.

Twin. The Bissell Nettleton and Duwahish mills in Seattle, and the Stinson plant at Ballard, have reduced cutting program to four days per week. Logging at the North Bend Timber company's camps has been curtailed to five days weekly.

#### Spokane

Further improvement in the employment situation of the Inland Empire was noted last week. Calls for farm workers have been steadily increasing and both logging and lumbering are daily becoming more active. The Winton Lumber company at St. Joe, Idaho, has started cutting at its mill and it is reported that the Panhandle, Lone, Washington, will resume next week. Preparatory work has begun in many of the higher level camps. With the exception of skilled planing mill help there is plenty of labor here to fill all demands.

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