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The Herald's Program for Klamath

- 1—Parks for the Future Klamath.
- 2—General clean-up of streets, alleys and vacant property.
- 3—More oiled and improved roads for Klamath County.
- 4—Modern street lighting system.
- 5—Revised building code.
- 6—Adequate police and fire protection.
- 7—50 Carloads of clover seed annually.

JOB HUMILES HIMSELF.—Hear, I beseech Thee, Lord; have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth Thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes. Job 42:4, 5, 6.

PRAYER.—Open Thou our eyes, O Merciful God, that we may see Thee, and know ourselves to be but sinful creatures.

The Bus

The year just ended witnessed a phenomenal advance in the use of the motor bus for passenger transportation. No previous year has seen as many new bus lines established and as many busses placed in operation.

Of the 80,000 passenger busses now in operation in the United States 15,000 were built last year. This represents an increase of about twenty-five per cent over the number in operation in 1925.

One may safely say that 1926 firmly established the position of the motor bus as a factor in the passenger transportation system of the country. It has proved its value, even to the extent of making itself almost indispensable. Henceforth, railroads and street cars must accept the motor bus as a strong competitor or a valuable ally.

That many railroads and electric lines prefer the motor bus as an ally than as a competitor is evidenced by the fact that 344 street railway companies operate a total of 7,000 busses and forty-one railroads operate a total of 510 busses. These busses are either replacing trains or street cars or augmenting train and trolley schedules, or bringing passengers to railroad and trolley terminals. Entrance of the motor bus into the passenger transportation field has not always been deleterious to the steam and electric passenger lines.

The motor bus is doing more than other one thing to eradicate the "little red schoolhouse" to the educational betterment of the nation. It is the bus that makes it possible to replace the woefully inadequate one-room rural schools by large modern consolidated schools. Already 15,332 schools are sending motor busses out over the countryside every morning to gather in their pupils.

Important Business

It is of considerable importance to know that the bond issue to be voted on February 1st affects general business in this district outside of the county's credit.

In the defunct First State and Savings bank assets there lies a quantity of the old 1917-1918 county warrants and the only way to realize upon them is either for this bond issue to prevail or for the receiver to sue the county and go through the courts.

With these warrants taken up by the bond issue, the receiver no doubt will be able to pay a dividend to the multitude of depositors. Should the bond issue fail such will not be the case, at least until the courts have their inning with the warrants.

This is important business to the community. And, too, there stands before every citizen of Klamath the need of having the county's credit kept pure. To do it, there must be found some way to take up the old warrants.

The present county court, while new in the county business, is a safe court, money will not be spent during this administration only upon the sternest needs. For this reason voting the bond issue offers no danger of the county going on a spending spree. If the federal tax money comes other debts will be retired with it, but right at present the amount the federal money cannot be ascertained.

Love in a cottage isn't what it was when one could be rented for \$10 a month.

The Trying Time

Oregon's legislature has now been grinding for a couple of weeks—going through the usual getting acquainted period. But, beginning this week there comes a time when the public will ask pointed questions as to what is being done.

There are problems to solve this session which will not be solved by "letting George do it." This is a time when members must be counted; when record votes will show which way the senator or representative voted on the problem of meeting the deficit; of foisting fancy taxes on the people, or attempting to do so. This is plainly a time when the greatest amount of common sense is needed, and all of the investigations the session has slated amount to nothing when compared with how the deficit of the state is to be met.

Apparently the Ways and Means committee is working to a program. At least we see complaints where this or that department has been curtailed or dispensed with, indicating the committee is doing its best to make the cloth at hand provide the needed clothes for Oregon.

The Patterson Big Stick has not yet shown up. We presume the new governor has one up his sleeve, for he has been a legislator and knows there are times during a session when nothing but a Big Stick will suffice.

The Old Rich and New Rich

It is one of the tragedies of the world that those who know so much about spending money have so little of it to spend, while those who have much to spend know so little about spending it. The only comparable tragedy is that when poor people do achieve wealth they almost invariably lose the gift for knowing how to use it.

Two commonplace expressions are "He has so much money he doesn't know what to do with it," and "If I had his money." They may be said to represent the universal attitude of those who have little money toward the rich.

Who is so poor he does not imagine that should he suddenly become wealthy he would be able to dispense his wealth more intelligently than those of long established wealth? Rich people may appear to be happy, but it takes their poor friends to discover for them their unhappiness and its cause.

What the poor cannot understand is how the rich can be content with one house or one automobile, with staying home when there are so many opportunities for travel, why they follow one hobby and do not follow another, why they give to this and not to that charity, and so on ad infinitum.

It is said that the real difference between the old rich and the new is that the former always tell how poor they are and the latter tell how rich they are. After they learn the chief interest the public has in their wealth is deciding for them how they shall spend and giving them good advice on the subject, the new rich learn to talk about their poverty.

"Who Shall Decide"

A new play produced on the Berlin stage is said to have aroused in Germany a general and heated discussion of that debatable question, so widely discussed here a year or so ago, whether society is justified and duty bound to "benevolently eliminate" physically deformed and mentally deficient infants. The question crops up periodically in public conversation, with always the same result—that right or wrong, morally or socially or benevolently, man is too humane to consider seriously any such procedure.

There can be little doubt how the majority of rational Germans feel about this problem-play and its problem. The subject is revolting, as it always should be. There can be no justification for the deliberate snuffing out of the life of even the most wretched human being. It should be a source of pride to society that it is sufficiently humane to prefer providing for these unfortunates to heartlessly putting them out of the way.

With relatively few exceptions, no patient is incurable, and the thoughtful physician seldom declares dogmatically that any one case is beyond cure. The history of mankind, not alone the history of medicine, is full of well-authenticated cases of marvelous recoveries from supposedly incurable diseases and natal deficiencies.

Coldly scientific eugenists will continue to advance the Spartan argument that only by the "benevolent elimination" of the unfit can society produce a race of super-men. But civilization has not progressed far enough—or progressed too far—for any considerable number of persons to make it more than a subject of conversation.

LESS READING.

Kansas City Star: The Library Association of America has recently given out figures that show there are something like 45,000,000 Americans who almost never had a book. Or if they do, they don't get it from any of the 18,000 public libraries in the country. In these libraries there is an enormous number of volumes, roughly 90,000,000, we are told; but that's considerably less than one apiece for the number of Americans, which is also rather enormous. And when you pursue figures farther, if you're a talent for it, you find the readers who take books from libraries are pretty much the same readers year in and year out. A vast majority of the reading area population doesn't use the libraries.

These revelations are a little disturbing. Americans think of themselves as a reading people, and, considering the steadily increasing number books published every year, it is easy to believe they are. But the number of

books published is not an index. These books, it seems either do not circulate extensively, or go regularly into the same hands; which is to say that a relatively small number of the books published attain a measurable circulation of that a relatively small number of Americans do the reading for the whole number.

With the excavation of the colonnaded street at Jerash, Palestine, about a kilometre in length joining the north and south gates, it is possible to drive a motorcar through the ruins of the chief public buildings and over the pavement rutted by wheels of the Roman chariots.

The ruling family of Abyssinia traces its ancestry direct to King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

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Editorials

Over the Nation

CRUMBLING LINES

Philadelphia Bulletin: With the saloon gone, in law, and the barber shop a free mingling ground for the sexes, the reserved locations for men have shrunk to the smoking car. Even this special privilege of what Victorians called the Stern sex has lost its complete sanctity and in times of heavy travel women who once scuttled away like hens fleeing from the menacing shadow of a hovering hawk when they found themselves by mistake in a smoking car and there fell upon their ears the warning, "smoking car, lady," now coldly and determinedly enter and take seats.

Occasionally in the suburban trains of Philadelphia women can be seen in the smoker for the same reason men occupy it, but they are the more courageous of their sex and completely emancipated from the terror of so-called male looks and muttered comment of battling in where they aren't wanted. In and about Philadelphia men are fairly well assured that they will have the smokers to themselves.

But the ladies of Chicago, as might be expected, conservative Easterners would say, are of sterner mold. They may be no greater slaves to tobacco than their Eastern sisters, but when the smokers of the Illinois Central trains are the only ones with vacant seats, into the smokers they march, indifferent to the feelings of the indignant males. So great has the invasion become that outraged men have petitioned the company to bar women from smokers. One gentleman, a university professor, who presumably is ordinarily pleased to have the society of the ladies, thus walked to a newspaper reporter: "Yes, this morning I counted thirty-two women in the smoking car, and they weren't even there to smoke."

Two day coach seats seventy-two people, so nearly one half the smoker was occupied by women with what the professor called "I dare you to put me out" look. What the railroad will do about it has not been revealed but the odds are in favor of the Riviera.

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HOW ABOUT YOU?

Bud Rongle in Life: I got invited to the strangest places to do the silliest things. My morning's mail is nothing but one invitation after another.

"What about your estate? Is your wife provided for?" With these opening remarks, the Hope & Trust company invited me to consult its experts on the important matter of making a will.

The Worst National Bank first accused me of leaving money and valuables lying around the house and then asked me to inspect its safety deposit vaults. And the Squeaky Bootie insisted that before I left for the Riviera I should look over its line of shoes.

Well—I donned my best suit and hat and went to the Hope & Trust company, presenting my invitation. I was conducted to a man in a swivel chair who looked as if he had been attending to other people's business for years.

"Ah, yes," he said; "now, ah, about this, ah, will. To whom do you wish to leave the estate?" "What estate?" I asked. "Why, ah, I suppose you understand that, ah, your according to law, is . . ."

"But," I interrupted, "I have no wife." "Ah, yes, I'm. Well, ah. How large an estate is this?" "Is what?" "Your property," he snapped. "Your goods? Your . . ."

"I have no property," I told him. "Well," he said. "What, ah . . . what do you want? What, ah . . .?"

"I don't want anything," I said. "You invited me to come here to consult with experts." He beckoned and a special policeman came and ushered me out.

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"Don Juan," screen play by Jess Meredyth, starring John Barrymore, is a Warner Bros. pictureization of this novel.

SYNOPSIS
Don Juan's father, disillusioned by a faithless wife, warns him: "Destroy women or they will destroy you. Take their love scornfully—and forget!" This advice has made Don Juan the greatest lover of all time, envied by men, adored by all women. Infamous Lucretia Borgia, at the peak of her power in Rome, invites him to her reception. Among the guests is Lucretia's cousin, Donati. When Lucretia notices Don Juan's interest caught by Adriana, she warns him that Don Juan is the best swordsmen in Europe.

CHAPTER IV
"Perhaps you are not aware that Donati is our best swordsmen. He may resent your interest in his lady."
Lucretia Borgia's words had no meaning to Juan for an instant. He was much too busy with his thoughts as he gazed down at Adriana in the garden below. Then, suddenly, he caught Lucretia's meaning. He turned to her with a sad smile. And she, realising that he knew that jealousy lay behind her desire to make him love her, interest in Adriana, blushed—for the first time in years.

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