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EDITORIALS
WE SHOULD WORK
FOR HIGHWAY

Natural Advantages Would
Bring State Road Through
John Day Valley.

Natural advantages would bring the state road thru the John Day Valley, entering by the way of Wheeler County and passing out over the divide near the Blue Mountain springs, and on into Malheur county. The contemplated route is by the way of Pendleton and along the O. W. R. & N. to Baker. The route up the John Day River is 120 miles shorter. The pass over the Blue Mountains, near the springs is the lowest and most available. The country affords natural road material which makes it simple and inexpensive of construction. And, more, and above all of the other advantages that this route affords is that it will present one of the best scenic stretches of the state highway. The grades are good. At the head of the valley there are hot springs that would prove a great attraction to the trans-country automobile traffic. There is good fishing and hunting, beautiful scenery, splendid camping grounds, timbered stretches with shaded roads, ample waterways, springs and creeks and in fact all of the attractions that are essential for a scenic state highway. All of the argument is for the state highway thru the John Day Valley.

"How shall it be accomplished?" is the question that comes to this office. And in the one word "Organization" we offer the simple solution. Organize. Organize an automobile club. Make it for the county. It is not a one-horse town proposition. It must belong to all of the towns, and the organization should be a three headed combine with Prairie City, John Day and Dayville furnishing the heads.

The first thing to do is to organize an automobile club. The second thing take the matter up with Malheur and Wheeler counties. The third thing get the \$500 that the Eastern Oregon Land Company has offered for the construction of the highway. The fourth thing secure the money that belongs to Grant County and which the field division of the Forest service has used in other portions of the state. For three years it has been taken away from this county and it would amount to about \$1,500. The fifth thing to do is to circulate a petition among the people and direct it to the county court. Get every man on the petition pledged for a subscription of \$1 and get 1,000 names on the petition. The sixth thing is to take this showing to the county court, and tell them what you want. Have all of the plans down to detail matured thru the auto association before the court is pestered with it, and the seventh thing will be the construction of the state highway thru Grant County.

These national highways are going to be for the accommodation of a vast traffic. They are coming by automobile. There will be thousands of them and each one will leave a few dollars in the county. As a business proposition this is a community advantage and will be the dawn of a new era for the John Day valley. Canyon City is, and will be off the highway, and yet for the welfare of the county will heartily cooperate in the movement.

Prairie City and Dayville are the termini so far as the county is concerned and the movement should start from the ends and move to the center. The result will be incalculable. It will put us on the great artery of auto travel. It will identify us with the rest of the world. It will prove a good financial investment and it will be the best thing socially that ever happened in the county, as it will solidify districts, bring communities into closer relation and promote a friendly and neighborly spirit and emphasize the fact that the prosperity and happiness of the individual is contingent upon the welfare of the entire community.

With the assistance that the county would have it is likely that the highway could be built for two or three thousand dollars and there is one individual in Grant county who can offer any objection with valid reasons, we will with pleasure publish same. If there is any valid argument against such a proposed move it should be published, and the Eagle not being able to key its imagination up to such a fancy flight will have to invite it if there is any to be offered.

—Blue Mountain Eagle.

The Houston Post advocates a bond issue to meet the expenses of national preparedness, no matter what the sum may be. The suggestion is the natural one—natural, as coming from a Democratic newspaper, and natural for a Democratic Administration to follow. An issue of bond in time of peace, to meet an obvious national expense, is the regular Democratic practice. It never happens except when Democratic Administrations are in power. The Post advocates a bond issue "instead of piling on more taxes for the people to pay at a time when all burdens are heavy." Surely the Post must be mistaken in this last assertion. The aim and object of the Democratic Administration is to lighten the burdens of the people. The Baltimore Platform said so; the President has said so; hundreds of lesser Democrats have said so; we have seen it a thousand times in Democratic newspapers. Waddaya mean. "When all burdens are heavy."

The postmaster of St. Louis (Democrat? Oh, yes) rushes into Washington and tells a reporter on the Post that prosperity has struck the Mound City. The steel mills have opened and the bread lines ceased. Bread lines? Bread lines were there really bread lines in St. Louis? When? And what caused them? The war in Europe? How interesting! And what caused the steel mills to open, the war in Europe also? No? It was the Democratic party? Wonderful! Mr. Postmaster, you deserve your job. You are indeed a deserving Democrat.

Pancho Villa exclaimed "the United States Government can go to hell!" he merely voiced publicly what every Mexican bandit has thought about us for the last two years.

If Caesar Had a Phone.

Julius Caesar missed a great deal in not knowing the telephone or at least in not using it if he knew it. One can see the telephone engineer attached to the Roman postoffice endeavoring, but without avail, to get an instrument installed at the capitol and at the palace. "I am intrusted by the emperor to say that he does not desire these barbarian novelties, and so Thomas Alva Edison need not call again with his magician's apparatus." A signal blunder! We can imagine what would have happened. "Hello, 1287 Tiber! Is it thou, Artemidorus? I understand thou rangest me up this morning. What! Details of a plot? Go not to the senate today? Beware of Brutus? Go not near Caesar? Right, and I thank thee, Artemidorus. I will have an extra guard put on instantly and the conspirators arrested." And so, although Artemidorus was unable to give his warning in the street, he gave it over the telephone, and Caesar's valuable life and with it the fortune of Rome was saved.—From "If They Had Thought of It" in Strand Magazine.

Funeral Souvenirs.

Weird funeral souvenirs of Dutch origin were called "doed-koecks," or "dead cakes." With a small bottle of wine and a pair of gloves two of these were sent by way of invitation to relatives and friends whom one wanted to attend the funeral. The original recipe for these cakes, which is said to be authentic, called for fourteen pounds of flour, six pounds of sugar, five pounds of butter, one quart of water, two teaspoonfuls of pearl ash, two teaspoonfuls of salt and one ounce of caraway seed. These were baked in four inch squares, then frosted and marked with the initials of the "departed friend." Sometimes they were eaten at the funeral dinner, but usually they were taken away, like wedding cakes, as souvenirs. Many bakers made a specialty of "funeral cookery," one baker in Philadelphia advertising the specialty as recently as 1748.—New York Tribune.

Real Joy of Farm Owning.

I am not a gentleman farmer, with a great estate over which I ride once in awhile and leave all the real work to my underlings. I cannot think there would be great fun in this. No; I like to take hold with my Portuguese man and plant and spray and trim and prune. To be sure, he does more than his share of the rough work, and much of the year I must be cultivating other kinds of fields than those that grow cabbages and turnips, but the fun of farming comes from being a real farmer while you are one, getting close to the soil, becoming intimate with every living thing, whether it be a plant or animal; loving your tomato vines and raspberry bushes, taking a real pride in your eggplants and your brussels sprouts, whether you get a prize for them at the county fair or not.—Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark in Country Life Magazine and Suburban Life.

A Recipe For Ghosts.

It is generally understood that "seeing ghosts" is the result of indigestion. The following notes may be useful to amateurs anxious to investigate psychological phenomena:
Lobster salad eaten after midnight.
One ordinary ghost with chains.
Two Welsh rabbits and a mince pie.
One mysterious gray lady emitting groans.
Cold roast pork, mixed pickles and strong tea taken immediately before retiring, a genuine family specter carrying his head under his arm.
A portion of cake, result of daughter's first lesson at cookery school, a troop of fearsome blood stained hobgoblins with blue lights shining out of empty eye sockets.—New York Journal.

Cleaning a Watch Chain.

Gold or silver watch chains can be cleaned with a very excellent result, no matter whether they be matt or polished, by laying them for a few seconds in pure aqua ammonia. They should then be rinsed in alcohol and finally shaken in clean sawdust, free from sand. Imitation gold and plated chains should be cleaned in benzine, then rinsed in alcohol and afterward shaken in dry sawdust.—St. Louis Republic.

No Late Hours There.

Guest—What possessed you to move away off here to the extreme edge of the city?
Host—The trolley cars stop running at 10 p. m.
"What of that?"
"Wait till you see my pretty daughters."—New York Weekly.

Their Division.

"I see where a criminal lawyer has taken his daughter into partnership with him. How do they divide the cases?"
"He takes the fellow-ones, and she the mis-demeanors."—Baltimore American.

Satirical.

Willie Whims—What's a "satirical touch," pa? Papa Whims—It's the fellow who borrows money of you and then tells you about it whenever you meet.—Puck.

An Exception.

Bliz—No man ever succeeded in business who kept watching the clock.
Dix—Oh, I don't know. There's the train dispatcher.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Skeptical.

Not one man in a thousand who rolls down to the bottom of the hill can make the world believe he did it for exercise.—Atlanta Constitution.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Wheeler.
Aurie M. Draper, Plaintiff, vs. Jessie M. Cox and Hugh F. Cox, her husband, Defendants.
Notice of Sale On Execution In Foreclosure.

By virtue of execution on a judgment, decree and order of sale issued out of the above entitled court, in the above entitled cause, and to me directed, on the 23rd day of July, 1915, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said Court on the 18th day of June, 1915, in favor of Aurie M. Draper, plaintiff, and against Jessie M. Cox, and Hugh F. Cox, her husband, defendants, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) with interest thereon from the 1st day of November 1913, at the rate of eight per cent per annum until paid, and the sum of fifty-one and 22-100 dollars (\$51.22) taxes, paid by plaintiff, with interest at 8 per cent per annum from Oct. 23, 1914, until paid, and the further sum of fifty dollars (\$50) attorney's fee, and the further sum of Sixteen and 95-100 dollars (\$16.95) costs and disbursements, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, to-wit: All of Lots Six (6) and Seven (7) and the East Half of the South-west quarter of Section Six (6), in Township Eleven (11) South of Range Twenty-five (25) East of Willamette Meridian, containing one hundred sixty-two and 95-100 acres (162.95), and situated in Wheeler County, Oregon.

Now therefore by virtue of said execution, judgment, order, decree and order of sale, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Tuesday, the 28th day of September, 1915, at one o'clock P. M. at the front door of the County Court House in Fossil, Wheeler County, Oregon, sell at public auction (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants, or either of them had on the 16th day of September, 1910, the date of the said mortgage herein foreclosed, or since that date have acquired, in or to the above described property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment, order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs.

Given under my hand and dated this 3rd day of August, 1915.

OSCAR KELSAY,

Sheriff of Wheeler County, Oregon.

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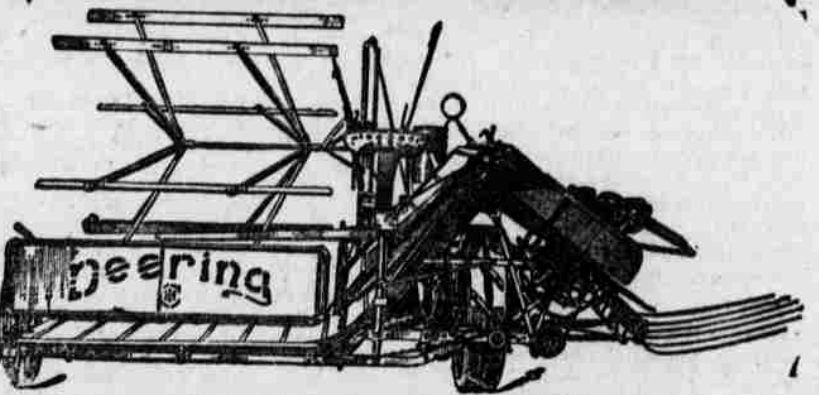
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