

# MILLIONS FOR ROADS

## Multnomah Delegation Asked to Father the Plan.

### Portland Wants State to Appropriate Two Million for the Purpose.

To raise a million dollars a year for two years for an additional state road fund, a petition has been sent to the Multnomah delegation soliciting the support of the delegation in the Legislature. The draft of the measure, together with the petition was presented at the meeting of the delegation Monday by Whitney L. Boise and others interested in the good roads movement. Following is the petition the legislators were asked to consider:

"One of the most important measures to come before the Legislature will be a proposed millage state tax for two years, for state highway aid. The necessity of this will be apparent to any one familiar with good roads development in the state. The plan was unanimously supported by the recent convention of County Commissioners and Judges in Portland.

"Without the hearty approval of the Multnomah delegation the effort will result in failure.

"For this reason we request your delegation to make an investigation of the merits of the measure, and urge its passage.

"Columbia and Hood River Counties have bonded their limit, the former will need \$100,000, and the latter \$300,000 to complete the grading of the Columbia River Highway through their counties, and Wasco County will require some. This fund must be provided by the state before this highway can be of much use to the city of Portland.

"Hard-surfacing of the road and others contemplated in the state will bring the total contemplated expenditures up to \$1,000,000 per year for two years, in addition to the 1/4 mill tax levied each year under the State Highway Commission act of 1913.

"To raise this sum will require a 1-mill state tax levy for the next two years.

"Last year California raised for state highways \$18,000,506, and Washington \$2,500,000.

"Multnomah County pays one-third of the taxes of the state, and will build her own roads without asking of receiving state aid. This places her in a position to request the passage of this measure. The other counties of the state could not consistently refuse. But if Multnomah County does not approve it, it will be a waste of time of the Legislature to consider it.

"It requires no argument to demonstrate that every road improvement in the state benefits Portland. That every improved highway leading to or toward Portland develops our city and county, that the development of the balance of the state will reduce Multnomah's proportion of the state onstrate that every road improvement in the state benefits Portland. That every improved highway leading to or toward Portland develops our city and county, that the development of the balance of the state will reduce Multnomah's proportion of the state tax charge, and that a large part of the money spent for good roads developed at any point in this state, finds its way to Portland within a brief period.

## REUBEN PEOPLE CELEBRATE NEW YEAR

### Logging Company Preparing to Resume Operations.

A. Tracy and family left here for Douglas County on Monday.

J. C. Johnson and wife, of West Reuben, were Portland visitors Monday.

Paul A. Rice and wife visited with friends at Dilly, Oregon, during the holidays.

Mrs. Minnie Burges, of Rainier, visited with her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sindray Wednesday.

Walter Pomeroy, of Scappoose, inspector of scales and measures, of Columbia County, was in the city Tuesday.

J. S. Whitbeck and wife, of Portland, visited with Mr. Whitbeck's mother, Mrs. T. C. Watts, during Christmas.

Frank M. Haines, of Salem, Oregon, visited with his sister, Mrs. A. D. Susan, of West Reuben during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jordan gave a watch party New Year's eve at their home in West Reuben to 65 of their friends. The evening was spent with dancing, playing and songs. At 12 o'clock a nice luncheon was served.

The Columbia Timber Company has a crew of men repairing the trestle and railway between the Nehalem Junction and the Columbia River. They expect to begin putting in logs again soon.

## POVERTY SOCIAL IS HELD AT YANKTON

### Society Events Start the New Year on Social Road.

Mr. M. Fresche, of St. Helens spent Sunday visiting in Yankton.

Mrs. Carl Oleson has returned home after spending two months in Portland.

The Improved Order of Red Men gave a neighborhood dance on New Year's eve.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Barger, of Yankton, on December 20, 1914, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kraft, of Portland spent the Christmas week visiting at the home of R. C. Karth.

Robert Jefferies is clearing land by using a heating stove and pipes. This method is a new one in Yankton and seems to work all right.

The Yankton Grange gave a poverty social on New Year's Eve, which was well attended by members of the Grange. Prizes were awarded for costumes.

C. W. Swygert, of Yankton, is agent for one of the best coal oil lamps on the market. The lamp consumes very little oil, and gives a white light, equal to a bright electric light. A large room can be brilliantly lighted by the lamp.

## SIERCK'S CONFESSION AMUSEMENT CAUSE

### Local Writer Philosophises on Manner in Which Confession is Gained.

(Portland Telegram.)  
Portland, Jan. 4.—(To the Editor of the Telegram)—Of all the jokes perpetrated on the public, the account of the criminologist apprehending the murder of Mrs. Daisy Wehrman by the use of a lock of hair takes the plum. It looks as if a man who has a little money, an attorney to defend him who is a member of the State Pen Parole Board, a Punch and Judy Governor, a chaplain of the penitentiary who is a weakling, and last of all, a would-be prison reform worker that is out of his head, working for him tooth and nail, has the best of it all through. Possibly a little reward money had something to do with it also. How a man with a lock of hair (and the lock of hair figuring in the Pender case contains only three hairs) can go into an asylum and out of 1500 lunatics pick one from among that number and with the aid of the Chaplain wring a confession from him, is past the average man's mind. The criminologist makes no mention of the man that called for the mail that date at the postoffice. He advances no reason for the murderer breaking

open the trunk of Riley and Hanson with a Riley and Hanson hammer, taking a pistol from that trunk, killing the woman and the child, putting the hammer in Pender's cabin and taking the pistol back to the Riley and Hanson trunk. John G. H. Sierks or some other unfortunate must suffer to save the guilty man's neck. The criminologist seems to work best when he has the subject to work on and to make the goat on the inside, and with Oswald on his side also makes the going much easier. The Chaplain comments several times on how cunning the weak-minded inmate is. For my part I don't think he is a judge. Better put the whole outfit on the inside and let the cunning man out.

To my mind there is only one way to give the semblance of truth to his story and that is to let Sierks go with an officer of course, and some responsible party and dig up the gun where (in his confession) he says he buried it in the garden, and let Mr. Wehrman identify it. But from the looks of things that is not the idea. Save Pender, get what he has, some reward money included, and justice has been done. JOHN A. GEDDES.

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will want to be taken care of," explained a member of the One Hundred, "and no one knows where the business would stop."

## NEWS FROM HOME.

When the evening shade is fallin' at the close of the day,  
An' a feller rests from labor, smokin' at his pipe of clay,  
There's nothing does him so much good, be fortune up or down,  
As the little country paper from his Old Home Town.

It ain't a thing of beauty and its print's not always clean,  
But it straightens out his temper when a feller's feelin' mean;  
It takes the wrinkles off his face an' brushes off the frown,  
That little country paper from his Old Home Town.

It tells of all the parties and the balls of Pumpkin Row,  
'Bout who spent Sunday with who's girl, and how the crops'll grow,  
An' how it keeps a feller posted who's up and who is down,  
That little country paper from his Old Home Town.

Now, I like to read the dailies and the story papers too,  
And at times the yaller novels and some other trash—don't you?  
But when I want some other readin' that'll brush away a frown,  
I want that little paper from my Old Home Town.

—Denver Post.

## Cupid's Sherlock Holmes.

A prominent alienist has presumed to put love on a scientific basis. He has issued a formula by which a doubling swain may ascertain without fail the name of his closest rival for "her" affections.

Here it is:

Carelessly hold "her" wrist, as if carelessly. Craftily place your forefinger on "her" pulse. Then name over in casual conversation the rivals you fear most. When you name the right one "her" pulse will jump scandalously. If it increases something like 100 beats you might as well quit the race.

To offset this mean betrayal the alienist has issued some hints to the fair sex on how to avoid nervousness.

"Scorn gossip," he says, "and don't attend to other persons' business or worry over their troubles and you will be all right."

But he doesn't say a word as to how Dulcinea might have kept the fatal pulse jump from giving her away.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## The Worm Turned.

Coal Merchant—I say, Premium, I want to insure my coal yard against fire. What's the cost of a policy for £10,000? Insurance Agent—What coal is it? Same kind you sent me last? Merchant—Yes, it is. Agent—Oh, I wouldn't insure it if I were you. It won't burn.—London Express.

A More or Less Dry Remark.  
"I've invented a boat made entirely of cork."  
"Who will man it?"  
"Oh, I am the cork's crew."—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Grecian Food For Dreamers.

Hasheesh, the strange drug which has given our language its word "sassa"—a man so frenzied by the drug that he accomplishes murder—is used by the Persians, Turks and Egyptians. It is the product of a plant grown in large quantities in the Peloponnese (southern Greece), in the district about Tripolitza. The plant grows to a height of about four feet, and its branches are thickly covered with small leaves and studded with tiny seeds. The entire plant, stalk and branches, is cut within a few inches of the root and laid out in the sun to dry. The branches are then rubbed to separate the seeds, and these in turn are ground into a fine powder, which constitutes the drug. The drug has the power of inducing sleep and producing pleasant and fantastic dreams. Continued use of hasheesh renders its devotees reckless and results in a wreck of their mental and physical constitution.

## Fame of a Tailor.

The name of Captain Keayne has a secure niche in history as the founder of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company. He was a merchant tailor and had been a member of the Honorable Artillery company of London, and his Boston company had to overcome the opposition of Governor Winthrop, who feared the establishment of a Praetorian guard. Perhaps Keayne would have failed entirely had he not been "distinguished for his pety and benevolence." In the practice of his art as a tailor he ran foul of the laws for the regulation of business and was fined £200 by the great and general court for exacting more than sixpence in the shilling profit on foreign goods. He died in Boston March 23, 1650, and his will, in which was a substantial bequest to Harvard, is one of the longest on record.—New York Sun.

## A Dyak War Yell.

I was anxious to hear a Dyak war yell, and I asked the rajah to get a native to give vent to one of these sounds of gratification, heard when heads are taken by Dyaks without loss to themselves. A curious falsetto sound issued from his lips. It went higher and higher, louder and louder, something between the crowing of a cock and the whistle of a steam engine, and then it died down into a whisper. Two or three times he repeated this performance, which greatly interested me. It was not so terrible as I had imagined it must be, but the rajah explained that when heard in a chorus of thousands of men, all yelling at once, as he had heard it after successful skirmishes with the pirates, it was a most terrifying experience, and froze the blood in one's veins.—Wide World Magazine.

## An Old Time Joker.

It happened that Dean Swift, having been dining at some little distance from Laracor, his residence, was returning home on horseback in the

evening, which was very dark. Just before he reached a neighboring village his horse lost a shoe. Unwilling to run the risk of laming the animal by continuing his ride in that direction, he stopped at one Kelly's, the blacksmith of the village, where, having called the man, he asked him if he could shoe a horse with a candle. "No," replied the son of Vulcan, "but I can with a hammer."

## Lingering Leave Taking.

The visiting lady had kept her boots on at the open door fully half an hour saying goodby. Finally an irate masculine voice indoors called out:

"Say, Maria, if you're going out, go; if you're staying, stay, but for heaven's sake don't come out!"—Harger's Magazine.

## Ought to Have Leaked Out.

"Isn't it strange that so few men discover the secret of success in life?" "Yes, but it's stranger still that the secret is still a secret. Surely some of the men who discovered it must have told it to their wives."—Philadelphia Press.

## Russia's Duma.

No law in Russia can come into effect without the approval of the duma—an elected body of representative men—and the council of the empire, nominated by the emperor.

## Just So.

"Do you think that marriage is a lottery?" "Can't say I do. Still, everybody who marries takes a chance."—Kansas City Journal.

## Idleness is many gathered miserably in one name.

Wellington's Reports Voluminous.  
In the campaigns of the past our generals had much more time to write dispatches than now. Wellington, for instance, was able to write a detailed account of the battle of Waterloo on the night following its occurrence. And to read the whole of his dispatches in his various campaigns you would have to wade through twenty bulky, closely printed volumes.—London Chronicle.

## Europe's Richest City.

The richest city in Europe is Basel, the great Swiss railway center, Zurich, in a neighboring canton, coming second. This is proportionate to the number of inhabitants. Basel's richest citizen boasts a fortune of £500,000, another has £300,000, while no fewer than sixteen residents pay income tax on a round million dollars. Eighty-two are "French millionaires," possessing fortunes of a million francs. The average wage earning capacities of the various professions form an interesting contrast. Basel's doctors—the place is flooded with medical men—are the worst paid, averaging only £240 a year; druggists are good for more, and lawyers the same. Professors, on the other hand, earn something like £500 a year and bank directors anywhere from £1,000 to £1,200.—Pearson's Weekly.

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