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EAST AND WEST RAILROAD

An east and west railroad from Crane to Crescent lake, as recommended in Commissioner McManany's report to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, would mean much to the Willamette valley as it would put fruit shipments in the east one or two days sooner and likewise speed up all other freight.

Springfield would be the first city in the valley reached by the new line. Naturally freight shipments from other valley points would be made up here as this would be at the entrance of the gateway. Who knows but that this city may be referred to as the "Springfield gateway" the same as the "Odgen gateway," in years to come.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IS NOW LEAVING CONGESTED CENTERS

Factory workers make better citizens if they can have their homes in the smaller communities. Officials of the American Rolling Mills Company have found.

In less populous towns, where the company has located several of its plants, they report that a larger percentage of their employees visit the churches and voting booths than is the case in larger cities.

This is one of the advantages that has followed long distance transmission of electric power, according to George M. Verity, president of the company.

"Industrial activity," says Mr. Verity, "so far as it is influenced by the availability of power, may now be removed from the congested centers of population.

"An outworn argument for the location of industries in the so-called 'industrial centers' has been that labor is plentiful in these centers. But with that labor, industry accepts the evils of a competitive labor market, of labor living in slums and less effective in consequence, of selfishly factional local governments and of labor's disinterest in everything except wages.

"Contrast with this the advantages of the small city. In these we know the homes of our employes are brighter and more comfortable. We know that the eight hours of day remaining after work and sleep are taken out are healthier and happier. We know that recreation is diversified and largely in the out-of-doors. We know that there is a closer contact with and a greater interest in religion than in the larger city. We know that social life is at its best. We know that contact of our employes with community and municipal problems is closer and their participation in the administration of local government is on a broader and less partisan basis."

The rebuilding of the McKenzie highway and the bridges at Vida and McKenzie bridge together with other construction going on up the river should help make prosperous conditions in Springfield this summer. The outlook is good for a satisfactory year.

DELINQUENT PROPERTY OR THE PEOPLE

The city is faced with the problem of resurfacing Main street from the new bridge to Second street and also patching many holes in the pavement the full length of the street. The cost of this work will be about \$3500. The city council finds it nearly impossible to squeeze anything like this amount out of the budget and have anything left for governmental expenses. The only place this money can come from, except from a bond issue, is for property owners to pay up back assessments on which the city has advanced interest money. There is sufficient money out in this one item to pay the cost of paving the street. When the council is faced with the problem of asking the people or the delinquent property holders for the money one can not criticize the council for making insistent demands on the delinquent property holders first.

HOOVER ASKS PUBLIC SUPPORT

President Hoover in his inaugural address stressed the need in this country for more rigid enforcement of law, and made it emphatic that he would engage in a nation-wide study of crime and in the enforcement of laws against crime. He also urged the importance of society's helping to enforce law.

It is a gigantic task that has been undertaken by President Hoover and one that is sorely needed in this country and furthermore one the success of which rests as much with the support of society as with the administration. Now is the time for every one of us as individuals to take upon himself and herself the task of bearing his or her portion of the responsibility of seeing that law is obeyed.

An evil that tends to encourage the laxity of law enforcement is the continual and obvious violations of state and city laws, such as traffic laws, and others of like kind having light penalties. The average motorist travels from 25 to 30 miles per hour within city limits now with apparent immunity. The trouble does not lie in the fact that the motorist travels at this rate, perhaps it is safe for society that he does, but the evil comes in the tearing down respect for the law which such practice engenders. If the limit has become antiquated, let us raise the limit or have the laws more flexible. If we can not change the law, let us enforce the law as it now is.

"You can't preserve wild life under civilized conditions," a contemporary writes, in discussing Indians and animals. Why not—we have plenty of wild life under the dry laws of this country. There is more of it in the cities than in the country.

Herbert Hoover, elected president by the largest majority ever given a candidate for the office, was inaugurated with less ceremony than any other candidate. The country hardly realizes that a change has been made. Hoover, however, is on the job, and already has called a special session of congress to go into the farm problem.

The legislature passed a memorial to congress to apply the immigration quota to Mexico. The southwest is overrun with Mexicans, some of whom are not the most desirable citizens. Until Mexico can raise her standards of living life should not enjoy unrestricted immigration.

161 COUGARS KILLED IN OREGON FORESTS

A total of 161 cougars have been killed in Oregon by hunters during the current year, according to the reports of the State Game Commission and this means that \$4,025 has been paid out in bounties. The trusty rifle of Joe Dhoghge of Molalla has accounted for 11 cougars. These were killed on the Molalla river and its tributaries where there are a large number of deer. William Clark of Oakridge has killed seven. Ed Clark of the same place five. Harry Wright of Glide has accounted for five; George W. Ramsey of Estacada has killed five and F. L. Pope of Jewell and Tony Eriebach of Tiller have each slaughtered four. Fred Arzner, the state game commissioner's predatory animal exterminator has been busy in the Cow Creek game refuge and has killed twelve cougars. Arzner has a number of trained cougar dogs and spends his entire time hunting and killing the big cats that prey upon deer and other game animals. From all indications the records of the game commission for the present year will show a heavy increase in the number of cougars killed over those of last year.

LICENSE FOR SMELT FISHERMEN THIS YEAR

The Sandy river, which during a smelt run lures thousands of Oregon citizens will undoubtedly be popular this season, but those who use the canary's cage or regular and improvised dip nets to catch the little fish when the "run" is on will be required to pay a license fee to the State Game Commission. A bill passed during the recent session of the legislature re-

quires that a license fee of 50 cents be paid before a citizen can legally fish in the Sandy. The bag limit has been set at 25 pounds.

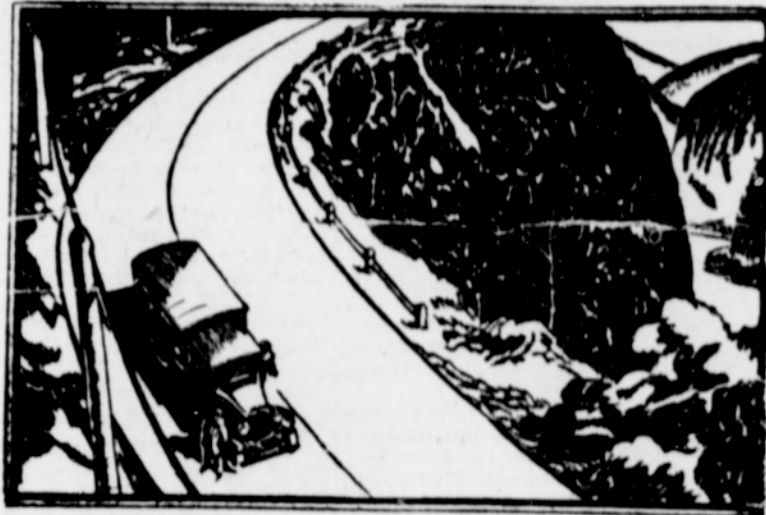
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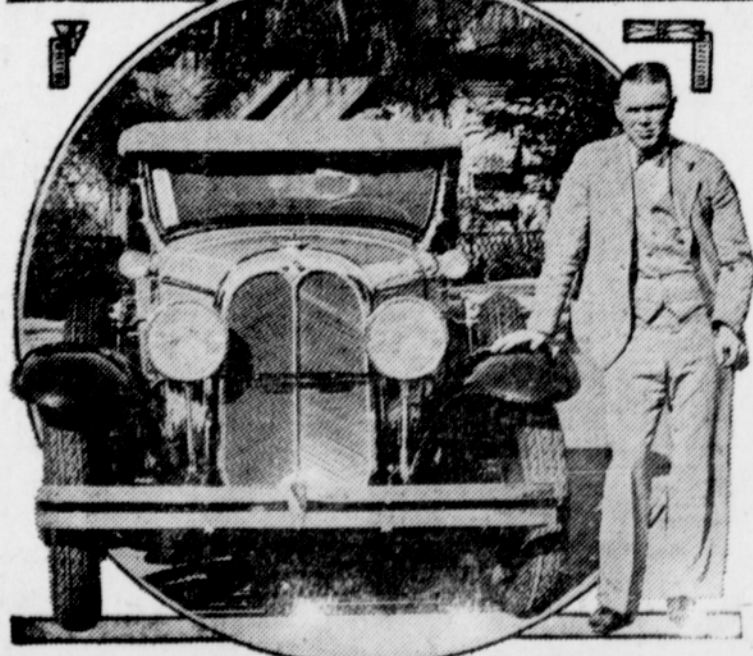
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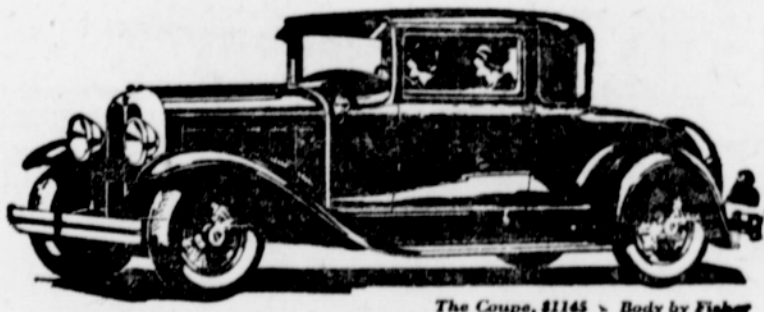
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