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SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW

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Conclusive proof of the faith which the people of Klamath Falls had in Strahorn was given at the bond election on November 14, 1916. The bonds carried by a majority of 1222 to 104. In all the city there were only 104 people who protested voting \$300,000 to turn over to Strahorn on the strength of his rich promises of railroads and development and prosperity.

On election day, we find Strahorn making another statement for publication in the Evening Herald. He is quoted in this wise:

"The success of the bonds means the continuation of the railroad from Klamath Falls very soon and its early completion to connect with the line from Bend to Lakeview. Klamath Falls gets railroad connections not only with all parts of Central Oregon, but with Portland, saving more than 100 miles in the distance to Portland."

It is also worthy of note that the people of Lakeview also stood ready to give Strahorn the needed financial backing, in view of his promise to connect the county seat of the "county Oregon forgot" with the outside world. On the same day that Klamath Falls voted him \$300,000, the people of Lakeview voted him \$20,000 for terminals and rights of way by an even great majority. The Lakeview vote was 249 to 9.

By the middle of November Klamath Falls had voted Strahorn \$300,000. Lakeview had voted \$20,000. Bonanza had given free right of way and terminal facilities. Other towns of Central Oregon also had given freely of right of way and funds. Strahorn was happy. His heart was full of overflowing. He promised that he would do his best to have his line completed to Dairy by the following July.

But a week later the change came suddenly and without warning. Strahorn had received all that he asked. To use his own words, he was surprised at the vote of confidence given him.

On November 22, 1916, he cast the first vote of warning. After a discussion of his finances, he is quoted as follows:

"It is therefore apparent that my hands are tied and further progress is impossible until all this financial assistance is placed in definite form for our bankers to pass upon.

"Responsibility for delay in commencing construction now rests with you people alone."

It would take weeks of research and many pages of newspaper space to detail the uncertain history of the Strahorn line from the date of the bond election down to the present time.

Suffice it to say that the line was not built to Dairy, nor to Olene during the following year. Delays became frequent, or almost continuous. Financial difficulties were encountered by Strahorn, but always, the files reveal, he sought to place the blame partly on the shoulders of the people, whose faith in him and his program had caused them to give him \$300,000 for a "partnership" in his railroad.

Newspaper files do not reveal just what Lakeview ever did with the \$20,000 it voted for right of way and terminal facilities. But Lakeview has not yet received its railroad. Indeed, it was only this week, nine years later, that Strahorn called off his surveyors who were locating a line to that section.

The line to Bonanza has not been built. The Bonanza Railroad Promotion club has long since ceased to exist. There is not even any indication that Strahorn within another nine years will project his promised line to Bend.

None of these promises of 1916 has been kept. All that Klamath county has for its years of faith and work and money is an uncertain \$300,000 interest in a little 40-mile road to Sprague River, over which a mixed train operates once a day along a roadbed that is in dire need of repair.

This is the man who now asks an exclusive franchise to cross Sixth street; the man whose attorney says that "Hell will freeze over a thousand years before we will allow a common-user on any part of our line." This is the man who seeks to "bottle up" Klamath Falls and thus prevent other railroads from gaining access to this city; railroads whose promises will be kept, and who will begin an era of rail construction in Central Oregon that will make this fertile land indeed an "EMPIRE AWAKENING."

(The End)

HUDSON-ESSEX RED, WHITE AND BLUE CARAVAN



Here are the sensational Hudson and Essex message bearers—The Red, White and Blue messengers, put on the road by the Portland Motor Car company to carry the Hudson and Essex prices in a convincing manner to all parts of the state. Each car is finished in its distinctive color, in lacquer, and will be sent to all parts of the state in a campaign which is expected to reach every corner of the state.

The Hudson- and Essex, red, white and blue caravan, carrying the message of the Hudson and Essex coaches and their prices delivered in Oregon will be in Klamath Falls today and Sunday on its way through the state.

For a week the red, white and blue cars have attracted an unusual amount of attention on the streets of Portland with their striking coats of opex lacquer. Special attention

was paid to the finish of the cars that they might present as attractive an appearance as possible, and 12 coats were used in the finish.

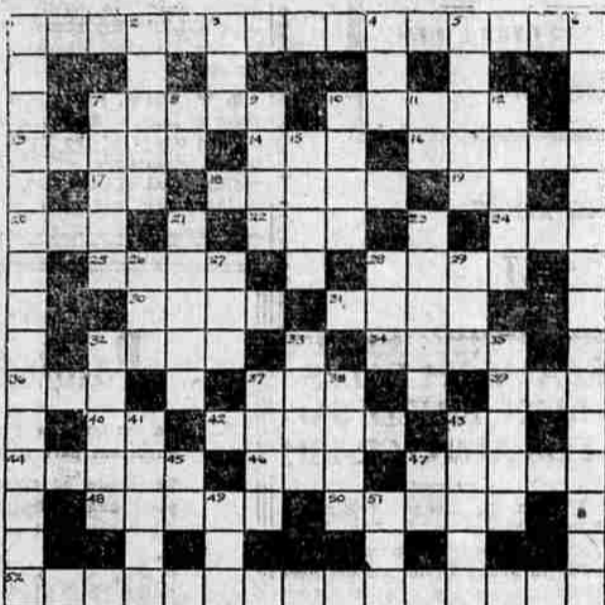
The General Petroleum corporation is co-operating in the caravan, and the cars will be powered with General gas on the trip over the state.

Oscar L. Lefferis, wholesale representative of the Portland Motor Car company, is the "missionary"

in charge of the caravan, and the cars are manned by three careful and experienced drivers, and courtesy will be the slogan on the trip, which is to carry in a dignified manner its message from the Portland headquarters.

The new price for the Hudson coach is \$1475, a reduction of \$110. The five-passenger sedan now sells for \$1950, and the seven-passenger sedan for \$2050. The Essex coach is now \$1060 in Oregon.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL

- One versed in psychology as it affects physiology.
- Gross violation of human law.
- To burn with hot liquid.
- Stories.
- Truck for furniture.
- Place where you can buy things.
- Paid publicly.
- A devil.
- Therefore.
- To jump on one foot.
- Recent.
- Hurrah.
- Front bone of the leg.
- Baseball implements.
- Nights.
- Inferior Mohammedan judge.
- What Adam's apple grew on.
- Corset cloth.
- What a miner digs for.
- To chafe.
- Part of a wheel.
- Melancholy note.
- Net weights.
- To subside.
- Throws (dice).
- Vegetable.
- Frenzy.
- To propose a drink in honor of another person.
- A strainer.
- One sided perspiration.

VERTICAL

- A telescope specially adapted to photographing the sun.
- Loved.
- Unit of electrical resistance.
- Membranous bag.
- Young horses.
- Photos taken or reproduced by telegraphy.
- Applauds.
- Exists.
- To level.
- White crystals congealed in the air from particles of water and falling to the ground.
- Like.
- Portals.
- Last word of a prayer.
- An important internal organ in man situated close to the heart.
- Dies away (as music on a radio).
- Feminine pronoun.
- Born.
- Except.
- Point.
- Relates.
- Chaste.
- To smell.
- To ravish.
- To throbb.
- To prove that you have been in one place when circumstantial evidence says you were in another.
- To sew temporarily.
- Point of compass.
- The person who holds the family together.
- Negro tribe of West Africa.
- Siouan Indian tribe.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



SIX WILL GRADUATE FROM HENLEY SCHOOL

Dr. U. G. Dubach, member of the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural college, has been chosen by the Henley high school to give the address of commencement on Wednesday evening, May 20, to the senior class. The commencement exercises will be held in the high school building.

Of the six students who will re-

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Mrs. F. H. Beardsley, tax teacher of the school reports attendance 100 per cent perfect and the advancement of every pupil in the school. The picnic which was enjoyed the early part of the week was held in Hayden Meadows on the Ashland road, the day being spent in picking flowers and exploring the surrounding country.

Patrons for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chayon, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Thompson, Mrs. Jennie Barnes and son Lee and Mrs. Kaylor, son Oren and mother, Mrs. Brown.

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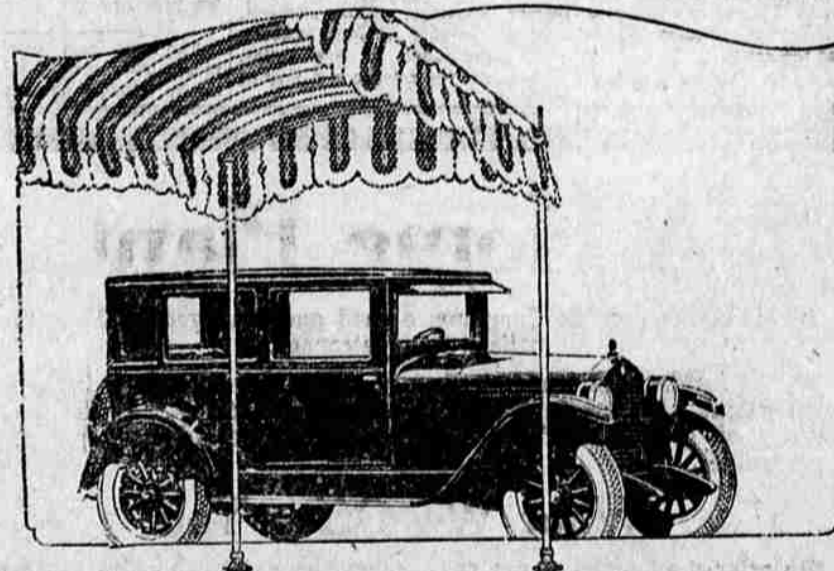
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