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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.

### CUT OUT THE "NIXIES"

"Nixies" cost Uncle Sam \$2,000,000 a year. A "Nixie" is a piece of mail so carelessly addressed and poorly wrapped that it can neither be delivered or returned without special treatment costing \$2,000,000 a year. There is an appalling waste and loss of effort in the postal service due to the people's carelessness.

### DO YOU KNOW

- That 21,000,000 letters went to the dead letter office last year?
- That 803,000 parcels did likewise?
- That 100,000 letters go into the mail yearly in perfectly blank envelopes?
- That \$55,000 in cash is removed annually from misdirected envelopes?
- That \$12,000 in checks, drafts, and money orders never reach intended owners.
- That Uncle Sam collects \$92,000 a year in postage for the return of mail sent to the dead-letter office?
- That it costs Uncle Sam \$1,740,000 yearly to look up addresses on misdirected mail?
- That 200,000,000 letters are given this service and that it costs in one city alone \$500 daily?

### AND DO YOU KNOW

That this vast sum could be saved and the dead-letter office abolished if each piece of mail carried a return address, and if each parcel were wrapped in stout paper and tied with a strong cord?

**MORAL:** Every man knows his own address if not that of his correspondent.

June 1 to 7 has been designated as "Better Mailing Week" when a nation wide campaign will be undertaken to reduce the appalling loss occasioned by carelessness in addressing mail matter. Do your part—"Cut out the Nixies."

Have you bought your little red poppy for Memorial Day. Give the disabled "buddies" in the hospital a little support. They made the poppies to secure a little pin money. It would be a shame not to sell them.

Fifty-five per cent of the votes cast in the recent German election were by the women, it is reported. The other 45 per cent were cast by the silent voters.

The Cowboy mayor of Omaha and Secretary of Agriculture Jardine are going to have a calf roning contest. We know several statesmen who can beat either of them throwing the bull.

Although the people have "made a monkey" of Bryan many times he wants it distinctly understood his ancestors did not come from monkeys.

Why should anyone object to the teaching of the theory of evolution. So long as it is a theory no one need to accept it as a fact. Some of the best known scientists say they can reconcile the Bible teachings and that small portion of the theory of evolution dealing with man and monkey.

Judging from the activity along the Florida coast Ponce De Leon was right at least in spirit. The fountain of youth may not have been discovered in that section but the bottle of booze makes 'em feel that way.

We often wonder whether the contractor who built the leaning tower of Pisa made it that way or purpose or was it a government job.

Old maids and maidens who didn't read the ads last week missed something. A man advertised for a girl friend.

Austria is glad Uncle Sam is not in the league of nations. The league has just refused Austria a loan.

### Editorial Comment

#### ROAD PROGRAM IN DANGER

Former Governor Ferguson of Texas, urges a halt on roads bonds and favors building roads only as they can be paid for. The Texas situation is going to be paralleled in many other states, not because the people want fewer good roads, but because of the mania which has developed among road officials for building types of road that absorbs more money than the taxpayers can produce.

An example of this tendency is seen in two recent road paving contracts awarded by a western state for paving an aggregate of 13.1 miles of highway. Instead of accepting the low bids for a type of asphaltic concrete pavement which has been timetested and proved its worth on the majority of the state's highways, contracts were awarded for other types of pavement which have not yet proved themselves as good by the test of long usage, but which cost an aggregate of over \$20,000 more for the jobs in question. This additional \$20,000 would have paved approximately another mile of highway of the type that has proved satisfactory in the state in question.

Forcing exorbitant costs in highway construction will bring the downfall of our national good roads program which is now underway.—Industrial News.

"I intend to go out and wake up the country," cried the young college graduate.

Next day he accepted a job selling alarm clocks in the rural districts.—New York Telegraph.

#### FARMER AND SOCIALISM

If there be one class of Americans who have shown distrust for socialism in any form it is the farmers of our country.

The Progressive Third Party in the presidential campaign of 1924 put up a very attractive socialist political platform.

No political organization, even with the endorsement of active farm bloc groups of politicians, was ever so completely repudiated on account of serving the red flag, as was 1924 progressivism, so-called.

It was fitting and proper that Chief Justice Taft recently called down a western college debating team for taking up for discussion one of the most socialistic planks of the Red program.

It was the proposition that Congress by a two-thirds vote could over-rule any decision of the United States Supreme Court, plainly dangerous to our constitutional government.

Agricultural colleges and state universities that bid for popularity with socialistic and communistic elements are dangerous foes of human rights and the independent, property owning American farmer.

Chief Justice Taft showed his sound common sense in rebuking such tendencies.—Industrial News.

William Jennings Bryan has delivered 5,000 lectures. Don't think they didn't get him anything.—Detroit Free Press.

The Soviet insists there is no such country as Russia, a theory advanced from time to time in the past by Mr. Hughes.—Detroit News.

#### Fruit Outlook Bad

Early prospects for an abundant fruit crop in Oregon, and in particular the Willamette Valley, have changed and indications now point to a low yield in all varieties of cherries, apples and prunes. Pears in some localities will be almost no crop, while in others sections they are reported as fair yield. Various causes are given for the partial failure this year, but the severe cold weather of last winter is the generally accepted cause. Killing freezes in the middle west states with the partial failures in the coast states should warrant good prices.

#### Ankle is Fractured

Lee Chetwood, employed in the woods for the Fischer lumber company at Marcola, had his right ankle fractured Friday when a wire cable struck him. He was brought to Springfield for medical attention, and was later sent to the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene.

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