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WILLAMETTE RIVER NAVIGATION

A bill authorizing the preliminary examination and survey of the Willamette river to provide a navigable channel from this city to Portland, has been adopted by the Senate commerce committee, according to a telegram received by this newspaper from Senator McNary. He believes the bill will pass and the study made of the river soon.

Barge navigation of the Willamette river, if found practicable, will substantially reduce the freight rates in the upper Willamette valley, which should stimulate lumber and farm produce movement to market. Because of terminal rates from Portland, San Francisco and other sea ports many other coast sections have a distinct advantage over this in world markets.

Many people would say off hand that river navigation is a step backward in rapid transportation that the world is seemingly demanding. But heavy freight like lumber, hops, potatoes, hay and grain might as well take a week or so longer to reach their destination, as they always lay in terminal warehouses many weeks and even months before being sold.

A study of the river by army engineers will reveal the practicability of barge navigation and the cost, which is a good thing to know at this time.

Some newspapers seem to think that they are doing the public a duty to lambast the party organizations, even in this state where they are created by the people by a vote at the primary election. They forget that the party is the foundation of our government and vital to its success. Show us a country where there are weak parties and we will show you poor government and political chaos where officers are irresponsible and usually stand for nothing.

Supporters of aviation should see that their friends understand the proposed development of the Springfield airport before the election on the special levy June 16. The Springfield port is to be developed after a plan laid down by the United States Department of Commerce, and all work done will lead to a government rating. The importance of carrying on the work here can be explained by any member of the airport committee.

Lane county growth during the last ten years was over fifty per cent, the census shows. This is a very substantial growth and one we should be proud of when other section populations are considered.

One thing that goes faster after it is broken is a dollar.

INTERNATIONAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS

American motion pictures go into every corner of the world. It is increasingly difficult for picture producers to make films which will not give offense somewhere. National pride is hurt when the people of any race or country are depicted in characters which are offensive. The British public protested against "Broken Blossoms," in which English people were shown in a derogatory light. "Street Angel" has been held by Mussolini's government to be offensive to Italians. The French think they were insulted in "Beau Geste." Russians say that the "Volga Boatman" misrepresents the Russian people. There were riots in China over the "Thief of Bagdad" and "Welcome Danger" in which the villains were Chinese.

It seems to be true that the only people who can be portrayed on the screen in vicious or criminal characters are Americans, if the movies are to escape censure somewhere or other. But in that case, what of the impression of America and the Americans which they convey to the people of other countries?

Recently a film was shown in France in which a marine in Nicaragua is made to say that he and his comrades are there to protect the interests of big business. Numerous protests against this film were made to the authorities in Washington, who replied that they were powerless to stop its presentation. Doubtless it will be shown everywhere, including Latin America, where the people just now have especially tender ears and look upon almost anything the United States does as an effort to tread on them.

No intelligent American believes that we have any imperialistic desires toward South America, but our neighbors down there do believe that we have, and anything, however trivial, which tends to foster that belief, is a stupid blunder, if nothing worse.

If people everywhere were governed by reason and thought logically, they would understand that the screen presents fiction, not fact. But the majority of screen audiences, including our own, do not reason. They are governed by their emotions and beliefs, and they believe that what they see in the movies, if not literally true, is at least a true representation of the life and classes of people which it portrays. And that is, after all, the most serious charge against the motion picture. Its capacity for impairing the morals of the young is trivial compared with its capacity for implanting beliefs about life and people which are seldom more than half true and frequently totally false.

The report from the state intangible tax shows that there were 18,487 returns made and that 12,143 were from people having an income from stocks, bonds, interests, and mortgages each less than \$700. Only 13 people were found in the state with incomes from this source of \$50,000 or over. While the big fellows paid over half of this intangible tax the little fellows were two to one the most numerous.

It cost Mr. Corbett nearly \$1.00 a vote for his campaign in the primary election. Democracy comes high these days, and the privilege of being defeated seems very expensive in this case.

Community spirit and national patriotism are closely allied and the measure of one is a good index of the other.

KENSINGTON CLUB IS ENTERTAINED FRIDAY

Mrs. H. C. Whitney entertained the members of the Kensington club at a covered dish dinner at her home on Friday afternoon of last week. The members decided to postpone indefinitely the picnic which had been planned for last month. Following the business session the afternoon was spent in sewing and conversation.

The guests present were Mrs. Henry Korf, Bend; Mrs. Lydia McGovern, Eugene; and Mrs. Simpson, of Bend.

The regular members present for the meeting were: Mrs. J. C. McMurray, Mrs. W. C. Wright, Mrs. W. K. Barnell, Mrs. L. E. Rasford; Mrs. C. E. Kenyon; Mrs. Lawrence May, Mrs. J. T. Moore, Mrs. W. C. Rebhan, Mrs. S. C. Wright, and Miss Edna Swartz.

PROMPT RETURN ASKED FOR LIBRARY BOOKS

The warm weather is already beginning to make inroads at the Springfield library, where the number of readers is falling off daily, according to Mrs. D. B. Saltman, librarian. There are still a good number of people who make use of the facilities available, she added.

Thirty-three new users were listed at the library during the month of April. A total of 764 books were taken out during the month. Adults took out 630, and children took out the other 134.


People who have library books are asked to cooperate with the library board to the extent of returning the books when they are due. Many of the books which are used by the school children are taken out for long periods and others are deprived from using them. The library is sadly in need of funds, according to members of the board, and are unable to purchase new books or duplicate copies of those which are worn.

LIONS CLUB OFFICER ADDRESSES LOCAL MEN

O. F. Tate, Portland, district secretary of the Lions club for this district, was the main speaker at the Friday noon luncheon meeting of the local Lions club. He spoke about the general work planned for the clubs of this district this year.

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A party of Springfield people comprising Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Pollard, and his mother, and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Burphy and Miss Clara Jones, motored to the Siuslaw country on Sunday and spent the day fishing in the river between Rain Rock and the tidewater near Mapleton.

Eighth Grade Examination

The regular State eighth grade examination will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 5 and 6, 1930, in districts where there are pupils who are legally qualified to take them and for whom questions have been asked. I will send questions for all conditioned pupils to the proper districts or, for pupils who were not for any reason to take them on May 14, 15.

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PINKY DINKY

By Terry Gilkison

And She's Out of Reach

By Albert T. Reid

