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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1931 WEST SHOULD BACK HOOVER'S HOME-BUILDING PLAN

President Hoover's plan for home-building should have our whole-hearted support here in the west with lumber not moving. His assertion that unemployment in this country was due to a "considerable part to stagnation in residential construction," is no doubt right. He proposes to form new home loan discount banks with \$150,000,000 capital and with this base he is confident that \$1,800,000,000 for home building could be financed.

When this system is put into effect lumbermen and western people should do their utmost to make it operative. Lumbermen should take a more aggressive stand to merchandise their product in a manner like other products are handled.

Our own Booth-Kelly mills have sold more lumber locally this year than for a long time by sending out salesmen, especially in the country to make estimates and give plans for building improvements. Hundreds of buildings have been constructed or repaired as the result of this effort in Lane county. If lumbermen sold their product throughout the country in this manner the business would be good and the wood substitute would no longer be grabbing off so much.

Hoover's plan offers much for the revival of home-building and is a way out of the slump for the lumber industry.

CHILDREN ON WHEELS

The chance of an automobile accident is much greater if the driver is under twenty than when he or she is over thirty, according to statistics compiled by one of the large accident insurance companies. The records of some four million licensed automobile drivers were examined and it was found that by far the highest percentage of accidents occurred when children under age were driving a car.

There are still a good many states and communities where very little or no inquiry is made into the qualifications of anyone who wants to drive a car. In the majority of the state today licenses are required, but the examinations and driving tests vary. And there are still a great many places in which any child who is physically able to hang on to the steering wheel and reach the pedals is allowed to drive.

Of course, the earlier in life one learns to drive, the more confidence the motorist acquires and the better he or she is likely to be as time goes on. But we think there is a great deal of wisdom in the law which obtains in some states, under which no one under eighteen may be licensed to drive, and then only after a severe road test of ability. In order to learn to drive before applying for a license, young people in states where this law obtains must always have with them on the front seat an experienced, licensed driver.

There will always be parents who will let their children talk them into taking out the car, whether really fit to drive it or not, and children will always want to get out on the road and "step on it." That is human nature, and it would not be anybody else's concern if people driving cars were not a menace to other motorists and pedestrians.

Oakland, in Douglas county, is putting on the largest turkey show in the United States with some of the finest birds grown anywhere on exhibition. This part of Oregon is well adapted to turkey raising and the birds top the market in price. Yet Oregon raises only a few turkeys compared with Texas, Vermont and other states. This is an industry we can do well in and we should make it a leader. Let's find out what we can beat the world doing and then set out to do it.

The city and water board employees have generously come forward and offered a day's pay each month for five months to relieve the unemployed. They are deserving of our cheers.



WINDOW DRESSING DUMMIES On my first business job it was necessary for me to call one day at the office of a bankrupt company which had sold in small units all over the country.

Its literature had followed the familiar pattern, pointing out how much you would be worth if you had invested one dollar in telephone stock in 1895, or if Ford had asked you to lend him a nickel in 1900.

Perhaps the officers were irresponsible rather than deliberately crooked. They were sure that their enterprise was destined to make fortunes for every one associated with it, and they backed their judgment with their own money. But that did not mitigate the sufferings of the people who crowded the office on the day of my call.

A station agent and his faded little wife from a country town in Pennsylvania. They had invested \$15,000, their savings of a lifetime.

A poor preacher from South Carolina. The \$6,000 which he had saved by incredible economies had been his only bulwark against the poorhouse.

A school teacher; a dentist; many men whose gnarled hands and bent backs were eloquent of heavy burdens. They wept; they cursed; they threatened, but it did no good. No one of them ever recovered a cent.

Walking away from all that tragedy, I resolved never to be associated with any company which financed itself by selling stocks to the public, not even if George Baker were president and J. P. Morgan the sales manager.

Everybody whose name gets advertised a little is invited to go on boards of directors. It has happened even to me. I have a nice form letter that says "no."

To be on the board of a business with which you are not intimately connected means that you attend a meeting once a month, vote on a lot of things you know nothing about, receive \$10 or \$20, and go away. The public, reading your name, believes that you are directing. Actually you are not.

In England most boards are made up of men actually conducting the business. Once a year the chairman has to stand up before the stockholders and answer questions about every detail of the operations.

In this country the habit of being a director is a piece of business vanity. A man with a lot of directorships after his name thinks of himself as a "big shot."

Many of these famous dummies have lost money and sleep during this depression. It will be interesting to see whether the return of good times will not bring many resignations.

Directors should direct. Window dressing dummies should go out.

ROWENA RIDES THE RUMBLE

BY ETHEL HUSTON

THIRTEENTH INSTALMENT "No. I was just wondering." "What do you intend to do first, Rowena?" Peter asked.

Rowena was a little more touchy even than usual just at that time because she was having some trouble with her own work, and the fact that Mr. Rack had not been entirely satisfied with her last three stories had done nothing to improve her disposition.

"Darlings," exclaimed the telegram extravagantly. "He did get married and my guess was lovely. Carter was going to sue the railroad but the conductor took him off and apologized so Carter gave him ten dollars instead. Can't we fly down and meet you some place and finish our honeymoon together—even if yours isn't real!"

"Love, kisses and condolences I mean congratulations. Is your honeymoon unaltered also doth some hence how could we ruin ride opposite directions in one Rucknuff Amos."

"It doesn't seem to mean much," objected Rowena. "It means plenty," said Peter firmly. "It means that our honeymoons aren't riding the same sky if I can help it. Carter'll understand."

They were increasingly quiet as they neared New York and the end of their adventure. Peter thought Rowena was troubled about the future because the often referred to things she might do and regretted that her work had fallen off. "If I had kept up as well as I started I could land a good job on the strength of it," she said ruefully.

"You can, anyhow. Your work as a whole has been top-notch. You were good down to the last adjective. The trouble was that in the beginning you were so superlative you got them to expecting miracles. Never begin at the top," he advised her wisely. "It leaves no place to climb to. Anyhow," he added slyly, "you must have saved up enough on your expense money to keep the children in bread and milk for a long time—what with doing your own laundry and living on soup and cheese."

"Well—some," she admitted evasively. "Do you suppose we'll ever be real good friends, Rowena? And never quarrel again?"

"I'm good friends now! I've been friends from the very first. I am really fond of you, Peter, but you're so darn mean the angels themselves couldn't get along with you."

"That's odd. Every one has always remarked what a good disposition I have—No credit to me," he added modestly. "I was born with it."

"People are so dumb," sighed Rowena. "Do you think your judge will have any trouble getting the annulment?"

"How long will it take?" "I don't know." "When will he start?" "He's started now."

"I started now! Why, what do you mean?" "I wrote to him the day we were married and told him to go ahead with the preliminaries so he could put it through with a rush."

"Peter," she said, "I think it would be needlessly insulting of you, Rowena! To spread the news like that the day we were married."

"Married! Oh, tish, tish and even tish! That was no marriage," he said. "No. But it was nasty of you just the same."

"I'm sorry you feel that way about it, Peter," she said gently. "I did not mean to be offensive. I assure you, I really thought it was having the stitches-in-time sort of thing."

"Do you think you'll ever marry the judge?" "I don't think I'll marry anybody. I hate men."

"What are you going to do when we get home, Peter?" "Oh, work at something. I suppose. I don't know just what. Maybe I'll go to Paris."

"You can't go until we get that annulment. They will not let us go until we've got that annulment never—that we never were really married, or anything."

"How long will it take?" "Why? Are you in such a hurry for your freedom?"

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MAIN STREET LOOKS AT BROADWAY

BY ERNEST CAMP JR.

A Disappointed Visitor Premier Laval, who is practically the ruler of France, the President of that country being largely a figurehead, learned, whom in New York, that being a personage his intimates, the most he saw when he approached the Battery, was a set of silk hats and broad backs belonging to the welcoming committee.

Even his mile ride up Broadway to the City Hall did not give him much chance to see things as the crowds pressed close to his auto and demanded he look at them and not at the buildings.

His experience is that of all famous men. The way to see New York is to slip in quietly and roam around without any committee telling you what to do or where to go. Still, he enjoyed it all—he claims.

Doctors' Fees There is no place in the world where you can pay more for doctoring than in New York, fees of \$3,000 and \$5,000 being nothing uncommon for wealthy people to pay. But, on the other hand, if you haven't got a cent, you can probably get the same service from one of the free dispensaries.

Dr. Lorenz, of Vienna, once charged Armour \$20,000 for an operation on his little daughter, Lolita, in Chicago, and cured her of a hip disease. On his way West he stopped off in this city and treated more than twenty poor children for the same trouble and none of them paid one cent. That kind of charity, or kindness, is going on all the time here and in most other big cities.

When One Doctor Squawked One fashionable doctor here who gets top fees, has been in the habit of sending his patients who had had teeth to a certain dentist. He made him famous, and the tooth-puller finally got to charging \$3.50 fees himself.

Recently the doctor's 18-year old son needed dental work and he sent him to the dentist. After the work was done he got a bill for \$2,000. Everybody knows one doctor never charges another for attention and the doctor expected the work to be free.

He squawked like a stuck pig and got the bill down to half, which he paid. The dentist told him he had to charge him full rates because he had only so many hours a day to work and his time was fully taken up. Needlers to state, the doctor is now recommending another dentist to his clients.

Great Bus Terminal A few years ago a small theatre on the edge of the Times Square district found itself unable to draw. The owner closed it down and put it on the market. Because it was so handy to many hotels, the different bus companies clubbed together and turned it into a terminal.

Its big waiting room, with ticket offices at one side and a huge information desk in the center, rivals many of the big railroad stations of the country in size and convenience. One thing noticeable about it is that the crowds are much smaller than in the usual railroad depots, the reason being that instead of buses leaving for some other big city three or four times a day, service is almost hourly and

There is none of that bunching as at railroad offices. When the theatre was turned into a waiting room, nothing was taken out but the seats on the main floor. The balcony and gallery still exist and look down upon the proscenium arch which marks the site of the old stage.

BOUNDARY BOARD TO CONSIDER TRANSFER Transfer of a portion of territory of the Black Butte school district to the London district is asked in a petition filed with the county school boundary board.

The board will consider the petition at a meeting December 7. A remonstrance against the transfer has also been filed to be considered before any action of the board is taken.

LAUNDRY DEFENDANT IN COURT ACTION

American Laundry Service of Ohio filed suit for a judgment of \$420. interest at 6 per cent per annum, and attorney's fees, against the New Service Laundry of Eugene. In the circuit court this morning. The suit was filed to regain money due the plaintiff for equipment purchased from them by the New Service Laundry.

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The large reduction of the load limit was made necessary because the recent heavy rains have made the surface of the road soft. This road is a new section of the Willamette highway.

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Concluded Next Week boards of trade throughout the six New England states was characterized by the council as "the most encouraging in recent months."

Winter Driving takes a little better gasoline than in warmer weather. When your motor is chilled and the oil stiff you need Violet Ray or General Ethyl to save you time and worry. No ordinary gas will do so well. "A" Street Service Station Cold Days and Sickness Your medicine chest should be stocked now to guard against colds these damp days. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," 'tis said. A simple remedy will often stop a cold and serious illness which would otherwise mean loss of time and a doctor bill. We will be glad to advise you about your chest. Ketel's Drug Store In New Store Main, Near Fifth

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