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COAST AND MCKENZIE ROADS NEXT

The Dunne Bills have been defeated and the people of Lane county have voted the match money for the completion of the Willamette Valley-Florence and McKenzie highways. Lane county for a number of years has lagged behind in the amount of state road work until one-third of all the uncompleted highways in Western Oregon are in this county. The state highway commission promised to remedy this condition at a meeting with the road committee of the Lane County Chamber of Commerce last summer if the Dunne bills did not carry.

This committee and the county court should now impress on the highway commission the importance of starting work on these two roads at once. The people have waited long and patiently until the time has come to act. Lets have both these highways finished next year.

It is our opinion that the first work should be done on the Mapleton-Cushman section of the coast road and from Waltherville east on the McKenzie highway. While the road is to be changed immediately east of Springfield this oiled highway is good for another year and should be the last to receive attention. The mountainous sections of both roads should be improved to state standards first if we are to get the most out of the vast sums of money that has been and is to be spent on them.

Again the people of Oregon have said they did not wish an income tax. Will everybody believe it or will there be some one so dumb as to put it on the ballot at the next election. If this state is ever to have such a measure it should be passed by the legislature after our whole system of taxation has been reviewed. This helter skelter legislation has been reviewed. This helter skelter legislation has been reviewed. This helter skelter legislation has been reviewed. This helter skelter legislation has been reviewed.

There is some indication that industry is turning to the smaller towns instead of expanding in the larger centers, particularly if conditions of labor, material, and transportation are right. A large cotton milling concern in the south has expanded by 100,000 spindles. Instead of building an immense mill in one city it built 10 in as many cities.

Springfield high school has a good football team this year. The team is winning consistently and has demonstrated a good knowledge of football. Townspeople should give the team support. A good athletic team is an asset to any town as well as an inspiration to the youngsters in school.

A man in Chicago found praying on State street said he was drunk. He can be thankful in Chicago that he was only half-shot.

The surgeon who cut his own appendix, in addition to being brave, must have had Scotch ancestors.

"All women are alike," says Lady Allenby. This thought should be a great comfort to many husbands.

A hypocrite is one who pretends to believe a person when he knows he is lying.

OUR FOREIGN AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE THE FIRST TO BE LOOKED AFTER BY PRESIDENT-ELECT HERBERT HOOVER. THIS SEEMS TO US A GOOD MOVE. THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE COULD BE ALMOST SELF-SUSTAINING IF IT WORKED TOGETHER IN HARMONY. STRENGTHENING TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO CONTINENTS—NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA—SHOULD BENEFIT BOTH MATERIALLY. THE MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES IS PROBABLY THE WORST HANDICAP OF DEALING WITH SOUTH AMERICA. IF MR. HOOVER'S GOOD WILL TOUR BREAKS DOWN ANY OF THIS MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE YANKEES IT WILL BE WORTH WHILE.

Alice Brady refused to pay income tax on money spent for beauty treatments. If the rest of the American women follow her example, the U. S. Treasury may find itself in a bad way.

Gunmen in Chicago seem to puncture the opposing team's defense with ease. If a half back is too fast and endangers their bets they move him from the lineup with bullets.

A judge permitted a divorced violinist to remarry because he behaved himself for more than five years. The law certainly does push punishment to extreme limits.

Turkish schools are sending home girls whose skirts are too short to have their skirts lengthened. If this were done here, our girls' schools would be practically empty.

Apparently all the men and women by the name of Smith did not vote for Al Smith.

Our idea of enterprise is a surgeon advertising a "removal" sale.



DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS

THE EMPTY NORTH

One of the most striking passages of that ancient collection of literature known as the Bible, is "He hangeth the north over an empty place." It is found in the Book of Job.

The queer part of it is that astronomically the north is a somewhat empty place. In a measure you can see for yourself that there are not many stars in that direction.

All this is called to mind when we read of General Nobile's flight over the Pole a short time ago. He discovered again what had already been discovered, that when you get to the North Pole you find nothing there—just frozen emptiness.

Think of all these years that men have dreamed of getting to the North Pole, and striven for it, and died for it. What does it amount to, after all?

It is simply a record to make, a sort of impossible line to toe, but all those fanciful dreams of Simms, Hole, and the like, about there being an undiscovered country up there, are pure fiction.

The only part of this globe that is habitable is the temperate zone, and in a measure the tropics.

General Nobile's discoveries, as well as those of others, reveal that the north is to be added to the oceans and the deserts and the mountain ranges as pure waste. A deal of the universe, as far as we can see, is waste in the sense of not being habitable by man. We cannot live in the seas, and life is difficult in the high mountain ranges.

Considering how vast is the universe, and how many of the stars are simply blazing balls of fire utterly uninhabitable by any form of life, and how gigantic are the distances between the stellar bodies, and even what a great portion of this planet is not habitable, one's philosophy of life unconsciously limits the importance of mankind, and adds a new meaning to the exclamation:

"When I consider Thy heavens, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained, what is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou visitest him?"

MORE FUNDS ASKED FOR FORESTS OF NORTHWEST

Seattle, Washington, November 15.—A matter of great importance to the Northwest was brought before General Lord, director of the budget, at Washington, D. C., recently when the National Forestry program committee and others interested in forestry attended a general forestry hearing and asked for increase in appropriations totaling \$718,000, according to word received by the West Coast Lumbermen's Association. This proposed increase is in accordance with the Clark-McNary Act, the McNary-Woodruff Act and the McSweeney-McNary Act. Present appropriations under these acts total \$4,500,000.

The three bills are basic forestry acts providing for state and government co-operation in forest protection, forest research and other work designed to perpetuate the nation's forests. General Lord stated that he fully appreciated the importance of the forestry program and that every effort would be made to provide funds in line with the proposals which had been made to him.

WILLAMETTE MILLS SHOW GAINS DURING PAST WEEK

Nineteen mills, members of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, reporting for the past week's activity, recorded a total of 15,394,319 feet produced for that period. This means 85.7 per cent of the actual capacity of these mills. The figure would have been even higher had one of the larger mills not been shut down.

The percentage of production in ratio to capacity for the past 26 weeks is 78 per cent, according to the report issued by H. J. Cox, executive secretary of the organization.

Many Spare Parts!

Brook Brook, Ct., Nov. 15 (AC)—John D. Tromley, a farmer of this place, has a calf which has an extra eye, extra horn, extra tongue, and an extra set of teeth.

Killed by Own Gun

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 15 (AC)—Harry Oswald, 22, accidentally shot and killed himself while duck hunting in a rowboat in Jacamica Bay. Both barrels of his gun were discharged in his breast when the trigger caught on an obstruction in the boat.

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Mrs. McDonald, who was driving, tried to halt the auto at the ferry's bow, but it drove ahead, crashed through the guard rail and plunged head down into the river. The limousine fortunately landed right side up at the river's bottom.

McDonald smashed one of the glass doors with an elbow, seized his wife and, thrusting through the broken window, swam with her to the surface.

At Ohio State "U"

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 15—With the greatest registration in its history, the Ohio State University this fall has drawn its enrollment almost literally from the four quarters of the globe. Four continents, 14 foreign lands and 43 of the 48 states are represented in the campus population despite the fact that more than 90 per cent of the more than 10,000 students are from Ohio homes. The list of students shows the following from Springfield, Oregon, David Lester Biswell, Graduate School, Vitus Apartments.

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