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Roads Aid In Building A Magnificent City

THE construction of roads played an important role in the miraculous growth that changed Klamath Falls from a country town to the fourth largest city in Oregon within the space of a few short years. And, those glancing over the columns of Friday's Evening Herald cannot be impressed with other than the fact that roads are still playing a major role in uninterrupted growth and will continue to do so for some years to come.

There was a story of the appropriation of \$150,000.00 to be applied to the construction of the Weed-Klamath Falls highway from a point this side of Weed to the southern border of Klamath county, with the added information that the road is to be included in the state highway system of California with a view to early completion.

From the standpoint of tourist travel and trade the completion of a through highway north from Weed to this city will improve the strategic position of Klamath Falls on the recreational and tourist map of Southwestern Oregon to a point which will place the city in a commanding position with respect to travel to Crater Lake, to Portland and points north, and to Bend and points east. It means a saving of 50 miles over that of the Pacific highway and eliminates the ascent and descent of two mountain ranges—the Siskiyou and Greenspring. It will mean a saving of hours in the trip from California points to Crater Lake and to Portland, and gives all but positive assurance that this city will become the hub of automobile traffic of the Southwestern Oregon district.

The value which will accrue to Klamath Falls and other points in the great Klamath Basin as a result of the completion of the highway north from Weed to a junction with that in the southern part of this county cannot be over-estimated.

Of equal, if not greater importance was the story of the hearing on the application of the Great Northern for permission to relocate its survey and to build an independent road south through Merrill and Malin to a junction with the Western Pacific at Beiber, California. There is every indication that the petition will be granted, in which event a vast, new region rich in resources will be opened to rail transportation and considerably more than a million dollars added to the wealth of Klamath county. Its completion will give added impetus to the stupendous growth which this city is enjoying.

Truly, roads—both railroads and highways—have played a major role in the building of a magnificent city in the heart of the Klamath Basin, and will continue in their important role for some time in the future.

Time To Read

THE late Milton Sills, motion picture actor, was a college teacher. He went on the stage, he once said, because he thought he would have more time to read. He was too busy in a university. Whether he found the time as an actor is doubtful. Probably what he meant was to make enough money in his new trade to enable him to retire and read for the rest of his life. It's the problem of many—to find time to read. Without recourse to the accumulated knowledge of the past, handed down in written form, we are in a maze of misunderstanding as far as the present is concerned. There is time to read but we make a poor job managing our time, letting things of considerably less than no importance use up our hours. Or we acquire such bad habits of sleeping and eating that we can't read when we get a chance.

What men need for their lives is reasonable management.

As a man grows older he reverts to the dictionary often, as a gesture of modesty and also to see what changes, if any, have been made in orthography since the days he knew everything.

Ohio State Journal: "What, if anything, did this country talk about before prohibition?" Among other things it discussed the demoralizing and impoverishing influences of liquor.

Republicans have most of their quarrels between presidential elections. The system has often worked successfully.

It might be a good idea to take the franking privilege away from members of congress or compel them to be more frank with the people they represent.

Cynicisms are all right as a sauce but become nauseating as a regular diet.

One strong mind is head and shoulders above two weak knees.

EDITORIALS

From Over The Nation

Same Judge

Philadelphia Inquirer: Here is an interesting story of an ugly condition. Recently there appeared before a Camden judge a bootlegger accused of owning and operating a still. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$150. Taking out the proverbial role that would choke a horse, he stripped off a few fifties, handed them over to the clerk, and was practically bowed out of court. On the same day in the same room, before the same judge appeared a woman, the mother of three children, whose husband had deserted her about one and one-half years ago. The support of the children rested entirely upon her, but she had no legitimate way of earning enough money to look after them. So she made beer and exchanged it with her suburban neighbors and farmers for a basket of potatoes, cabbages, or other garden truck. But the righteous informer was on the job. She was reported, arrested, and brought to trial. On the same day in the same court, by the same judge who had fined a professional bootlegger and moonshiner \$150, this woman was sentenced to three months in jail and fined \$200. The full sentence was later remitted, and she was put on probation, but she is paying the \$200, which in our opinion is blood money, and any fanatic who can make what he wants to out of that. A nauseous mess, if ever there was one.

Music-Wise

Daniel Gregory, Mason, professor of music, Columbia university, in Current History: Is American musical culture artificial and topheavy? Is all our good music made by foreigners and imported, while our own composers remain mere imitators—notentles? Certainly the period 1900-30 is impressive enough in the matter of the growth and dissemination of the means of musical culture. Most of the symphony orchestras of our large cities have sprung up during those three decades. A severer, possibly purer, type of music even than the orchestral is chamber music for the string ensemble, of which the small quartet is the norm. The development of chamber music among us has been perhaps a little less satisfactory. Opera, especially, has always been to us an exotic and it seems likely always to remain so. The extraordinary developments and of radio undoubtedly aggravated the bad influence of the thoughtless and vulgar segment of the public. Only after the novelty of such toys has worn off does repetition render intolerable the conventional, the trivial and the empty and reveal the permanent beauty of what is timeless and deathless.

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

Egotism is the anesthetic which nature gives us to deaden the pain of being a fool.—Dr. Herbert Rhotfield of Loughborough, England.

I think poison gas is less deadly than bullets and bombs.—Thomas A. Edison.

Some folks would be successful if success could be arrived at merely by pressing a push-button. But it takes a more strenuous sort of push.—Jerome P. Fleishman.

The great fire in Chicago in October, 1871, destroyed 13,000 buildings with an estimated loss of \$200,000,000.

Diversified Questions

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DAILY WASHINGTON LETTER

Question of Who Is Right in the Drought Sufferers May Be Debatable, but One Thing Seems Certain—There are Many Sufferers in Some Areas.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER

WASHINGTON—When there is serious dispute in Washington as to whether sufferers in the drought regions are in danger of death by starvation or whether their needs are being adequately met, one naturally turns for actual evidence to the drought victims themselves and those who live among them.

There is such a dispute between the administration, apparently supported by Chairman John Barton Payne of the Red Cross in the assertion that everything is going to all right, and certain members of Congress from drought-stricken states whom President Hoover presumably meant when he accused members of "playing politics at the expense of human misery."

The members wanted the government to lend money to starving people to buy food; Mr. Hoover didn't. The dispute broke out again after the congressional recess, after Senator Caraway of Arkansas introduced a measure of a \$15,000,000 food loan.

Someone's Wrong
Well, either thousands of persons are lying outrageously or else death by starvation is likely to become a common occurrence. The senators and representatives who demand government relief are being spurred by pathetic appeals from their constituents. Some of them have even sent small personal checks in response to such appeals, and few members can afford to do much of that.

The crisis faced by the unemployed and that confronting the drought sufferers are of a different nature, one gathers from personal of some senatorial members. Unemployment is most extensive in cities and industrial centers, or, at least, cities. In such communities most persons are still working; machinery can be set up to prevent starvation. But in wide agricultural areas in several states almost everyone has been hit. Farmers depend on their crops both for food and for the money to buy clothes and pay for other necessities of life. Their crops went to pot with the drought, so they have neither food nor money. And those who have better off are in no position to help the most desperate sufferers. At least that's the burden of the rather pitiful letters that come to Washington from many points.

Most suffering in South
Senator Caraway of Arkansas, Senator Cawley of Kentucky and Barkley of Kentucky have reported some of the most harrowing tales from their constituents, but the Red Cross has reported drought relief necessary in 14 other states. Letters received by Barkley from various officials in Kentucky are among the most convincing.

The head of a nursing service operating in southeast Kentucky writes that a house-to-house survey of 900 families in the fall showed 13 per cent with no food whatever and the certainty that 55 per cent would be without food for themselves or their stock before spring. Among 4000 children for whom a Christmas was provided, between 400 and 500 were without shoes.

Local resources are absolutely exhausted or soon will be in many counties, according to the state health officer. An assistant postmaster writes that in her section some people have "not a bite to eat and nothing to wear" and that apparently nothing has been done about it. Mrs. Minto Tackitt, local registrar at Pine Top, says "lots of families are going to starve if you cannot help us."

The judge of the Tripp county court anticipates "untold suffering" and echoes the common complaint that town and county authorities are balked in relief by indebtedness and inability to collect taxes. Red Cross headquarters at Mount Vernon has been "swamped." Bank failures in some sections have virtually impoverished families which otherwise would have been able to get by.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

The corner of Fifth and Main streets has been populated all day by interested groups of grown-ups, watching with a great deal of enjoyment the twenty or more youngsters who are coasting down the high school hill, and the pleasure the kids get out of the sport is no greater than that of the grown-ups, as they recall the old days when they used to excel all others when it came to sliding "hell-buster."

The headquarters of the Klamath chamber of commerce is to be moved from the Bellman building to the Reidy building on Seventh street, between Klamath and Main. This was decided at a meeting of the directors Friday afternoon.

Another voting precinct for Klamath Falls was created this morning by the county court. This will be known as the fourth ward precinct.

A division has been made of the third ward, which has long been the biggest precinct in the county, and the stretch between Eighth and Eleventh streets will comprise the new precinct.

Ohio Sheriff Shot Down In Attempt To Arrest Negro Trio

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 24 (AP)—Shot down as he attempted to arrest three negro brothers on a chicken-stealing charge, Sheriff George Davenport, 35, of Crawford county, died early today.

The sheriff and two deputies had cornered the brothers in an upstairs room of a house near Crestline. The wanted men refused to surrender, and when the sheriff started up the stairs after them, one of them let fire with a shotgun. Davenport was hit in the stomach and died a few hours later.

The trio, surrendered to the deputies and were held in the county jail here while authorities prepared to file charges.

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Slain Marines on Way Home



In a solemn procession of flag-draped caskets, the bodies of the eight United States Marines who were killed in an ambush by Nicaraguan rebels are shown here as they were borne through the streets of Managua to be shipped back to this country. Fellow marines marched beside the funeral trucks.

WILL RESUME SHAW BERTRAM OPERATIONS

Machinery and equipment for the new moulding plant to be operated by the Shaw-Bertram Lumber company is now being installed and operations will start February 2 with the reopening of the mill. It was announced last night by Glen Hout, superintendent of the company.

Three carloads of re-manufacturing machinery have arrived and are being placed in a new building recently completed which adjoins the planing mill. Machines of the most modern type, including moulders, rib-saws, have been purchased for the plant.

About 25 men will be employed in the moulding plant when it is operating to capacity, Mr. Hout stated.

The Shaw-Bertram mill is now undergoing annual repairs in preparation for resuming operations after the winter shutdown. Between 50 and 60 men will be employed in the mill and yards. The box factory has been operating throughout the winter months.

Werchojansk, Siberia, has the record for the lowest temperature, the thermometer registering 99 degrees below zero on January 15, 1885.

A GOOD IDEA

Applicant (to magistrate): I want some advice about my husband, sir. He left me 23 years ago, and I ain't seen him since. Magistrate: Well? "What about me having a separation?"—Tit-Bits.

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