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"THE WORST PIECE OF ROAD IN THE COUNTRY"

There are few people who have been away from home and never heard his expression, "the worst piece of road in the county is between the Pacific highway and Springfield." The question is, is Springfield going to remain the town noted for "the worst piece of road in the country" or are we going to have a paved entrance to the city. We have been talking about paving and we know how much it will cost, since the engineer's estimates have been given. Are we going to continue to talk and go through another summer with this bad condition or are we going to act and pave these few blocks.

CLEANUP

Next week is cleanup week and the rubbish accumulated during the winter will be hauled away from April 15 to 18 by the city street department free of charge. Every old can, carton, paper, rags, old clothes and what not that is cluttering up the back yard and alley should be placed in a sack or box and put out where it can be gotten next Wednesday morning by the teams.

Cleanup week applies to every citizen. The health and sanitation as well as the beauty of our town depends on a thorough cleanup. We should show our civic spirit and cooperate with the city authorities to make this the cleanest town in the county.

The News dispatches tells us that "Fowler McCormick, in soiled overalls, and with calloused hands, is working as a laborer in the Milwaukee plant of the International Harvester Co." Isn't it sad?

Smooth seas favor the Prince of Wales on his trip, so there is little danger of him falling off the ship. Also President Coolidge has not had a single throw from his mechanical horse. They're getting to be accomplished sportsmen in high places these days.

A New York woman kicked in a show window—must have seen a hat like hers.

Women who marry to become pets usually lead a dog's life.

Once they kissed and made up. Now they kiss and make up.

Congress has adjourned and left a lot of bills—wish we were congress.

Dempsey's fight now is with the income tax collector.

Dr. James Harris Rogers of Hyattsville, Md., announces he has succeeded in sending a radio message 3,000 miles underground. Washington has had underground communication much further than that for years.

Japan is rejoicing because of the new law permitting men to vote when they reach the age of thirty. By and by they will learn that counting is more important than voting.

Princess Vlora—formerly Helen Kelly Gould—announces that her daughter, Dorothy Gould, is to marry a Swiss baron. As the Gould money dwindles the titles increase.

Editorial Comment

THE MILWAUKEE TANGLE

People in the West regret exceedingly the necessity of the appointment of a receiver for the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. Constructed into the Pacific Northwest 16 years ago, the road has furnished excellent service and has become popular with the people. The receivership is due to financial difficulties, mostly due to the failure of the Pacific Coast extension to develop a paying business as rapidly as the company directors had figured. Prior to the construction of the line to Puget Sound, the Milwaukee had been a typical Middle West granger railroad, strong financially and largely depending on short haul business. Its stocks were at one time quoted at over \$199.

The extension to the Pacific Coast cost many millions of dollars. The electrification cost additional millions. Then came the war and government operation, cutting down profits and running up heavy replacement charges.

Loans matured and the railroad sees no way of meeting them. Bankers' refuse to renew the loans and the receivership is necessary. The road issued \$116,274,900 in preferred stock and \$117,411,000 in common stock is still outstanding. In addition there is a funded debt of \$434,242,000. This value of the common stock on the New York stock exchange has dropped to 5 1/2 and the preferred stock to 10 1/2. The receivership probably means the wiping out of the value of the stock altogether and perhaps a loss to the bondholders. All this is most regrettable as it seems to be the general opinion that given time for development the Milwaukee railroad might be able to pay out. Its lines in the middle western states are good money makers. Its coast extension is one of the best built railroad lines in the entire country and with the development of this great Pacific Northwest there should be sufficient business for the Milwaukee as well as the other railroads which have so long efficiently served this part of the nation.

OREGON WELL HOOKED UP

A summary of work done in the last session of Congress shows Oregon received a total of \$2,700,000 for reclamation projects during the coming year.

Oregon was also treated with great liberality in the appropriations for the state's rivers and harbors, and, in fact, got more in the end than they had expected.

There are western senators who make a great deal more noise and are more constantly in the spotlight, but no state has a better working team today in the upper house of Congress than McNary and Standfield.

Each of these two men tries very hard to represent every section and every interest of the state and, as the record shows, they have been remarkably successful.—Industrial News.

Repairing Bridge at Mill—The monorail bridge at the Boght-Kelly mill is being repaired at odd times when it is not in use. Several big timbers were replaced Friday and Saturday and the work will continue over several week-ends.

The Boy Was Right

Herman: "See that little speck out there on the horizon. That's a Scotch ship."

Healey: "Heavens man—you don't mean to tell me you know what flag she sails under from this distance. Why do you say it is a Scotch ship, ship."

Herman: "Well—there are no gulls following it."

ED PURDEY'S PHILOS

Dan Meekers boy, Sam, who has been serving a five year sentence for pig stealing, got a year off for good behavior, and I was just remarking what a comfort it must be to raise a good boy like that."

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, Dentist, Vitus building, Springfield, Oregon.

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