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A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Fifty per cent of the uncompleted state highways in Western Oregon are in Lane county. The Willamette highway is the only one that work is being done on this year and that is with county money. On most every job that has been done in Lane county by the state the county has participated from 25 to 50 per cent in the cost.

Lane county has taken a broad view of the state's road program with the idea that when her time came she would have completed her portion, which is the largest in the state, but it now appears that Lane county's turn is going to be last and it is doubtful if there will be sufficient funds to complete the whole program.

Counties which have sent citizen delegations to the highway commission meetings repeatedly have gotten the lion's share of road improvements in many cases with little cooperation in regard to costs.

The formation of a county road committee at the meeting of the Lane County Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening was a step in the right direction. This committee to consist of one member from each of the five Chamber of Commerce in Lane county and one from the Grange and Farmers union will have as its chief duty the urging of the completion of Lane county's state highways. If it is as successful as Douglas county's committee have been then we will say that it is a good committee.

TURNING TO THE FARM

Criminologists seem to be turning to the use of the farm in their efforts to solve the crime question. It is beginning to be generally recognized that the wholesome farm atmosphere is not a breeding place of criminals. There are 150 boys at Berkshire Industrial Farm who have been salvaged from the slums of New York or from disrupted homes. These boys, who defied authority, committed lawless acts and gave indications that they would grow up to be thieves and thugs, have been sent to the farm to get their bearings in life.

After several years at the farm, these "hopeless" boys have learned a trade and are equipped for life. They are kept from landing in reform schools and are made good citizens.

It seems to us that this is about the best plan yet devised for dealing with the "problem boy," and that it should be universally adopted. It seems to present a modern and intelligent attack on crime.

This method of handling juvenile delinquency seems to affirm the belief held by many that such delinquency is more frequent in the big cities than in the smaller towns.

EDISON AT EIGHTY-ONE

Hats off to Thomas A. Edison! The great inventor has just outlined a plan for twenty years' work. He is eighty-one.

That is quite an advanced age for a man to begin work in a new field. But Edison always has been unlike other men. Scoffing at old age, he is personally supervising the construction of a new chemical laboratory in which he will carry on extensive rubber experiments. He plans to develop an emergency rubber industry in the United States.

The inventor has in mind new devices for use in extracting rubber, it is said. He is devoting his entire time and efforts now to the study of rubber and its possibilities in the United States, and expects this study to keep him busy for the next twenty years.

We humbly extend our best wishes to Mr. Edison, and congratulate him on his discovery of the true secret of longevity—being so interested in some worthy work, so wrapped up in it and fascinated by it, that one simply hasn't the time to stop.

How many of us at eighty-one—provided that we reach that venerable age—will be fortunate enough to be able to look forward to a task of twenty years' duration?

Eugene, is shortly to engage in an "open Sunday" campaign, the issue coming before the people at the November election. Both the "open" and "closed" Sunday supporters are gathering data as to what Eugene people do on Sunday campaign, the issue coming before the people at the November election. Both the "open" and "closed" Sunday supporters are gathering data as to what Eugene people do on Sunday campaign, the issue coming before the people at the November election.

"A man past thirty is incapable of love," says Dr. Will C. Durant, noted scholar, philosopher and writer, and he set out to prove it. The question is now how many men past thirty are going to believe him.

Editorial Comment

ACCUMULATED MONEY

In a recent issue of his syndicated column, "Today," Arthur Brisbane refutes George Barnard Shaw, the English Socialist, when he says that accumulated money is the root of all evil.

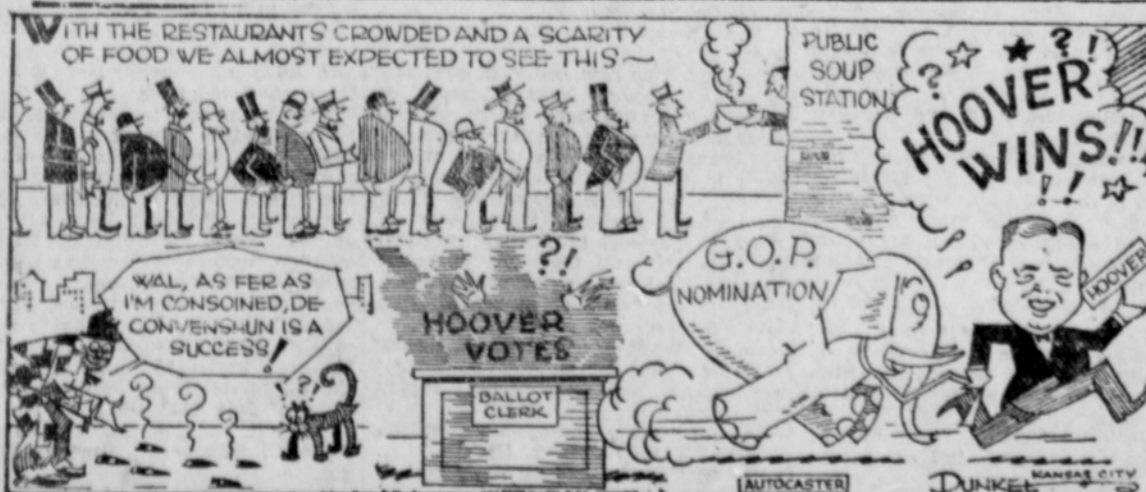
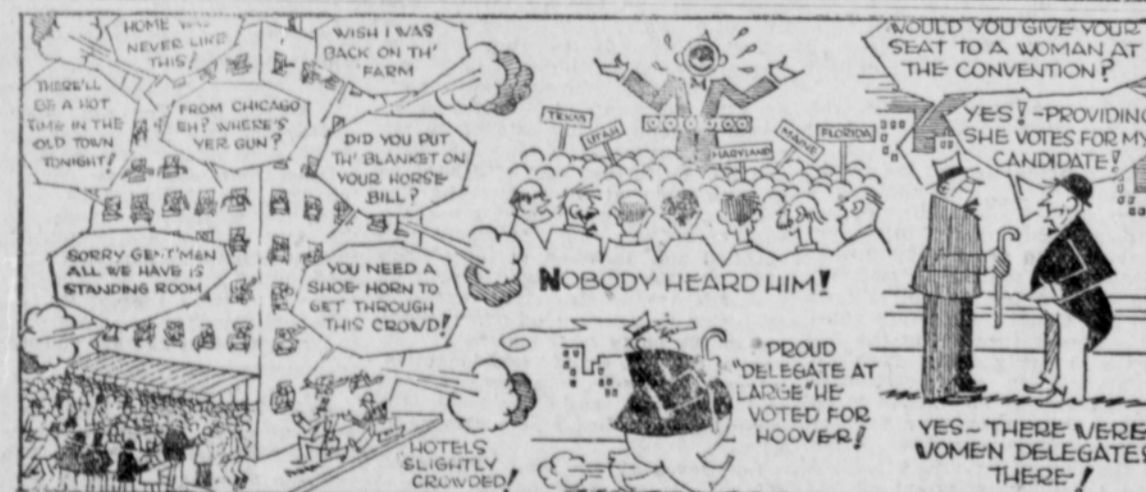
Brisbane replied that it is accumulated money that has harnessed Niagara Falls, built the Panama Canal, and has placed automobile production on a quantity basis that has given the American people 24,000,000 inexpensive motor cars.

Great accumulations of capital, like great accumulations of water going downhill, represent power. Eliminate accumulated capital and you would eliminate possibilities of higher civilization.

He says the people have brains enough to watch and control accumulated capital and take advantage of the benefits conferred by it, quoting these figures to prove that the country is prosperous: In May, corporations in which millions of employees are stockholders declared dividends of \$347,900,405, and in June dividends will total \$500,000,000.

The first of June, the total number of persons employed by all Detroit motor car factories was 359,073, highest on record—real prosperity.—The Manufacturer.

Herbert Hoover, His Family and Birthplace



Springfield Girl Describes Her Ideal of a Husband

Do ladies prefer blondes?

If not, what kind of men do they prefer? Answers to these questions and several more are found in letters written by girls on "My Ideal Boy," read last Sunday night at a special service at the Christian church.

Here's one of the letters which one of the girls wrote:

If some scientific fairy could invite me into his magical laboratory and say, "Upon these shelves, properly labelled, you will find all the characteristics that make up human beings. Select the ingredients you desire, place these in this coddron and in fifteen minutes will appear the embodiment of your choice." I believe I would begin working at once.

I would choose a capsule first for height. He must be tall because I am tall. He should have a good head, with a generous bump for affection and one for tolerance. His being dark or fair would make no difference to me. From the shelf labelled "Eyes," my choice would be brown and I suppose it would be better to choose brown hair to go with the eyes. Facial characteristics are rather immaterial although I would hurry to grab up a homely nose, as beautiful noses don't seem to belong to men, and he should have a crooked mouth to keep him from being vain.

That is the sketch of the portrait. Now, to put in the true ingredients to bring out lights and shadows, personality and color, and the indication of depths that are hidden. Cleanliness: Two capsules, one of the body and one of the mind. Straight-forwardness and honesty. Something to make him fear God: a divine spark. Will Power: the regular size looks too big, so I shall take a tiny pinch off one end to lessen it.

Here is a group of capsules of graduated sizes, labelled "Love for his fellow-men." I'll take the largest one.

Self-control is placed in a shadowy corner: I must bring it out quickly, lest I should forget to put it in. Selfishness: a little pinch of the tiniest piece, with two tablets of generosity.

And here is a whole shelf of habits. One box labelled "CIGARETTES"—I have pushed it quickly away. "DRINKING"—I have hidden it behind the cigarette capsules. "SWEARING—SLANG". I'll take just a pinch of slang, hoping that he will use discretion. What silly habits some of these are! Sullenness—Jealousy—Bragging—Broken Promises—these last are vapours in bottles with insecure corks—no wonder these characteristics steal into the being of every person!

Another shelf, "Humor (Good and Bad)" placed in a row: Two capsules of good, 1/4 capsule of bad, for variety's sake.

Here are some characteristics in bottles under a big sign. "THESE ARE FINISHING TOUCHES: 8" THE OTHER INGREDIENTS BEFORE ADDING THESE" I must stir gently, hoping that my former choices

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE BOTH INCREASE, REPORT

There were 7362 marriages and 3117 divorces in Oregon in 1927, according to figures just compiled by the United States department of commerce. Marriages increased 3.9 per cent over the previous year and divorces increased 1.1 per cent over a similar period.

Figures for Lane county show 489 marriages in 1927 as against 461 in the previous year. Divorces in 1927 numbered 136 as compared with 134 in 1926.

Carl Olson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney and daughter went wild blackberry picking on the Willamette Sunday.

Jones Boy Hurt—Lawrence Jones, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. "S" Jones, received a cut on the back of his head while playing last week-end.

Essentials for The June Bride



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Dr. Ella C. Meade
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will mix satisfactorily.

Now to pour on some oil of "Appreciation for the Arts," a colorless liquid labelled "Good-Taste," a dark, savory bit of "Diplomacy" a spicy spoonful of



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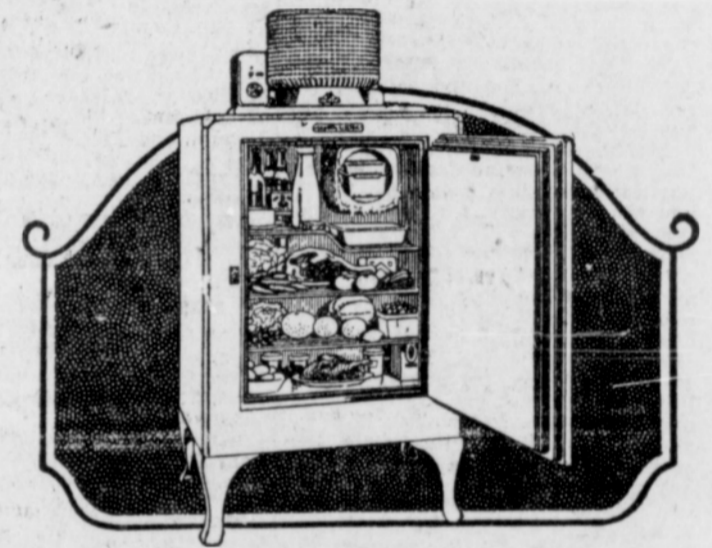
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