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## WILLAMETTE HIGHWAY NOT APPRECIATED

It looks to us that the reason that work is not to continue on the Willamette highway above Oakridge this next year is because the federal bureau of roads appropriation is to be used elsewhere by the Oregon state highway department. We feel that the engineers and other people in the state do not see the real importance of the Willamette highway. Portland should be after this road ahead of some of her routes to the sea if she appreciates its true worth.

In effect Klamath Falls and south central Oregon have been a part of the San Francisco trading area. The building of the railroad from Bend has changed this somewhat but it will take a first class highway to really break California's strangle hold on this territory. The Willamette highway when completed will put Klamath Falls 80 miles closer to Portland by motor. If Portland were awake to this advantage she would be working for the Willamette highway.

## NEW FEDERAL BUILDING IN SIGHT

Eugene is to have the help of Congressman W. C. Hawley in securing a new postoffice building. The congressman is against further additions on the old building and no doubt if Eugene makes the proper showing it will get a new building. In the postoffice appropriations is carried a \$260,000 item for the Eugene postoffice, but it is believed that a new federal building here sufficient to take care of both the postoffice and forestry service will cost more money. Mr. Hawley secured the first allotment and no doubt he will be able to have it increased if the postoffice department is favorable thereto.

## THE WORKER AND THE LAND

Under the wonderfully stable government which has been set up in Czechoslovakia since the war, the industrial workers have a greater sense of security than in any other country, including our own.

When this new nation was formed out of territory which used to be part of Austria, a little more than twelve years ago, its people chose for their president Professor Masaryk of Columbia University, New York. A native of what used to be called "Bohemia," he had been laboring for years for his country's independence. When his people finally were liberated by the Treaty of Versailles and he became their leader, he surrounded himself with strong, intelligent men and began to work out a system whereby every man in the nation should be independent.

One of the first things the new nation did was to take over all of the huge estates, many of them owned by citizens of other countries, and divide them up into small farms, which were sold or rented to families which had never been able to hold land before. The next thing was to organize the industries of the nation, with the result that Czechoslovakian efficiency is famous throughout Europe. President Masaryk took American experts over there and had them show the manufacturers of that country American methods.

But the most important variation from the American system is a provision whereby every industrial worker will eventually have at least one acre of land surrounding his home. This has been accomplished in many of the industrial centers and it is only a question of time when it will be the rule throughout Czechoslovakia. The avowed purpose is to refuse employment to any man of family who will not agree to live on one of these tracts.

There are several lessons we could learn from a closer study of some of the smaller nations of Europe. The principal one which all of them have to teach, however, is that you cannot separate the mass of the people very far from the land without subjecting them to unnecessary risks. And the next one is that when every worker is a landowner there is no danger of revolution.

Commissioner Spaulding takes a dig at the engineering department of the highway commission. He says it is a closed corporation and one is supposed not to cross it because some valuable man will be lost. However, he remarks that Oregon is paying larger wages than most states to these engineers and he can not believe they are going to run away from their jobs here. We can't figure out whether Mr. Spaulding expects to do some house cleaning in the department or is just trying to put the boys on their toes and perhaps get a little more work done. Anyhow he is Governor Meier's man and must be listened to.



NEEDED!

I left my family in France and started back across the ocean, alone. There was none of the thrill that usually comes with heading toward America, none of the joy of coming home.

For a couple of days I was depressed! Everything I cared for was behind me; I was sailing into silence.

Then one day the wireless spoke. "Have arranged the following appointments for you," by partner wired. "Tuesday after your arrival, Baltimore. Wednesday, Pittsburgh; Thursday, Friday, Chicago. Best wishes. Please confirm."

Immediately came a feeling of relief and cheer. "I have work to go back to," I exclaimed. "Duties are waiting to keep me alert and a little worried and on my toes."

I was relating the incident to the chairman of the board of a large corporation.

"I know just how you felt," he said. "I've organized our company so well that I've almost organized myself out of a job. But every now and then a really big problem comes along, and the boys have to send for me. A hurry call came to my home from Chicago last Sunday, and I had to leave on an hour's notice. My wife thought it was a hardship, and of course I let her believe that we men lead terrible lives. But all the way out on the train my spirit was singing: 'Somebody wants me, I have work to do.'"

Joseph Medill was asked: "What is the greatest pleasure of your life?"

"To feel that I am at play when I am at work," he answered.

The book of Genesis presents work as a curse inflicted on humanity for its sins. We know in these times of unemployment how faulty that conception is.

To wake up in the morning and wonder: "Where shall I go today? What shall I do?" That is the curse.

America's most important problem is not education, not the government regulation of business, not even prohibition. Our real task is to work out some economic system by which we can provide honest jobs for all the people all the time.

Every man and woman is entitled to the glorious self-respect which comes from being able to say:

"Thank God, I have a place. I am needed."

# ROWENA RIDES THE RUMBLE



## TENTH INSTALMENT

Rackruff Motors hire Rowena to accompany Peter on a nation-wide tour in their motor as an advertising stunt. At the last minute Little Bobby is engaged to act as chauffeur.

A few miles out Bobby becomes fearful at being parted from his sweetheart, and Rowena insists on taking her place in the rumble so that she can ride with Peter and have her own chauffeur. Bobby is so angry that he goes to the hotel and tells the manager that he will not let Bobby go.

They leave for their next stop, after passing through Buffalo, Chicago and St. Louis. Peter and Rowena have many things to say to each other on the way, and they reach Denver, Peter and Rowena are covered by the press and they are taken to New York by train. They are faced with the impossible condition of continuing their trip without a chauffeur.

Rowena suggests to Peter that they make a "companionable" marriage. They are married and go to Cheyenne, where their actions, when they find rooms on separate floors, arouse the suspicions of the hotel clerk. They finally succeed in getting rooms, but not without exciting the laughter of the hotel loungers. They wire the company they have been married.

They resume the trip the next day and are overwhelmed by a cloudburst in an arroyo and are thrown out of the car. A party of tourist campers gives them clothes and food. Spokane is finally reached and the hotel clerk smiles when they register. They find a Rackruff motor which has been arranged a public reception and dance for them. They are deluged with presents.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY  
It was indeed very plain what they thought about Peter. The friendly, admiring smiles with which they said good-by to Rowena froze into cold disapproval in their curt nods to Peter. He felt quite cut up over it all.

"Don't you care," said Rowena. "When they find out how things really are, they'll be so mad at me for fooling them that they'll rebound your way and think you're quite the nut."

"Well," said Peter, "there's one thing sure. Everything in the world has happened to us now. From desert sands to mountain mud, from separate floors to bridal suite, we've run the gamut of the unexpected. Nothing will surprise me after this."

"No, either," agreed Rowena. "I've used up the very last of my surprise sensations. No matter what happens, I'm expecting it."

But they were both wrong. Incredible as it seemed at the moment, they were due for many more surprising denouements and more sensational ones. Even climatic conditions conspired to add to their discomfort.

The sky had been overcast for hours, and a heavy downpour of rain was followed by a steady, disheartening drizzle that showed no signs of diminution.

They smiled at each other after a terrible day and in friendly comradely quiet pulled slowly up to the hotel.

"Just ask for two singles," advised Rowena. "And if they give us adjoining ones we can't help it. We've got Spokane to fall back on."

They followed the boy with their bags into the hotel lobby. And the first thing they saw there was little Bobby Lovell sitting all hunched up in the biggest upholstered chair in sight.

"Bobby!" they cried. "You little duck, you! Where did you come from? Where are you going? What in the world are you doing here?"

Bobby dimpled, wept and giggled, kissing them both again and again with complete unparitality.

"You angels!" she said. "I've been so lonesome and I'm so glad to be back with you again. I feel like a poor little lonesome orphan that just found out it is a Smith!"

"Where's Carter? Is it your honeymoon?"

The small brown nose uptilted itself to a very haughty angle.

"Never mention his name to me again," she said thickly. "I never want to see him again as long as I live."

"Carter! You never want to see Carter? Oh, you can't mean Carter! protested Rowena who simply could not conceive of a Bobby with no Carter at the tip of her tongue.

"It's just not possible!"

"It is possible—it's a fact. All is over between us for ever and ever. That's why I came to go on the rest of the trip with you."

"But see here," said Peter sternly, "you can't just be on and off with us like that. You left us in a terrible hole, running off the way you did!"

"I knew I had done wrong," said Bobby, "and so I said the best thing to do was to come straight back as fast as I could. That's why I didn't send back the money I borrowed, Peter. I needed it to come back on."

"Well, what happened?" demanded Rowena. "How in the world did you ever get off with Carter?"

"It was like this. At first he was simply overjoyed to have me back and then in about an hour we got to talking about it and he got madder and madder and said he really didn't know whether he wanted to ruin his future by marrying a woman who had no more sense than that. So naturally I broke the engagement and gave him back his ring. I put my things in my bag and called up Rack-

ruff to find out where I could catch you, and here I am. Oh, darlings, I've been so unhappy and it is so good to see you again.

They were none too well pleased about it. Bobby was an expensive addition to the party, seemed doubly expensive now that they could dispense with his presence.

It did not clear the atmosphere when they found waiting a telegram from the company with peremptory orders to send her back at once.

It said it was better publicity for the roadster to have the bridal couple return to their honeymoon alone.

Bobby said it was none of their business what she did, that she was responsible only to Carter. Was she

"That sounds good," said Rowena meekly. "Two."

She hoped Peter could not tell from her voice how the very thought of it made her mouth water.

"Well, there's one nice thing about traveling trio," said Rowena. "You know just what to expect of every town. A bed, and food, and no adventures. It seems a bit smug after the life of adventure Peter and I have lived."

Bobby said nothing at all. She was brooding painfully over the probable state of affairs in New York and her heart was wrung with doubts.

There was no letter for her at the hotel in Los Angeles and she wilted visibly.

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OUR SICK GOVERNOR (Cottage Grove Sentinel)

The Sentinel is not greatly concerned whether Governor Meier does his voting on the board of control in person or by proxy, so long as his acts are found to be legal and the state's business is being properly attended to, but it begins to appear that the governor is not likely to be able to give to the public's business the attention that was expected to give to it. Instead of getting the business administration that we expected and needed, if the governor is to remain a sick man, we are likely to have less of a business administration than we have ever had.

The Sentinel is finding no fault with Governor Meier because of this condition of affairs. He can hardly be blamed for his illness. And the Sentinel is not one to suggest that the governor should turn the state's business over to the one provided by law to take his place when the governor is incapacitated. Unless the governor's illness is such that he or his physicians determine that it would be dangerous to his health for him to attempt to fill the duties of his office, it probably is better to let things jog

along as they are, but if the governor is seriously ill, and if his chances for recovery would be increased by his relinquishment of the duties of chief executive, there could be no objection to his resignation in person or by proxy, as long as his successor would be Willard Marks of Albany, president of the senate and an able public official.

Being governor of Oregon seems to bring disaster. In recent years two governors have died in office, a nominee for governor has died, the incumbent is seriously ill and several have left the office in serious financial difficulties.

SECOND HALF TAXES ARE DUE NOVEMBER 5  
Second half tax payments are due November 5 at the tax collection department of the sheriff's office. After that date a penalty of two-thirds of one-percent a month will be charged.

The first half taxes are due each year on May 5.

Appraisors are Appointed—W. W. Calkins, Marie O'Neill and Lenora Dillard have been appointed appraisors of the estate of William Neal Oviatt.

## DIVORCE DECREE GRANTED BY COURT

Six divorce decrees and one annulment were issued by Judge G. F. Skipworth in circuit court Thursday.

The following are the divorce decrees. Ina T. Garrett from her husband Guy Garrett; Gertrude Wynd Granger from her husband Vernon Granger; the plaintiff is given her former name of Wynd. Lillian A. Johns from her husband Edward P. Johns; Ralph Warren from his wife Beattie Warren. Plaintiff given custody of two children; Mary C. Hambrick from her husband F. M. Hambrick; Helen Roberts from her husband Walter Roberts.

The divorce of Lillian Slagel and Raymond Slagel was annulled.

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## COUNTY PAYS COURT VERDICT FOR LAND

Check for \$3136.50 was issued by Lane county Friday in payment for land of Viola Lee Pratt for right-of-way for the Oregon Coast highway at the north end of the county.

The check follows result of a lawsuit in Benton county last week when a jury returned a verdict of \$3000 for the defendant land owner.

FORMER CALIFORNIA FARMER BUYS LAND  
George E. Bennett who formerly had a farm at Arbuckle, Cal., is now an Oregonian and likes this area very much.

Mr. Bennett was at the office of the county clerk Monday to file a deed for a farm of 183 acres that he has just purchased in the Crescent district from T. E. Abene.

DAMAGES SOUGHT AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT  
General damages of \$7500 and special damages totaling \$330 are sought in a suit filed in circuit court by Charles W. Liles, aged seven years, through his guardian Virgil L. Liles.

It is alleged the boy was injured through the carelessness of John Snellstrom and Mary Snellstrom in a car accident near Venetia October 1. The lad was struck while he was crossing the road on his way home from school.

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