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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.

### SUPPORT THE GUARD COMPANY.

A headquarters' company of the National Guard of Oregon is being installed in Springfield. This is a worthy and patriotic undertaking and should have the support of all the citizens. Young men should be encouraged to join and commend after they do join.

This country is committed to the policy of a small standing army. Necessarily for protection we should have a well organized National Guard. We have had wars in every generation since the world began. The democratic and peace loving United States has suffered in every one of the wars because her men were not trained and she has been forced into some of these wars by nations who knew her men were not trained and believed that a victory would be easily won.

While we all love peace we are more likely to have it if we are prepared to fight. The youth of the country which has come up since the war should be trained in elementary tactics. It is an educational instruction equal to some received in school, even if it is never used in actual warfare.

### VOTE FOR THE BRIDGE.

All that will prevent building a new bridge across the Willamette river at this time will be the failure of the people to vote their share of the money—and that is unlikely. There is no doubt but that the bridge is needed and if all the people living in Lane county who use the old bridge will vote for a new one the money will be raised by a big majority. The McKenzie highway can never be stronger than its weakest link. No one wants that link to be at Springfield, the gateway to the state's famous road.

The State Highway commission has designed a fine bridge—one similar to the one constructed at Albany—and is willing to pay the state's share of the cost of the structure. It is now up to us to vote our share—just as soon as the Public Service commission determines what our part is.

### HOME SWEET HOME.

"Home Sweet Home," as a melody, is still known to every man and woman in the country, but it represents today merely some lovely music set around some empty words.

Even the song our mothers and fathers almost looked on as a hymn is "jazzed" to make rhythm for frivolous feet, is desecrated at thousands of dances that make "Home Sweet Home" a mockery.

There is distressingly little respect for the father or the mother where there is distressingly little realization on their part of the sweet responsibilities of parenthood.

It is a condition that is dangerous, a condition that must be remedied, even though it should mean a total revolution of our existing religious and school teaching.

The home must be saved, but the country must first be aroused to an appreciation of the fact that home life is not only seriously menaced and in a very unhealthy state, but is, actually, in an almost moribund condition, not of itself, but through the inroads of all these ultra-modern encroachments that have had such destructive influences.

### ANOTHER CASCADE ROAD.

The State Highway commission and Linn county have reached an agreement to complete the Santiam road over the Cascade mountains to Sisters. In time we will have another scenic highway across the mountains. The beauties of the Clear lake region on this new highway should attract many tourists. There will be plenty of travel in the future for both this and the McKenzie highway.

Next week is cleanup week. It is not too early now to drag out all the rubbish in the back yard and basement so that the wagons can carry it to the dump grounds. Let's make our city beautiful and healthful. We will all feel better about it after the job is done.

### "SEEING RED."

Several weeks ago Mrs. Frances Drake Nesbitt, a young college graduate, was murdered in her home in a little Ohio town.

Only the other day her husband, also a young college graduate, confessed he killed her.

"Oh, I know I shouldn't have killed her," he cried to detectives who had grilled him for five hours. "But I just saw red when she slapped me. Everything went red before my eyes."

His attorneys are using the statement that young Nesbitt "saw red" in an effort to keep him out of the electric chair. "Temporary insanity—superinduced by blinding rage," will be the defense.

"Seeing red" always gets people into trouble. "Seeing red" kills and maims humans, shatters homes, wrecks reputations, breaks love ties, ends in the penitentiary or the hospitals for insane or in the grave. Anger run wild never helps anyone or anything.

Young Nesbitt was known as a pleasant fellow, always calm in demeanor, never quarrelsome or vicious. But he "saw red" once—only once—and admits he is ready to pay for it in the chair.

Why should anyone ever "see red"? Why should men and women permit themselves to become victims of fits of "blinding rage"?

Serenity of temper is something not everyone can enjoy. No one can remain immobile, unperturbed, every moment. But we think everyone can go through life and life's ups and downs without "seeing red"—even once—if only they'll remember that nine out of every ten who "see red" regret it too late.

### Editorial Comment

The Manufacturer and Industrial News Bureau.

### Western Industrial Center

On a New Railroad in Oregon Offers Free Sites for Manufacturing Plants.

Prompted by a desire to promote the industrial development and prosperity of that district, the city of Springfield, Lane county, Oregon, has decided to offer to any person or corporation free industrial sites ideally situated for the location of manufacturing plants of any kind.

To this end, the city has acquired 250 acres of land, situated on the Natron cut-off, the Southern Pacific's new main line railroad through Oregon. This tract is in every way advantageous as the site for industrial plants. Considerable interest is being shown in Springfield's unusual offer, and the city, already the center of considerable industrial development, is looking forward to a bright future.

These prospects are enhanced by Springfield's favorable location. It is situated three miles from Eugene, at the termination of the Natron cut-off line, and at the junction of the Southern Pacific's main line with the Springfield-Woodburn branch. With the opening of the Natron line in July of this year, Springfield becomes the first city in Western Oregon on the railroad connecting Eastern and Western Oregon through the Cascade mountains. The city's railroad facilities are unexcelled.

Hardly had Springfield acquired title to the 250-acre tract a short time ago when plans were immediately developed for offering it absolutely free to promoters of legitimate industrial projects caring to locate there. Supervision of the property was put in the hands of an industrial and park committee, while various civic organizations are cooperating in giving the offer publicity.

The industrial tract is all in one body, lying adjacent to the city limits within easy access of the city's sewer and water facilities. It is level and well drained. Through it runs the Booth-Kelly Lumber company's sawmill race, assuring an abundant supply of water, while nearby is the Mountain States Power company's central plant for the Willamette valley, and the terminal of the Oregon-California Power company's electric high line. Little more could be wished from the standpoint of water and power supply.

Plants for the manufacture of lumber products would be especially well suited to Springfield. Half of Lane county's 60,000,000 feet of standing timber is adjacent to the city. Among types of manufactures which this wealth of resource invites are sash and door factories, paper mills, saw mills, planing mills and similar plants.

Rich farming, dairying and fruit lands lie around Springfield, offering opportunity for another phase of manufacturing activity. A fruit cannery, cheese factory, ice factory and two meat plants could be located on the free sites with every advantage. The location as regards the railroads would make possible the use of a grain mill for milling-in-transit Eastern Washington, Idaho and Oregon grain, and then shipping it either north or south without going a mile out of the way.

Springfield people point with pride to a number of prosperous concerns as ample proof of the city's advantages as a manufacturing point. Here are the large lumber mills of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, the plant of the Springfield Mill and Grain company, the Springfield Lumber company mill, the expanded factory of the Cascade Manufacturing company, and the Carbolineum Wood Preserving company. Recent expansion of several of these plants gives evidence of prosperity.

The city is the center of a prosperous industrial and agricultural community. It has two banks, a newspaper, a live chamber of commerce and other civic bodies, business houses representing all lines, and street car connections with Eugene.

The industrial and park committee is anxious to get in touch with promoters of legitimate industrial projects. Those desiring further information regarding the offer of free sites should address the committee, of which H. E. Maxey is chairman and H. F. Clarke is secretary.

### Harold Lloyd



Everybody has early ambitions to be something or somebody when they grow up, but they seldom realize those ambitions. However, Harold Lloyd is an exception to the rule for this comic fellow of the screen wanted to be an actor and we'll say he became one too.

### Confidence By Flo

Dangerous Ground.

Dear Miss No:—I am a girl of twenty-four, living at home with my parents in a small but fairly progressive suburban town. I have a problem which I cannot answer for myself, and I hope in you to find some concrete suggestion for my difficulty. I am very much in love with a man who is married and has two children. He also cares for me, and wants to get a divorce and marry me. My quandary is—what shall I do about it? In all justice to his wife, I must admit that he hasn't an excuse in the world for a divorce. His wife is a charming woman and an ideal wife. I presume she understands his soul perfectly and in justice to him, he isn't posing as a misunderstood husband. Please advise me. Dilemma.

Into the life of every girl there comes the married man who succeeds in convincing her that he should have waited for her. Time and time again girls have been warned about listening to the married man's plea, but when he appears he seems to hold a certain sparkle for her which no prince charming ever held—a fascination that only forbidden fruit can possibly have.

If you're wise, you'll do anything on earth to get yourself free from his clutches. As long as you didn't meet him when he was a bachelor, make up your mind to do without him. You can run away from temptation if you want to.

The very fact that you are in a quandary indicates that even in the face of your great love for this man you have a sense of justice that would make your road anything but smooth were you to follow the dictates of your heart, and let him get a divorce and marry you. You are fully aware of the fact that it isn't the fair thing to do. You admit that he hasn't an excuse in the world to cast off his wife and children—how then could you possibly justify his action were he to do so?

Were you a younger girl infatuated with a married man, the answer could be very easily stated—"foolish girl, you have yet to cut your milk teeth." But you are achieving the more mature years of grown womanhood, and the respons cannot be the same.

There is but little use to point out to you the fact that the man who so carelessly throws off the responsibilities of a father and husband without the least provocation other than a new fancy might continue to do so were he married to you—that taxpayers in spirit or action cannot be expected to change his methods. The married man who yet retains enough decency to offer you marriage at the expense of his wife and children is no more worthy the name man than the more courageous or unscrupulous philanderer. Are you any less such than he—can you consider yourself a great wife to your own sex if you deliberately take from another woman her husband—her children's father?

And certainly it reflects no great credit on a girl who claims a fair education and advantages to be forced to seek for her mate a man already married. It speaks volumes for her lack of attraction to the opposite sex that she must pick out a man already attached, who, being married, would naturally not be so hard to please as an unmarried man who has no difficulty in finding pleasant companionship.

My dear, there are but two things for you to do. The first is to tell this man wherein his duty to his wife and children lies—since he fails to see

it. The second piece of wisdom—and this only if you find your affection irresistible, is to get away from the scene. Propinquity is dangerous and breaks down the best moral resolves. Move elsewhere, if necessary. Work out your own future, get a broader view of things—and make your slogan in the future—"married men must work out their own problems—nothing but bachelors and widowers for me."

### Shipping News.

The Carbolineum Wood Preserving company loaded out a triple carload of treated poles for use in New Hampshire this week.

Two carloads of corn were received from the middle west by the Springfield Mill and Grain company Monday.

A carload of Ford automobiles was unloaded here this week by the Danner Motor company, local Ford dealers.

### Praise Oregon Scenery.

Scenery on the McKenzie river highway and elsewhere in this district compares favorably with anything seen on their recent trip through California, in the opinion of Mrs. Snellinger and Mrs. Owens, residents of Toronto, Canada, who are visiting here with their brother, William Donaldson.

Accompanied by Mr. Donaldson, they made a trip to Belknap springs Tuesday and had much praise for Oregon scenery as a result of the visit there.

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### OVER THE HILL!

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Pictured above is happiness. It shows loving contemplation of life in years to come. It shows their own home, over the hill but in a shady nook, where they will live out a full life of peace and plenty. The other kind of home "over the hill" brings melancholy thoughts—sad words.

At this season of home-building we feel it our public duty to impress upon the young folks of Springfield the wisdom of thrift.

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