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There are three things in speech that ought to be considered before some things are spoken—the manner, the place and the time—Southey.

## OIL AND IMPROVE THE MCKENZIE

The McKenzie highway should be completed in those portions not now up to state specifications and the whole road oiled over the summit next year. The McKenzie highway would not be exceeded in traffic by any of the other highways in Oregon except the Pacific highway if it were oiled.

As it is now some parts of this vital highway link between eastern and western Oregon are horribly rough. This is the condition every year and will be so until it is oiled. Many tourists are avoiding the McKenzie this year because of this condition.

We pay for good roads whether we have them or not. Wear on tires and automobile as well as additional gasoline consumed makes any poor road a costly thoroughfare to travel over.

## CANDY AND BOOKS

One of those persons who is always figuring out things has recently declared that Americans buy seven pounds of candy to one book. We presume that this is intended as a bit of sarcasm against American intellectuality. However, we do not think this a particularly bad sign. The truth is America buys a great many books, and reads a great many more.

More books are being printed in America now than ever before in history.

More people are buying books than ever before, or borrowing them from libraries. Perhaps the whole argument may hinge on the fact that one can't get candy at a public library. And that while one can't eat one's candy and have it too, one can very well read one's book and have it, too!

Americans are both candy lovers and book lovers. Incidentally the way these modern realists write, it is sometimes necessary to consume seven pounds of candy after reading one book in order to get the taste of the book out of the mouth.

## SALES EXCEEDING OUTPUT OF LUMBER

Lumber production has been curtailed more than 20 per cent in the northwest and orders and sales are now exceeding production. This means that the large stocks on hand are being cut down and converted into money by the mill operators. When it is considered that lumber does no one any good, with the exception of the logger and saw mill wage earner, until it is sold for use then the value of reducing the large stocks can be realized. We all want the sawmills to run as much as possible but the important thing is that they sell their lumber instead of piling it up and borrowing money to operate and pile it higher.

Lane county has 12,590 licensed passenger automobiles and 1,215 trucks and trailers according to the report of the secretary of state. Multnomah and Marion are the only counties exceeding Lane. The total fees from this county paid the state are \$366,606.86.

"Sound" motion pictures are rapidly being developed to such a point that soon the silent drama will be a thing of the past—then just imagine hearing all those kisses!

Add similes: As happy as a Scotchman at a free-lunch counter.

## AN AGE OF MACHINERY

This is the machine age. And among its products are many for which the farmers of the country are grateful. In fact, the farmer's best friend in these past fifty years has been the labor-saving machinery devised by American inventors.

Now the Department of Agriculture reports that this year the wheat of whole counties in Kansas will be handled by the new combine harvester.

In one operation, this machine moves across the field cutting and threshing wheat.

In fifteen days of actual work, two men by the use of the combine can harvest from four to five hundred acres of grain. This new machine makes it possible to accomplish work in one-fourth the time needed formerly.

Truly the machine age is a boon to the farmers.

## CANADA IS A REAL CUSTOMER

The importance of Canada as a buyer of our products is seldom realized. The first four months of this year she purchased nearly \$188,000,000 worth of United States' products. Only the United Kingdom and Germany exceeded her in buying.

Premier Mussolini says that women change their minds frequently. We hope the Premier doesn't think he has discovered a new truth.

A telephone girl is discovered who is said not to have given a wrong number in 25 years of service. Perhaps the line was always busy.



## DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS

### HAPPINESS

When my two girls were getting ready to enter Wellesley they suddenly discovered about two weeks before their entrance examinations that they were to be quizzed upon the subject of trigonometry and knew nothing about it. But they had to pass an examination on it.

So I got them a tutor at \$20.00 a toot and he prepared them so that they passed and entered the college.

While engaged in this study they came to me one day and asked me what a sine and a co-sine were. I told them to look in the dictionary as I had to. The truth was I didn't know what those things were myself.

They looked in the dictionary and then brought the book to me saying they didn't understand the definition. Reading the definition, I replied that they had nothing on me, that I didn't understand it myself.

Some days afterward I was talking to a very distinguished mathematician and told him this story, and asked him why it was that I who flattered myself on being an intelligent man could not understand what kind of a thing a sine was.

"Why," he replied, "that is very simple. A sine isn't anything at all."

"I know," I answered, "But why put it in the dictionary?" He said: "A sine is not a thing. It is a relation between two things."

The greatest thing anybody can learn as regards their personal happiness is that it is not a thing, but a relation between two things.

We never realize what a blessing good roads are until we come to a detour and have to travel over a mile or so of bumpy dirt road.

I know a woman who is grieving herself to death over a wayward child for whom she has done everything possible. She needs to get her mind off her child and think of what she possesses, of how many sources of happiness still remain to her.

The homely advice, "Count your blessings," is a good one.

We can only be happy in what we possess by contemplating those who have less and not those who have more.

So look about you, and see how many people are worse off than you are, and be thankful things are no worse.

Taylor at Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harrington, all of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Root of Eugene, drove to Portland Sunday morning to spend the holidays visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Harrington, brother of Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Root, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harrington.

Visit Cascadia Springs—Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Perry and Mrs. C. E. Wheaton spent Labor Day at Cascadia springs.

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Here from Portland—Dr. C. G. Van Valzah of Portland spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah, and friends.

Many at Summit—Scores of automobile parties drove to the summit of the Cascades Sunday, Springfield people who visited there reported. Although there was some smoke from forest fires it was not enough to obstruct the view of the mountain peaks at that point.

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