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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.

ANOTHER BOY SCOUT TROOP.

Boy scout work in Springfield has met with great enthusiasm on the part of the boys. Already the first troop sponsored by the Lions club has exceeded its quota of applications. Twenty-four boys are regarded as the limit that one troop should contain. Another troop now should be organized.

The Lions club in introducing the work in Springfield had not thought of handling it exclusively. It is the club wish that other organizations take up the work and organize one or two troops. This will make the boy scout more appreciated in the city and with wider responsibility of the part of the sponsors there will be more interest. The work is not expensive to the organization sponsoring the troop, and it is the means of doing a world of good for the boys between 12 and 18 years old.

The longest paved street in the world from Canada to Mexico is adequately described in Henry Ford's weekly in his writeup of the Pacific highway for January. It is an admirable piece of publicity marred only by some caption writer who placed under one picture: "Lake Washington boulevard, Seattle, with Mount Hood in the distance." Sort of got his mountains mixed up. Oh, well we should worry if they want to put Mt. Hood in the background of all Washington scenes. We imagine nobody but Tacoma will object.

There are eleven thousand murders annually in the United States. The number of murders per one hundred thousand population in the United States is 8.4. In Great Britain it is 0.6, or one-fourteenth of our rate. In the Province of Ontario, Canada, is one-fifth of ours and in Japan it is one-eleventh. Legal processes have given Gerald Chapman another reprieve. Ma Ferguson has issued 1231 pardons since she became governor of Texas. Ma Pierce has issued several also since becoming governor of Oregon.

Another young fellow leaped before he looked. Bela Hughes, age 79, married a woman 59 in Kansas City last July. Now he is out for divorce. Appears she objected to his sleeping with his overalls on. The young man believes in self expression.

The governor of Washington wants to spend half million dollars on a marble dome for the capitol building but doesn't want to give one cent to the institutions of higher learning to improve the domes of the students.

Working like a horse is better than loafing like a jackass.

THE WAGES OF SIN.

The wages of sin is death, or at least, much trouble. Stanford White was killed long ago, his problems quickly solved by a young man from Pittsburg.

Now, Thaw's wife, for whom White was killed, drinks eight ounces of a poisonous mixture to kill herself. Clergymen will find in this a good text for a sermon that will not put the congregation to sleep.

Some "radical" clergyman might even engage Evelyn Thaw to appear in his church as a living text or "sad example" if she survives.

Henry Ward Beecher, in the Brooklyn pulpit, sold a mulatto girl at auction in old slavery days to emphasize a sermon against slavery.

INDIANS IN PURITAN DAYS AND NOW.

Four white men are accused of forming a murder ring, that already has to its credit the deaths of twenty Osage Indians. Oil has made them rich, and in 1925, as in old Puritan days, it seemed to Christian white men wrong for Indians to have property. They killed them then, and they kill them now. But now it is illegal, and the grand jury will see about them.

Wiser white men don't murder Indians. They wait until the Indians get the money, then go to them with bootleg whiskey, leave the whiskey behind and come back with the money.

Gold will flow to the point where it is most needed just as naturally as water will flow down a hill. The economic law is inexorable. The call of high interest always has and always must arrest attention so long as money is the symbol of labor. The closer nations come to financial chaos the safer do they become, their security resting on unfailing operation of the law of self preservation. America for example could not afford to see France reach a state of financial collapse. We must protect our loans and our investments across the seas. Possibly recognition of this fact is the underlying cause of French delay in the payment of her war debts.

SAFER.

"Stop and let the train go by.
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It has been discovered that in Altamont Lake some of the male fish have as many as four wives. What is the world coming to. Our legislative regulators should get busy at once.

Editorial Comment

OREGON'S FURNITURE FUTURE.

One Oregon factory alone in a week received orders for \$500,000 worth of Oregon-made furniture. That there should be wood-working factories to manufacture lumber into finished products was the claim of Roy Morris of the Long-Bell Lumber company in an address before the Members' Forum of the Portland chamber of commerce. Isn't the order for furniture astounding proof of Mr. Morris' contention? And the way to get such industries is to follow the plan by which Salem got her linen mill—put Oregon capital into them. That plan gets industries and industries employ people. Lending our money and swapping town lots and asking persons from other states to come in and build up industries for us with their capital gets nowhere.—Oregon Journal.

Those school teachers who went on record as favoring an income tax and asking for half the proceeds, are not only poor politicians but have the wrong idea of the purpose of the income tax. It was not the object of the income tax to increase taxes, but to lift a part of the heavy burden from property and place some of it on the large incomes which now go scott free. If that resolution is a part of the scheme of the capitalists to beat the income tax when it comes before the people again it could not have been better planned.—Junction City Times.

In the South Sea Islands it cost 8 spears to buy a wife. In this country a single bonthead often secures one.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

FIR CAMPS SLOWLY GETTING UNDER WAY

Portland, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The fir logging industry is gradually getting under way following the holiday shutdown, according to the 4L employment letter issued here today, which reported opening of several large camps in the Grays Harbor and Puget Sound districts.

Fir sawmills are not so active as they were before Christmas, the letter said. Many major operations are closed for repairs and inventory.

white at several others night shift have been taken off. It is expected that repair shutdowns of mills will continue into February. At the present time there are but three sawmills operating in Everett, Wa.; two large plants in the Seattle district are closed temporarily; night shifts have been removed at two mills in the Tacoma district; one large operation on Willapa Harbor is down; one Grays Harbor plant closed Friday for two weeks and a night shift was taken

off at one other mill; six lumber plants in the Columbia river district are down. All west coast districts report more men than jobs, the 4L letter said, but with the opening of more logging camps and the gradual resumption of cutting at mills now closed, employment conditions are expected to slowly improve.

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