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The West Springfield people say they do not wish to see the bridge completed according to the circuit court order. However, they are going into the supreme court to defend something they do not want. Much better it would be for both sides if a compromise were reached. The public is getting mighty impatient waiting for a structure it has spent its money for.

"You ain't seen nothing yet" around this locality without you have taken a ride with Major Eckerson in his new Waco sport plane. Gives one a different viewpoint of the county he lives in. If you have ridden in airplanes you know what we mean, if not you are not quite up with the age you are living in.

In the face of greatly increased population and in spite of the fact that most of the county is traveling the passengers carried by the railroads has decreased from a billion in 1916 to 778 millions in 1928. Good roads and automobiles have made inroads on the railroad business.

Fishing is better in the streams of this locality than for a number of years. This is the opinion of many of the old time fishermen who are catching them. Stocking the streams with larger fish must be doing some good.

The McMinnville minister who gives so much advise on child birth will be answered by the women here the same as was Mussolini in Italy. They said "Try having a few yourself and see how you like it."

Women dope peddlers in Paris have been carrying narcotics in fancy garter buckles. It takes even the ingenuity of women in concealing things about her person with modern styles.

A mattress manufacturer should be able to close a good contract for whiskers on the barber shop floor after the pioneer pageant.

A 10-year old boy piloted an airplane 50 miles the other day in Ohio. Still there are some folks who wont get off the ground even with an experienced and skilful pilot.

A man pushed a peanut with his nose up Pike's peak. That might be called the height of the ridiculous.

Quadruplets are reported to have been born to a mother in France. Something else for the Germans to worry about.

Between the family budget and a vacation in the mountains or seashore there is usually a conflict.

Ex-president Coolidge has bought a used car. That makes us feel better about our old bus.

"No like Albany, dead" is the way Yaqui Joe, the Indian wrestler is reported to have characterized the town. This is going to be a hard one to live down if the town is so slow even the Indians don't like it. It's a familiar expression here in the west that such and such a place ought to be given back to the Indians, but, few stop to think whether the Indians would have it or not.

Frank Miller, newly appointed public service commissioner in place of L. E. Bean, deceased, goes on record the first thing as favoring lower freight rates. One must give him credit for knowing which is the popular side of things.

Kansas farmers are now buying airplanes to go fishing in the Rocky mountain streams. That's going to be a hard one for the new farm board to overlook.

A woman remarks that husbands are like a new car—"they go all right the first year but after that defects begin to show up."

The latest chain system is a string of beauty shops. Isn't that a beautiful idea?

**Editorial Comment**

THE DANGER OF BUREAUCRACY

Matthew Woll, Vice President of the American Federation of Labor, believes that the United States is unwittingly drifting into a species of state socialism that will be no less oppressive, though possibly more efficient, than the socialism of the sadly mistaken Marx.

More and more, he says in an article in Nation's Business, we find state commissions, boards, departments and bureaus coming into being, enlarging on delegated powers, intruding inch by inch, budding into what already has the semblance of a great bureaucracy of federal powers. "Everything that has been bred into me by America and by trade-union movement of America," he writes, "objects to this development of bureaucratic power.

"The socialism of Marx we could escape, because it could not come except by a deliberate willing of its coming. It could not come upon us unaware. The new form of state socialism—and I think that name for it is as accurate as any—can come upon us unaware, can grow upon us, can develop around and over us out of the very democracy we have cherished and can seem, in the coming, to be a protective force instead of a blanketing incubus.

"We are at a crossroads where we must decide whether, in our vast new world of industry, we are to submit to an insidiously enveloping suzerainty of the state, or whether we are to find means of preserving the democracy of our fathers, the freedom of our earlier days, the institutions which have marked the United States apart among nations as a country in which the individual did amount to something and could move about to please the inner urgings of a sovereign citizen."

WHO PROFITS FROM BEEF?

The high cost of beef has of late engaged public attention. From Boston came reports that hotels had asked their patrons to order other meats than beef.

Who's growing rich on the profits of buying cattle and preparing and selling and cooking and serving beef?

Swift & Company in their 1928 year book set forth their profits. The cattle they bought in 1927 averaged 966 pounds in weight and cost \$8.17 per hundred pounds as compared with \$7.16 in 1926.

This average animal yielded 520 pounds of meat which was sold for \$78.10 and the by-products yielded \$14.78. Total \$92.88. The 966-pound animal at \$8.17 a hundred, cost \$78.95 and the expenses including freight \$15, leaving a profit, before paying interest of 95 cents on each head.

It is interesting to note, first, that profit is only about one-fifth of a cent a pound of meat and second that the seller gets more for his animal than the packer gets for the beef he sells. The answer to this last paradox is "by-products."—Nation's Business Magazine.

**History of Local Names**

Beginning in this issue the Springfield News is publishing a short history of the derivations of geographic names in this vicinity. The authority used is Oregon Geographic Names by Lewis McArthur of Portland, director of the Oregon Historical Society, and secretary of the Oregon Geographical board.

**SPRINGFIELD**—Springfield appears to have been named from a natural spring, which sent up its water in a prairie of open field. In the early '50s the spring and the land near it were fenced off, and the place came to be known by its present name. Elias M. Briggs was the first settler here in 1849. For many years he ran a ferry on the Willamette river. Springfield post office was established May 15, 1868, with Albert G. Hovey as the first postmaster.

**McKENZIE RIVER**—As a fine mountain river the McKenzie may be equalled in Oregon, but it is surely not surpassed. It was named for Donald McKenzie, a member of Astor's Pacific Fur company. He came with the overland party and arrived at Astoria January 18, 1812. In that year he explored the Willamette valley, and it was doubtlessly this expedition that caused his name to be attached to what is now known as the McKenzie river. It was called McKenzie's fork by John Work in 1834 and during pioneer days was known as McKenzie Fork. This term was used in contradistinction to the Middle and Coast Forks of the Willamette river. The name is now universally McKenzie river. There is a South Fork that heads southeast towards the South Sister mountain.

**THURSTON**—This town was named for George Thurston, a pioneer settler of Lane county. Among other things he was one of the early day land surveyors of the county.

**PLEASANT HILL**—In the early days there was a post office of the same name. Elijah Bristow and several companions made a trip into the valley of the Middle fork of the Willamette river in 1846. Bristow was struck with the beauties of the locality now known as Pleasant Hill and said "What a pleasant hill. This is my claim." He finished his house in the fall of that year, and it is said to be the first one erected in Lane county. The name Pleasant Hill was given to his claim by an act of legislature passed December 27, 1847. Pleasant Hill post office was established April 9, 1850, with Elijah Bristow as the first postmaster.

**LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS TWO CALLS FRIDAY**

The local fire department had two calls in one day the latter part of last week. Friday morning at 12:30 a. m. Jess Smitson, fire chief, was roused from his bed and called to Mill street near the Springfield Mill and Grain company where the wooden side walk was on fire. The blaze had apparently started from a grass fire in that vicinity. Mr. Smitson extinguished the blaze with chemicals after about ten feet of walk had been destroyed, and returned to his bed.

Friday night the fire truck was called to Goshen where the W. T. Cornelius home was on fire. However, the fire was extinguished before the local men arrived. A hole was burned in the roof.

**E. E. Pyne Here**—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pyne, former Springfield residents, visited in the city with friends Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week. Mr. Pyne was employed for several years on the Springfield News and is now employed on a newspaper at Crescent City, California.

**Thurston Man in Town**—George Platt, Thurston rancher, was a business visitor in Springfield Monday morning.

**Go Fishing Monday**—Lloyd Freese and Jerry Adams spent Monday afternoon on a fishing trip to the slough at Irving, west of Eugene.

**ECKERSON PRAISED BY PUBLISHER OF SEATTLE MAGAZINE**

One of the most interesting aviation meetings ever held in the West occurred last week at Boise, Idaho, according to John Patrie, of Seattle, publisher of the Weekly Flying News, who stopped in Springfield Saturday enroute to Eugene, to secure material for his magazine relative to the air derby to be staged there July 26th and 27th.

"Among those in attendance were Mabel Walker Willebrandt, former assistant Attorney General of the United States, who is now legal advisor to the Aviation corporation, Col. Barry H. Blee, a report chief of the Department of Commerce, Phil. H. Johnson, Voelgel president, W. H. Mueller, Varney president, Governor Patterson, Hal Deas and Rhea Luper, of this state.

"Major W. H. Eckerson of this city, is doing much to advertise both your city and your airport," said Patrie. Prior to his two weeks' of instruction

of air tactics to the 96th Division at Vancouver the Major made a barnstorming trip in his taper wing Waco to points in Northern Nevada and Eastern Oregon. There was much interest developed in the new ship and the Springfield man's flying."

Old Time Resident Visits

Mr. Lane, hardware merchant of The Dalles, is spending a few days in the Springfield vicinity renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Lane attended school at Springfield 62 years ago in the first school house built here, which stood on the present site of the Commercial State Bank at the corner of Main and Fourth streets. Mr. Lane is looking over the old places around the town that he knew many years ago.

VIVIAN LEMMON

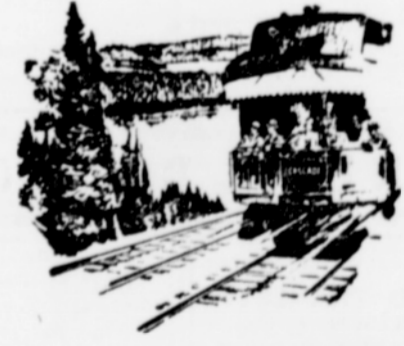
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