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IT'S HOT, BUT WE ARE LUCKY

Although our July weather has been rather torrid here in Malheur county, there comes a cool desert breeze that reminds us that we are in Oregon.

We are not in crowded Chicago where thousands of people were driven from their homes to spend the night on the lake beaches. The papers said that thousands assailed a rising sun just as fiercely as they would a disappointing ball game or prize fight.

In Wisconsin a horse plant is said to have received 200 horses that died from heat. "So intense," says one dispatch, "was the heat in many sections that horses died in the fields by the score—it was as if a plague had struck."

In Indiana the scorching heat buckled the rails of a track and derailed three Pullmans. Many deaths are reported from heat. Two prisoners died in the city jail at Greencastle.

Already this season over 400 deaths in the country have been attributed to heat. We complain about the weather but we can scarcely believe this. It is far removed from Oregon. Although it is hot, we must admit that we are lucky.

WORSE THAN WAR

During 18 months of the World war 50,510 members of the American expeditional force were killed in action or died from wounds.

During the 18 months preceding January, 1931, 50,900 people were killed in automobile accidents in this country.

There could be no better illustration of the seriousness of the automobile accident situation.

According to a recent survey, the leading cause of accidents in 1930 was failure to give right of way, which accounted for 15 per cent of the deaths and 31.5 per cent of the injuries. Second, was excessive speed, which was responsible for 21 per cent of all accidents, and third, driving on the wrong side of the road, which totaled 16 per cent.

Higher speed is a natural result of improved roads and cars. But the other two primary causes of accidents—which together accounted for 27 per cent of deaths and 47 per cent of injuries—amount to simple ignorance or recklessness. They show improper training on the part of motorists, coupled with inadequate enforcement of traffic laws.

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EAT MORE LAMB—CHOPS OR STEW

The most important meeting sheepmen have been privileged to attend, is called to convene in Ontario tomorrow by W. P. Allen, county chairman of the "Eat More Lamb" club. Problems of marketing will be discussed. Similar meetings are being held all over the country to combat unsatisfactory lamb prices.

It is said startling facts and figures will be presented in graphic form showing the true causes of depressed prices. Problems are receiving the earnest study and analysis of leaders in the sheep industry, both state and national. It is expected that tomorrow such leaders as Mr. Haggenbarth, president of the national wool growers, and F. L. Ballard, county agent leader of Oregon, will be present. Earle Racey, representing the national wool growers, will present a series of charts which will explain plans for solving the problems in connection with low lamb prices.

The "Eat More Lamb" club movement is nation-wide in its aspects. Very definite results are already visible in direct response. Merchants, bankers, newspaper publishers and others are showing much interest. Everyone concerned in the future prosperity of the sheep industry is welcome to attend tomorrow. Wives of sheepmen will have a special session.

"Eat More Lamb"—whether it be chops or stew.

THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

Not a large one—but active—is Nyssa's Boy Scout troop under the guidance of Ray Amens and Howard Larsen. A requirement in the Nyssa troop is **Do a Task Well**. There is no sliding through in tests, no half-earned awards. What a help this work and teaching will prove to be in early and later life.

Scout work deserves the endorsement of parents and community. The responsibility of youth rests upon all our shoulders. A little interest, a little encouragement, from you and I will not be wasted.

Many a lad hovers on the border line between the true and the false trail and frequently needs only a friendly approachment to chart him on the right course. On the other hand, many a lad so balancing between good and bad, if neglected, will stray into the wrong path.

Scouting offers supervised play, teaches boys not only how to make money but to save it. Scouting offers the sport that every boy must have. Scouting is character-building and educational. What a value it is to work with boys who will become good men! Manhood is priceless! When grown-ups, both men and women, go out to build manhood their effort is noble, their service glorious. Money isn't everything in this money-mad world.

WHY FARM HOMES ARE ATTRACTIVE NOW

France has less unemployment than Multnomah county, Or., farmers and business men alike are enjoying comparative prosperity. Why? Because most of the French population is anchored to the soil—small, intensively cultivated farms whose surplus products are about sufficient to feed the city and factory workers. The home market is preserved for producers—duty on wheat is about a dollar per bushel and every loaf of bread, by law, contains mostly French-grown wheat.

The state chamber of commerce agrees with experts that future dull periods in Oregon will be less severe because more people will live on small tracts adjacent to cities and factories. Present times have produced minimum discomfort where workers largely maintain themselves on small farms. Throughout Oregon in industrial centers are thousands of acres of land suitable for this type of development—which business people are urging.

Ex-President Coolidge writes: "When there is distress in industrial centers, a home on the farm looks attractive and safe. The family that makes the farm an old-fashioned home with diversified crops, fruits, etc., will still find agriculture one of the most satisfactory forms of existence."

THE ETERNAL QUESTION

Should prohibition be a definite issue in 1932? Pathfinder readers, representing every state in the union, chorus yes to the number of 55,584 while 40,397 others emphatically say no. On the question whether a national referendum should be held on prohibition they are more evenly divided—48,420 "ayes" to 41,714 "nays."

These two questions, pertinent to the 1932 campaign and enforcement bickering in general, were asked on ballots in last month's Pathfinder. Votes have been counted and tabulated.

The poll is not intended to be a criterion of prohibition sentiment. The wording of the questions makes this obvious. We wanted to know the attitude of our readers toward a show-down on prohibition—and got it. Besides, we had previously taken a vote on the prohibition line-up last year.

One thing particularly outstanding in the current survey is that many dries seem just as anxious for a show-down as the wets. This attitude is seen in letters and other comment accompanying ballots to the effect that such dries are sick of the continual controversy and would welcome something definite either in the forthcoming campaign or through the referendum method.—The Pathfinder

Don't cross a street until the way is clear. It is better to be a patient pedestrian than a pedestrian patient.

One trouble with the country is that many people are trying to ride to prosperity on rubber tires. Dr. Carl Bartlett is flying higher. He was appointed to the state aeronautical board by Governor Meier on Thursday. Malheur county friends extend congratulations.

Americans have more time-saving devices and less time than any other people in the world.

John D. is 92 and worth plenty, but there are few who would exchange places with him.

Anyway, the railroads are holding their own with the bus lines at the crossings.

Voice of the Press

MEIER'S PLAN FOR TAX REFORM

The Dalles Chronicle
Governor Meier's suggestions for tax reform, while not original in many instances, are deserving of the serious consideration given them by the group of citizens from all counties of Oregon who were called into conference at Salem yesterday.

The governor strikes at the heart of high taxation when he lays the major share of the blame on cities, counties and school districts, and declares that it is here that retrenchment must come before any real relief can be obtained. Even though the state tax may be eliminated entirely, as it probably will be in 1932, the saving to the individual taxpayer will not be great. The big portion of his bill is incurred in his own district, and until he practices economy at home he will obtain little relief.

Whether or not the people would take kindly to having their bond issues and tax levies supervised by the state is another matter. Even though it might be a move for economy, the desire for authority over their own expenditures might result in opposition. One thing is certain, that is that the state, under such a plan, would permit no communities to get so far in debt as to become virtually insolvent, as several Oregon districts now are. This in itself is an argument in favor of state control.

The governor is on the right track in carrying his economy campaign to the places that need it most. His suggestions are worthy of study by everyone who pays taxes.

OWYHEE ENGINEERS LOCATE NEW ROAD

Owyhee Dam—W. Karrer and F. C. Bohlsen made a trip up river to Watson Monday. They are locating a route for a road from Watson to the Jordan Valley highway, as the present road will be washed out when the reservoir is filled.

Mrs. F. A. Banks returned Monday from a visit in Portland.

Engineer F. A. Banks made a business trip to Boise Saturday.

J. A. McEachern and son Jack of Seattle stopped in camp for 2 days last week en route to Canada for a fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith and daughter were in valley towns Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hall and children returned Saturday from an extended trip. From Burley, Idaho, they motored to Montana, Northern Idaho and Spokane, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Greene were in Boise Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sanford were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bohlsen and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harman and daughter Jean were in Nyssa Saturday evening.

John Banks, Robert Johannesen and Jack Taylor left Monday for a two weeks outing in the Boy Scout summer camp at Warm Lake, Idaho.

Miss Lucille Rogers of San Diego, Cal., is the guest of Mrs. Bert Hale.

STRINGER GETS THREE MONTHS: HE APPEALS

John Stringer, convicted of deliberately driving his automobile over R. N. Stanfield, former United States senator from Oregon, last Thursday in Baker was sentenced to serve a 3-months term in jail. Defense attorneys filed notice of appeal to the supreme court. Sentence was suspended during the term of appeal and bond continued at \$1500.

Stringer was convicted of running his automobile over Stanfield after a quarrel over fence cutting near Huntington. Stringer contended Stanfield stepped in the path of the car. The jury recommended leniency.

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Mar. 1931	.26	.02	.02	.30
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June 1931	.20	.02	.02	.24

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