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AVIATION CENTER—

RUSHING INTO THE AIR

Since the establishment of the airport at Springfield, the people of this vicinity have taken to the air and Lane county bids to become the aviation center of Oregon. Since September 29 more than 1600 people have flown, according to reports coming from the airports in Springfield and Eugene.

Certainly never before have this many people rode in airplanes over a period of two weeks in any part of Oregon outside of Portland, and it is doubtful if even the big city can break this record. With this wave of "airmindedness" sweeping over us Lane county can be expected to become one of the leading aviation centers on the coast.

With the opening of the big field here Lane county has three first class airports and two air schools running full blast turning out pilots. Cottage Grove is not to be overlooked when counting airports. That city has a good field and is lighting it for emergency night flying. Considerable money is now being expended on it.

The dedication of the Springfield municipal airport with the governor and a corps of high state officials in attendance, was the biggest single air event ever staged in this part of Oregon. This dedication, and the advertising subsequent to it, together with the almost nationwide reputation Major G. H. Eckerson is getting among pilots as an ace flyer, has put aviation foremost in the minds of our people so much that they have stood in line at the airports the last three Sundays waiting for rides.

While these local events have stirred us to much activity we must not imagine that we are pioneering the way. Parts of the east are much ahead of us in aviation and most of the large cities have several fields. The state of New York has been plotted into fields and airports and reports are now that an aviator cannot fly in any direction in that state without being within seven miles of at least an emergency landing field. Those who would say that one field is sufficient in Lane county have not had their eyes open to aviation. They are the same ones who gasped when the second service station was opened in town.

The postoffice department recently notified all postmasters to interest themselves in aviation locally—promote fields and proper air markers. It is said that a list of those cities without airports were soon to be compiled and ordered the postmasters to report what progress was being made in their cities. In other words, the government expects to prod the laggard cities along in the development of flying fields.

All signs point to the fact that "we ain't seen nothing yet" compared to what we will see in the next decade in aviation—even right here in Springfield and Lane county.

Government owned and operated mines throughout the world will produce about fifty million tons of coal this year.

New Zealand has a law taxing foreign salesmen on the profits they make in that country.

Germany led the world in the increase of merchant shipping during the last fiscal year.

OIL THE MCKENZIE HIGHWAY

Every foot of the McKenzie highway that is up to state standards should be oiled from Springfield to Sisters this coming year. Parts of this highway which have not been improved to state standards should be rebuilt in 1930. The McKenzie was one of the finest state highways on which improvements was started, yet it now appears at the present rate that it will be one of the last completed. We have loitered along with this road long enough. County officials and the people in general should now insist that this road be completed at once.

The governor's party which motored up this highway September 29 returned complaining how "terrible" the road was. We are glad that someone in authority realizes that the McKenzie highway is not what it should be.

Tourist travel on this highway is not half what it was three or four years ago, and many local people have quit spending holidays on the river because of road conditions. People take the attitude "why travel the rough and dusty McKenzie when there are good pavements and oiled macadam roads elsewhere." Lane county is suffering more than people realize because of the poor condition of this road, and the famous McKenzie will be infamous if this condition exists many more years.

DIGGING OUR GRAVES WITH A SKILLET

A man whose hair is white and has lived long enough to acquire some wisdom and retain good health, said to us the other day that a frying pan seldom was called into use at his house. That caused us to reflect on just how much of the human's food was prepared in frying pans or skillets, and if you'll do likewise you must admit that this kitchen utensil has it all over others when it comes to use.

We all know that fried food is hard to digest and we all know that indigestion and stomach ailments are the basis of the majority of our sicknesses. Yet the housewife, chiefly because it is the easier way, will work the old skillet overtime and when the husband goes to the restaurant twice out of three times he will order a fried meal.

We humans do act funny and fall into all kinds of habits even when reason tells us they are bad and could be easily corrected. Taste and speed will get the best of common sense any time when it comes to eating. But it might be well any day to ask ourselves "Are we digging our graves with a skillet?"

Nearly 1000 acres in Brazil have been planted to bananas by an American company.

Editorial Comment

WILLAMETTE VALLEY SPARSELY SETTLED
(Molalla Pioneer.)

It is difficult for us to understand the difference of density of population in some sections of the east as compared with the Willamette Valley. Occasionally we find and old timer bemoaning the fact that there are too many people living in our section and wanting to take to the hills to avoid the congestion of population.

We are proud of the attendance at the recent state fair and boasted 40,000 attendance in one day. We were rather shocked at a news item from Toronto, Canada, complaining of the attendance at their fair this year, which was 65,000 less than last year. The bad weather was said to be the cause of this decrease in attendance. Then it was stated that 1,974,000 had attended the fair in the two weeks that it lasted. This would make an average attendance of 154,000 a day.

This leads us to conclude that the Willamette Valley has more room for millions more population than it has at present. Being familiar with the climatic conditions of the sections from which this enormous attendance was drawn from we are persuaded that this valley has every advantage in supporting a dense population, over that territory. The world has yet to discover Oregon.

HIGH SCHOOL PAPER MAKES BOW LAST FRI.

The first issue of the Junior Class Echoes, the official high school paper was distributed at the high school last Friday. The editors for the nine pages mimeographed publication are trying a new idea this year and are attempting to have an illustrated cover ready for each issue. Daisy Tomseth and Barbara Chandler were the cover artists for the first issue.

A skit was presented at the weekly assembly Thursday morning to advertise the paper. Lloyd Madison and John Lynch, together with the assistance of the entire junior class took part in the presentation.

Fenders Damaged Sunday

Two automobiles being driven by W. A. Turner of Harrisburg and M. K. Duree of Eugene, collided at the corner of 5th and Main streets Sunday, resulting in two broken fenders and a broken bumper. Duree was driving an automobile with a California license and said that he was a student at the University of Oregon.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

In the matter of the estate of Bertha Cox Vincent, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, duly made by the Hon. C. P. Barnard, Judge of said Court, on the 10th day of October, 1929, authorizing and directing William Vincent, the Administrator of said Estate to make sale as such Administrator, of the real property of said Estate hereinafter described, I will, from and after the 15th day of November, 1929, at the office of Wells & Wells, Bank of Commerce Building, Eugene, Oregon, proceed to sell for cash at private sale, the following described real property, to-wit: An undivided one-half interest in and to Lot Three (3) in Block One (1) of D. G. McFarland's Addition to Cottage Grove, Oregon; or so much thereof as may be necessary. Said real property to be sold to the highest bidder for cash for the highest price obtainable, subject to confirmation by the aforesaid County Court.

WILLIAM VINCENT,
Administrator.
WELLS & WELLS, Attorneys.
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LOCAL RESTAURANT IS RE-DECORATED

The Eagle cafe on Main street has been completely redecorated during the last few days. New wall paper of a very attractive pattern has been put on the walls, the woodwork has been painted, also the booths and tables. New light fixtures have also been installed to take the place of the former ones.

William Goodman, the proprietor, states that he is considering the placing of a new neon sign in front of his place of business.

Former Pastor Visits

Rev. T. D. Yarns, district superintendent of the eastern district of Oregon of the Methodist church, and

farmer pastor of the Springfield Methodist church from 1920 to 1924, was in the city for a short time on Monday. He was on his way to Bend where he was to hold his first quarterly conference since being elected to his new post at Portland recently.

He was also planning on investigating some matters pertaining to his church body at Redmond while east of the Cascades.

Rev. Yarns is now making his home at Salem. He was a pastor at Oregon City before he was given the new position.

The Second (excitedly): "The bell's gone for the eleventh round." Much Bruised Boxer: "Oh, let's sit this one out."

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