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THEIR HOPE

Some objection has been offered to the proposal of the highway commission to help advance the building of the so-called Yellowstone cutoff, extending northward from Lakeview via Burns and Vale.

A lot of people who have not studied the state road map think The Dalles-California highway serves all Eastern Oregon. They do not realize that all of the three great north and south highways in this state are west of the center of Oregon. They overlook the big empire of more than half of the whole state that would be served by completion of the Lakeview-Burns road, which is described as California's short-cut to Yellowstone.

It is not as a tourist road merely that the construction of this highway is urged. It would be of great benefit to Lake, Harney and Malheur counties, as it runs through the center of the winter ranges. Grain and hay are trucked over the route for sheep and cattle.

And the present condition of the road rivals that of the notorious "Devils Garden" road before it was improved, when it took the writer 8 1-2 hours to cover a distance of 112 miles from Lakeview to Klamath Falls.

At such important places as Pendleton there is a strong sentiment for completion of the Lakeview-Burns road. At Pendleton there is a plan for completion of the Pendleton-John Day highway that interests that district in the fourth north and south route.

There is now a larger allotment of road money to Oregon. In the Hines milling industry at Burns and in the federal aid to the Owyhee and Vale irrigation projects a new importance is given the far-eastward districts of Oregon.

All these facts may help hasten the day when the patient folks on the eastern rim of the state may realize their dream of a completed Yellowstone highway. —Oregon Journal.

At the November election the people of the state of Oregon will vote on a proposed constitutional amendment to ban cigarettes. The measure would make illegal the manufacture and sale of cigarettes or cigarette materials, as well as their purchase or possession.

FARM CLUB WORK

Rural boys and girls are far outstripping their parents in the study of improved practices in farm and home work, according to a recent announcement by the Department of Agriculture, which shows that more demonstrations had been conducted by young people's clubs than by those of adult membership.

Considerably more than half a million farm boys and girls now participate in these demonstrations, which include the raising of various crops, animal husbandry, handling of poultry, food preparation, designing and making of clothing, home improvement and beautification, and in fact every phase of rural life.

Instruction in these activities imparted by farm and home demonstration agents, serves to aid these boys and girls in improving rural farm and home practices, thereby fitting them to become efficient farmers and homemakers besides teaching them the fundamentals of public-spirited, useful citizenship.

While then enrollment and results obtained in club work are gratifying, considering the circumstances under which this effort has been put forth, the Department points out that only about one rural boy and girl in twenty has the benefit of this training at present.

Here is a field for constructive achievement which should interest all who have a regard for the importance of improving the conditions of rural living.

GRANGE BANS BUTTER SUBSTITUTES

The national grange is contributing true help to the dairy industry by encouraging farmers throughout the nation to dispense with butter substitutes. As a result of the activities of the national organization many state and subordinate granges have adopted resolutions pledging their membership to the exclusive use of butter in their households. Strange as it may seem, investigation has shown that the greatest users of butter substitutes are the farmers themselves. If the national grange can prevail upon its members to refrain from buying butter substitutes a long step will have been taken toward a solution of any present overproduction of dairy products.

A BOOST FOR VALE AND MALHEUR COUNTY

As county seat of Malheur, Vale is again the recipient of a nice boost in Gilham's Guide to Oregon, a booklet which has very general circulation in the state. Vale appears in the largest print on a map of the county which accompanied a page of tabulation.

At the bottom of the page is a computation of auto mileage from Vale to points east, west and north.

On the map, Malheur county, with its vast area and 36 towns or trading centers, makes a very good appearance. It is the only one of four counties in the southeast corner of the state which can show an increase in population in next year's mapping guide.

AIMLESS READING

Reading of the kind of novels in which most persons indulge for recreation or time-killing is bad for the mentality, according to Lafcadio Hearn, author and critic, who compares, the habit to that of drinking or opium-smoking.

Reading merely for amusement, he says, helps to pass the time, but keeps up a perpetual condition of dreaming that eventually destroys the capacity for thought.

It may be that Hearn rather over-states the case, but it must be admitted that those whose sole object in reading is to be entertained never develop any great mental abilities. This does not mean that novel-reading is in any way detrimental if indulged in moderation, or as a relaxation from serious study or application. Many if not most of the greatest thinkers and doers have found mental relief in the reading of fiction.

But there are novels and novels. And those who spend all their spare time in devouring one commonplace novel after another thereby give evidence of a lazy and shallow intellect. In order to develop, the brain must have exercise in thinking, and that wholesome exercise is not provided by the kind of novels that most confirmed novel-readers read.

It isn't so important to have a quiet wedding as it is to have a quiet wedded life a little later on.

A local college boy wants to go for his vacation this summer to a place he has never been before. In a spirit of helpfulness his father suggests home.

This is the time of the year to throw away all that stuff you tucked away in your desk last December, knowing it would come in handy some day.

A correspondent informs us that the biting season is well advanced with the blackflies and mosquitoes again displaying more energy than the fish.

Some people know how to make such good excuses that they don't try to do anything else.

Language Changes
"Ye olde" this or that was never said in any century; the y in "ye" is simply the old-English "th" in its single form called the "horn, which lost its original outline.—Exchange.

"Backlash"
The play in a gear train, or any loose motion in connected parts of machinery is known as a "backlash." In angling, bait casters call a reverse winding on the reel a backlash.

Scandinavian Language
The Scandinavian group of languages includes besides Swedish, Danish, Norwegian and Icelandic—the old Norse speech called Faroese spoken on the Faroe Islands north of Scotland.

Penalty of Vanity
People who are very vain are usually equally susceptible; and they who feel one thing acutely, will so feel another.—Butler-Lytton.

Healthy "Good Night"
Parents should not lightly estimate the value of "good night" for the child, as, properly said, it brings with it a comforting assurance of security and love, both essential factors to the best health.—Woman's Home Companion.

Speedy Travel on Ice
A speed of more than 107 miles an hour is said to have been accomplished long before automobiles and airplanes were invented. In one of man's speediest motorless sports—ice-yachting. This speed is claimed for the Scud II, which sped over a measured course of 1 1/4 miles in the astonishing time of 42 seconds in January, 1885.—Exchange.

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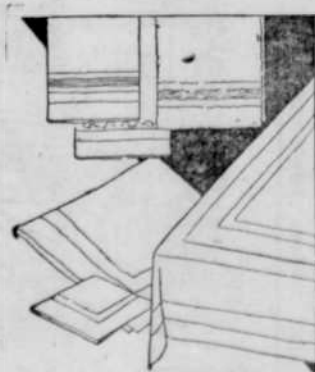


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Here is a good thing to bear in mind:

When an investment proposition offers big returns with very little chance of loss, it is not necessary to send salesman around the country letting the public in.

The next time a stranger comes to you with a "sure-shot" business opportunity, ask yourself if he isn't going to a good deal of trouble in order to let you make some money. Ask yourself why he didn't let a few big financiers handle it. If a thing is safe for you, it would have been safe for them.

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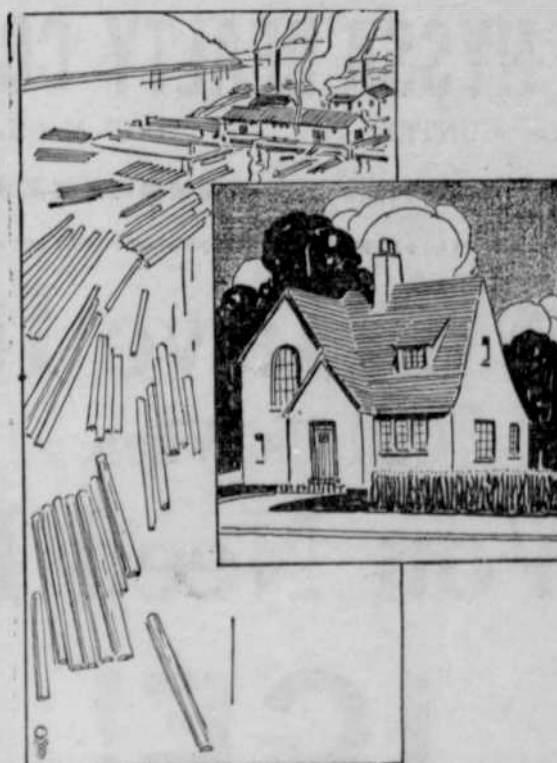
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