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McKENZIE IN BAD CONDITION

The beautiful McKenzie is a small asset to Lane county this year from the shape the road is in. The highway is in the poorest condition it has been for years and few tourists are stopping along the banks of the river. The lower highway is very rough while the dust on the upper highway completely shuts off a driver's vision every time he is passed by another car. This condition and the bad places to go through at points of construction reduces the recreational advantages of the river for almost nothing.

It is evident that if the McKenzie is going to hold its own the road must be oiled completely over the summit and kept in first class condition. This is one of the chief revenue producing counties for the state license fees. We should demand of the state better maintenance for the McKenzie highway.

Without a dented can or damaged label 2400 cans of Hawaiian pineapple were shipped from Honolulu to Chicago in light wooden boxes. Checks were made of the shipment in route at various terminals to see if the new boxes were standing up to the hard usage, especially in being unloaded from shipboard. Officials of the carriers praise the wooden box. We in this wood country should also praise the wooden box and refrain from using wood substitutes. "What we make makes Oregon" and materially affects our individual fortunes.

The last boy through the examinations given by Edison in selecting his protege won the coveted honors. His swiftness evidently did not mean lack of knowledge but more careful expression and pains in preparing his paper more than the others. School teachers should consider this with the slow child in their care—the apparent backward child sometimes is the smartest.

A pound of ground barley is equal to a pound of shelled corn as a dairy or hog feed, according to experts of the state agricultural college. Barley is one of the easiest crops grown in Western Oregon, while corn does not always turn out well. A million bushels of barley were grown in Western Oregon last year. Why not more barley from Oregon and less corn from the middle west as a feed ration, Mr. Farmer?

The fact that President Hoover's ancestors came from Switzerland may explain why he is holding down on the navy building program. Switzerland has gotten along all these years without a navy.

Ocean-going vessels are now crossing the Atlantic in four days and a half. Perhaps prospects of air competition is causing the builders to design faster crafts.

The buyer who goes to great pains to purchase in the lowest market is usually the one who gets beaten.

Herbert Hoover is of Swiss extraction, descent of a family of linen weavers who came to this country in 1740. Their names were once Huber.

LET 'EM SAY YOU'RE CRAZY WHADDA YOU CARE?

"Since 1902," writes Dwight C. Rose, savings banks and insurance companies have in the aggregate probably suffered greater loss through unsuccessful speculation on the trend of interest rates than through any other form of investment or speculation." In other words the financial wise-acres were 100 per cent off their trolleys twenty-seven years ago.

Every fifteen years or so some new scientific truth appears and upsets half of the accepted scientific truths, which drives the scientists cuckoo and gets their goats besides. And ever so often somebody discovers that for two centuries school-teaching has made less progress than tobacco-chewing, and the schoolmarns go wild when you remind them of it.

It just seems that everybody's more or less half-cracked, immature, unbalanced, provincial, one-sided, stupid, stolid, humdrum, prosy, flat and stale, heavy in the head. We all laughed out loud at the old Thorne and Simplex typesetting machines, and in turn at the linotype and monotype. We all used to give advertising the ha-ha. (We were so durned smart ourselves.) Think of pulling a carriage without a horse—ha-ha! Think of a flying machine—hee-hee!

So when somebody tells us we're still crazy, let's be broadminded. Let's answer, "Well, you can't hurt our feelings.—Spinal Columns.

HEALTH SUGGESTIONS FOR AUTOMOBILE TOURISTS

(By Oregon State Board of Health.)
To speak of disease when planning a touring vacation, the United States Public Health Service points out, may seem tactless; but we all know the danger to health from impure water. Many tourist camps are so located that they may have water from the public supply. That is fortunate. Others must develop their own supplies from such sources as wells and springs. In doing this, there arises the possibility of unsafe water unless the development work is done in accord with accepted sanitary principles. If the tourist camp has been inspected by a governmental agency and approved and certified, the safety of the water supply can be assumed; but if it has not, we should know the outward signs of a properly developed supply for which to look.

Open springs are generally unsafe, because they are so readily accessible to contaminating influences. If the spring is not properly protected, surface water carrying off the washings from the ground can very easily run into the spring. The best type of small water supply is a driven or drilled well, which is cased from the top of the ground to the water-bearing strata, or at least to the first layer of solid rock. To the top of the casing the pump may be attached; and about the casing and under the pump there may be built a water-tight sloping platform. If, in your travels, you are not sure of the quality of the drinking water, boil it before using. After boiling, it will probably have a flat taste. This may be remedied by pouring the water from one vessel to another a number of times, which procedure permits the water to aerate itself.

Of all the camp facilities, the tourist will probably appreciate nothing more than a clean, safe and sanitary method of sewage disposal. Flush toilets connected to a sewerage system of a city provide the best arrangement of all; but, if this is impossible, they may with satisfaction be connected to a septic tank. Chemical closets are acceptable if given the necessary care and attention.

A well-planned tourist camp will have the surface containers for receiving garbage; attendant service for removing and cleaning the garbage cans; and the necessary means for its ultimate disposal such as an incinerator or nearby burial-ground. Careful attention should be given to the source of the milk supply, particularly if there are children in the party. A swimming place should be selected with care also, in order to avoid the use of rivers carrying sewage from communities located upstream from the camp.

Educational measures are the only means of reaching the hundreds of thousands, or millions, rather, who annually start out on a trip in their own cars. Health officials are endeavoring to help the tourist keep themselves free from sickness, thereby making possible the fullest enjoyment of a trip of this kind.

COUNTY FAIR OPENS AT EUGENE GROUNDS WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21

Plans are in full swing for the big Lane county fair, scheduled for the fairgrounds at Eugene August 21, 22, 23 and 24, which promises to eclipse all previous fairs held in the county.

With the buildings and pavilions packed with interesting agricultural and industrial exhibits, the barns filled with livestock and poultry, and big afternoon and evening programs going on before the grandstand, the fair promises four big days for Springfield people who attend Lane county's show.

Already space is nearly gone in the agricultural building and in the main pavilion at the fair, and a great variety of exhibits is indicated in the entries. Communities and farm organizations throughout the county are busy on produce and community displays, and the fair will mirror the agricultural prosperity of the county. C. B. Swango has been placed in charge of the livestock show at the fair and is receiving many entries, from both inside and outside the county. The Waldo Hill stock farm at Silverton has entered a flock of sheep in the sheep exhibits. Mr. Swango has asked that Lane livestock men make their plans early for entries and make reservations of stalls as soon as possible.

The Four-H club children will again hold their big show at the fair, using the attractive new buildings put up last fall. The children's events have proved to be one of the most attractive features of the fair.

A horse racing program which promises real thrills for those who like these contests is being arranged for each afternoon of the fair, with Chet Daniels as manager and J. K. Greer as starter. Many of the best racers on the coast will make the circuit which includes the Lane fair, and this year's program should more than equal the races at last year's fair, which drew wide acclaim.

An entertainment program of great merit is being worked out for both day and night programs. Under Dove Anderson's direction, rodeo events will intersperse other features. Frank Zerado's all star troupe of performers, trapeze artists; Al Nuttle, musical clown, 15 different acts; Manuel Macias, spectacular wire walker, and a great fireworks demonstration arranged by the Hitt Fireworks company of Seattle, are other features.

In addition, the Browning amusement company will have thrillers and amusements on the ground, making a real carnival event for the big fair. The Odd Fellows band of Eugene will furnish music for both afternoons and evenings.

This year, a loud speaker system is being installed at the fairgrounds, through which entertainments and announcements will be broadcast throughout the grounds.

History of Local Names

CRESWELL—Creswell post office was established March 4, 1876. The place was named by Ben Holloday for John A. J. Creswell, postmaster general from 1869-74. Creswell has an elevation of 545 feet and is on the main line of the Southern Pacific company and the Pacific highway. Creswell Butte, about a mile to the south, has an elevation of 982 feet. John A. J. Creswell was born in Maryland in 1823 and served as U. S. representative and as senator before joining the cabinet. In 1874 he was appointed counsel of the United States in the Alabama Claims matter and served until 1876. He died in 1891. Creswell station was named by Holloday several years before the post office was established.

WALKER—Walker post office was established in 1890. Francis Smith, first postmaster, had come from Crawford County, Iowa, to seek a western home and open a small mercantile business. He secured property from Mrs. J. F. Walker, a pioneer resident of the neighborhood north

of Cottage Grove. Mr. Smith was instrumental in securing the post office and named it for Mrs. Walker. The post office at Walker was discontinued about 1925.

SAGINAW—This place was named by J. I. Jones for Saginaw, Michigan. The community was established about a year before the lumber company began to operate there. Saginaw is an Ojibwa Indian word meaning Sauk place, referring to the Sauk or Sac Indians. Saginaw post office was established March 4, 1898, with Laura Weaver as first postmaster.

JASPER—The compiler has been unsuccessful in his efforts to secure the origin of the name of this place.

ALVADORE—Alvadore is a town about 10 miles northwest of Eugene, located on a branch line of the Southern Pacific. It was named for Alvadore Welch, a public utility promoter of Portland, who built the Portland, Eugene and Eastern railway through the community. The railway was subsequently acquired by the Southern Pacific.

GOSHEN—The compiler does not

know who named the town of Goshen. In biblical geography Goshen was a pastoral region in lower Egypt, occupied and colonized by the Israelites before the Exodus. It was situated east of the delta and west of the modern Suez canal.

Attending Church Convention

Mrs. Dallas Murphy, her sisters-in-law, the Misses Hazel and Irradel Murphy, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mitchell of Ashland are in Seattle this week attending the international convention of the Christian church. Delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada are meeting there to discuss the problems of the church.

Fire at West Springfield

The roof of Ira Young's home in West Springfield was destroyed by fire late Saturday afternoon. The blaze was supposed to have originated from a defective flue. The local fire department responded to the call and succeeded in saving the house, using chemicals and a garden hose. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

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