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FOR THE STATE'S BENEFIT.

Mr. McArthur has wisely decided not to enter the race for senator, but to stand for re-election as member of the house at Washington. An ambition for promotion to the senate is laudable and natural in any congressman; but it involves consideration which any one conscious of the uncertainties of politics and devoted to the public interest cannot ignore.

Mr. McArthur is in his third term, and has acquired important committee-ships and a position of influence in the general membership. A new representative has much to learn and a long row to hoe before he gets far in either house at Washington. It is axiomatic that those districts which make a sound decision as to their representative at the outset and keep him there are best off in national legislation.

Mr. McArthur's most important committee is for naval affairs. The interest of Portland and Oregon in that subject is vital. He can accomplish much there, and it would be a positive public misfortune if for any reason he should give way for another on his own motion or if the public should displace him. Another Oregon representative, Mr. Hawley, is on ways and means, and the third, Mr. Sinnott, is chairman of public lands. The state is the beneficiary of the long service of its three representatives.—Oregonian.

AIR TRESPASS.

The automobile necessitated the manufacture of a lot of new laws; it produced the traffic policeman and the motorcycle cop; it gave us, together with innumerable advantages, the penalties attached to joy-riding and motor banditry.

It would have been altogether funny a few years back to suggest the need of laws regulating traffic in the air and yet such laws are on the way.

A determined farmer found a flying major and a damaged machine in his field of corn recently. The airplane, in landing, had knocked down much corn and the farmer demanded payment, which the major couldn't give him, so he impounded the machine, placed it in a canvas enclosure and charged 25 cents a look. He took in \$50 and was satisfied.

An aviator in Missouri was fined \$25 for flying within 10 feet of a farm house.

Flying deputy sheriffs have been sworn in by Lorain county, O., to regulate aviation.

Common law holds that a land owner's rights extend to the center of the earth, straight down, and as far upwards as he cares to carry improvements without jeopardizing his neighbors.

Thus far crime has not sullied the records of aviation, save in movie films. A few young women have been abducted by flying villains, but all have been rescued.

But as flying becomes more common, outlawry will certainly find a new medium. Smuggling already has been attempted by European aviators. A mass of damage suits have arisen as the result of a dirigible falling into the heart of Chicago's loop.

At present, farmers seem most inclined to restrict the activities of air men. They feel, no doubt, as they did when the first automobiles came roaring past, scattering chickens and leaving sheep biting clouds of dust as he galloped in pursuit of the monster.

Prejudice will abate when the meadow is fenced off for a landing field and there is a hangar alongside the silo.

THE COUNTY FAIR.

Few residents of the city who have not lived a good deal in the country can realize how much that time-honored institution, the county fair, has been, and still is, to the rural population. To hosts of farmers and their families it is one of the great events of the year. Not only does it afford much-needed recreation—being an occasion of social reunions and innocent hilarities—it also has been a powerful factor in the farmer's education. Not a little of his political enlightenment has been obtained in the past at this annual meet, for aspiring statesmen have been only too ready to gather there, to instruct him in his duties as a citizen. The oratorical treats have not infrequently been useful and inspiring. But, in the farmer's view, far more interesting and important have been the numberless practical lessons about his own business which he has learned.

The county fair gives to its patrons a clear demonstration of what their neighbors have been doing to

exalt an honorable calling. Exhibits and addresses reveal and emphasize new and more profitable methods and means of making crops and handling livestock. The results of high efficiency are shown in prize pumpkins, apples, grain, cattle and poultry. Judgment is thereby sharpened and emulation excited. And we must not forget how, in by-gone days, breeds of horses were improved because of tests of speed and endurance on the circular track laid out on every fair ground. All this has had a stimulating influence on multitudes of farmers. Many a successful agriculturist has admitted his indebtedness to the fair for incentives of highest value.

Though local in their scope, county fairs react to the benefit of the whole nation, for they arouse keen competition that tends to raise the standards of quality and increase the quantity of essential farm products. Rightly do the Department of Agriculture at Washington and the agricultural press display a deep interest in these gatherings and encourage their holding and improvement.—Leslie's Weekly.

DID YOU KNOW—

That the majority of Philadelphia's ministers earn less than \$1500 per year.

That a pair of shoes sold by a manufacturer for \$5.50 was displayed in a Boston store 400 yards from the factory marked \$12.

That while the telephone systems were under Government control, a repair man went into a broker's office in New York to repair a telephone. He finished in fifteen minutes and then stood watching the ticker for two hours at Government expense.

That Representative Mason of Illinois demands that American troops be withdrawn from Siberia, claiming they are kept there as "a collection agency to enforce payment on some ancient Russian bonds held in this country."

That Representative Carl W. Ricklick, speaking in Congress "as a plain farmer from the far Western state of Montana," said: "The biggest contribution to high living costs has been the waste and extravagance of public administration."

MISINFORMING PEOPLE AS TO THE REAL ISSUE.

From the Sentinel, Milwaukee, Wis.

The President persists in attempting to misinform the people as to the issue.

He insists on making it appear that the issue is "treaty or no treaty."

Whereas every informed intelligent person must know by now that the real issue is, the treaty with, or the treaty without reservations.

In his uncandid persistence in this attempt to fool the people, he waxes pathetic. "If," he said to the folks at Omaha, with tears in his voice, "I felt that I personally stood in the way of this treaty, I would be glad to

die that it might be consummated." Nobody wants him to die. Nobody expects him to die. Every decent American wishes him health, long life and prosperity.

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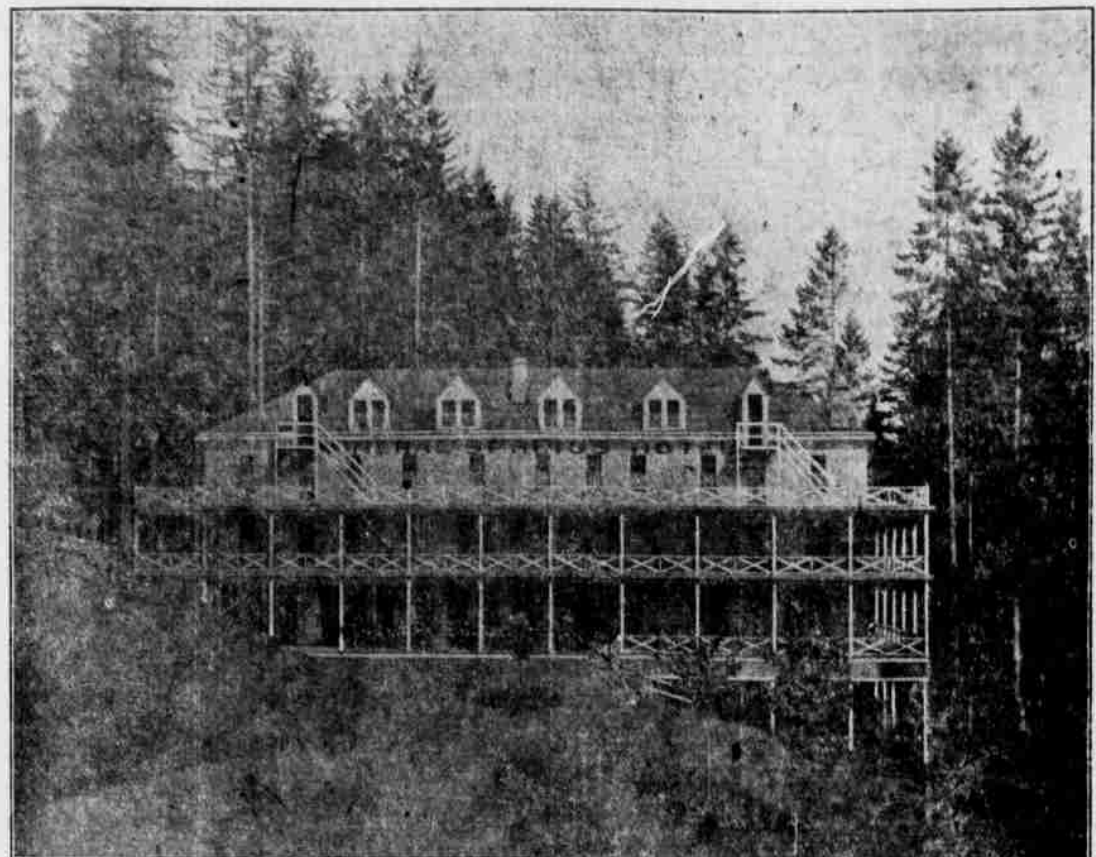
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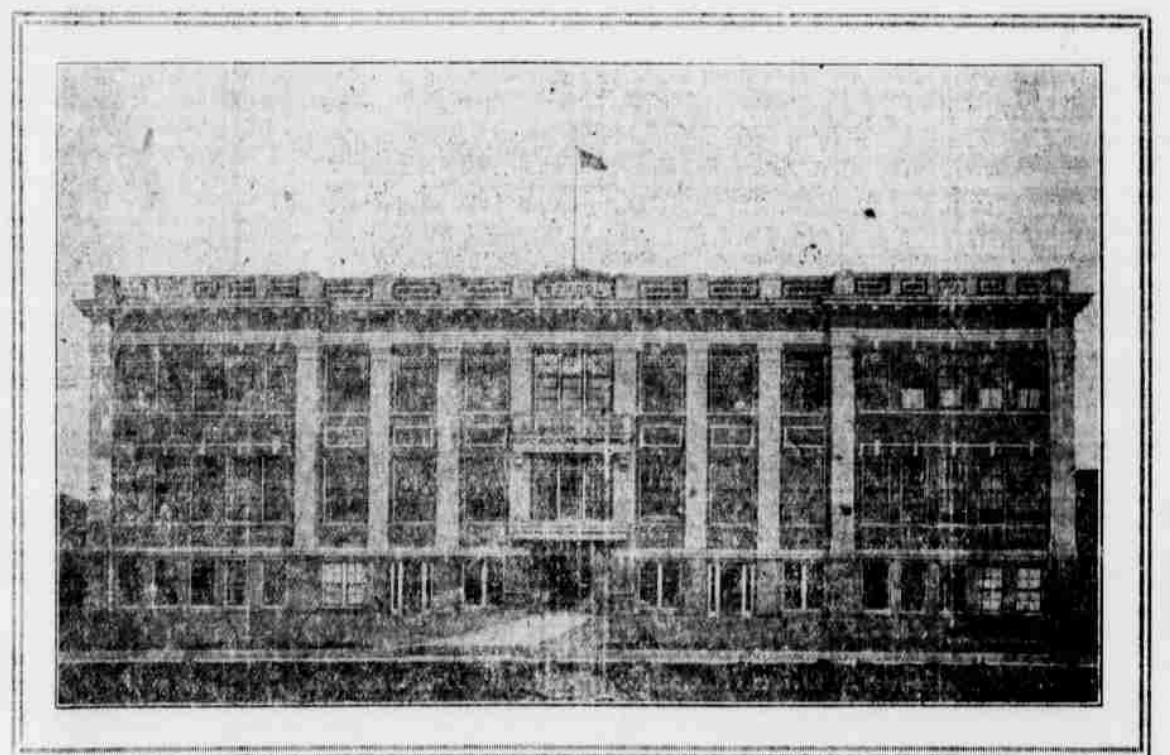
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