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LET'S HAVE THE BRIDGE NOW

The state has procrastinated now for a year in regard to building the Springfield bridge. It has been tardy in keeping the agreement made between itself and the county. Lane county citizens voted 75,000 for the Springfield bridge on the belief that construction would go ahead immediately. The county court expended \$20,000 of this money on a right-of-way last Spring. Except to run a few lines the state has done nothing toward building the structure but has involved itself in a dispute with the Southern Pacific railroad company in regard to payment of a portion of the state's share.

The county court and a good strong citizens committee should go to the next highway commission meeting and demand that work start on the Springfield bridge at once.

TOWN DEVELOPMENT

It used to be frequently said in smaller towns that it is the business of a good citizen to mind his own business, keep out of debt and avoid breaking laws. It was commonly thought that if he did that, it was about all that could be expected of him, and he was conforming to the ideals of good citizenship.

But a community's development cannot be promoted in these times on any such limited basis. The fact that so many small town people still have this spirit, and expect to get along without doing anything particular to boost community movements, is one of the principal reasons why some towns do not get ahead faster.

Some must take hold and carry on the work of churches and fraternal societies. Some of the men with a special head for business need to work in some organization for the commercial and other needed development of the community. Some need to work in clubs for educational purposes, and for more interesting social activities. There is something that each one should do and we must all take hold to do something in these public lines, if we expect that a town is going to keep up with the game.

People should not act as if they were making a great sacrifice if they devote a little of their time to such purposes. We should love our home town so much, we should be so ambitious to see it go ahead, we should be so conscious of the gains that people who have initiative or ability or industry, should be willing to give some time each week to helping forward such causes.

A Ladies club in a mid-western city had a white-elephant party recently. The club was to bring something they did not care to throw away but was more or less useless. Out of the 27 club members 19 brought their husbands.

What's more remarkable about Charlie Lindbergh is that he has made all these long distance flights without any back seat drivers with him.

The best fish story we've heard is that a tuna fish can swim a mile a minute.

An inmate of a state hospital for the insane has just died, leaving \$8,000, he gathered by barbering and selling candy and tobacco to his fellow lunatics, and some of our multi-millionaires may thank their lucky stars this fellow wasn't allowed to run at large.

Men of fashion are to wear shoes with points and heels an inch and a quarter high, those who fix styles have decreed, thereby proving that men of fashion are not always men of sense.

President Von Hindenburg of Germany declares he has never felt nervous. Evidently he wasn't there the night the Americans bombed Metz.

A whale lives from 300 to 500 years but who wants to be a whale.



DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS

THE CALENDAR

A questionnaire was sent to 1,000 representative firms the other day in regard to a new calendar of thirteen 28 day months.

George Eastman, head of the Eastman Kodak Company, sent out a statement after the meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce, which endorsed the movement, in which he says that the new calendar will consist of weeks in which every day of the month falls upon the same week day.

This plan will probably receive the support of the League of Nations and a committee will be appointed in each nation to ratify the proposal.

This is a valiant struggle of common sense against tradition and its outcome will be looked upon with interest.

This plan for the new calendar not only would make every date fall on the same day of the week in each month, but, as this would only result in 364 days, New Year's Day would be a holiday and called January 0. Also the extra day for Leap Year would be designated by a cipher and a new month would be inserted between June and July. This month would be called Sol because it would contain the solstice in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres.

Even if every nation accepts the new calendar it can only be put in effect after 1928, when New Year's Day falls on Sunday. After that date, if the new plan is successful, we should have no more calendars, as it could be easily told what day of the week any date is.

Mr. Eastman and his co-workers deserve a great deal of credit for endeavoring to make this calendar a success as it would undoubtedly be of great convenience to the world.

Almost all business executives in America are in favor of it and it would undoubtedly do a vast deal of good in correspondence and in making records.

Of course, the past would have to be taken into consideration, but a calendar would only be needed for the past and not for the future, and those who look forward are more apt to favor the new plan than those who look backward habitually. The calendar for one week would be for all weeks, as follows:

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

In Confidence

Readers desiring a personal reply can address
Miss Flo, in care of this newspaper.

**Dangerous to Marry a Man You Have Never Seen.
Buy a Car of Your Own.**

Dear Miss Flo:—
I have been corresponding with a man for two years—and although we have never met each other he claims that he has fallen in love with me and wants me to marry him. I am thirty years old and want to get married, for I have no family and I'm lonely. Do you think there would be any chance, of happiness were I to marry this man whom I have never seen. Everybody advises me against it but I'm tempted to take a chance.
D. D.

It depends upon his personal habits, upon his temper and temperament—upon his disposition, his generosity, his morals and his manners.
How then do you know whether a man will suit you or not if you have never seen him until he arrives with a wedding ring.

All of this without even taking into consideration the most important factor of all—love! And nothing else on earth makes matrimony worth while but that.

Isn't there enough risk in marrying a man you have known all your life without taking a chance on something you pick out of a grab-bag.

Dear Miss Flo:—
Don't you think a trustworthy son, twenty-one years old, should be permitted to take the family car out once in a while. Dad only uses it on Sunday—and the rest of the time it stays in the garage. Then when the family wants to go out—I have to drive it, no matter what other plans I may have had.

I think your father is a trifle unfair.

If you have proved that you can be trusted he might let you have the car occasionally. However, since he feels as he does about it—why not hustle out and earn the money to buy one of your own. It would do you good.

**MANY CARS SEEN IN
SNOW IN MCKENZIE**

Between 30 and 40 cars were seen in the snow on the McKenzie highway east of here Sunday by a party of Springfield people, who drove as far as Alder Springs. In the party were Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Seavey and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McMurray.
Several cars, which carried narrow tires, were seen stuck in the snow by the local people. No cars were getting farther up than Alder Springs.

Visit on Creek—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Montgomery visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams on Fall Creek.

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when you buy roundtrip tickets on sale daily at reduced cost. Return limits to suit your plans. Help build your home community; buy from your local agent.

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Southern Pacific
CARL OLSON, Agent

If you do this reckless thing you are planning you have just about as much chance for happiness as the proverbial Chinaman!
For a man who has any good qualities whatsoever to commend him doesn't have to marry a woman whom he has never seen. Moreover, he wouldn't do it, for he can find plenty of women in his own community who are willing to marry him. And if he is leaving love out of the question—as he evidently is—there is always the lonely spinster or the widow who will marry him.

It is a pathetic thing of course that any woman's life should be so dull and barren and uninteresting and devoid of romance that she is willing to seek any sort of a substitute through the channels of correspondence.

But it is infinitely better to be bored and lonely than to indulge in an adventure that is almost sure to be disastrous. It is better to be starved for sentiment than to have to pay for your bitter taste of it with tears of shame and misery.

How any woman can risk her whole life's happiness by marrying a perfect stranger is beyond all comprehension. You know absolutely nothing about him except the highly colored stories that he has written about himself. For all you know he may have a half dozen wives—or he may be a drunkard—or he may be lazy—or he may be quarrelsome. Any of these things are possible—of one thing you may be sure—he must be highly undesirable if none of the women who know him are willing to have him.

The happiness of a wife depends upon so many things in a husband!

**STEVENS SERVES ON
JURY UNTIL MARCH 5**

Welby Stevens, Springfield banker and farmer, who was here this week from Portland, will remain in that city until March 5, doing service with the federal grand jury. He and Mrs. Stevens will then return to Springfield.

Mr. Stevens was a member of the jury which tried Emery Olmstead and J. E. Wheeler, accused in connection with the collapse of the Northwestern National bank. Four gruelling weeks were spent in the trial, said Mr. Stevens. The jury was out 10 hours, before bringing in a verdict of conviction on all charges save those of conspiracy to defraud.

**BAPTIST CHURCH NIGHT
IS ATTENDED BY 250**

Church night, held at the Baptist church last Friday night, was attended by 250, one of the largest audiences to witness one of the church night programs.

Mrs. Bud McPherson was in charge of the program, which included a number of skits and other selections of much interest.

Blank Promissory notes and receipts printed and in stock at the News office.

**The Princeton
Lightweight**

Now don't make a mistake. I am not discussing prize fighters or championships, but a dainty, in conspicuous spectacle frame.

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