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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.

A PUBLIC AUDITORIUM

The American Legion this week purchased a quarter block of land at the corner of Seventh and B. streets for a public auditorium. Plans are to erect a structure that will seat over 1000 people, a regular community house whereby large gatherings can be taken care of.

Springfield has no auditorium that will hold a large crowd at present and the legion's spirit in embarking on the enterprise is commendable. Legionnaires plan to build the structure and when the legion passes out of existence 50 or 60 years in the future have the property revert to the town of Springfield. This enterprise is in accord with the legion's plan for community service in peace as well as its members served the country in time of war.

HELP WITH PARKS WANTED

The Women's Civic club has started on a campaign for city parks. They plan to clean up the lot at the corner of Second and Main streets and repair the bandstand that people may enjoy band concerts this summer. They also want some work done on the Willamette Heights park. These are civic enterprises worth while and the women should have the undivided support of the town in these enterprises.

There are a few old dilapidated buildings standing empty around our town that should be torn down. If the owners have not pride enough to remove these nuisances the council should take a hand. No other progressive city tolerates these eye sores.

It's the time of year when one often questions the truth and veracity of some of our most respected citizens. Especially if they have just returned from a fishing trip on the McKenzie river.

A few horns and not so many hammers would be better for the upbuilding of our town. It's easy to knock but hard to rebuild.

The crossword puzzle is said to be the most popular diversion yet introduced in insane asylums.

What people don't know won't hurt them unless they tell it.

Flappers won't attract much attention again until they start wearing clothes.

It is easy to accept another man's opinion when you are about to ask him to do you a favor.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Honorable Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, and Honorable Walter M. Pierce, Governor of Oregon, have issued proclamations designating April 27 to May 3, 1925, as American Forest Week, and

Whereas, the City of Springfield is located in the centre of Lane County, contains more standing timber than any other county in the United States; and

Whereas, the protection from fire of both the standing timber and the young growth coming in to take its place, is essential to the permanent prosperity of the community; and

Whereas, notwithstanding the protection given by federal, state and private agencies the annual loss from forest fires is far in excess of what it should be,

Therefore, I, M. J. McKlin, acting mayor of Springfield, designate and set aside the week of April 27 to May 3 as American Forest Week and urge that all schools, churches, civic organizations, the press and public unite in thought and action, bringing before the citizens of Springfield the importance of protecting and perpetuating our forests and calling to the attention of the public the duty of every one to help prevent and suppress forest fires.

In Witness Whereof, I have Hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of April, 1925.

M. J. McKlin, Acting Mayor.

Editorial Comment

PORTLAND LUMBER PORT

Portland, Oregon April 23, 1925.—Secretary of Commerce Hoover, recently appointed a newly organized lumber export committee to act as an advisory board in the department for the promotion of the sale of American lumber abroad. Indicative of the position which Portland holds as a lumber export port is shown by the fact that of the men appointed to this committee from the Pacific Coast, four of them were from Portland. The other six being from San Francisco, Seattle, Tacoma, Longview and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Domestic lumber shipments for the first 24 days of April show 23,460,691 feet placed aboard ship. Of this amount 9,007,000 feet was delivered to California points, the balance to Eastern ports of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Providence, Poughkeepsie, Houston and New Orleans, New York taking the bulk of it or 6,640,690 feet and Philadelphia, Providence and Boston each taking just a little under 2,000,000 feet. Exports show 15 vessels during the month carried cargoes amounting to 18,015,000 feet to Japan, China, Australia, The Philippines, Germany, Sweden, Holland, Belgium and the United Kingdom in Europe.

It is estimated that in this country on the average there are 2,000,000 people sick, all the time; and that the annual doctor's bill is more than \$1,500,000. Half these people could be well and producing and half the doctor's bills could be saved if the people would treat their bodies half as well as they know how. Most sickness could be prevented if we took the pains to do it.—Portland Telegram.

PROTECTION WORKS

Wages were higher in the United States last October than anywhere else in the world according to the index compiled by the International Labor Office. Wages here would have bought almost twice as much as they would in London, and in Ottawa about one and a half times. The purchasing power of wages in Amsterdam was about 85 per cent of the London figure, in Berlin 65 per cent, in Brussels 58 per cent, in Paris 75 per cent and in Vienna only 50 per cent.—Boston Transcript.

CANADA'S VIEW

"Some of Canada's able men suggest getting out of league of nations, which they call unnecessary expense and dangerous entanglement for their country. The fact that this country is out of the league has some weight. A league to take care of America, north and south, leaving Europe to look after Europe, would be popular and useful."—Arthur Brisbane in the New York American.

MANY SETTLERS BROUGHT BY SETTLEMENT WORK

During the past sixteen months there have been 30,618 letters and inquiries received by the Portland Chamber of Commerce out of which number 16,603 were pertaining to agriculture and 7389 were inquiries referred from the Railway Companies.

Reports into the office give a total of 687 families of new settlers located in the state, with capital investment estimated at \$2,107,050.

Prospects stating definitely their intentions of coming to Oregon to locate number 1677, of which 740 returned signed questionnaires that they were coming sometime during 1925 and that they had an aggregate capital investment of \$1,910,200.

A total of 38,588 letters have been mailed out of the department, 24,718 being in answer to agricultural inquiries. There were 27,836 packages of literature mailed, estimating 76,677 separate pieces of literature.

In From Creswell—Mrs. E. R. Perkins of Creswell was in town Friday.

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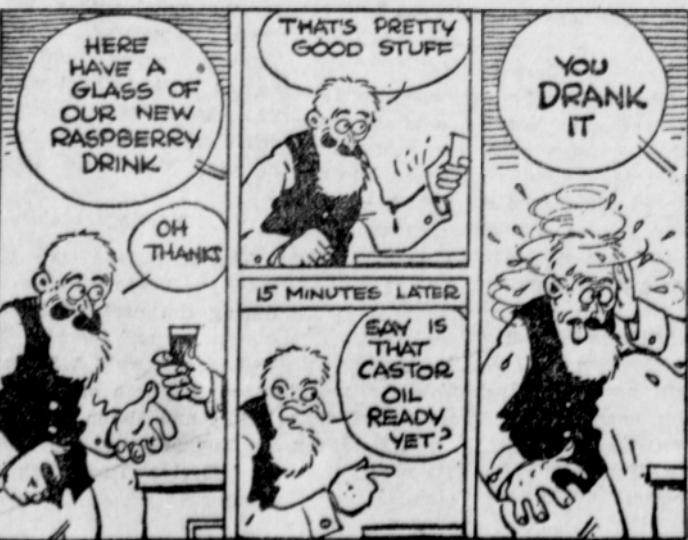
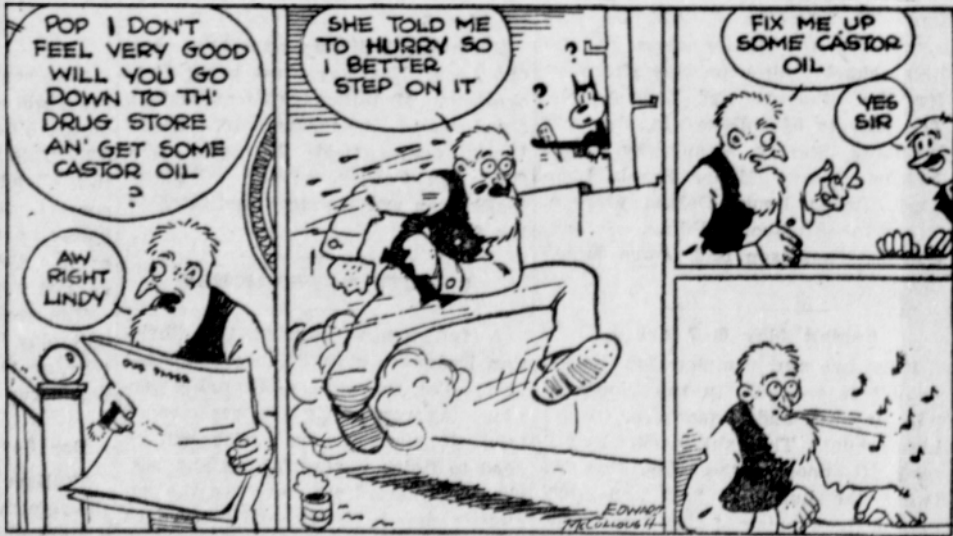
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Eugene May 6

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