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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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1924

The plan for the erection of a fitting monument to the soldier-dead of this county, who died in the service of their country during the late war, should meet with instant favor with every loyal American in Tillamook county.

The Women's club of this city should have the credit for initiation of a work that ought to have been started and completed, at an earlier period. The failure to properly remember "those who marched away, never to come back," was not so much an omission of the mind as a lack of initiative; but it is but charitable to say that it was not a mistake of the heart.

Let us help these good women to put over with a rush, the last and best thing we can do for the soldier-dead of our country, that their names may be perpetuated in the marble of time for their heroic sacrifice.

Yamhill county is getting some of Portland's earwigs, through shipment of return egg crates from a Portland commission house. In due time this county will be salivated with these miserable insects that sleep all day, and work all night. A Portland man who arrived here this week, brought over a bottle of these earwigs preserved in alcohol. Although he had caught the earwigs the day before and saturated them with spirits, some of them were still feebly kicking in the bottle of alcohol, which indicates that about the only way to properly and thoroughly kill the earwigs would be to lay them on an anvil and smash them with a sledge hammer. We do not want the earwig over here, and the county court should create the office of earwig inspector and have everything that comes in from Portland thoroughly carbolicacidized or something of that nature, which would put the earwig "horse-du-combat," so to speak.

Hiram Johnson, of California, who has presidential aspirations, may come to Oregon and make a few speeches. He would make a hit in this county by telling us how much superior Tillamook cheese is to the California output; not that we do not know it to be a fact, but because we would like to hear that truth told by a Californian. Should he

enter this state with the expectation of getting the preferential primary vote, as he once did, he should make some sort of positive arrangements to have the delegates to the national convention cast the vote for himself. That other time, the delegation to the national convention cast the vote for another man, after Johnson had honestly won it here in the primaries.

Colonel Cal Cooper, the manager of Minville, is trying to arrange a granger caravan over the state. Now days one would have a lean chance of distinguishing a granger caravan from a caravan of real dressed up "big bugs," for they all travel by automobiles and dress much alike. The automobile has removed the means of distinguishing caste that used to be discovered by Timothy hay toothpicks on the one hand, and plug hats on the other. The auto has erased all of these superficial recognition signs.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence on the various subjects of the day is invited by the Headlight for publication. Any paper for publication must be signed with the writer's name, which may be withheld by request.

STANFIELD INDORSES NEW ROAD

To the Editor: I am pleased to receive copy of the Tillamook Headlight of Friday, March 14, announcing the issue of the new road map following the Trask Route from Portland to Tillamook, reducing the mileage to 77 miles, as against 110 by way of Newberg.

It is very pleasing to note the development of our State through better highways. We have never made a better investment in anything that produces and promises real cash dividends that are beginning to come to our State from the investment in highways. Modern highways for motor traffic form the third great transportation system of our country and it promises to be the largest in point of investment and service and the most flexible.

First, our transportation was confined to water and beginning with 1828 we reached out into the interior and developed that by means of the railroads and now practically within the last two decades we have rapidly developed the highway transportation system which was made possible by the invention and use of the motor.

There is approximately \$19,000,000,000 invested in railroad transportation in the United States, consisting of the right of way, road bed, ties, rail, depot buildings and equipment.

There are 2,500,000 miles of highway in the United States that will cost approximately \$15,000,000,000 to improve for motor traffic to a point where it will serve the needs of its locality and purpose.

There are something like \$15,000,000,000 worth of autos, trucks, and motor cycles using the highways and we have evidently not yet reached the saturation point. This then shows an investment in highway transportation 50 per cent greater than that in railroad transportation and yet we have a place in our economics for all three systems and instead of any of them being antagonistic to another they should each seek and be satisfied with the field in which they are peculiarly fitted to render the best service—for illustration, on transcontinental hauling neither the motor nor the railroad are best fitted. This because heavy low-priced products can best be sent from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic Seaboard by water—from the coast line to the interior over distances in excess of 100 miles the railroad is best suited to carry the tonnage. For distances of less than 100 miles the motor and highway are best fitted to serve the purpose, for that

can give better than express service at less than freight rates. So there is a field for each of these great transportation systems to serve and gradually we will come to use them in their particular field. With every good wish, I beg to remain, most sincerely yours, ROBT. N. STANFIELD Washington, D. C. March 20, 1924.

THE TEAPOT DOME STORY

The investigation by the Senate committee of the circumstances surrounding the lease of the naval oil reserves in California and Wyoming was interrupted by the illness and death of former President Wilson, which postponed for several days the ordinary course of business at the Capitol. Mr. Doheny, the lessee of the California field, testified that his companies at one time or another paid fees or retainers to various men who had been conspicuous in public life, including Mr. McAdoo, the former secretary of the treasury, and Mr. Gregory, the former attorney general.

No one suggested that the activities of either of those two men were improper, but the relation of Mr. Gregory to the oil companies made him manifestly an unsuitable person to conduct an inquiry into their affairs, and President Coolidge has found no little difficulty in selecting men to whom no objection could be made to act as counsel for the government. It is generally believed among politicians that the mention of Mr. McAdoo in Mr. Doheny's testimony will seriously damage his chances of being the candidate of the Democrats for the presidency. On February 2 former Secretary Fall appeared before the committee, but refused to submit to examination on the grounds that the committee had no proper authority to examine him; and that his testimony might incriminate him if subsequent legal action was brought against him. —Youth's Companion.

ARE THERE BEAXITE DEPOSITS HERE?

While looking over the files of the Headlight some time ago, the writer came across an article written by Fred C. Skomp of upper Trask river, regarding the discovery of what he believes to be a deposit of Bauxite

on the Tillamook bay watersheds. The article is too lengthy for republication, at this time, owing to the demand made upon the paper for current local news, but the discovery of the article leads to the question: What mineral assets have we in this county, and to what extent has the county been prospected? As a rule geologists have not enthused much over the coast country as a possible source of minerals. But it would not be strange if beneath the surface of the present deposits of earth, there might be found at considerable depth, with occasional outcroppings, valuable minerals, such as Bauxite and other metals needed at the present day in commerce and science.

Gold has been found in this county, and there are quartz claims on which work is now being kept up yearly. From Bauxite there is extracted by certain chemical treatment, the beautiful metal commonly known as aluminum. It was first discovered according to the article before us, by a metal worker in the year 41, before the birth of Christ. The artificer presented a beautiful cup made of aluminum to Tiberius the reigning emperor, who fearing that it might displace gold and silver as a money metal, had the discoverer decapitated. Later it was found in Baux, France, and from that incident derives its name Bauxite.

During the world war Mr. Skomp had an article printed in the Headlight, suggesting that the deposit he is quite sure he discovered in this county, be used for the extraction of aluminum for use in airplane construction. The article is mainly devoted to a technical geological de-

scription of Bauxite, but we give the last paragraph, which can appropriately be used in this connection, with regard to future exploitation of that metal in this section. It is as follows: "The writer has discovered evidence of the existence of bauxite on the watersheds of Tillamook bay, and believes with the unlimited water power which lies at the door of Tillamook city, that it is ideally located geographically, for the manufacture of the metal aluminum."

ARMORY FURNISHING BENEFIT DANCE

The ladies of the American Legion auxiliary and the G. A. R. Relief corps will sponsor a ball to be given at the Armory next Saturday night for the benefit of the furnishing fund being raised to fit up such rooms at the armory as they may later decide upon. Wilkins orchestra will furnish the music, and a pleasant social event is forecast.

Dr. J. E. Shearer, office hours from 1 to 4 p. m. 25-2t

LIBRARY NOTES

The children's story hour is held on Tuesday and the children are very much interested in the effort to provide them pleasure and profit. Many interesting pamphlets have been added recently as well as books on poultry raising, rabbit raising and silver-fox farming. The need for a good encyclopedia is so great that the board is trying to finance the purchase of one. The publishers of the New International

sent in two volumes for the inspection brought up to Oct. 1922. The 'Year of those interested. The library collection' for 1922 and 1923 are needed. The work has been brought up to present.

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