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**HELP THE BOY SCOUTS**

Springfield's quota of cost of boy scout work in Lane county is \$300, or the same amount as pledged last year. The boy scout movement like any other movement or business if it is to succeed must have a head to it—some person trained in the work who devotes all his time to it. Half the money raised in Lane county for boy scout work pays the salary of the scout executive and the other half is used for camps, instruction courses and a multitude of other things necessary to carry on the work.

Springfield has two troops of boy scouts chartered by the national organization and it is hoped another troop or two may be formed during this year. Boy scout work is the finest form of exclusive worthwhile boy instruction and character building yet devised to take care of the otherwise idle time of boys between 12 and 18 years. It is worth a few dollars of anybody's money to maintain it in Lane county.

**MAKE IT EASY FOR THE WOOLEN MILL COMMITTEES**

If you wish to subscribe for stock in the new woolen mills don't wait until the committee hunts you up but drop into the Chamber of Commerce and sign the list in the hands of the chamber president or see members of the committees. The guarantee of \$100,000 provided \$650,000 in stock is sold elsewhere is a community proposition. While the committees do not urge anyone to deprive themselves of life's necessities to buy woolen mill stock they do urge the help from everyone who is able, in bringing this laudable enterprise to Springfield.

\$7,000,000 in tips passed to Pullman porter hands last year—and it sounds big. Still, the willing Georges say it is not enough for a living wage—because it constitutes three-quarters of their income, average of \$78.11 per month each. It would seem semi-charity jobs are distasteful to the server as well as the served.

If tennis develops the racquet arm of players as 'tis said, then we would back President Coolidge in Tex Richard's heavyweight tourney, since he shook hands with 1,220 people in twenty-seven minutes the other day.

Ten billion more cigarettes were consumed by American people in 1926 than in the year before, which is an average of two per day for every man, woman and child in the United States. Have you had your two today?

Kansas did away with bootleggers—cigarette bootleggers. Simple manner. It repealed the cigarette law. May Carrie Nation's soul rest in peace.

We now have it straight from history that a pretty woman persuaded Gladstone out of a war. Maybe there is a practical reason for our modern beauty shops after all.

We can't help sighing for the old days when men were men and women weren't, remarked one of the older generation the other day.

**A BLIND CROSSING**

The horrible wreck on the Second street crossing last Thursday is another proof of the danger of this blind crossing. The large warehouse obscures the view from the north approach and trains are not seen until they are near at hand. The new bridge across the Willamette river at the end of Main street will take 99% of the traffic off of this crossing for that reason the Southern Pacific company should be interested in the new structure and pay a proportionate share of its cost.

Thirty-two men and women have been indicted in Pittsburg for election frauds which leads one to think maybe Vare's majority there will be cut in the Senatorial recount.

Soap production in the United States if 40 pounds per person last year. Who uses is all?

Europe seems to believe the money she borrowed during the war was hers in the first place.



**DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS**

**OPINIONS ARE LIKE RIPPLES**

Opinions are like ripples. How long they last depends upon the surface on which they appear.

The mind of the individual who holds the opinion is the surface whose character determines its lasting quality.

Think over your friends. Some change their opinions continuously, others with great infrequency.

You have seen many kinds of ripples—ripples on water, ripples on sand, ripples on ice, and ripple marks in solid limestone.

All are duplicated in the minds of men.

On water, ripples alter with each succeeding breath; in stone they change only with the erosion of years.

One type of mind is fluid; another concrete. The first is plastic but unretentive; the second is retentive but unchanging and indurate.

One changes its opinion too frequently; the other not frequently enough.

In a general way these two characteristics of mind represent two stages of life.

In youth the tendency is to change our opinions too often.

In old age the tendency is to change them too seldom.

Youth is a time for ripples on water. It is a time for alternating, changing, open-mindedness, for a sort of sparrow-like hopping from one idea to another.

Opinions are formed, destroyed and re-formed with little effort.

Old age is a time when ripples of opinion seem marked in stone.

They are fixed. They alter only after long erosion by contrary evidence.

Both attitudes are off balance. One leans too far forward, the other too far back. Between the two extremes is the happy mean.

Of the two attitudes the one that can be most controlled is that of solidity. Little can be done to change the attitude of the mind of youth, and it has time to steady down anyway.

But open-mindedness is a habit that can be cultivated.

"A new truth is a truth and an old error is an error," is a good motto for advancing years.

**DENTISTS CONTRIBUTE TO DORENBECKER HOSPITAL**

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 17—(Special)—Donated by the dentists of Oregon, another unit consisting of complete dental equipment and apparatus has been added to the Dorenbecker Memorial hospital of the University of Oregon school of medicine in Portland, it was announced today by Dr. Richard B. Dillehunt, dean of the medical school.

The dental chair and all of the accessories incidental to the handling of dental work for children who are patients in the hospital has just been installed and is ready for operation.

The gift was brought about by the desire on the part of the Oregon dentists to participate in the activities of relief of sick and disabled children carried on by the medical school. The Oregon State Dental Association and Portland Dental Association, together with the State Board of Dental Examiners, acting through a committee composed of Doctors E. T. Hedlund, C. M. Harrison and E. C. Robinson, appropriated approximately \$25,000 which was derived by voluntary subscriptions on the part of the dentists of the state.

In addition to providing exceptional facilities for the dental work of the hospital and the outpatient clinic, the equipment and personnel will afford the opportunity of teaching medical students at the medical school the principles of oral hygiene and dental management in children.

**EVERY FIFTH GALLON SOLD TO RAILROADS**

Every fifth gallon fuel oil marketed in the United States is purchased by the railroads, according to J. N. Clark, chief of Southern Pacific company's fuel bureau.

The extensive use of oil as a locomotive fuel is revealed in a study just completed by the Bureau of Mines of the Department of Commerce. The application of fuel oil to motive power is concentrated mainly in California and the south central states, railroads operating in these territories having purchased 83 per cent of the 70,636,559 barrels of fuel oil bought by the roads in 1925. The total railroad purchases amount to about one-fifth of all fuel oil annually marketed in the country.

Oil is the principal locomotive fuel in both freight and passenger service, in California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, and is used by Southern Pacific for almost all of its operations, with the exception of locomotives taken over by the company when the El Paso & Southwestern was purchased.

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coupled with the installation of improved locomotive combustion devices," Clark said, "has resulted in rapidly increasing efficiency and an attendant decrease in operating expense."

**Births, Deaths Listed**  
 Six births and five deaths were reported by City Health Officer Pollard for January. The statistics in both cases were unusually low, the officer said.

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