

THE SPRINGFIELD NEWS

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LANE ONLY PART WAY IN ROAD SYSTEM

The dedication this week of the new Springfield bridge turns attention to the state road program for Lane county. There are 301 miles of designated state highways in this county. Of this mileage, according to the last highway department report, 52 are paved, 11.5 miles oiled, 91 miles graveled and 133 miles are not up to state standards.

It is this 133 miles not up to state standards we are interested in now—the McKenzie, Willamette, coast and Roosevelt highways. Much state road construction will be done in Lane county next year, but a great deal more remains to be done. The situation calls for closer co-operation between county and state than ever before.

Lane county, also, has much to do on county roads outside of state highways, despite the fact that for the last ten years she has been a leader in road building. There are 1320 miles of county roads in Lane. Of this amount 417 miles are graveled, 313 miles dirt and over 600 miles are still unimproved.

In the last decade this county has bonded itself for two million dollars, and spent the amount on roads, besides, she has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars by taxation every year to carry forth the program.

But we must remember there is still much to do in road building besides maintaining the many miles of road already built, which are being subjected to heavier and heavier traffic.

Now is a good time to take stock of our highways, both state and county, because we must still continue to advance.

WAR WILL BE MORE HORRIBLE

President Hoovers Armistice day plea for freedom of food and passage for women and children during war is a noble effort, but we fear impracticable, even if adopted by nations while at peace. Rules for warfare have been made for centuries, but in the four years of world war they were all forgotten in the heat of conflict. War in the future will be more ferocious than ever, and whole populations of countries will be made to suffer and be subjected to the same treatment as the soldiers. Modern science and the airplane have provided deadly weapons which will be used against cities, ports and countryside. Nations go to war to win, and deadly gases and high explosives are effective weapons which will not be discarded for obsolete methods, no matter what statesmen have previously arranged.

Eugene city council plans to curtail expenses by reducing the size of street light globes. Poor psychology for a city about to open a million dollar light plant. If all the people followed that example the new big plant would be idle or operated at a heavy loss. Expansion rather than curtailment is the wise program for Eugene now.

SPRINGFIELD SEAPORT

In recent years when one should mention boats coming up the Willamette river to Springfield, he might be reminded about the Swiss navy. But Senator McNary in a telegram to the editor of this newspaper says he will be glad to recommend to the next Congress that a survey be made looking toward navigation of the Willamette river from Portland to Springfield. We believe this will be found feasible by dredging shoals and building a system of locks. Certainly many rivers of the world are navigated that have not the possibilities of the Willamette river.

If only half the lumber (1000 cars) that leaves Springfield annually went by barge, think what a saving there would be in freight rates. From the trend of the lumber business just this saving might mean the difference between profit and loss in the industry.

To the people of West Springfield navigation of the Willamette means control of the flood waters, and that is an important item locally. Certainly we can join the rest of the Willamette valley in asking the government to make this improvement.

The bridge dedication Saturday afternoon is an event this community has been looking forward to for the last four years. It has been a long, trying struggle to get the bridge financed and to iron out the difficulties so that it could be put into use. The governor and the chairman of state highway commission will be here to officially dedicate the structure for future use. Let's all turn out and give them a hand.

Tacoma's and Seattle's plight with low water and electrical power shortage proves the value of standby systems with steam plant auxiliaries. All the prestige these cities have built up for cheap power is now lost in a few weeks of distress.

A prominent Chinaman who came to this country to study economics and government was told of the wonders of prohibition. "But, when does it begin?" he asked. That is characteristic Chinese humor for you.

Eastern newspapers have revived the controversy over the shortest poem in the English language. Years ago the New York Sun gave the prize to this one, entitled "Fleas."

Fashions in skirts and hair are getting longer. There doesn't seem to be anything mere man can do about it, but we wish some women could see themselves the way they look in the half-way stage.

The sunshine which bathed the upper McKenzie the last two weeks while the Willamette valley was fog locked, emphasizes the possibilities of this region as a winter playground.

The Chinese-Russian war has become so ferocious that the Russians are throwing cabbage. We expect to hear soon that the Chinese have retaliated with ripe eggs.

War Mother



Mrs. Virgil McClure of Lexington, Ky., who was elected President of the American War Mothers succeeding Mrs. Thomas Spence of Milwaukee, Wis.

Stimulates Egg Trade

Warsaw, Poland, Dec. 5th.—Because she is responsible for starting the fad of egg eating among the young women of Poland, poultry farmers of the whole nation of Poland contributed to the cost of an egg of solid gold which was given to Miss Anastasia Zablocka. Miss Zablocka is regarded as the most beautiful woman in Poland, and her statement that she attributes her beauty to an exclusive diet of eggs started all the girls who want to be beautiful to eating eggs, greatly stimulating the poultry industry.

Live Up to Bible

Los Angeles, Dec. 5.—John Quincy Murray, a retired grocer, left his property to his three grandchildren on condition that none of them departed from the teachings of the bible. Moreover, his grandson must never wear a Charlie Chaplin mustache, the granddaughters may not bob their hair or use lipsticks, and none of them may go to the movies without losing their share. Executors of the Murray estate have decided that the department of the three heirs, who are all grown up, has followed Bible teachings so closely that they are entitled to their inheritances.

Lilies Herald Death

Swansea, England, Dec. 5.—After Mrs. Alfred Jeffs, wife of a prominent citizen, died a few years ago, the white lilies which she had personally tended ceased to bloom, although the stalks continued to grow. A few days ago they bloomed again for the first time in years, but the blossoms were blood red. The gardener, hap-

Adam Had 'em.

Advertisement for Dr. E. C. Meade, Optometrist, 14 West 8th Ave. Includes a portrait of a man and the text 'The Aristocrat'.

Advertisement for Standard Oil Company of California, featuring 'Red White & Blue Dealers' and 'This Experiment'.

tening to the house to tell Mr. Jeffs of the strange occurrence, found that his employer had dropped dead. Children Now Use Jail Danby, Vt., Dec. 5.—The town jail here has been turned over to the school children of the village for a clubhouse. There has been only one prisoner in the jail for thirty years, so the town board decided it was hardly worth keeping up. The children have done all the work of fixing up the old jail. Boys removed bars from the windows, the girls scrubbed the whole building, and the school authorities installed cooking apparatus where the girls cook hot lunches for the whole school. Motor to Albany.—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Eggmann motored to Albany Saturday to be guests at the Turkey dinner held there that evening by the Albany camp of the Spanish-American war veterans.

Advertisement for Eugene Business College, 'Are You Looking Ahead?' 'Do you wish your name listed among those who are a success?' 'Eugene Business College' 'A. E. ROBERTS, President' 'Telephone 666 Miner Building Eugene, Oregon'

Advertisement for Eggmann's Candy, 'CANDY' 'FIT FOR A QUEEN'S TASTE—AT PRICES YOU CAN PAY.' 'The most delicious selections of candy have been especially prepared to make this Christmas a glorious occasion.' 'EGGIMANN'S' 'Where the Service is Different'

Advertisement for Morris Chevrolet Co., 'Why not Trade in Your Old Car on a Good Used Car WITH AN O. K. THAT COUNTS' 'MORRIS CHEVROLET Co.' '7th and Oak 942 Olive St. 133 West Broadway Eugene, Oregon'

Large advertisement for Pontiac Big Six, 'Your Dollars Go Farther In Purchasing In Driving In Trading in' 'Your dollars go farther when you purchase today's Pontiac Big Six because it is the only automobile in its field which combines big car bodies by Fisher... a 200-cubic-inch L-head engine... the Harmonic Balancer... the Cross-flow Radiator and many other important advancements.' 'W. R. DAWSON Springfield, Oregon' 'PONTIAC BIG SIX \$745' 'PRODUCT OF GENERAL MOTORS' '3-Door Sedan As A Pontiac, Michigan'

Cartoon titled 'Reasons For Apprehension' by Albert T. Reid. Shows a man in a 'CONGRESS' shirt being pulled back by a donkey labeled 'FARM RELIEF PROGRAM' while flies labeled 'THEM DANG HOSS-FLYS JUS' DONT MEAN NUTHIN' BUT TROUBLE' buzz around them.