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Josh Wise Says
 Mose Barkdull torpedoed a baby carriage, two apple carts and an interurban car with his Old Dock Yak jitney bus in one day. He has now named it th' U-16."

LAUGHS

Willing to Aid
 Visitor—Pat, there's a hole in the roof of the church, and I'm trying to collect money sufficient to repair it. Come now, what will you contribute?
 Pat—My services, sir.
 Visitor—What do you mean, Pat? You are no carpenter.
 Pat—No; but if it rains next Sunday O'll sit over the hole.—Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

Always Good
 When humorists get up a tree With thoughts all in a jam, They promptly write a parody On Mary's little lamb.

Too often when the brain won't go For gags they sadly scheme, And then Maud Muller, as you know, Provides a goodly theme.
 —Courier Journal.

Sage Warning
 Visitor—My husband considered a very long time before he proposed to me. He was very careful.
 Hostess—Ah, it is always those careful people who get taken in.

High Toned
 Lady—Is this a pedigreed dog?
 Dealer—Pedigreed! Why, if that dog could talk he wouldn't speak to either of us.

Not Inevitable
 A political candidate, irritated by the groans with which he was received at his first meeting, exclaimed furiously:
 "Confound you all! You've got to have me whether you like it or not!"
 "Why, gov'nor?" exclaimed a placid individual at the back of the hall. "You aren't the measles, are you?"
 —Pearson's Weekly.

Truthfully Spoken
 Mrs. Rasp—I'd like to know how you'd feel if you had to go to war and was in battles every day, Henry Rasp.
 Mr. Rasp—Perfectly at home, my dear; perfectly at home.

A Plethoric Fee
 Dolly—Has that old lawyer friend of yours won any cases lately?
 Tootsie—Yes; he has convinced a wealthy widow that she needs him for a hubby.

NAME COMMITTEE FOR FOURTH OF JULY
 E. C. Gaddis, president of the Medford Merchants association has appointed the following as an executive committee to have charge of the coming Fourth of July celebration and barbecue that will be held in this city: C. E. Gates, H. A. Thierolf, A. C. Hubbard, Blaine Klum, W. F. Isaacs, H. L. Walthers and S. S. Smith. These names were voted on at the last election. Mr. Gaddis has also appointed a "Dollar Day" committee, and the names will be announced later. This celebration promises to be the largest and best Fourth of July celebration ever held in the valley. The several committees that have been appointed have started work already and no pains are going to be spared.

BOWLBY'S UNJUST DISCRIMINATION
 STATE TREASURER KAY in a speech at Medford before the voting of the highway bonds, promised for the state highway commission full co-operation and state aid in the construction of the Pacific highway. The promise was the more emphatic because Jackson county had taken the lead among the counties of Oregon and was the first county to bond itself for a state highway, and bonded itself for a larger sum than any other county.
 This promising co-operation was forthcoming at once, as the state took charge of the engineering work and contributed to the amount spent a year ago.
 Unable to ascertain from the state highway engineer the amount to be spent in Jackson county, the estimate of which diminished with his every visit here, County Judge Tou Velle met with the state board last September and a definite agreement was reached that \$70,000 of the road fund of 1914 was to be spent in Jackson county under the direction of the state highway engineer. A resolution to this effect was passed, in which it was stipulated that the portion of the money not expended in 1914 was to be expended in 1915 from the funds then available, amounting to \$10,000.
 In recommending to the state highway commission the apportionment of state funds for the various counties during 1915, State Highway Engineer Bowlby has recommended but \$40,000 for Jackson county, and in this \$40,000 he includes the \$10,000 which was promised to our county last year. This would make but \$30,000 for Jackson county this year. This notwithstanding the fact that the commission is pledged to spend the \$10,000, and by the Vawter bill, passed by the legislature, \$45,000 additional.
 Clatsop, which voted \$400,000, received more money last year than Jackson county, and Major Bowlby recommends an additional \$40,000 for this year. Columbia county, which voted \$300,000 bonds, received over \$20,000 last year, and Major Bowlby recommends an additional \$60,000 for this year. Hood River county voted but \$75,000, and Major Bowlby recommends \$50,000 for this year. Douglas county voted no bonds, and Major Bowlby recommends the expenditure of \$20,000 for this year. Sherman county voted no bonds, but approximately \$35,000 was spent there upon Major Bowlby's recommendation last year. In addition, \$20,000 is recommended for scattered projects.

According to press reports, at a meeting of the state highway commission this week, Treasurer Kay called Major Bowlby's attention to the law directing the expenditure of \$45,000 in Jackson county this year, as well as the board's agreement to spend \$10,000 to make up for the deficiency from last year. Mr. Bowlby favored the repudiation of this agreement and the ignoring of the new law, contending that the law did not direct the board to spend 20 per cent on the Siskiyou grade, but limited the amount expended to 20 per cent.
 Mr. Kay insisted upon living up to agreements and to the intent of the law. In this he will undoubtedly have the support of the other members of the board, Secretary Olcott, who was party to the agreement, and Governor Withycombe, who verbally promised all possible co-operation to Jackson county.
 It is hard to understand Major Bowlby's attitude in endeavoring to give Jackson county the worst of the deal. He has had sole charge of the highway work here, and if the money has not been wisely spent he can blame no one but himself. But he claims good results have been obtained. Why, then, does he use his official position to prevent the board's living up to its agreement? Why does he discriminate against Jackson county?

It would appear that Major Bowlby is chiefly interested in the Columbia highway and concerned mainly in its construction. As the central Oregon route is a feeder for the Columbia highway, he writes to friends to take this route and avoid the Pacific highway. The \$35,000 spent in Sherman county was for a grade to reach the central Oregon road from the Columbia, where Sam Hill has installed a ferryboat to connect with his property at Maryhill.
 While Major Bowlby was booming the central Oregon route and favoring the Columbia highway in state expenditures, Sam Hill was in San Francisco urging in press, on lecture platforms and at banquets, automobile and exposition tourists to use the central Oregon route—to the detriment of this region.
 The Mail Tribune has no sympathy with the fight waged upon Bowlby by the contractors, as it is inspired by selfish motives. It views also as without justification, Mr. Bowlby's amazing attempts to cripple highway construction in Jackson county by diverting funds pledged to the county by legislature and highway board. Such action is calculated to alienate from him all those who have hitherto supported him in Jackson county.

DR DAVID N. ROBERG SUCCEEDS DR WHITE
 Dr. David N. Roberg will succeed Dr. Calvin S. White, September 1, as secretary of the Oregon state board of health, and ex-officio state health officer. This was decided yesterday at a meeting of the state board when Dr. White's resignation was accepted, effective September 1. Dr. Roberg's election was supported by Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Dr. E. A. Pierce, Dr. E. B. Pickel and Dr. W. B. Morse, and opposed by Dr. A. C. Seeley and Dr. M. B. Marcellus.
 The displacement of Dr. White was generally expected because of his well known advocacy of the election of Dr. C. J. Smith in opposition to Governor Withycombe in the gubernatorial contest last fall. The position of state health officer draws a salary of \$4000 yearly.

ARGENTINE WARSHIP COLLIDES WITH BARGE
 PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—The Argentine battleship Moreno, which sailed from here yesterday for Hampton Roads, collided last night with a barge off New Castle, Del., 30 miles down the Delaware river from this city. The barge was sunk and the Moreno went ashore, where she remained fast until 7:30 a. m. today, when she floated. The Moreno proceeded down the Delaware bay apparently uninjured, and is expected to pass out to sea during the day.

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FAIRY TALE TOLD IN REAL LIFE: POOR MAN WINS RICH BRIDE
 Marie Busch

Just like a fairy tale is the love story of Miss Marie Busch, granddaughter of the late Adolphus Busch, St. Louis millionaire brewer, and Drummond Jones.
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 Jones has "made good," and now, with the consent of her father, Miss Busch announces her engagement. She'll become Mrs. Drummond Jones in April.

Annual Plants for Newly Graded Ground

(Bulletin U. S. Department of Agriculture.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—A few well-chosen annual plants placed on newly graded grounds will do much to take the place of trees and shrubs until the latter may have time to grow, according to the United States department of agriculture's specialist. It is often a question in a new community where slow-growing vegetation has not had an opportunity, as to what may be done to make grounds seem less bare. A lawn can be made in a few weeks and its appearance may be greatly increased by the addition of a few well-chosen annuals.
 The specialist suggests as particularly suited for this purpose the following plants, which may be grown in most parts of the United States:
 Tall foliage plants—Castor bean, caladium, canna.
 Tall flowering plants—Cosmos, scarlet sage, sunflowers.
 Border plants—Alternanthera, allyssum, ageratum, coleus.
 Medium tall annual flowering plants—Geranium, California poppy (Echscholtzia), zinnia, marigold, petunia, cockscomb, larkspur, nasturtium.
 Climbing annuals—Cobaea scandens, moonflower, Japanese morning glory.
 Varieties in color and contrast, in height and general effect, should be studied in placing the plants.
 The general appearance of plants on the home grounds or in the garden is more or less dependent upon the condition of nearby lawns.
 Lawns are the foundation of all decorative planting. A good, well-kept lawn contributes more to the beauty of grounds than any other single factor. For this reason, special attention should be given to the grading, cultivation and enriching of the area to be devoted to the lawn. After good preparation come good seed and care.
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