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Wishes

If wishes were but horses, the beggar folk would ride, and there's be free divorces for people badly tied. We'd all be packing ponies till spavined in the knees, if wishes were but ponies, and troubles grew on trees. "I wish," says little Willie, "I wish I had a gun; I'd shoot till I was silly, and have all kinds of fun." And then he starts a-wishing he had a patent pole, so he could do some fishing down by the swimming hole. And he might have in plenty the things he wants so hard, if he would work like twenty young beavers in the yard. His father says: "There's many a chore, my lad, you shirk; and I'd pay you a penny for every day you work." Thus Willie might be raking in lots of dough, my dears; by saving all he's makin' for ten or 'leven years, he'd have his gun and tackle, from all incumbrances free; and he might sing and cackle in perfect ecstacy. 'Tis thus with every grown-up, as 'tis with every boy; the truth we'd better own up, that work alone brings joy. We think we'd chirp like robins, and strangers be to pain, if wishes were but Dobbins, and money fell like rain; but grief would then enmesh us and haunt us through the years; for things are only precious that cost us toil and tears.

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NATIONAL GOOD ROADS DAY.

IMAGINE ninety-one millions of people at work on the roads of the United States one whole day, the men and larger boys with picks and shovels, the women furnishing meals for the hungry hordes and the children pulling weeds and planting flowers, every team in the country hauling road material and every piece of road-building material on the job simultaneously—by evening what a transformation might be wrought and a half billion dollars' worth of work might be completed on the 2,300,600 miles—2,000,000 of which are unimproved—of the country.

To round out a a day's work well done, suppose every school house, in city and country, every church, every town hall and city building and every commercial club and woman's club in America should hold meetings at one and the same hour to discuss and promote good roads.

It is possible.

When every good roads organization, every business man, every club woman, every community club, every automobile association, every grange and farmers' organization and every newspaper will call upon President Wilson to issue a proclamation declaring a national good roads day—a day when stores, offices, schools and factories will close and every citizen will be asked to spend the day on the highways, it is possible. We are in favor of starting right now and setting the date for the first great demonstration this summer. Governors may follow the president with state proclamations and the people may do the best to arouse enthusiasm. The only thing impractical about it is that there may not be enough shovels and picks in existence to go around.

Such a day would be an expansion of the state good roads days observed by eight or nine states last year. Misosuri was first, then came Arkansas, followed by Texas, Nebraska, Alabama, Kentucky, South Carolinaand others. Two or three states have set dates for state days this year. Why not make just one big day of it all over the country?

There is no question touching upon life in America so closely as this matter of good roads. It affects the high cost of living by reducing the transportation costs. It affects the schools, the value of farm property. It brings rural and urban districts together. It attracts trade. It spreads culture in the conutry and prosperity in the cities and adds happiness to both.

HOW TO PREVENT HIGH TAXES.

THERE is a good deal of hard sense in a recent editorial in the Medford Sun. It declares that the greatest need of the times is efficiency in the public service, and this can only be secured through absolute non-partisanship on part of the voters. Here is the way that paper puts it:

"High taxes—that is excessive taxes—mean just one thing—inefficiency in the public service.

"The way to prevent excessive taxes then is not to talk against them, but to work against inefficient public officers.

"There is no political issue in the state campaign, no political issue in the county campaign. The filing of candidates under this party banner and that is merely flub-dub.

"What we need at Salem and Jacksonville are capable and experienced business men. Not dollar grabbers, but men of trained experience, ideas and ideals.

"Whether a candidate files as Democrat, Republican, Progressive or Independent matters not at all. Whether that man has the capacity for hard, accurate and enlightened work, whether in short he has a past record which assures his making good, matters a great deal.

"Critisizing public officials, complaining of political conditions and then going to the polls and voting for a man because he is a good fellow or happens to wear your party hat-band is not the path to political betterment.

"When the people in general spend less time throwing bricks at inefficient public officials and more time working for and voting for efficient men as public servants, economical and business-like administration of public affairs may be expected.

The Capital Journal will be glad at any time to print communications from its readers on subjects of public interest. We must have, however, the real name of the author, and the articles should be short and to the point, and not inspired by personal malice. We want to make this paper a medium through which all who desire may have a voice in local and general affairs, regardless of party or creed, and we trust that no one will attempt to abuse the privilege.

The Butte county, California, Democratic central committee has tabooed cigars and all kinds of chewing gum and candies in election campaigns, and has requested the Republican committee to take the same action. The only thing left in the way of campaign bribes is to kiss the babies, and so long as the candidates are just males this is considered a negative quantity as well as quality.

Government sharps have discovered that the red alder of the Siuslaw valley is an ideal wood for clothes pins. It is stated that there are twenty-five million feet of this timber available for this use. Just imagine the thrifty American housewives out on wash day with twenty-five million feet, board measure, of red alder clothes pins in their mouths.

Senator Lane has written to the Marhsfield chamber of commerce, in reply to a resolution passed by that body, telling them he will stand by President Wilson in the matter of Panama canal tolls. Harry Lane always had the backbone to stand pat for what he thinks right—and his judgment is generally good, too.

Wallace McCammant, of Portland, attacking Wilson in a speech at Eugene, reminds one of a gnat on the back of an elephant. If President Wilson should ever find it out, and could locate Wallace, with a microscope, he might swat him.

Speaker Clark says it doesn't require as much sense to be president as to be congressman. We have noticed that ex-presidents never care to be congressmen.

King Leopold left a fortune estimated at $21,000,000. Since he was a mighty high roller in his day the pickings must have been very rich in Belgium.

All the newspapers of Oregon are profusely illustrated just now. The candidates are furnishing the cuts, and paying the freight.

My, but Oregon will be an idea lly governed state after the next legislature gets through with its work. Every candidate has pledged himself to economy and fewer and better laws.

April 28th will be "good roads" day. Not if this rain keeps up, however!

THE ROUND UP.

A number of Portland citizens have united in asking 12 substantial citizens to make the race for the legislature.

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A gigantic oak tree, one of the landmarks of the Cottage Grove country, fell recently after having stood the attack of a heavy storm. It grew alone in the center of a field with none of its kind near it, and after it fell it was found it had scarcely any roots. The wonder is that it stood so long.

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The Eccles Lumber company, which is erecting a big mill near Banks, has petitioned the county court for a license to supply that town with electric lights, it being unincorporated, and so being unable to grant the franchise.

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Grants Pass has stirred up something in financing the railroad to Crescent City. Both the Hill interests and the Southern Pacific have suddenly awakened to the importance of the road and each of them is anxious to have it turned over to them for completion.

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Twenty-five million feet of red alder it is said, stands in the Siuslaw valley waiting to be made up into clothespins. The government has been experimenting with the wood to find some use for it and it is claimed it is ideal for this purpose.

The referendum has been invoked on an Albany ordinance forbidding the keeping of bees in the city limits.

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Miss Ruth Knowles has been selected as May queen for the regular May day celebration at Albany.

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A petition is being circulated in Albany to close moving picture shows on Sundays.

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D. B. Provost, ex-mayor of Ashland, died at his home in that city Wednesday. He was 63 years old.

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Eugene loganberry growers will join in the movement for a general advertising of this new berry.

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The Farmers' Union warehouse and the North Powder Milling & Mercantile company's warehouses at North Powder were burned Wednesday afternoon. The loss on the former is $10,400 and on the latter about $17,000.

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The Pendleton Tribune is agin alive. It was translated four years ago, its place being taken by the Live Wire, which was a misnomer, and Wednesday the old name was again taken as well as the press dispatches and new machinery is ordered. As it is a campaign baby its term of life is uncertain.

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Superintendent Girdler, who came to the La Grande schools a year ago, from Colorado, has been re-elected by the school board, with $400 a year added to his salary.

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With the old cemetery improved and the ruins of the Pendleton academy replaced with good residences, the East Oregonian says the whole town will have reasons for rejoicing.

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The demand for a mounted mail carrier, to serve the outlying and unpaved portions of the city, is one that La Grande is urging upon the postoffice department.

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The Young Men's Booster club that is being organized at Astoria, is planned to include within its membership, residents not only of Astoria but of all the surrounding country.

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With eight votes to spare, the special bond issue of $18,000 to be used in improving and extending the light and water systems, was passed at the election held at Milton last Wednesday.

Deep Rooted Discontent of Country Due to People Not Having Found Their Jobs

By WINSTON CHURCHILL, Author

THE hell in which so many persons are suffering is the fact that they are going through the world WITHOUT REALIZING THEMSELVES, WITHOUT HAVING "FOUND THEIR JOB." They have developed nothing—no significance, no personality. They have no philosophy on which to lean, not to mention a religion. This leads to DEEP ROOTED DISCONTENT, A FEVERISH DESPAIR, of which examples are not lacking in all walks of life, from the woman of leisure who rushes to the bridge table to the working girl who seeks the public dance hall. Only there is more excuse for the working girl. She lives in a civilization which denies her the outlet of a natural craving—which fails to provide her with interesting and healthful amusements.

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ONE OF THE MOST HOPEFUL SIGNS OF THIS AGE IS THE CHANGE WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN UNIVERSITY LIFE. THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE TOWARD THE SERIOUS AND VITAL PROBLEMS OF CITY, STATE AND NATION IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT WAS IN MY DAY. THE UNIVERSITIES, AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, ARE IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE MOVEMENT OF WHICH I HAVE SPOKEN. IN MY STATE AS WELL AS IN OTHER STATES THEY HAVE BEEN AN INVALUABLE AID IN THE BETTERMENT OF POLITICAL CONDITIONS. EVERY DAY THEY ARE TENDING MORE AND MORE TO BECOME THE CENTERS OF TRANSFORMATION.

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1000 Yards New Dress Ginghams 8 1-3c Yard

Human Welfare Notes

At Los Angeles—Forty-one Chinese, illegally in this country, were deported.

At Los Angeles—Friends of the unemployed "army" awaited trial here, threatened to form other armies and fill the Los Angeles jails.

At Los Angeles—The grand jury reported, placing no blame upon county hospital physicians for the death of eight patients there through the administering of neo-salvarsan.

At San Francisco—The wife-abandonment charge against Walter Greer Campbell was dismissed by Police Judge Deasy, Mrs. Campbell having requested it, and the impression prevailed that they had reached a mutual understanding.

At Reno, Nev.—President J. E. Stubbs, of the University of Nevada, announced he would retire commencement day.

At Stockholm—It was announced that although King Gustav was better, he was about to consult a Heidelberg stomach specialist.

At Lafayette, Ind.—Miss Mable Rogers sued seven senior girl students at Purdue university for $7,000, charging that they hazed her.

At Denver—Judge Denisen ordered the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph comany's poles, wires and other equipment out of the streets of Denver.

AUTOS IN DEMAND.

They certainly are in demand this month of April, for next month the great touring season is in full blast, and owners are thinking about their cars.

If you have a car to sell, or buy, or are in the market for automobile sundries, the place you can find the greatest bargains in new and second hand machines and supplies is the Want Columns.

Don't let the touring season hit you unprepared, but try the Journal Want Ads now and be all ready and fully outfitted when May comes.

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