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PAVING WISE MOVE

Although Springfield has 28 blocks of paving or more than most towns of its size in Oregon we believe that several more blocks could be added to this, wisely. Heavily traveled streets of macadam are costly to maintain while pavement needs little attention once it is well laid. The city has not the money to look after every street the way they should be maintained. When a street is paved this maintenance cost can be transferred to other streets and in general the whole city benefits. We believe that there are several blocks in town where nearly every property owner would be favorable to paving.

New houses under construction in Springfield indicate the city is keeping pace in this line. There are few vacant houses in town and this along with the new building shows a healthy condition.

OUR WORST ADVERTISEMENT

The old bridge and rough entrance into town from the Pacific highway is our worst advertisement. Many travelers gain the impression that we are a run down country village when they travel over this section of roadway and the bridge. Such is not the case. Streets generally in Springfield are better kept up than most small cities. One only needs to get off the pavement in Eugene, to realize that the sister city's macadam streets are terrible compared with ours.

When the highway department gets around to the building of the new bridge the entrance to Springfield should be one of our best advertisements.

OPEN THE PASS

The highway commission should make every effort now to open the McKenzie pass early. There is only three or four foot of snow at the most on the summit and this can be pushed out of the road by a rotary plow. A clean road would allow the roadbed to dry and the pass to be opened at least two months before it was for travel last year. The importance of having the pass opened can hardly be disputed. Hundreds of cars pass over it daily when it is open and when it is closed these cars must take another routing or the people not travel.

POWER RESOURCES OF STATE

According to a statement by the Department of the Interior, the potential water-power resources of Oregon amount to 3,665,000 horsepower, as estimated from the stream-flow available 90 percent of the time, or 5,890,000 horsepower, as estimated from the flow for 50 percent of the time, if storage is provided in feasible reservoir sites.

A woman is said to be able to dress in 55 seconds with the new gowns coming into fashion. But it still takes her an hour to decide which to wear.

Some persons who are now making light of the oil investigation may get scorched before it's over.

Vermont has the lowest reckless driving record of any state in the union. We suppose that is because in Vermont the driver are almost always going up hill.

A yawn killed a man in Kentucky not so long ago and he probably was just bored to death.

A straw vote doesn't always show the sentiment of the farmers.

Editorial Comment

WITHOUT NEWSPAPERS? (Tingley, Iowa, Vindicator)

Nobody knows just how many weekly newspapers there are in the United States. Probably there are somewhere in the neighborhood of 10,500 weekly publications that can legitimately be called newspapers. A large percentage of these are published in one-paper towns.

Consider then what those towns would be without their newspapers. What is the aggregate worth to the nation of these papers?

Are any other newspapers or publications appreciably interested in the future of these towns? Will other papers take a stand for the betterment of these communities, for town and rural cooperation and development, for community betterment, for the growth of business and for new enterprises?

Can the grocer, the hardware merchants, the bankers, the dry goods dealers, the clothiers or the other retail merchants get along without their community newspaper?

The home newspaper is the mouthpiece of the community. Through it the town makes its bid for recognition. It is one of the town's best assets. Every day weekly newspapers are doing their best for their communities.

What would your town be without your newspaper? And yet, there are in every town where a newspaper is published, men in business—we cannot call them business men—who seldom, if ever, patronize the home newspaper with advertising, subscription, or other support. Such men do not belong in a newspaper town, but a one-store country village.

PERPETUATING OUR FORESTS

The consolidation of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association and the West Coast Lumber Trade Extension Bureau and the employment of Col. W. G. Greeley, chief of the United States Forest Service, as secretary-manager are developments that mean much to the progress and prosperity of a great industry. Aside from the economic benefits likely to result from unification of the lumber industry, there is good reason to believe that the problems of eliminating waste and the production of successive timber crops are nearer solution.

Colonel Greeley long has advocated timber growing on cutover lands not easily adapted to or needed for agricultural uses. He has contended that our forests could be made everlasting by wise use and by proper attention to reforestation. Even though we begin now, the time may come when we shall face a shortage of large trees, but we can produce merchantable timber sufficient for most needs if the reforesting program is no longer delayed.

Colonel Greeley does not believe that hoarding timber is the proper way to conserve it. Its right use tends to increase the supply since it must speed up aggressive reforestation. He believes that the future of our forests rests largely with the commercial interests which own and convert with the commercial interests which own and convert them.

In his new position Colonel Greeley will have an opportunity to put some of his practical ideas into operation. His presence here on the Coast, where the country's greatest stand of timber is found, should aid us in solving many problems. We congratulate the lumbermen upon his engagement. Although he will leave the public service, his opportunities for practical accomplishment will be greater in his new field.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Notice is hereby given that the registration books for the primary election will be closed April 18. All voters should be sure they are registered in the precincts in which they live. If there is any question about registration you can find out by calling or writing the county clerk, Eugene, Oregon. New law prohibits voters from being sworn in at the polls.

W. B. DILLARD, County Clerk.
Mar. 8-15-22-29; Apr. 5-12;

NOTICE

WHEREAS in chapter 127, general laws of Oregon, enacted in 1919, it is declared to be the duty of every person, firm, copartnership, company and corporation owning, leasing, occupying, possessing or having charge of or dominion over any land, place, building, structure, wharf, pier or dock which is infested with ground squirrels or other noxious rodents or predatory animals, or as soon as the presence of the same shall come to his, their or its knowledge, at once to proceed and to continue in good faith to exterminate and destroy such rodents by poisoning, trapping or other appropriate and effective means; and

WHEREAS gray digger ground squirrels (Citellus douglasii) are noxious rodents in Lane County, Oregon. Now, therefore, all of such persons, firms, copartnerships, corporations and companies owning or having dominion over land in said Lane County, Oregon, are hereby required to take steps to exterminate said gray digger ground squirrels (Citellus douglasii) within thirty days from the date of the first publication of this notice. If such steps are not taken, a person or persons appointed by the county or county of said Lane County will enter court of said Lane County and proceed to exterminate said gray digger ground squirrels (Citellus douglasii) and the cost of said extermination will be levied against said lands.

The county agricultural agent hereby designates Monday, April 2nd, as a day to be known as "squirrel poisoning day" throughout the said Lane County, and it is hereby recommended that poisoned barley, as prepared by the undersigned and representatives of the Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, be used for the purpose of such extermination. Such poisoned barley may be secured from the undersigned at his office in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, at approximately the cost of preparation.

Date of first publication of this notice March 8th, 1928.
(Signed) O. S. FLETCHER,
County Agricultural Agent.
M. 8-15-22

Mrs. Purcell is Visitor—Mrs. John Purcell, Corvallis, was in Springfield Sunday, en route to Wendling, where she visited her husband who is employed there. The Purcells formerly lived in Springfield.

MANY AT FUNERAL OF PIONEER STAGE WHIP

A number of Springfield people attended the funeral of E. J. McClanahan, pioneer stage driver of the Old West, who died at Eugene last Thursday, aged 83 years. The funeral was held at the Veatch chapel in Eugene. Mr. McClanahan moved to Eugene more than 50 years ago. He had previously driven stage in California. After moving to Oregon he drove stage between Eugene and Oakland, Oregon, and between Oakland and Grants Pass. He established the McClanahan Incubator company.

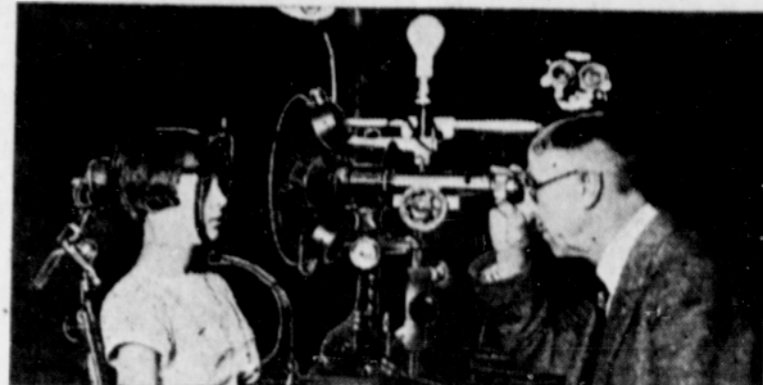
Perkins Here from Portland—Al Perkins was here from Portland on a business visit Sunday.

Return from Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Welby Stevens returned last week-end from Portland, after spending four months there during Mr. Stevens' service on the federal grand jury.

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