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OUR EDITORIAL POLICY 1. To advocate, aid and support any measures that will bring the most good to the most people. 2. To encourage industries to establish in Tillamook county. 3. To urge the improvement of a port for Tillamook City. 4. To insist on an American standard of labor. 5. To be politically independent, but to support the candidates for public office who will bring the most good to the people of Tillamook county and of the State of Oregon.

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THE ISOLATION OF BAYOCEAN

For a number of years Bayocean has been marooned and isolated. Years ago it was believed that peninsula and beach resort would soon be connected with the mainland by a road to Tillamook. Hundreds of people invested in lots, and others in larger tracts of real estate and homes over there, with the same idea that, as it was only seven not overlong miles to the county seat, it would be soon connected up. But it isn't built yet. True there has been progress, and there is talk that it will be finished next year. Several people who went there years ago are still there, but they are getting older, and have been buoyed up by promises, and told to "just wait a while longer." Several men put in their money and practically went broke, but some of them are still hoping, like a shipwrecked man on a desert isle; and they are flying the flag of hope, with stout hearts. Tillamook is willing for the road connection and patronage of the Bayocean people, but they do not seem to combine and demand that it be built. It would be the nearest beach to Tillamook. It would not be in competition with other resorts. The people visit them all, and the better facilities there are for seeing all the beaches, the better the tourists like it. The Kiwanis club, the Woman's club, or any other of the clubs have never said a word about the finishing of the little gap between Tillamook and Bayocean, yet it would help Tillamook. Tillamook people, we believe, would all be glad to see the road finished up. The court is not opposed to it. Who is? Nobody that we have heard. Then why not get behind it and ask the court to include enough in the next budget to finish it up. Back up the court. Tourists are asking why it is not finished. They want to include it in their itinerary, and they fail to understand why it hasn't been finished long ago. We believe it is due to the people over there that the road be finished early the coming year. When a citizen of that place wants to come to Tillamook to do a bit of shopping, or for any other purpose, he must first hire a power boat, or cross the bay, and wait for a train, or hire an automobile at Bay City. A Bayocean man and his wife were over from that resort Thursday last, and the trip cost them jointly five dollars to go and return a distance of seven miles. The price was not exorbitant, as it takes all day, including the wait here, but it also discourages those people from coming here to trade. The Headlight is not specially boasting Bayocean. It is simply making a plea for closer relations from a business standpoint. Here is a chance for the civic clubs to do some real, practical good. Get some push and boost behind a movement to connect Tillamook up with Bayocean, and link isolated Bayocean up with the outside world.

From Exchanges

The address by Rev. George Harness, of Tillamook, at the recent anniversary celebration at the Rebekek lodge here, was declared to have been an unusually fine effort.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

The Sheridan Creamery has added a Dodge commercial car to take care of its rapidly expanding butter business. Contract was signed this week to deliver 3000 pounds of butter a month to a Tillamook store, and the order would have been increased if the supply of cream had not been limited. The creamery is contemplating putting on cream routes out of Sheridan.—Sheridan Sun.

Ralph Hannah of Tillamook, a United States government employee, was visiting with friends in McMinnville Sunday.—Telephone Register. J. H. Rosenberg, merchant of Tillamook, and family stopped at the Sheridan hotel Saturday night as they were returning home from an extended motor trip.—Sheridan Sun.

A shipment loaded by agent Morley for transportation by express to Tillamook Monday morning was a Guernsey bull calf shipped by W. A. Goodin, well known breeder, to Judge H. Mason. The animal was a beauty and is descended from a long list of noted dams and sires. The crate bore the inscription that "it would help put Tillamook on the map."—Hillsboro Independent.

Mrs. C. G. Rieter was called to Tillamook Tuesday by the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Melissa Page, who died Monday while visiting at Ilwaco, Wash. Mrs. Page has visited in Hillsboro and has many acquaintances here who will be saddened by the news of her death.—Hillsboro Independent.

THE FORAY OF THE FLY

All last week a big, pesky green-bottle fly haunted the court room and it paid particular attention to his honor, Judge Bagley, alighting on his

nose, and causing him to relax his habitual expression of judicial seriousness, long enough to make sundry covert swats at the intruder. After a specially good swat with a folded newspaper, the Judge succeeded in driving the fly from his territory for a time, but was apprehensive of its return, and so watched it as it buzzed about the room. Suddenly, there came over the Judge's face a broad smile. The fly had shifted its territory and had alighted on the nose of the busy court reporter, and that individual began to swat at the insect with his left hand, while with the other he swiftly executed pot hooks, dashes and dots, and other shorthand hieroglyphics. And that amused the Judge. "The recording angel," as the Judge affectionately calls the reporter, had inherited the Judge's pest, and in his great joy, his honor was almost bursting with repressed mirth at the changed conditions. The Judge is sure that the "recording angel" actually swore at the pesky fly, but it was under his breath and not audible. After a time, as the newspaper reporter watched, the too familiar blue bottle settled on the back of the court bailiff's neck, and caused that rotund person to make frantic swats, missing the fly and landing heavily on the air. Again the Judge smiled behind a sheet of paper that he had interposed between himself and the court room audience. Later the fly was buzzing about the ears of a stout lady in one of the front seats, and as she listened to the evidence, she also made the same kind of hard swats at the fly without damage to the fly. When the reporter left the room, the blue-bottle was skating merrily upon the bald head of an interested man of about fifty, who paid not the least attention to it. His epidermis was too thick to be affected; either that, or he had on artificial epidermis of some sort that was not sensitive to the deprivations of that pestiferous blue-bottle. The fly seemed puzzled, that it could not get a rise, and did all sorts of annoying acrobatic stunts to attract the man's wrath, and there were indications that it was about to give up in disgust, as the reporter went out to

chase down an elusive rumor of a big timber deal.

TILLAMOOK APPLES PRONOUNCED GOOD

Fred Skomp, who lives up the Trask some distance from this city, recently brought down some apples of the variety called Porter, and sold them to a local grocer. Displayed in front of the place of business in boxes they attracted much attention, because they were Tillamook apples; and yet there are people who will tell one that good apples cannot be raised in the coast section. Twenty three years ago, a homesteader up the Trask set out a small orchard, and in it was a Porter apple tree. The homesteader sold out to the timber men, and left, but the orchard remained neglected, and in passing this tree many times, Mr. Skomp tasted the fruit, and liked it. He grafted the Porter scions on to some inferior trees in his own orchard, and cultivated and took care of the trees, with the result that he now has several bearing trees of the above variety.

These apples will compare favorably with some of the best raised in the Willamette valley, and outside of a fungus growth that is characteristic of the coast section, there are no insect pests to bother apples over here.

HIGHWAY HAMLETS REPORTED THRIVING

All along the Tillamook-McMinnville highway little hamlets and community centers are being established. A few years ago, the road between Tillamook and Willamina was practically unsettled after leaving Hebo, but now there are numerous little settlements along the line. The small towns too are growing. New farm houses and little acreage tracts are in evidence now, where a few years ago, there was nothing but wilderness and burnt stretches of country. Thousands of automobiles weekly

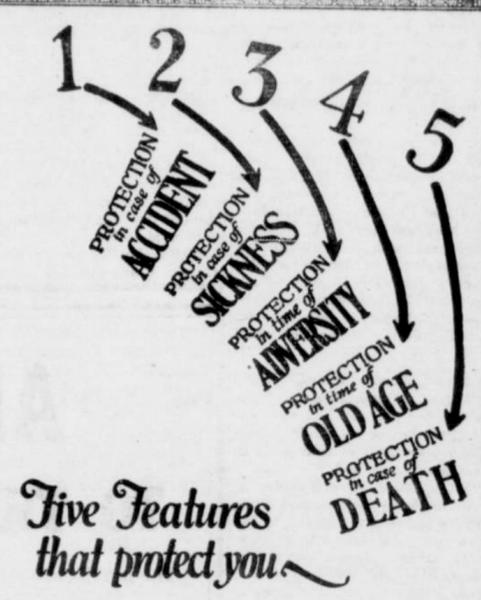
pass over this route. At all times traffic is heavy, and during the summer months it is congested. Clearings are being made, where a short time ago, there was aught but nature's wilderness. The route is a scenic one. Mountains loom; mountain streams and rivulets please the eye; and stock ranches, and sawmills and farms are reclaiming the country from its former condition of isolation and unproductiveness. Several places in the mountains contain camping resorts, where good mountain water is available. The railroad has entered the big woods in the Grande Ronde section, and logging trains are bearing huge loads of logs from the virgin timber sections to be sawed and made into building material. Daily stages ply, and the former remote settler can flag a stage any where along the line, and in a few hours be in the state's metropolis. The value of good highways, like the entry of the railroad into a country, soon is followed by settlement and homes and population. That is what builds up a country. Good roads are indispensable. Tillamook has a large area of unsettled country. Thousands of homes for thousands of people await development in the Tillamook section. The settler has but to tap the main artery—the highway, and he has a road to the great outside, where formerly almost impassable mud trails required days instead of hours, to get him to the outside. The early settler may have lived too soon, in the light of later development, but he filled his mission as a pioneer, for in all settlements there must be the pioneers—the trail blazers. Tillamook county offers inducements to the man who wants cheap land, and who wishes to engage in the goat, cattle and orchard business. The southeastern part, along the state highway, seems specially to hold such inducements. The climate is mild; grass is green the year round; and there is always the big highway leading out to the great world beyond, provided one can make a passable trail to the highway from the undeveloped sections that flank it on either side.

BORROWERS' BOOK GROWS AT LIBRARY

(Contributed to the Headlight) At the regular meeting of the board October 2nd, the librarian reported 40 new names had been added to borrower's register for September. The students at the public schools are depending on the librarian for assistance in their work, and the library is a very busy place usually. It is regretted very much that the book fund is so limited as there are many titles needed that cannot be supplied and children's books are especially in demand. During the past few months, the library has received gifts of fiction which help out that section, and the Dennison Mfg. Co. have sent many of their design books which are of interest to those planning decorations.

If you are not a reader at the library, it will be of interest to call and look over the titles of non-fiction found on the shelves. Just at present the cook books have been most in demand. There are many interesting subjects that come to library in pamphlet form and are difficult to display but by consulting librarian, you may receive assistance along a line of study that you may be especially

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