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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.

SCORE ONE FOR THE S. P.

The automatic signal, promised a year ago by the Southern Pacific company for the Second street crossing, is being installed. Whether our curt remarks about this crossing last week hastened the installation or whether the S. P. was ready to put it in doesn't matter. The main thing is the alarm will be put up and act as a warning to the thousands of motorists who cross the tracks in the future. If it saves one life it will be well worth the trouble and expense of installation.

We pay tribute where tribute is due. Score one for the S. P. Now how about a few of the other counts this community has indicted the Southern Pacific on?

OLD OREGON HOME TO REST

The majestic old battleship Oregon now rests in the Willamette river at Portland under the protection of the state whose name she bears. Never in the annals of naval history has one ship been covered with more glory. The turning over of the ship to the state by the navy department on July 2, the 27th anniversary of the battle of Santiago was with fitting ceremonies. The old fighting craft will be a monument of inspiration to the rising generation—concrete evidence of human sacrifice for love of country.

A DAY LATER

Although Springfield has rail connections that makes it several miles closer to Portland than Eugene, freight and express coming to this city is a day later than Eugene. Three day service out of Portland is generally what the merchant can expect in Springfield. However, if he uses motor truck the orders put up in Portland in the morning reaches him late in the afternoon. Can you blame some shippers for using the motor truck when the S. P. gives this sort of service?

The completion of the fine modern linen mill at Salem marks another industry that city has attained by being on the "job." Salem's progressive spirit is to be commended.

Everything but our money seems to insult Mexicans and Europeans these days. We would be the ideal big brother if this country would keep on "shelling out" and saying nothing.

The Eugene newspapers are like jumping jacks in the hands of the shop lifters. They belch fourth a bunch of flimsy excuses for the shop lifters activities every time the string is pulled.

The girl who begins painting at 12 generally needs whitewashing at 20.

This is Christmas season for the filling station.

A thief always dislikes publicity.

WHAT ABOUT THE STREET CAR LINE?

Building the Southern Pacific railroad shops and terminals in Springfield will mean doubling the size of the town in the next three or four years. Such a condition will make the Springfield-Eugene street car line a very profitable enter price, where now it has a hard time breaking even. Developing a community west of Eugene at the ruin of Springfield will make the street car line a "white elephant." Surely the Southern Pacific will take this into consideration before making any changes in shop site location.

WHOSE FAULT WILL IT BE?

The shop lifters are treading on dangerous grounds. If out of the fight over the shops and terminals the Southern Pacific company decides to build them elsewhere, whose fault will it be? The fault of this little bunch of selfish schemers. If this section loses, Eugene and Springfield people will know who to blame.

Two Brooklyn policemen find a man's clothing and shoes in an old wagon. Sniffing a suicide they set two bloodhounds to lead them to the mystery. The bloodhounds take the Cops to a swamp in which they sink to their necks, and that was that. Every dog has his day.

While New York women are trying to appear thin, a bootlegger likes to appear fat. He carries a rubber barroom under his waistcoat. Cylindrical cartridges filled with highballs are slipped to N. Y. Baseball fans. It is amazing how many drinks some men can carry under their belts and still remain sober enough to rake in the money.

Think what an awful blow it would be to the Four Hundred if somebody should prove that we all descended from the chimpanzee.

Male parents throughout the land will be glad to learn that Sunday, June 21, was said to be Father's Day.

It is quite evident that Tennessee will not stand for any monkey-shine business.

George Bernard Shaw says he is crazy, and he has generally been accepted as an authority.

Editorial Comment

DUE FOR SURPRISE

When Eugene gets through playing football with Springfield, it will have played a losing game. When the S. P. shops are finally located it may not be at either Springfield or Eugene, and "promoters" of the diabolical deal will wonder what hit Eugene.—Scio Tribune.

NO SELFISHNESS WANTED

The Guard would divide Lane county into several portions and among other things give Junction City a county seat. No, thanks; after observing the way most county seat towns act, we prefer to remain just as we are.—Junction City Times.

MAY GET STUNG

Looks as though that Eugene rail road business might turn out to be a hornets nest.—Oakridge Review.

ADVERTISING PROOF

Here is an illustration of the effect of advertising. On bargain day a memo written on a small piece of ordinary note paper was lost on the sidewalk here and found. The finder glanced through it to determine the writer in order to effect its return.

Among other articles listed as intended purchases at the stores which had advertised especially for the bargain day event were: Shoes, sweater, silk goods, dress, Stockings—five articles to be purchased from four different stores whose ads had been read. Who says it doesn't pay to advertise?—Salem Statesman.

This Week



By Arthur I. Albano

YES, WE ARE VERY RICH. \$5,000 FOR CUESING. FLYING LI THE ARCTIC. ONE LADY LEARNS.

This is a frightfully rich nation. The countries of Europe owe us ten thousand millions and will pay us, including interest, THIRTY THOUSAND MILLIONS in the next 61 years.

European debts due to private American purchasers of Europe's obligations amount to eight thousand million dollars. These securities, averaging high interest rates will compel Europe to pay our citizens \$500,000,000 a year—with the principal when due.

Old Rome, with her consuls pouring in money and slaves from conquered territory, was not nearly as "well fixed" as Uncle Sam. No wonder some of our friends in Europe worry, and ask "Did we fight each other only to make Uncle Sam rich?" Our answer is "We didn't ask you to fight. Be wiser next time."

The American Society for the control of Cancer is cheerful. It reports excellent progress. Thousands of lives, now needlessly sacrificed, would be saved, if people were informed and would keep away from quacks. The society denies the statement recently made at a convention of doctors that "no body really knows anything about cancer."

David Cowan, a young Canadian, won \$5,000 for the best essay predicting the developments in electrical industry between 1920 and 1930. At the end of 1930, the American Superpower Corporation will give \$10,000 to the essay writer whose predictions come nearest to the truth.

Young Cowan knew nothing about electricity, when Bonbright & Co. offered the prize. He used his brains, studied the history of electricity in industry, let his imagination work, and WON.

The Moderation League reports that drinking "in the South" has

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increased 100 per cent in four cities, under prohibition.

Why pick out the South? There is no more drinking there than elsewhere. In any part of the United States you can drink as much as you like. The only trouble is that when you drink in the way of whiskey is a little worse poison than it used to be.

"Why," asks a newspaper man, "do you say it would be less dangerous for the Shenandoah to go to Spitzbergen and hunt for Amundsen than to go from Lakehurst to Minneapolis and back?"

ANSWER: Because at this time of year crossing the Atlantic with the prevailing winds helping, going on to Spitzbergen from England, with the Petoka waiting there as a base, and exploring the Arctic Ocean a few hundred miles north would be simple. It would only mean flying the big Shenandoah in the midsummer climate of the Arctic, at no great distance from her base.

A trip from New York to Minnesota and return through the zone of midsummer thunderstorms will be sufficiently safe, as helium does not explode or burn. But it would be more dangerous than a trip to Spitzbergen and on North at this season.

Careful inquiry in restaurants shows that corned beef and cabbage is the favorite food of the American public.

Four thousand five hundred and twelve votes behind came the vegetable dinner. Nevertheless, corned beef, excellent for those that live by their muscles, is not good for thinkers.

Any process that makes DIGESTION DIFFICULT. While your stomach is struggling with corned beef, or salt pork, your brain cannot do its best.

One lady, tired of life, killed herself in New York and left all her money to her first husband, whom she had divorced. She cut off her real husband without a penny, her last letter saying how kind the first husband had been to her. Warning to wives as their eyes turn toward divorce. Sometimes you are very well off and do not realize it.

Planing Mill Running—The planing mill at the Booth-Kelly mill here resumed operations Monday morning. The rest of the mill will not be reopened until July 13. General repairs about the mill are being made during the shut-down. The last twenty feet of the wooden carrier to the incinerator is being replaced by metal to decrease the fire danger.

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