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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.

DON'T BREAK THIS RESOLUTION.

You've broken all or nearly all your New Year's resolutions already. Well, so have we. But there is one New Year's resolution we should have made and should stick to the whole year long. That is to work for a bigger and better Springfield. We can only go ahead in this community if we all put our shoulders to the wheel and pull together. The best way to do this is to join the Chamber of Commerce. The next best way, if you are not a member and have had no part in things the chamber may have undertaken, is not to knock. A knocker never has changed anything or made any community better—he merely slaps himself in the face. Let's all lend our energy to community improvement.

MORE RAILROADS MORE ORE.

They have a gold and copper rush on in Baker county and the editor of the Salem Statesman says that it is about time for one to be started in Marion county. Great mountains of ore are found in the Cascade range and some of it would undoubtedly pay if it were smelted on the ground. What holds true in Marion county is also true in Lane county. The Blue river mines and those in the Bohemia district are rich in several kinds of metals but the cost of extracting it and bringing it to a railroad leaves nothing for the miner. Anyone who has been through the Cascade range in Oregon and Washington will find sections here and there where mining operations have been carried on with good prospects. Millions of dollars have been expended, most of it a score or more years ago. But nearly everyone has given up because of the cost of producing the ore. Mining is another industry that depends on further railroad development in Oregon.

O. A. C. broadcasts lectures of specialist and professors regularly. It is becoming sort of an extension course for the state. We wonder how long it will be until the students can all stay home and receive the class room lectures over the radio. Maybe this will solve the problem of the cost of higher education.

REMEMBER—The public market on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

It is pointed out that while statistics show our people are not marrying as early as they used to, they are making up for this by marrying oftener.

Napoleon said the British do not make history; they take advantage of it.

Friendship does not call for recompense. Only its counterfeit keeps balance sheets.

That man can be termed a philosopher who finds his joy in being dispossessed.

CHRISTIAN FAITH GAINS GROUND.

The public announcement of that great Jewish theologian, Rabbi Wise, that the hour has come when the Jew must accept Christ as a fact, and make His teaching the basis of Jewish life and conduct, burst like a bombshell in the city of New York where the Jewish population is so tremendously large; and yet the sensation has been accepted more as an obvious truth than as a proposition set forth for purpose of controversy. Coming as it did on the eve of a new year, in fact just at Christmastide it brings new heart to the world, encouragement where faith was faltering, for it demonstrates how powerful indeed how irresistible is the influence of the Prince of Peace. The torrent sweeping down the mountain side has force that is but puny when measured by the force of Christian Truth.

"Jesus was," Rabbi Wise admits, sweeping aside for all time the age long teaching that Jesus was a myth. The theologian then proceeds to say that the teachings of the Nazarene have formed the very foundation of the Jewish onward march to God, that the truth no longer can be ignored, but must and should frankly be admitted. He states that the basis of Christian life is the foundation of moral life, and that if Christianity has seemed to fail it is not because of its weakness, but because so many of those professing Christianity have practiced it so loosely and indifferently—many indeed not practicing it at all. The arraignment is salutary. May it bring the mind to a clearer understanding of the fact that Christianity is a living thing, non-existent when not translated into life and action. It is beside the question to raise a quibble either with Jew or Gentile as to the personality of the world's Redeemer. It is enough if creeds and sects shall honestly worship at their respective shrines if their hands be linked firmly into a giant human chain that unites on the common ground of Christian living, of Christlike kindness and human love.

Editorial Comment AUTOMOBILE LICENSE FEES.

At this time of the year the automobile laws come in for a lot of criticism. Doubtless the annual peeve is the result of paying the license fee, which is high, but which must be borne with as much equanimity as possible until our paved highway system is paid for. Down in California boosters gloat over the fact as though it were ample cause for living in the golden state and enduring the golden sun's rays day by day. But in California motor car owners pay property taxes on their cars while here in Oregon our license fee is our only tax.

Complaint is directed against the feature of the license law which requires the same license for an old car as for a new one of the same manufacture. Yet we have never been able to see the justice of it because our whole license system is based on the theory that the income from licenses will pay for our highway system. Inasmuch as this is one of the main objects of the license law, the amount of damage a car does to the highways is a much fairer standard on which to base the license fee than the age of the car. An old car will cause as much wear as a new one and probably more.

However, when the state highway system will have been paid for, the state will be in a position to charge a nominal license fee. Then state and county will be at liberty to tax automobiles, they do in California, and then the value of the car will be the determining factor.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

BIG CROP WORTH LESS.

A corn crop of 3,013,390,000 bushels, one-fifth larger than that of last year and the sixth largest in history, is causing some distress in the middle-west. Iowa, with the largest crop in her history, some 477,336,000 bushels, is particularly hit.

Iowa farmers are wondering anew why a large corn crop should be worth less than a small one. Losses on this year's crop are variously estimated up to \$400,000,000. The corn was planted on a 75-cent basis, only to be met with a market price of 50 to 60 cents. That is causing the rub.

For the last 3,000,000,000-bushel crop, in 1923, the farmers received some \$2,217,229,000; for the 1924 corn crop of 600,000,000 bushels less, farmers received \$200,000,000 more than they did for the 1923 crop.—Oregon Farmer.

BLOOD PRESSURE DISCUSSED BY STATE PHYSICIANS

Blood pressure is an index not a disease. Everyone has a blood pressure just as every one has a pulse. To keep it normal is largely within one's control.

The only person who can interpret your blood pressure intelligently is the physician who has knowledge of many things about your body and your health. The physician who is most likely to have this knowledge is the one who has been your physician for some time. Low blood pressure usually indicates a lack of general tone. High blood pressure, on the other hand, directs attention to certain diseases, the changes due to advancing years and especially in women, to disturbance of middle age. These conditions, like all others, are most effectively and often successfully treated only when discovered early. A blood pressure test, therefore should be a part of every good examination.

Visible throbbing arteries do not mean high blood pressure. Nor does a loss of blood necessarily lower it. High blood pressure does not signify too much blood or any change at all in the blood itself but means that the blood is attempting to circulate under abnormal resistance.

That one is as old as his arteries is a popular saying. High blood pressure too often shows that the patient while perhaps knowing the old saying, has not realized what he could do to influence the matter. By overeating and drinking, chronic constipation, repeated unnecessary colds and other infections he has carried a load for years under which he has finally broken down.

Nature provides a wide margin of safety for most of us but it is not inexhaustible. The ills which we generally claim as petty and trivial, frequently repeated, and bad habits of hygiene long continued, are probably most concerned in determining whether we live as long as we should.

You cannot buy a lower blood pressure. The most skillful physician gives advice which you and only you can carry out. Regret and remorse may save your soul but it will lower your blood pressure but very little if years of bad living or neglect have raised it to a high point. On the other hand if high blood pressure is found and leads to the discovery of kidney dis-

ease, much can be done by proper treatment. If, however, the high blood pressure is only a temporary phenomenon, one of the many symptoms of a natural change which will pass in a short time, there is no need to be unduly alarmed about it. A blood pressure well below normal limits indicates the necessity of finding out what is the cause of the poor condition and eradicating it.—State Board of Health.

He Can Name Him.

The Jones' have another baby. They can't think of any name, so I see why not write to the man who thinks up those trick names for Pullman cars.

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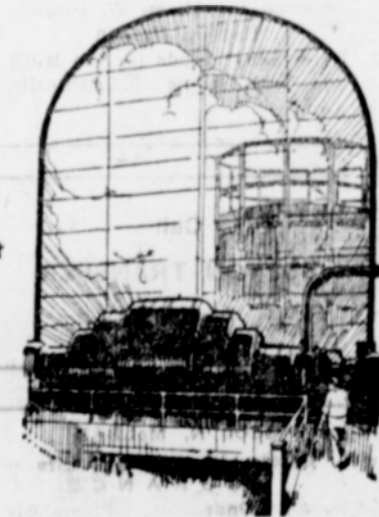
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