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SUNSET TRAIL PAGEANT FINE PRESENTATION

The Sunset Trail pageant last week in Eugene was a wonderful portrayal of a great epic drama of the west. It brought mankind down from the earliest savage to this present highly civilized state, and no doubt had great historic and education value as well as being good entertainment.

Much thought and training was necessary to build a great pageant with hundreds of people, mammoth scenery and large amount of equipment. The smoothness in which the show went off indicated that the producers were masters of the business and had good cooperation from the cast.

Eugene is to be congratulated on the whole celebration. It was a wonderful manifestation of community enterprise.

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Real mining interests that are spending much money have invaded the Bohemia district. They should be given every encouragement because if the mining in Lane county ever comes into its own, it will be done on a business like basis by experienced operators. The old time mining has gone out with the horse and buggy.

Help in improving the roads in the mining districts where large investments are being made is perfectly proper on the part of the county. A bona-fide miner has as much right to ask the county for a road as has the farmer to get to his farm or a city man to get to his favorite trout stream.

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The editor of a North Carolina paper appeared on the streets in pajamas as a hot weather costume. He was arrested but acquitted at trial. His defense was that he had more on than most women and as the law only prohibited "indecent exposure of the person," he could not be convicted. The mayor of his town issued a proclamation saying that he too would wear pajamas on the street if he had the nerve. The mayor expressed the difference between the sexes when it comes to dress—the female has the nerve.

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Although this is the most progressive age in history, some of the old things still stick by even the best of us. The White House still uses the washboard and flatiron in the basement laundry. Considering the amount of entertaining the laundry is a busy place at the White House. This entails considerable work all by hand. Ex-president Coolidge cut some of it down though. He made the servants use paper towels.

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President Hoover has a 'possum for a pet. That's one way of making a hit with the democratic south.

ECKERSON PUTS SPRINGFIELD ON AIR MAP

Springfield is being put on the air map by Major G. H. Eckerson, who has been the chief attraction at the various air circuses he has attended the last few weeks, in Montana, Washington and Oregon. Considering that stunt flying is a sideline with the major, who is interested in instruction and the commercial phases of aviation, his activities at the various air shows proves that he is a remarkable aviator.

The sensation he created at the Sunset Trail air derby before 20,000 people, is told in the Morning Register:

"These thousands thrilled, late in the afternoon, to an exhibition of stunts by Major G. H. Eckerson of Springfield, which undoubtedly was the most sensational air exhibition ever seen in this section. A score of planes performed before the huge crowds during the afternoon, but nothing equaled the flying antics of the Springfield aviator.

Rides on His Back

In his beautiful, red, taper-winged Waco biplane, Major Eckerson swooped over the field in a series of sensational rolls and loops. Then, while the crowd emitted thousands of 'ahs' he turned the plane on its back.

"Somehow, it seemed to get along on its back as well as anywhere else. Again and again, he flew for a quarter of a mile with the landing gear upside against the sky, as a fly's legs cling to the ceiling.

"Not content with exhibiting this stunt well over the field, the major dared to drop within a few hundred feet of the earth, and again turned over. He even gained altitude with his ship turned upside down.

"Veteran aviators also praised his stunt of executing a series of rolls and at the same time gaining altitude. Rolls are usually accomplished as the plane drops.

Eckerson undoubtedly stole the American Legion's show and he will be seen again today in similar antics."

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SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

The Volstead law will be put to a severe test when alcohol shall be successfully made out of air and water.

A German professor, Herr Plauson, has perfected a high-speed electronic tube that, he thinks, will so effectually bombard the molecules and atoms of air and water that synthetic alcohol will result.

The new cathode-ray may be exercised to such an economic efficiency that it will transform the waste products of the petroleum stills and of the coke ovens into rubber, alcohol, acetic acids and valuable drugs and perfumes.

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The Three Sisters region is being visited this year by more people than usual. This month sees the Eugene Y. M. C. A. camp at Todd lake, and the opening of the summer outing camps of the Mazamas and Obsidian clubs. Several hundred people will visit the lakes, mountain peaks and glaciers this summer. This area is about the only spot of any size that is just as nature left it. In years to come it will no doubt be a big asset to this country.

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Lane county cannot afford to insure the railroad company against damage from slides on the new Siuslaw highway. When the railroad company took the county road bed down the river for its tracks it must have known that some day room would have to be made for a standard highway. Now when the time has come to build such a highway it should take its own chances and not ask the people of Lane county to take the whole risk. There will be plenty of risk for the county and state on the new highway.

NINE LOCAL STUDENTS COMPLETING WORK AT U. OF O. SUMMER SCHOOL

University of Oregon, August 1.—Among those who are finishing summer school work at the University of Oregon are Mrs. Genevieve Beaman, W. E. Buell, O. D. Cole, Oscar Gladish, Marjorie M. Grant, Pearl Etta McMullin, Audrey McPherson, Theda D. Perkins and C. J. Pike of Springfield.

Nearly 600 students have been registered at the university during the six weeks summer session. A new feature of this summer will be the commencement exercises, August 30, after the post session, at which degrees will be granted to those who have filled graduation requirements. Previous to this, those eligible for degrees have been held over until the regular June commencement.

The regular session closes August 2, and post session begins August 5, lasting until August 30. During the post session some students will remain on the campus to study while a large number will take the Alaskan cruise. This trip, which will take nearly 185 students on a pictuesque tour of the north, will occupy two weeks, and a third will be spent on the campus. During the post session the campus will be exceptionally quiet and many students take advantage of this opportunity to do intensive work.

Roseburg People Here—Mrs. Charles Fields and daughter, Margaret of Roseburg, are spending a few days in Springfield visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hamlin. They arrived here last Thursday to take in the Sunset Trail celebration at Eugene. Mrs. Fields is a sister of Mrs. Hamlin.

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OLD CONFEDERATE BILL ISSUED IN 1862 OWNED BY SPRINGFIELD MAN

A two dollar bill issued by the Confederate States of America for payment of "all dues except export duties" and "fundable in eight per cent stock or bonds of the Confederate States" is owned by J. J. Browning, aged Springfield resident, who exhibited it in the Springfield News office Saturday morning. The bill was kept by his sister, Mrs. Sadie Ragland.

The bill is printed on but one side and was issued at Richmond, Virginia, the capital of the Confederate States, on June 2, 1862. It bears the personal signature of F. W. Garr, register of currency, and W. A. Gannett treasurer of the short-lived republic. It bears the portrait of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, and another curious picture of two women kneeling together, which is entitled "Six months after the signing of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States."

Visiting Wright Home—Mr. and Mrs. William Price of Portland are visiting this week at the home of Mrs. Price's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wright.

Nebraska Picnic Announced

The sixth annual picnic of former residents of the state of Nebraska now living in Oregon will be held Sunday, August 4, in the Corvallis auto park, according to an announcement by C. E. Ransom, secretary of the association. All people who at one time lived in Nebraska are invited to attend, together with their friends. Free coffee will be provided.

Tennesseeans to Picnic

Former residents of the state of Tennessee and their friends who are now citizens of the state of Oregon are invited to attend the Tennessee reunion which will be held at Idlewood park, on the West Side highway between Junction City and Monroe, Sunday. The affair will be in the form of a picnic, to which the pass word will be "Possum and sweet taters." J. R. Fox is the president of the Oregon Tennessee association.

Here From Albany—Miss Lucille Holman of Albany was a visitor in Springfield Monday.

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Sooner or later, the trail ends for all of us. It is inevitable. Is it not fitting, then, that we should provide for the end of the trail a suitable and premanent shrine, where the remains of our loved ones may lie in peace and security, and where the sadness which is inseparable from death may be softened by the tender beauty of nature, and dignified by impressive surroundings?

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