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PASS OPENING FROM FARMER'S STANDPOINT

An early opening of the McKenzie pass is a possibility this year if adequate equipment were provided by the highway department. The McKenzie is a commercial highway as well as a tourist or pleasure route for automobile travelers.

Eastern Oregon is a potential market for much of our early green vegetables grown in the valley. McKenzie people tell us that in years the pass opened early much trucking of garden stuff went over the mountain to the country where gardens were just being planted. This is a market worth developing rather than have it supplied by the Yakima valley. While there are other reasons than the farmer's for opening the pass, this reason should not be overlooked.

SPEED

The year is only three months old, but already two of the world's speed records have been broken and others are threatened. Gar Wood drove a speedboat 102 miles an hour at Miami the other day. Not long ago Captain Malcolm Campbell drove an automobile 245 miles an hour. If this sort of thing keeps up throughout the year, 1931 will be the speediest twelve-month in history.

There are some high records to be challenged. There will be another airplane race for the Schneider Cup this year. The present record for speed in the air is held by Flight Commander A. H. Orlebar of the British air forces, who flew at 357.72 miles an hour in a seaplane in September, 1929, winning the Schneider trophy. That is the fastest any man has ever travelled, according to records, though it was rumored that Orlebar had touched 450 miles in his trial flights. Airmen are predicting that an official record above 400 miles an hour will be made this year. The record of the Europa for the fastest ocean passage, 4 days 17 hours, 6 minutes, Cherbourg to New York, will surely be shot at this year.

With so many speedsters turning their attention to flying and speedboating, the older forms of competitive locomotion are being more or less neglected. No pacing horse has beaten the record of a mile in 1 minute 55 seconds, set by Dan Patch in 1906, while Peter Manning's trotting record of 1.56 3/4 for the mile, made in 1922, remains unbroken.

No human has propelled himself faster for a mile than Paavo Nurmi did in 1923, when he negotiated the distance in 4 minutes 10.4 seconds, and Edward Tolan's record of 9 1/2 seconds for the 100 yards, made two years ago, still stands.

Everybody has a chance at some world's record or other, but let us hope that the weather man won't try to break last year's drought record.

"AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION"

The annual doctors' bill and medicine cost per family illness in the United States is \$82 and a loss of wages is \$42, according to the census bureau. With our mild climate in Oregon we should be lower than the average, but, think what we might do in reducing these figures if we would only exercise ordinary judgment in caring for our bodies. Sickness is an economic waste.

A lot of the talk about a referendum on the McKenzie boating fishing bill, which prohibits boats above Blue River, is horse feathers, in our judgment. Surely it would be imposing to submit a question of this kind at election time.



NAZARETHS

I was at Deerfield Academy visiting my boy, and on the way back I had an hour between trains at Northampton. It was Sunday evening. The main street was almost deserted. I walked into a side street and past the little two-family house where Calvin Coolidge lived until a few weeks ago.

I went around to the old building in which he and his law partner used to have their modest offices. I stood in front of the square town hall. It was interesting to think of the days when he was mayor. One could picture him coming slowly up the street after breakfast.

"Morning, Cal," people would say.

"Morning," he would answer.

And a stranger in the town would probably have exclaimed: "Is that your mayor, that quiet little fellow? He doesn't look like much."

If any one had suggested that the quiet little fellow might one day be President of the United States, the laughter would have echoed from one end of Main street to the other.

A few years later, when Coolidge had become governor of Massachusetts, a merchant in Boston named Frank Stearns began to make the presidential suggestion. He came to New York and persuaded a few of us Amherst graduates that the thing was not impossible.

Even then the idea was usually greeted with smiles, especially by folks in Massachusetts. "That's all right for you fellows in New York," they said. "But distance lends enchantment. We are his neighbors; we know him."

And one of the wisest men in the Commonwealth remarked to the son of Frank Stearns: "Calvin Coolidge is nothing but a figment of your father's imagination."

Nazareth is the immortal illustration of the attitude of the home town. After Jesus had gone out into the world and become famous; after He had performed His miracles in Capernaum and even in Jerusalem. He went back home.

A crowd of His old neighbors greeted Him in the synagogue, but there was no pride or confidence in their attitude. Their skeptical expressions spoke louder than words. "You may have fooled them in those other towns, but we know you. You are only the boy who used to work in the carpenter shop." And the record says sadly: "He could do there no mighty work, because of their unbelief."

It's a wonderful thing to realize that Greatness is growing up somewhere around us all the time—that the most unprepossessing freckled boy may be a future conqueror. Unfortunately, most of us can never believe that the home town could possibly produce anything better than ourselves.



BY RADFORD MOBLEY
AUTOCASTER WASHINGTON BUREAU

Washington, Apr 2—(Autocaster)—Congress passed exactly thirteen acts which have a bearing on farming. The most important was the appropriation for the Department of Agriculture of \$369,626,000 for 1931, which includes the money for regular and emergency road construction and for drought relief, and \$232,283,000 for 1932 which includes \$142,000,000 for highway work. The act licensing all dealers in fruits and vegetables is of perhaps as much importance in the long run. The rest of the thirteen can be dismissed as of slight importance.

Up to March 10, a little over ten million dollars had been lent to farmers in the drought regions out of the \$45,000,000 appropriated for that purpose. Loans to 69,363 farmers had been approved on that date.

Amos W. W. Woodcock, director of the Bureau of Prohibition, got an appropriation from Congress of enough to hire 500 additional special agents. He is putting 350 of these into training for "undercover" work, to mingle with violators of the prohibition laws and discover where and how they operate. He also plans to buy \$50,000 worth of new automobiles, for the use of enforcement agents. The Bureau now has 750 cars, all of which it obtained by confiscating them from persons using them for the transportation of liquor.

The largest single contract ever let by the United States, or by anybody else, for that matter, was signed by the Secretary of the Interior the other day. It is for \$45,890,999 and is for the construction of the Hoover dam at Boulder, Colo. The contractor is a corporation known as the Six companies, having been formed for this purpose by six large contracting firms. The 45 millions is for engineering and labor only, the government being obligated to furnish all of the materials, which will run to more than the labor costs.

Loans to cooperative marketing agencies by the Federal Farm board come to about \$450,000,000 in cash so far, of which about \$150,000,000 has been repaid. The changes going on in the personnel of the Board are making some of Mr. Hoover's friends nervous. They are afraid that the public will think it is a case of rats leaving a sinking ship, and will conclude that the Farm board program is a failure. That is not the case, as those who have followed the Board's work most closely see it. The whole program of the Farm Marketing Act is such a radical innovation that it is natural that many conservatives should be wary of it. Also all those semipolitical farm groups who had other programs did not like it. Similarly, many men who thought they ought to have been appointed to the Board have been opposing it. And it goes without saying that private traders in farm commodities are afraid it will eventually put them out of business. Add to that the fact that several commodities which have come under cooperative control in the past year are selling at lower prices than they were a year ago, which has made some cooperative members disgruntled, and there are plenty of reasons why the Board is constantly under fire. Of course, the Board never promised, nor did the law under which it acts anticipate that it would maintain prices. That is not what it is for. The law of supply and demand makes prices and nothing else. The purpose of the cooperative marketing act is to secure to the grower his full fair share of the price paid by the consumer, whatever that may be.

Board members and their friends say that the program is working out satisfactorily so far. It will take five years to put it into full effect, and in the meantime they would like to have some of their well-meaning friends keep their hands off and give it a chance.

Mrs. Nagger—And to think you were just a struggling young business man when I married you.

Mr. Nagger—Yeah, but I didn't struggle enough.

Customer: Ah, Mr. Wopser, it's the old story—the woman always pays.

Shopkeeper: Well, if you 'ad a look thru my books you'd find that some of 'em don't.

Patient—Is the doctor in?
Attendant—No; he stepped out for lunch.

Patient—Will he be in after lunch?
Attendant—Why, no, that's what he went out after.

Pug Sluggum, on trial for murder, bribed an Irishman of the jury with \$100 to hold out for a verdict of manslaughter. After being out a long time the jury came back into court with the desired verdict. Pug managed to get near the Irishman and said, "I'm mighty obliged to you. Did you have a hard time?"

"Yes," replied the Irishman, "a devil of a time. All the rest wanted to acquit you."

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TOWN AND VICINITY

Visitor from Oakridge—Ed Clark of Oakridge was a visitor in Springfield Monday.

Here from Fall Creek—Mrs. W. S. Wilmer of Fall Creek visited with friends in this city Monday.

Visits Friends—Miss Pearl Slovens of Leaburg visited with friends in this city Monday.

Here on Business—A. W. Weaver of Thurston was a business visitor in this city Monday afternoon.

Marcola Resident Here—George Tipton of Marcola was a visitor in Springfield on Saturday.

Visits from Creswell—Clarence Shelly of Creswell was a visitor in Springfield Saturday afternoon.

Creswell Resident Here—Mrs. M. Wallace of Creswell was a visitor here Saturday.

Visits Parents—Miss Clara Wagner spent her week-end vacation with her parents at Corvallis.

Kasomining Walls—Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Murphy had the walls of the rooms in their home kasomined last week.

Visits from Waltherville—Mrs. C. Brown of Waltherville was a business visitor in this city Monday afternoon.

Visiting Friends—Odys Sankey of Roosevelt Beach is visiting with friends in this vicinity for a few days.

Visiting Cousin—Mrs. Margaret Meyer of Alturas, California, is visiting in Springfield at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Jesse Smitson.

Visitors from Harrisburg—Mrs. Sam Favver and daughter, Grace, of Harrisburg were visitors in Springfield Monday.

Goes to Lowell—W. E. Buell, principal of the high school, drove to Lowell Tuesday to visit the new school house.

Better after Operation—Mrs. Roy Brewer of Fall Creek is reported to be recovering after a major operation at the Eugene hospital.

Visiting Daughter—Mrs. W. H. Riddell of Detroit, Oregon, is a guest here this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Wilson.

Moves to New Location—Dr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery moved into the Wright residence at 922 B street last week. School teachers rooming with the Emerys also moved to the new location.

Lowell Resident Here—Harry Veatch of Lowell was a visitor in Springfield on Monday. Mr. Veatch is now busy taking care of orders for baby chicks which are being hatched.

Major Operation—Mrs. O. H. Jarrett underwent a major operation at the Eugene hospital in Eugene on Saturday. She is reported to be getting along nicely by her attending physician.



GREEN THINGS GROWING
By Dinah Maria Mulock Craik

O the green things growing,
The green growing,
The faint sweet smell of the green things growing!
I should like to live, whether I smile or grieve,
Just to watch the happy life of my green things growing.
O the fluttering and the pattering
of those green things growing!

How they talk each to each, when none of us are knowing;
In the wonderful white of the weird moonlight
Or the dim dreary dawn when the cocks are crowing.
And in the rich store of their blossoms glowing
Ten for one I take they're on me bestowing!

Oh, I should like to see if God's will it may be,
Many, many a summer of my green things growing!
But if I must be gathered for the angel's sowing,
Sleep out of sight awhile, like the green things growing,
Though dust to dust return, I think I'll scarcely mourn,
If I may change into green things growing.

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Shedd Resident Here—Mrs. A. M. Snodgrass of Shedd and Miss Doris Hayes of Brownsville were weekend visitors here. They returned to their homes Sunday morning.

Dismissed from Hospital—Mrs. A. T. Cummings was dismissed from the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene Friday following a major operation.

Returns from Portland—Mrs. Guy Gabriel and infant daughter returned from Portland on Sunday. The child, which was born in Portland a short time ago, has been named Donna Jean.

To San Francisco—Mr. and Mrs. Riley Snodgrass and Mrs. A. M. Snodgrass will leave Friday morning for San Francisco where they will spend Easter visiting with Mrs. Snodgrass' son, Kenneth DeLassus.

Expert Here—Charles Cline, refrigeration expert for the Oregon-California power company was a visitor in Springfield last Thursday. He brought with him several reels of refrigeration films and exhibited them at a private showing at the Mountain States Power company office at noon that day.

MRS. WILSON ATTENDS SPANISH VET BANQUET

Mrs. Gertrude Wilson went to Portland Saturday to attend the annual Scout Young banquet which was held there that evening. Mrs. Wilson was the only representative from either Eugene or Springfield to attend this banquet which is attended by members of Spanish War Veterans organizations, and which is held in honor of the famous scout after whom the affair has been named. Mrs. Wilson returned to her home here Sunday evening.

SPRINGFIELD MEN AT EUGENE SHRINE PARTY

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urday night to attend the large Shrine dinner and social evening sponsored by the Eugene Shrine club. The evening began with a dinner at 6:30 and was followed by several entertainment numbers including a wrestling match.

Two high dignitaries of the Shrine and the twenty-one chapters from the Portland club were present. The high officers were Ed Strong, potentate of Al Kader temple at Portland, and Carl Tengwald, Medford, potentate of Hillah temple at Ashland.

DIBBLEES ENTERTAIN PRISCILLA MEMBERS

Changing the usual custom of the Priscilla club, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dibblee entertained the members of the club and their husbands with a dinner and party at their home Thursday evening of last week, instead of having the usual afternoon affair.

Mrs. J. M. Larson won the high prize for cards. Her husband won the men's prize in the guessing game, and Mrs. John Seavey won the ladies prize.

The guests for the evening included: Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McKy, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Basford, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. John Seavey, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Snodgrass and Mrs. Norman Howard.

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Doctor at Portland—Dr. Eugene Kester spent Monday in Portland.

Birthday Dinner Held—Mr. and Mrs. Riley Snodgrass and daughter, Maxine, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hill at Cottage Grove Sunday. The occasion being the forty-ninth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Snodgrass who is a sister to Mr. Hill.

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