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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.

IMPORTANT!

Though American aviation lagged in the war there is satisfaction in the knowledge that we have at last made a start toward commercial air service. The National Air Transport, Inc., organized in Chicago, gives promise of a development that will write itself permanently in the history of the world's achievements. The men behind the movement are sound of judgement. They make no call for government subsidy, though they might excusably do so. Rightfully, they indicate a wish for a code of aviation law and regulatory measures at the hands of government. They bring to the nation not only a new means of commercial transportation, but a new code of business ethics.

Unquestionably great sums of money must be invested before adequate return can be expected. Not to consider equipment, real estate values alone will provide a severe tax in the matter of terminals. Nor can expenditures incident to experiment be overlooked. Also it must be remembered that the new service must stand the acid test of unemotional commerce. It will be judged and approved only as it measures to accomplishment. It may not look to sentiment; it will not be bolstered up by patriotism. Business is heartless in its demands; it makes no excuse for youth, but measures every new bidder for its favor by existing standards. The writing is on the wall. In the days to come there will perhaps arise monuments to those courageous souls who have had the vision to see and the pluck to dare for commercial air service in America.

A visit to Longview, Washington, will open the most skeptical eyes as to what can be done in a short time in the way of building a city. A substantial city of concrete and brick has been erected and at the same time business created to justify the millions expended. This has all been done in a brief period of two years on a spot which was formerly a swamp.

With one building underway, contracts for two more let and plans being made for another it looks like the delayed building move in Springfield had gotten underway so far as the larger structures are concerned. This summer should see more real development than in many years.

Five aeroplanes soar in the clouds watching a motor speed boat beat the New York Central's famous train The Century Limited in a race from Albany to New York. Eagles watching the funny haste of ants.

We don't have to wait for someone or some corporation to build a city for us. We can do it ourselves and to suit ourselves.

The dove of peace seems to be about as popular in the Balkans as a safety razor in a barber shop.

Harry Thaw is back on Broadway with a shimmy dancer. Perhaps he feels as if he had paid the piper and is now entitled to a two step.

The Presbyterians seems determined to legislate the correct way of reaching heaven. Possibly however in case of an error there may be an appeal.

Editorial Comment

OREGON RURAL FOLKS LIVE LONGEST

Rural residents of Oregon are longer lived than city brothers, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. There are fully 29 per cent more deaths per hundred thousand population in the larger cities than in places having less than 10,000 people.

Analysis of mortality statistics for Oregon brings to light some interesting facts concerning the health of both city man and small town resident, says the Foundation. There are nearly twice as many deaths from appendicitis in the cities than occur in the rural districts. Tuberculosis and diphtheria are not as fatal in the outlying sections as they are in the crowded centers, and neither cancer nor diabetes are as deadly in the open spaces as they are to residents of cities. Deaths from heart disease are much more common in the cities and bronchitis and pneumonia do not take their toll in the rural districts to the same extent as in the cities.

Death by suicide is a much more frequent occurrence in the city than in the smaller places, and the same is found to hold true for homicide, the Foundation reports. On the other hand, scarlet fever is found to take its heaviest toll in the more isolated regions, and influenza is a greater menace in the country than in the city.

The lower death rate of the rural sections of the state as compared to the cities is no doubt due in a large measure to the more normal, natural life that the rural residents lead as compared to the man in the large cities, states the Foundation. And it is especially remarkable that only three per cent of the country's rural residents are estimated to observe the fundamentals of health in the disposal of their sewage and the safeguarding of their drinking water supply. As rural health work is expanded, a big change may be looked for in the prevention of premature death and human illness as well as promotion of public health and economic savings.

It is estimated that Americans will spend \$600,000,000 in Europe this summer. They could get at least \$300,000,000 worth of service for that sum at our own tourist resorts.—Indianapolis Star.

Archaeologists are finding many, many sunken cities. Many modern cities, sizing up their outstanding bonds and lamenting their present tax rate, also feel considerably sunken.—Detroit Free Press.

Illinois spiritualists are holding their annual conference and one of them predicts that radio will presently take the place of the medium as a means of communicating with the departed. We are going to work right away to construct a supernaturalizing receiving set.—Chicago Post.

If the summer girl's costume is weighed in the balance there won't be much wear and tear on the balance.—Detroit Free Press.

If the people of the Balkans would ever try sleeping all night and working all day for a month, maybe the peace movement would prosper more.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

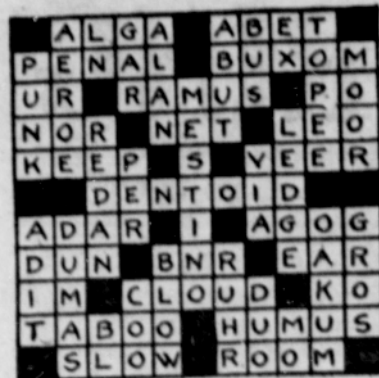
For the traveler, says a writer, the Balkans offer few accommodations. The Balkans, however, do provide excellent facilities for anyone looking for an argument.—Detroit News.

It is to be understood that the pound which is reported to be gaining rapidly is the British pound, not the butcher's.—Detroit News.

Law is quite like medicine in one particular. A certain amount of it is beneficial. Too much of it is sometimes worse than none at all.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

It's no fair kidding Arizona because a skull half an inch thick has been dug up there. Plenty of 'em can be found in other states without digging.—Warrensburg Star-Journal.

Answer to last week's puzzle.



TWO SPRINGFIELD GIRLS TO GRADUATE AT OREGON

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 4—Special—Two seniors enrolled in the University of Oregon from Springfield are candidates for degrees at the June Commencement. In all, 428 seniors and graduate students have applied for degrees. While failure to complete academic work may reduce this number somewhat before Commencement Day, June 15, the 1925 graduating class will exceed 400 and will be the largest in the history of the institution.

The Springfield seniors and the departments from which they will be graduated are: Jean Milligan, Normal Arts; Anne Isabel Gorrie, Education. Commencement week exercises be

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Rev. Frank B. Matthews, pastor of the University Baptist church, Seattle, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon in the First Methodist church, Sunday,

June 14. The Rev. Mr. Mathews is an Oregon alumnus, class of 1895. Commencement exercises will be held on the following day, June 15, in the Woman's building on the campus, with Dean Joel H. Hildebrand of the University of California as the speaker.

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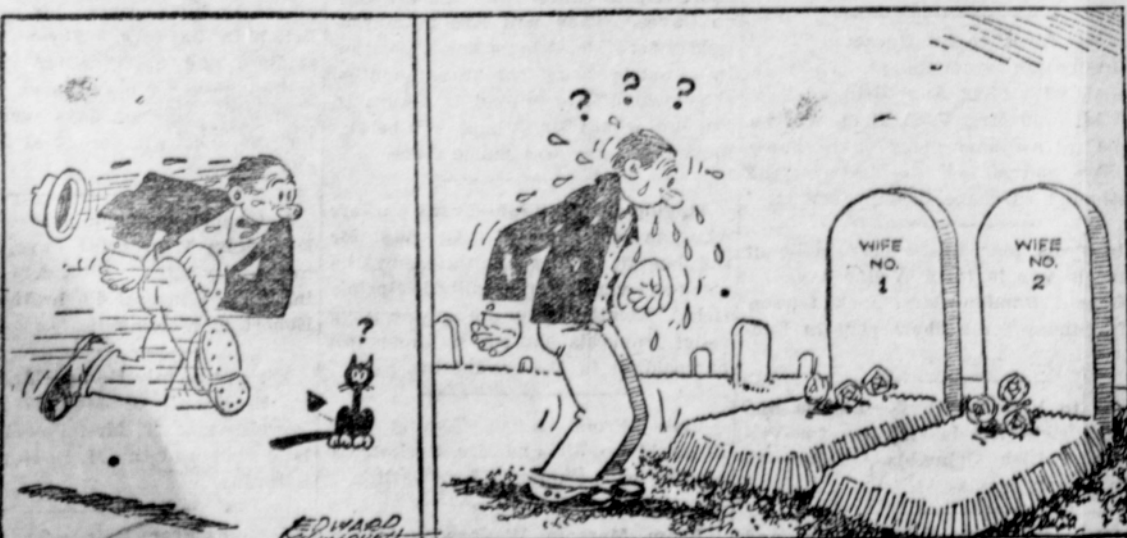
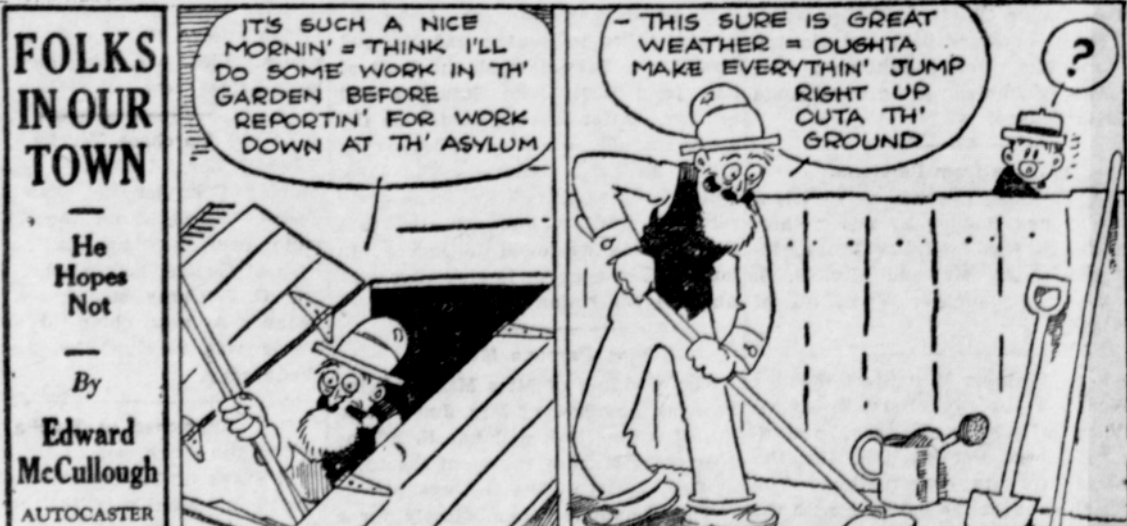
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