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WIDENING THE HIGHWAY

Widening and straightening the Pacific highway is to be a live topic during the next few months, according to word coming up from Portland and Salem. The theory is that money spent on the Pacific highway does the most people the most good. With this we are inclined to disagree-believing that the Pacific highway should not be widened until other needed roads in the state serving sections not now having adequate roads are accommodated.

Before the Pacific highway is widened at a cost of as much as it will take to build a new road we believe that the Cascade highway leading from Springfield and Eugene to Oregon City should be built. This road would take half the through traffic off the Pacific highway and postpone the need of widening for several years at least. It will not only solve the congestion problem on the Pacific highway between Eugene and Portland but it will develop a new part of Oregon, especially the territory around Coburg, Lebanon, Silverton, Molalla and other foothill towns. These towns located in rich agricultural and lumbering sections have now neither adequate highways or railroads.

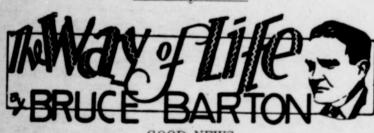
Eugene has nothing to fear by building a new road. It will be another main trade artery leading to the Lane county seat. One of the Lane county commissioners believes the building of the Cascade highway would add a million and one-half dollars to the value of the taxable property of this county. Besides this the new road will put Eugene 15 or 20 miles nearer to Portland, depending on the exact alignment used. We all should be pulling for the new road instead of patching up the old one.

TOBACCO TAX FOR SCHOOLS

Tennessee is discharging \$2,500,000 of new buildings at its university and \$1,000,000 in rural school building by a tobacco tax. This tax has lightened considerably the load on property in the southern state. Now comes some educators, who are not squeamish about where the money comes from, and suggest that such a thing might be done in Oregon. Well why not? Every time a college boy "takes a drag" on a cigarette or the co-ed reaches for something besides a sweet they might be doing something to help the alma mater financially; a painless and pleasant method of paying for part of their education cost. At least we suppose so-we don't smoke, and can't speak with the best authority.

THE UNION LABORER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Part of the unemployment problem in this country we lay at the door of the labor unions. On every hand we see union laborers working at high wages and without reduction of wage scale while less fortunate members of their craft go without work. With few exceptions, the individuals in union labor, are prone to lay off a day or so a week that those without work can make a living. If labor unions are going to hold the confidence of their unemployed members and the general public they will soon have to do something about it. Heretofore they have expected the boss to create employment but in a declining market he is pretty well at the end of his rope.



Last summer I went to a white church in a New England town. The preacher for the day was a famous man from a big city, who happened to have a summer home near-by.

The church was only about one-tenth filled. Even this famous name was not enough to pull people away from the cool woods and beaches.

When the preacher arose to announce his text, I thought: "Now we'll catch it. We shall be told that these empty pews mean that the world is going to the dogs. We shall hear a half-hour of lament about human wickedness. We few, who have come to church, shall be crucified for the sins of those who have stayed away."

I have listened to many church sermons and I am sick of them.

But I was due for a pleasant surprise. He announced a text from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. He explained that in this passage Paul was really making a plea for a generous collection from the Corinthians for the struggling churches elsewhere. He had an ulterior motive, but that does not change the fact that the whole chapter is full of praise for th Corinthians.

Having told them how kind they are, how courageous, how faithful, Paul concludes by saying, in effect: "Since you have all these many good qualities, I ask you to have also this grace 'which was in Christ Jesus, to being rich became poor for our sakes'."

In other words, you are great folks; come on, now, and

The preacher then proceeded to tell us what a grand thing it is to belong to the human race—how good people are, how courteous to each other, how brave under their sufferings, how hopeful in the face of an inscrutable Fate.

He said that God created men and women because He wanted companions, and that He was pleased with His crea-

He made us all proud of our humanity, and sent us out more cheeful and better able to fight the week.

I wondered why there are not more such sermons.

Jesus did very little denouncing and hardly any "viewing with alarm." He came with a joyous message. "You are sons of God," He said, "destined for eternal

People liked that sort of talk. They called it "gospel," which is to say, "good news."

BY RADFORD MOBLEY of living in congested cities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 1-Signs are multiplying here that John Barton Fayne is growing into the disfavor of those closest in touch with the recent actions of the American Red Cross. President Hoover, the titular head of the big relief organization, leaves all the work to its active head and Judge Payre is beginning to impress many with the fact that he is growing old. He is 73, but is not carry- Street Comedians ing his age as well as many others now active in public office.

The administration of the Red Cross requires brains of a high order and the initiative and energy that one associates with men of half Payne's age. It is not enough to be big enough to inspire contributors with a belief in the honesty of ail Red Cross workers. The hundreds of thousands of donors, many of them women, who support the national agency with voluntary funds, crowd gasp. want to see relief given where it is needed. To them a starving miner What! Again! is just as much a sufferer as a land-holder washed off his farm by a freshet, or a mountaineer de-

as the real head of the Red Cross, mission that it was a stunt, and a deep showing the trousers in sershould see to it that all citizens in trouble be taken care of. The short cut, many point out, would be to supplant Judge Payne with a man more in touch with present day

Mr. Hoover's well-wishers are The other day I passed a hairthat connection has put him in of the lay-out. close touch with the dangerous Just one more of the many heartfront the country his coming win- corner in this big town. ter, when millions of idle men will be hard put to support their fami- A Tip on Eating lies. There is a demand for a man Rural visitors to this city need to consider the economics of the from thirty cents up.

more people during the coming how much they can get out for. stress, they say. He is an old newspaperman, winning his spurs on Chain Restaurants the New York Sun before being There are about a dozen chains

between Theodore Roosevelt and charged too much. sent incumbent. Whether the presi-charge of sixty cents for "all you Now that I number forty years, were on the outs because Woods No limit. insists in saying between five and six millions will be out of work took advantage of the special price. An equal poise, alas! I must next winter against the president's Only a few, and they grow ashamed remarks that nobody can estimate of themselves after about two trips the total wihout careful research. and order only a little more than It is generally conceded here that normally. Woods is the best qualified man for the job, a man who can be relied are only passing on the lowered Mrs. Skaggs-Mine never knows economics of the action afterward, tomers. even without consulting those who are enmeshed in red tape.

There are more tenant farmers in the United States right now than ever before in the history of the country. The figures are given by the department of agriculture which shows that 42.4 of all farmers rented their land last year, an increase of more than four in every

hundred fams since 1920. In 1880 only one famer in four was a renter. In cities the same figures are shown by the number of failures, one set showing that only one in ten stores did not fail in the course of ten years.

These statistics on small business men need not be taken as discouraging, it is pointed out, as a lot of the changes were caused by owners selling out at a profit, or finding the field had changed over a course of years. In the case of farms the report is far from encouraging, as it indicates that farmers are unable to carry over their profits from big yeas so as to take care of hard times. Panicky conditions also have a bad effect on farmers, many rural banks tinding themselves overloaded with frozen securities, like farm mortgages, and being unable to renew loans.

This results in the more prosperous part of the community increasing their holdings of farm land and they then turn around and rent the land back to the former owner. The report does not carry any suggeston fo a remedy.

One curious thing about the report is that it shows farms near the great centers of population in the eastern seaboard, are showing a gain in owner-management. This favorable condition is said to be caused by the heavy buying of "deserted farms" by city people, who have capital enough to finance better methods of working the land than the old owners, and who bring an open mind to the problem and go in more for diversified farming, growing their own eatables and Pocket Money sale at prices ranging from \$10 sure of a haul in jewelry. acre up, and they are finding a

Broadway add a touch of comey to their advertising stunts. One of the best is a young fellow on stilts. whose silk hat is twelve feet in

He always has a crowd watching him and reading the ad he carries. The other day I saw him cross Thirty-fifth street against traffic. Nearly over, he tripped. He just caught himself, but he made the

crossing Fortieth street against Many feel that President Hoover, caught his eye and winked at him. He merely grinned. It was an ad-

mighty good one. One that harden-

A Faded Flower

ed New Yorkers eat up.

conditions and less steeped in the was the toast of Broadway. She was a reigning beauty on the stage.

hoping that he will supplant Judge dresser on Fifth Avenue. In a frame

situation that is expected to con- twinges that come at nearly every

All restaurants carry cards on Col. Woods would make an ideal their windows showing their prices man for the place it is believed by and people hee, if they don't know many here, and his appointment the place, stop and read the bill bewould result in relieving many fore entering. It tells them exactly

drafted by big business and the of restaurants in New York, all with the same varying scale of prices. When you have eaten in His work as police commissioner one you know what it costs to eat of New York City was of the highest order and he did more to les- pick out one of the cahins and stick sen crime than any police chief to it. It saves the risk of being

One of the chains has set a flat dent will be able to draft Colonel can eat." And they mean it. You can Woods is another matter, recent have five portions of ice cream. Of this or that I shouldn't do disclosures indicating that the two Two orders of roast beef and so on.

One manager told me few people

The restaurants explain that they snores. upon to act first and study the prices of foodstuffs to their cus- how much he has in his pocket,

specializing in fancy crops, like Few millionaires carry much cash mushrooms, new-laid eggs and in their pockets these days. Holdother products that can be classed up men know this and never bother re as delicacies than necessities. them, except when they are returnvery big newspaper in the east ing with their womenfork from the arries ling lists of small farms o era or theatre. Then they can be

(ne millionaire told me it was ness for September. ready market among people tired a general custom with all rich men. They are so well known all over town that they have no trouble cashing checks for enough to pay eir dinner check. All they need is ough money to tip door-openers nd hat-check girls with, less than in silver. Waiter's ttps are markon the dinner check.

The average wealthy men can urrency in his pockets. It's only the newly rich, gamblers and politicians who carry around rolls of Many of the sandwich men along bills big enough to choke a horse.

UNCLE SAM GOES IN

"Few citiens of the United States were aware that Uncle Sam had gone in for infants' trousers, but such is the fact. And because the whole range of motherly projects did not appear to be widely appreciated, the Bureau of Home Economics several years ago inaugurated a series of 'fillers' for free dis-I saw him again today. He was tribution to Sunday newspapers. The 'simple, straight-leg trouser traffic. Nearly over, he tripped, He pattern' described was the feature prived of his home by a forest fire, just caught himself. Just then I for April 5, 1931. With the 500-word descriptive article, the bueau enclosed a one-column cut six inches vice. A companion article of the same date, 'Setting in a Sleeve,' was accompanied by a wo-column cut carrying the descriptive line. The illustration, made by the Bureau of Home Economics, shows why? how a set-in sleeve is basted into the armseye.

Nation's Business.



TO CRITICS By Walter Learned

When I was seventeen I heard From each censorious tongue, 'I'd not do that if I were you;

I'm quite as often told Because I'm quite too old

O carping world! If there's an age Where youth and manhood keep turned to Portland. Have passed it in my sleep.

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APPEAL SAYS WRITER

Not long ago the members of the chamber of commerce of a small mid-west town asked me, "What is the matter with our town," says J. S. Blue, writing in Nation's Busi-

His answer was "tin cans."

Mr. Blue is connected with the New Industries Section, Commercial Department, American Gas and Electric company. His job is fitting industries to towns and towns to industries. The town which he mentions in his Nation's Business article had asked him to make a a week in this city on \$10 in why the town was unable to get new industries. Continuing Mr. Blue says:

"Never had I seen so many tin cans in one town. They were piled on the vacant lots and thrown in FOR INFANTS' TROUSERS through the town. Almost always the alleys. A little river ran in such a town the main artery of traffic crosses the river. The view from the bridge was the view that may be seen from too many bridges crossing too many little rivers in too many American towns. The banks were broken down and muddy. They had been used as ash chutes. Parts of smashed automobiles and sewing machines and coils of rusty wire appeared above the oil-splotched water. There was a perceptible stench.

> "'A good many factory agents have visited your town in the past year,' I told the associated business men. 'Each of them was intelligently trying to find the right town in which to place his factory.

> "The factory agents went away. They never came back. They did not even write letters. You ask me

"'Tin cans. A miserable, de "When today's taxpayers were bauched little river. Uncut weeds Payne with a man like Colonel Ar- were pictures of women who had children, mother looked after all and dim street lamps and no street thur Woods, now the president's dyed their grey hair, with their trousers, blouses and sleeves with markers. Rough paving and a street chairman of the committee on em- testimonial letters. Her picture, as out so much as a free button from system that is not hooked up to the ployment. Colonel Woods' work in beautiful as ever, was in the center Washington. All things consider district in which you offer free land ed, our trousers were generally to factories. Who will build a facequal to the demands of the hour, tory on ground which might be un-Considering that the same cannot reachable by fire engines on a be said of today's tax payments stormy night? The town has not to the federal treasury—the 1931 been zoned and so it has a mussy deficit was \$860,000,000-it is perti- and upset appearance. Who will nent to inquire if Uncle Sam really build a \$30,000 home when he who can apply relief measures not fear being forced to pay out too is, or ever can be, an efficient knows that a galvanized garage may wherever needed, without stopping much for eating. One can get meals mother." -Lawrence Sullivan in be set up next door? Your trees are gray with dust.

"' Would my wife want to live in this town?

"And the answer was 'No.' "

Many Contests Awarded

Contract awards for public and semi-public construction since December 1, 1930, have passed the \$2,-000,000,000 mark. This amount is fully fifty per cent in excess of the normal and that excess of a billion dollars measures the value to the men who have been employed on these works of the direct personal influence of President Hoover in his efforts to relieve unemploy

Back from the Beach - Major and Mrs. White and family and Miss Jessie A. Cannons of Portland spent several days at Yachats last week. Miss Cannons has re-

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