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The worst stretch of road traveled over on our 517 miles trip to Crater Lake was that portion of the McKenzie highway between the fish hatchery and WALTERVILLE. This is something to think about. Lane county a few years ago was the leading county in the state in good roads but other counties have been in the game since then and road standards are rapidly rising. Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Deschutes, and many other counties have oiled macadam roads that are even better for automobile travel than the Pacific highway. If we are going to keep step with the rest of the state we must not only get our state macadam roads built but oiled.

Al Smith has been nominated by the democrats for president. While he is an avowed wet there is perhaps little he can do to make the country any more moist than being lax in prohibition law enforcement if he were elected. But laying all this aside Smith appeals to the wrong element in the country. This has been exemplified in his own state, New York. The rank and file supporters of Smith are not the people that this great country can build its future on. Rather they are for the most part the unthinking class, the rabble, the foreigners, the radicals, the selfish interests—a motley crowd with only a few high class outstanding men here and there among them.

Whether the ideals of American democratic government shall triumph or the communism of Russia will be the guiding spirit in the future of new China is the important question of the day in the Orient, so we have been told by Dr. Lew, well known Chinese lecturer and student. He says that the Americanized Chinamen are at present on top, several of the new cabinet members being graduates from our best colleges. It is very necessary that they stay on top if new China is to be a friendly country to us instead of a disturbing element in the Pacific. He says also that new China must also become free of entangling concessions with other countries in order that she shall have self determination in working out her problems.

It is evident that Eugene's power development on the McKenzie river is not going to add anything to the scenic value of the stream. We believe she should reforest the right of way once the canal is completed. This would likely not cost a great sum and would compensate somewhat for the unsightly damage done in clearing a right-of-way so near the highway.

Very satisfactory progress is being made on the new Springfield bridge. It won't be long now until we will be traveling it—only a few short months.

No woman made a nominating speech at the Republican Convention, but three of them made seconding speeches. Just like a woman to want the last word!

A New York girl is to marry a man whose automobile hit and injured her. Evidently a "hit-and-kiss" driver.

Evidently the Republicans were anxious to bolt the convention door before any of the dark horses escaped with the nomination.

Now that a strong prohibition plank has been adopted, the thirst is yet to come!

MEXICO'S GOOD WILL ENVOY

All hail to Mexico's own Lindbergh! Captain Emilio Carranza has shown the stuff of which he is made! He successfully completed a flight from Mexico City to Washington, where he was the guest of President Coolidge. This flight was a touching expression of good will and friendship from Mexico. It is said that Mexico is more stirred over this accomplishment of peace than it has been over any other event in its history.

Lindbergh's flight from Washington stirred the imagination of the Mexicans, who longed to have a flier of their own emulate him; and then Carranza applied to President Calles for permission to return the good will flight of the Lone Eagle. Money for the flight of Carranza was raised by public subscription. Carranza's flight was one of 2175 miles, accomplished in twenty hours.

The feats of Carranza in the air have been many. Once, when he flew from Mexico City to the border, his engine caught fire. He managed to put the fire out by side-slipping and flying through a rain-cloud which fortunately came his way. His presence of mind in emergencies is remarkable. He has handled machines so expertly as to arouse gasps of admiration from other aviators.

Carranza's good will flight was a magnificent achievement, bringing him rapidly to the front as Mexico's foremost flier.

Residents of Pittsburgh are objecting to the use of the word "Brandywine" as the name of a telephone exchange. We guess they don't care about awakening painful memories.



DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS

CONDEMNED

Victor Hugo in his grandiloquent way said: "Nous sommes tous condamnés."

We are all condemned criminals.

The lurid description of Mrs. Snyder and Mr. Gray's last hours before execution gave us all the shivers. The newspaper reporter seems to have the same complaint that some preachers have who at a funeral strive to dwell upon all the effective scenes concerning the death of the departed in order to produce tears from the auditors. It is technically known as boring for water.

The more we think of it, however, we conclude that there was but one terrible thing about this execution. That was the certainty of it.

We are all condemned to death, as Victor Hugo says. We must all walk the plank, sooner or later, or face a firing squad, or die in battle or breathe our last in our beds. Dying is dying whatever be its accompaniment.

And the act of death is probably not so horrible to the actor as it is to the spectators.

Dying is simply lapsing into unconsciousness and the worst pains are felt by those about the victim who realize that they will never see him again.

The victim himself probably realizes little or nothing.

Also the anticipation of death is worse than death itself. The certainty that they were to die upon a given date was fiercer torment to the souls of these criminals than the passage through them of the electric charge, which occupied but a few seconds.

If we knew that we had to die upon the stroke of a certain hour we should die 100 deaths in anticipation of it.

Shakespeare said: "Towards die many times before their deaths; The valiant never taste of death but once. Of all the wonders that I yet have heard, It seems to me most strange that men should fear;

Seeing that death, a necessary end, Will come when it will come." That men turn their thoughts to religion when they think death is certain is a testimony to the influence of death upon life and to the superior and immortal qualities of our spiritual natures.

FARMERS REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY GRAIN AS TO ITS VARIETY

Farmers who have fields of wheat, barley, or oats that are practically pure as to variety are requested by O. S. Fletcher, county agricultural agent, to apply to him for inspection of the fields for certification of seed. Varieties most in demand in Lane County are as follows: wheat, Jenkins Club, white winter, Rink, Zimmerman, Huston; barley, O. A. C. No. 7, Hannechen; oats, gray winter, Victory. Fields to pass for certification must be at least 99% pure as to variety and contain no noxious weeds. Applications for inspection should be made at once so that the grain may be inspected before it is cut.

The county agent states that grain standardization and seed improvement is one of the principal projects of his office and that he hopes that all farmers who have pure seed will report it so that sources of good seed may be located so that good seed may be available to all interested farmers of the county.

MARKER FOR PIONEER TO BE UNVEILED ON FRIDAY

A marker in memory of Susannah Gobbert Bristow, daughter of the American Revolution, will be unveiled at a ceremony in the Pleasant Hill cemetery Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Oregon Lewis and Clark chapter of the D. A. R. is sponsoring the ceremony.

The marker is to be unveiled at her grave by two of her great-great grandchildren, William Wilshire Bristow, Jr., and Margaret Bristow.

The complete program follows: Assembly, Boy Scout bugler; flag salute, led by Mrs. Arthur Quackenbush, regent of the D. A. R. chapter; invocation, Rev. W. A. Elkins; address, Rev. Mr. Elkins; unveiling of marker, William W. Bristow and Margaret Bristow; presentation of marker, Mrs. J. H. Stoffel; acceptance, Miss Margaret Bristow; placing of wreath, Mrs. W. E. Miner; taps, Boy Scout bugler.

ELIZABETH HUGHES HAS CHARGE OF U. CAMPAIGN

Prospective University of Oregon students of Springfield will be given complete information on what courses to take and other phases of university life by members of the Greater Oregon committee, a student organization which will have contacts with every part of the state during the summer. Elizabeth Hughes will direct the work in Springfield, while Don Campbell, of Eugene, is general chairman of the district composed of Lane, Linn and Benton counties. He will have as other assistants Delbert Adison, Eugene; Ross Glass, Cottage Grove; Wayne Veatch, Halsey; Betty Bean, Albany; Lois Everson, Creswell; Serena Madsen, Junction City; Karl Landstrom, Lebanon.

Members of the Greater Oregon committee will confer with students interested, and it is planned to have several meetings in each district during the summer and early fall.

MANY LOCAL BABIES ARE PHOTOGRAPHED

At least 30 Springfield babies were photographed during the recent offer of the Thomas-Batton studio in Eugene to make one free picture of each baby under a certain age brought to the studio by the mother. More than 200 children from all parts of Lane county were photographed, the firm reported.

The studio was only recently opened by the two Seattle men. They plan to install equipment for making miniatures soon.

Lodge Program Held—Fifty persons attended the past masters' night program of the Springfield lodge of Masons last Thursday evening. Following lodge work and conferring of degrees, a banquet was served by members of the Cascade chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Essentials for The June Bride



A White Gold Engagement Ring, A White Gold Wedding Ring and White Gold Frames or Mountings for her glasses.

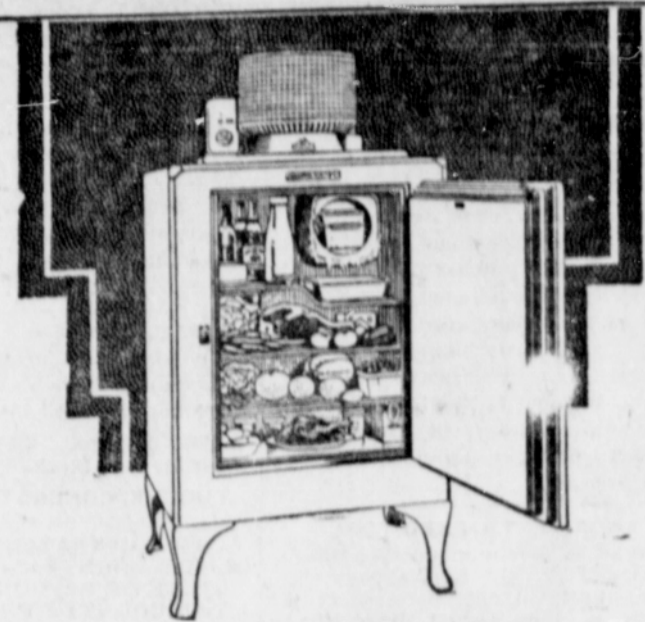
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BONES ARE FRACTURED IN TWO ACCIDENTS HERE

fractured arm and dislocated wrist resulted last Friday when Mrs. F. L. Tucker attempted to crank an automobile. The double injury was painful and difficult to treat but not serious, her attending physician reported.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sinner fell from a wood pile last Friday afternoon and received a fractured arm just below the elbow.

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THE BIG BOUT

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