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TO MUCH REGULATION

After two years of brickering and governmental interference the proposed central Oregon railroad extension is back where it was in the beginning with the interstate commerce commission reversing itself and conceding that the railroads should go ahead on the original proposals of each—that the Oregon Trunk should build its own line to Klamath Falls and the Southern Pacific go ahead with the Strahorn and other extensions asked for.

If the commission had said this two years ago or if there had been no commission these lines would have been built now and in operation. But now it is doubtful that the Oregon Trunk will go ahead with the extension it once asked to make. The Northern Pacific, joint owner of the Oregon Trunk, has always been cool toward building in Oregon and now after two years of waiting it has lost enthusiasm. It is likely that the Northern Pacific will participate now and with but a part ownership of the Oregon Trunk the Great Northern will be handicapped even if it builds.

The interstate commerce commission may impose restrictions and regulations on railroads but it cannot make them build extensions even if it does presume to have that authority. It takes money and lots of it to build railroads and no amount of orders or restrictions will create any funds for extension so the railroad companies just sit tight until the interstate commerce commission comes around to their way of thinking. Meanwhile the country suffers and is held back. All can be said about "needless duplication" of trackage that might be but the fact remains that except in barren non-productive areas the parts of the country with the most duplication of railroad tracks is the most developed and most prosperous. We would not give much for a town that did not have seemingly "needless duplication" of business, for in actual working out some of the "needless businesses" will be found to be of real benefit to the community. So it is with railroad lines.

OPEN UP THE PASS

Effort should be made by the state highway department to keep the McKenzie pass open longer in the early winter months and earlier in the spring. While petitions are being circulated and individuals are asking the commission to keep the pass open the year around this is too much to expect. In the first place it is hardly possible to keep the pass open and the expense would be enormous. But it is not too much to say that the first snows should be removed by a snow plow and that as soon as it quits snowing and drifting in the spring work should begin to open up the McKenzie pass. This would likely give us about two months more of traffic on the highway.

Often we hear it said that Washington keeps the Snoqualmie pass open in winter and she usually does. But it must be remembered the Snoqualmie pass is about 1000 feet lower than the McKenzie pass and is wooded over the summit instead of going through a long lava field. It is

more like the Willamette Pass, which will ultimately be Oregon's all winter road over the Cascade range when funds are available to improve it. That should be one of our main arguments for the completion of the Willamette road.

SPRINGFIELD TOO.

Walter C. Ray, editor of the Ashland (Kans.) Clipper, recently printed this paragraph in his paper: "Did you ever stop to think that the Clipper is the only newspaper in the whole wide world that cares a darn about Ashland?"

What Mr. Ray says applies to Springfield with equal force. The home paper should be first with the local dealers.

Too bad but that the efforts of the recallers of the sheriff cannot be transferred into some useful community work. There's a lot to be done in Lane county and Oregon and we do not make the progress we ought to make because a portion of our people are always engaged in tearing down while a few are laboring to build up. And it is always so much easier to destroy than to build.

Herbert Hoover proposes that this country enact a law prohibiting money being lent either by the government or individuals of this country to foreign countries to conduct wars. In other words he is against all loans except for productive purposes. This seems like a wise proposal and one that might reduce fighting, since no war can be conducted without a lot of capital and this country has most of the gold of the world.

The doughboys pack has been reduced to 51 pounds or 28 pounds since the war. At last the war department has discovered that a soldier will not carry what he can get along without and it is better not to issue it than have it thrown in the bush.

Question. If the Oregon Electric Railroad company would ask to make an extension of its stub line from its end in Eugene, how many years would it be before the interstate commerce commission would rule on the request?

Federal prohibition forces are being mobilized on the Canadian border to attend the 150,000 thirty Yanks who, it is estimated, will tour into Ontario this summer. The battle cry no doubt will be "The 'hics' and coming."

According to the old belief in Russia a man who has shaved his beard has lost all chances of going to Heaven. If this is true what chance has a barber got.

If Ruth Brown Snyder goes to the electric chair in New York, she will be the fourth of the seven women put to death in that state, who murdered or helped murder their husbands. This being a husband also has its hazards.

New York police captured a burglar who had tools of his trade hid in his wooden leg. That reads like a LEGend, eh?

"Does an oyster suffer?"—now seems to be the newspaper subject of the moment. We say "yes"—if he is a married oyster.

We never looked at it this way before but it is a fact that there are an awful lots of "s" curves in Mississippi.

Stretching the truth is one way of making things go as far as they can—but look out for the snap-back.

BROTHERHOOD AIMS AT CIGARETTE ADVERTISING

Cigarette advertising received some sound wallops at the hands of the Springfield Methodist church brotherhood Monday night, when action was taken against allowing advertising on Springfield billboards and condemning prominent men for lending their pictures to tobacco companies for use in advertising.

A committee of the brotherhood was authorized to appear before the city council and seek action against cigarette advertising on billboards. A resolution was passed scoring statesmen, ex-statesmen and others for lending their names and pictures to be used in such advertising, and this was sent to Clarence True Wilson, Washington, D. C., corresponding secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.

Hear Dr. Gilbert

Dr. Gilbert, dean of the University of Oregon college, spoke at the meeting on the plight of the American farmer. He pointed out that the farmers are at a disadvantage because of their inability to organize and control their production as manufacturers do. Lower tariff should improve the agricultural status, said the University dean.

The Brotherhood meeting was the last to be held this year. A picnic will be held late in June and it is probable that Methodist Brotherhoods of Eugene and Cottage Grove will be asked to join the local men.

He is It

Freddie the Frosh gave his fraternity pin to that young Davis kid who lived out on Kay Street. One day last week when he called on her a new maid opened the door.

"Miss Frances is engaged, sir," said the maid.

"I know it," replied Freddie, "I'm what she's engaged to."

Dumb Dan Hissell

Professor (speaking on a phone)—"You say that Billy Smith has a bad cold and will not be able to attend school today. Who is this speaking?" Voice (Hoarsely)—"My father, sir."

The Boy Was Right

"Last winter at college the temperature on three successive nights dropped to zero."

"That's nothing," snorted Freddie the Frosh, "that's nothing."

"What's nothing," indignantly asked Sam the Senior.

"Zero," remarked Freddie snappily as he bolted the door.

CALL FOR SCHOOL WARRANTS

NOTICE is hereby given, that School District No. 19 of Lane County, Oregon, will pay at the office of the District Clerk, Commercial Bank Building, 4th St. next to Post Office, School Warrants up to and including No. 1515. Interest Ceases after May 21st, 1927.

Dated May 18th, 1927.
R. W. SMITH District Clerk.
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LEOCADE HAT SHOP

A full line of new summer Millinery just received at both the Leocade Hat Shop, East 9th St., and The \$5.00 Shop on the 3rd floor of the Miner Building. All Spring hats at great reductions.

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Marriage Licenses for Week
County Clerk W. B. Dillard issued marriage licenses during the past week to the following couples:
Fred Crabtree, Springfield, and Gertrude Gunn, Eugene; Arthur Straub and Eileen Baldwin, both of San Francisco; Clarence Baldwin and Wanda Wood, both of Eugene; Charles McBee, Lowell, and Grace Pische, Marcola; Charles Casperson and Wanda Fugan, both of Eugene; Albert Schmid, Eugene, and Etta Farley, Portland; and to Clair Johnson, and Drella Smith, both of Hood River.

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