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YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GUESS ABOUT WOOD

A few years ago there was a craze to build stucco houses and buildings. Now we do not hear so much about them. They are not a success; we can testify to that from personal experience. People are taking a chance with most substitutes for wood. A chance none of us need to take here in western Oregon where there is more wood than anywhere else in the United States.

The employees wood promotion committees can furnish scientific and technical facts about wood to supplement your practical knowledge when you are in the market. Make them prove the superiority of wood, and if they can not, then it is time to buy substitutes. With lumbering the chief industry, and providing sixty cents out of every industrial dollar in the northwest, to buy wood substitutes is only depressing all business and enforcing more idleness in the lumber operations.

FORWARD ON THE WILLAMETTE

The Klamath country is fast becoming the wealthiest and most populous section of eastern Oregon. It should be firmly tied to the Willamette Valley with a good road. The logical highway is over the Willamette Pass. Let's not let this road drift along but make some progress every year until it is completed. The county court, chambers of commerce in our several cities and our members of the legislature should regard this highway as unfinished business and "keep the ball rolling."

"BUILD OREGON"

The first co-operative effort to "Build Oregon" by all Oregonians is underway with the poster stamp campaign. It is a big state wide movement and one that will benefit every one of us in the state. It is our chance to show the world that Oregon is alive. Every body should lend a hand. Oregon can go ahead rapidly if all her people are determined to push her ahead.

Domestic struggles seemingly never grow old, even if we have had 'em ever since Eve ate the apple. People who know neither plaintiff or defendant attended the trial at the Lane county court house last week, some taking their lunches so that they would not lose their seats. Some among them, too, were people who deplore scandal in the newspapers. After all, what do newspaper readers really want, all the horrible details or the brief statement that a divorce is granted?

Well, if the naval conference does not come out just to suit us we can content ourselves that nations fought wars before there were large and expensive navies and may do it again with airships instead of gun boats.

It's about time for someone to announce plans to fly across the Atlantic ocean. That Business is kind of falling off lately.

Farmers are about to start their annual spring gamble with nature, in order that the stock market may have something to gamble on.

Well, boys, girls will be girls again if the styles insist on coming down.

Senator Edward F. Bailey, candidate for governor, was born, raised, educated and is practicing law in Lane County, Oregon. Logically, he should appeal at least to the boosters of Oregon products.

The new "baby automobiles promised for next summer will only be five feet from the ground with the top up. It is reported. Not low enough. What this country needs is a car that can run under a ten ton truck that is hogging the road.

Uncle Si Tinklepaugh says Ruth McCormick can go to the Senate if she wants to, for all he cares, but it seems to him there's enough old women there now.

Away of Life by BRUCE BARTON EVERYDAY MIRACLES

The younger generation accepts as commonplace things which those who can remember the time when there were no telephones, no electric lights, no phonographs, no automobiles, no motion pictures, no airplanes, no radio, no submarines, still regard as somewhat miraculous, when they stop to think about them.

Fifty years ago, when anyone suggested the possibility of any of these things the universal answer was "It can't be done." A hundred years ago if anyone had been rash enough to predict any of them, society would have locked him up in a madhouse for its own protection. Two hundred years ago they hanged men and women who were merely suspected of doing things which are matters of everyday experience now. A hundred years before that the Church was excommunicating and sometimes executing men for daring to suggest that such things were possible.

Suppose, for example, that someone had reported to the Spanish Inquisition or to the witch finders of Salem that a man sitting in a chair in New York had, in the space of forty-five minutes, first talked with a man in London, then sent a message through the air to a point near the South Pole, from which the message was repeated to another man who was at that moment flying like a bird a hundred miles away and a couple of miles up in the air; that the man in the sky had replied to that message and the man in New York had received the reply, all in three-quarters of an hour.

Witchcraft! Sorcery! Black Magic! The pious authorities of our earlier day would have seen the handiwork of the Devil in such a manifestation as that which happened on January 22, when Captain Riley called on London on behalf of his friend Admiral Byrd to inquire what assistance the British whaling fleet might give in breaking a way through the ice floes to let the Antarctic explorer's relief ship through, then passed the information on to the Admiral. Yet the news of this occurrence passed almost unnoticed.

We have got out of the habit of attributing such things to either Divine assistance or the machinations of the Devil. We boast of them as achievements of the human mind. But the greatest men of science today affirm their belief that the human mind derives its almost illimitable power from some source which all of the experiments have not disclosed.

We are performing new miracles so fast that it seems as if there must soon be an end to human progress. Science says "No" to that. Mankind has hardly begun its upward flight in the quest of matter, time and space. In the laboratories new discoveries about the properties of matter, far beyond any that have yet been applied to human needs, await the engineers who will translate them into machines and devices which will enable us to ascend even higher toward the stars of our ultimate destiny.

MANY LAWS TO MAKE PUZZLE OF BALLOTS AT NOVEMBER ELECTION

Indications this early in the year are that the voters of the state are again going to be asked to vote Yes or No on a large number of initiated and referred laws, so many, in fact, that it will make it impossible for the voter to read his ballot before marking it at the fall election in November. The only chance which the voter is going to have to know what he is voting for will be to do a lot of reading, both pro and con, before he goes into the voting booth.

There are already nine measures which are assured a place on the ballot, and there are four others for which petitions are now in circulation and which will very likely find a place on the already bulky ballot. Two others are almost certain to be put before the people. They include a measure for the creation of the office of lieutenant governor, and another which would create public utility districts.

The nine measures now assured a place on the ballot include a constitutional amendment which provides for a cabinet form of state government. It provides for three elective state officers—governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer. Under this measure the heads of the nine departments are, to be named by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate. The departments proposed in the measure are agriculture, labor, industry, financial administration, commerce, education, public works and domain, health and public welfare, state police and military affairs, and legal.

Another amendment proposes to give the bonus loan privilege to veterans of the Philippine insurrection, the Chinese Boxer rebellion and the World War Veterans, after they have resided in this state ten years.

The other seven measures are concerned with the motor vehicle license tax (two), raising salaries of members of the legislature to \$500 for the two year term, together with mileage, the establishment of two additional circuit judges in Multnomah county, a tax on net incomes of persons and fiduciaries, and the filling of vacancies in the legislature and old age pensions.

The four measures for which petitions are now in circulation include a measure for the abolition of the public service commission, the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in Oregon, a proposed single tax constitutional amendment, and a life insurance and fraternal insurance bill.

Other measures will probably be added to the list before the election.

Wending People Here—Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Shackelford, of Wending spent Sunday in Springfield.

Jasper Woman Here—Mrs. Morris Hills of Jasper, was a Saturday visitor in the city.

Calls on Friends—Mrs. A. E. Meyers, of Watterville, visited with her friends in this city on Saturday.

Jasper Family Here—Lem Drury and family, of Jasper, spent Saturday in this city.

GARDEN CLUBS DESIRE STATE HIGHWAY SURVEY

The first steps in a definite program of systematic beautification of the highways of the state of Oregon will be worked out at a meeting of representatives of all Garden Clubs and other interested organizations which has been called by Mrs. E. T. Vaillant, president of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs. The exact date of the meeting has not been decided upon, but will be announced later. The meeting is to be held in Portland.

A letter from Mrs. Jessie Honeyman, of Eugene, who addressed the Lions club recently on the state beautification program, states that the roadside and billboard committee of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs has been busily at work perfecting an organization to work by counties, each garden club educating and enthusing the small communities in its own county. "We hope to have this machine ready to cooperate with other existing highway forces by April," she writes.

A survey of the highways of the states, which would include the making of the records and the taking of photographs which would show all the phases of roadside development, including a report on billboards, hot dog stands, auto stations and other roadside businesses is desired by the state committee before any actual work is done. This should be the first step in their work, they feel, and are going to ask at the Portland

meeting that a fund be provided for such a survey.

According to the letter there is a woman in the Middle Western states who has made several of these surveys for the states in both the East and Middle West. She can be obtained for a period of six weeks this spring to motor over all the highways of the state and present her plans, which she would formulate to the state organization.

PUTMAN HOME SCENE OF CARD PARTY SATURDAY

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Putman entertained a number of their friends at a 500 card party held at their home last Saturday evening. Light refreshments were served by the hostess after the evening's pleasure.

Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. John Laxton, Mr. and Mrs. John Putman, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Peddycord, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Louk and the host and hostess.

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The coming spring and summer will witness the completion of a large part of the improvements contemplated for the beautification of this wonderful Memorial Park. And many of those who have had the foresight and the confidence to purchase property in Rest-Haven, on an investment basis, will, during this period, have profited by the re-sale of their holdings with a two-fold return on their investment.

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