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THE MATTER OF GOOD ROADS

What about a good roads day? There has been considerable talk of one, but so far, nothing has come of it. Good roads are essential everywhere; and if our citizens will contribute their services for one day for every year—just as they have been doing in nearly every other county in the state, a wonderful improvement can be made in our public highways.

Let it be known on the outside that we have good roads in Lincoln county and travel will radiate this way. New people will come to locate here; new farms will be taken up and tilled and in a few years the change will be astonishing. The good roads and town clean-up days which have been the custom in Elko and White Pine counties in late years have worked miracles and those commonwealths are now regarded as the most progressive of the counties in Nevada.

We feel certain that the good people of Caliente, Panaca and other towns in the county will gladly join in any progressive movement for the improvement of our highways.

With everyone taking concerted action and donating one day to the cause, at least one main thoroughfare through the county can be put in a fairly respectable condition.

In Pioche, the main business street is in a deplorable shape; several of the main roads leading out of town are sadly in need of a little fixing.

Manager W. H. Pitts, of the Pioche-Cook Mercantile company, informs the Record that his firm will donate the use of three teams and one automobile for a day to be used in work on the roads. The City Garage will also donate several machines and men for the occasion. Certainly every business house in town will help the good cause along. Let us agree on a date and go to it.

Meanwhile, as the good roads movement progresses, do not let the matter of a clean-up day in town be overlooked. Why not follow up the good work of last year? Surely no one desires to live in a dirty town.

MINING DIVIDENDS

Figures compiled by Mining & Engineering World show that dividends paid by American companies (mining) in March were the greatest in the history of mining, and that the disbursements for the first quarter of the year were the largest for that period of time.

March dividends totaled \$21,115,138. Disbursements for the quarter were participated in by 103 companies which paid to stockholders the huge sum of \$36,254,017.

This amount exceeds payments for the same period of 1914, the previous record year, by almost \$12,000,000, payments for the first quarter in that year totaling \$24,785,556 with 94 companies contributing in the same period of 1915 disbursements were \$18,202,972 by 70 companies.

SOME IMPORTED SPUDS

A member of the department of commerce has shipped samples of a new high altitude potato to the state university where they will be tested. The new tuber has a good record in Montana where it has been successfully grown in the vicinity of the Yellowstone National Park. Seed is so scarce that the university was only able to secure three potatoes for its first test.

If these imported potatoes can come up to some that are raised right here in Lincoln county in the high altitudes they will have to go some. We doubt very much if they will equal the product of Lake Valley, Panaca, Eagle or Spring Valleys.

IT SPELLS CONFIDENCE

It seems mighty good to see the improvements of a public character being made in Pioche at the present time. The building of cement walks, the boulevarding of the road to the Salt Lake Route depot and the proposed improvement of

highway over the mountain to the Prince Con. mine all indicate confidence in the future of this camp.

It is estimated, according to the Herald-Republican, that 2,028,000 lb of wool have been clipped at six of the principal shearing stations on the Salt Lake Route. It is reported that more than 3,000,000 of wool has been sheared at Minersville, Iron Springs, Goulds and St. George to be hauled to the Salt Lake Route for shipment. Shearing has been completed at Faust, Lofgreen, Nephel, Blackrock, Fairfield and Webb. It will be completed at Jerico, in another 3 days, at Newhouse and Modena in seven days and at Lund at the expiration of about tendays.

Salt Lake Route officials estimate that they will handle 8,000,000 lb of wool this year from stations along its lines north of Caliente.

The total reserve held by all National banks on March 7 was \$2,287,900,000, making a surplus of \$993,000,000, over and above the amount legally required. This exceeds by over \$100,000,000 the greatest surplus ever shown in any previous statement. Reserve on October 31, 1914, last statement prior to the inauguration of the federal reserve system, was \$1,559,000,000, as against the required \$1,433,000,000, making surplus reserve at that time \$126,000,000.

The head of one of the large copper agencies says: "Copper producers will soon be in the same position as the steel manufacturers, with capacity for the balance of the year booked. We could close our books now; refuse to sell another pound of copper in 1916, and still report the largest volume of business in the history of our company."

Also the toadstool is mightier than the mushroom.

After the showdown, the ability to bluff is of very little consequence.

Cool weather at least reduces the number of sport shirts on exhibition.

If a young man has genius, hard work will bring it out and make it shine.

People may be physically fit, but if they have no imagination they are ripples.

None of the flattering things said about its victims will ever make hay fever popular.

A considerable quantity of idle curiosity is excused on the ground of scientific research.

The dignity of man's wrist watch depends on whether it is worn with calloused palms or kid gloves.

There is a shortage of golf balls in Germany, which ought to be good news to the patriots at the front.

Europe is being called on to retrench. Think of how it will have to detrench when peace is established.

The professional economists might tell us what becomes of mildy's old hats, since she always has a new one on.

The premium on dollars in Europe is not high enough to tempt the leisured American citizen to spend them there.

The supply of furs from Russia has been cut off, but fortunately there were plenty of summer furs already imported.

It might be well if Europe could send her art works as well as her gold and securities to America for safe keeping.

People who used to wear clocks on their stockings might be the ones most easily reconciled to wearing watches on their ankles.

When the high brow finds a little idle time on his hands he has some thing to say about the poor quality of magazine fiction.

The man who declares he dearly loves work for work's sake is rarely insulted, but the average man believes he is a liar just the same.

When a mule balks it is possible to light a fire under him or twist his tail, but when a gasoline motorboat balks you signal for the life savers.

The leading movie actresses who would rather be a scrubwoman than a film star probably won't find more than 37,894 charladies willing to exchange.

Somebody in Canada has invented a revolving toothbrush that works by water power. It will find a wide sale as soon as everybody wears store teeth.

According to a statistician, there are 30,000 undertakers in the United States. They are needed in a country where there are more than 5,000,000 motor cars.

It is announced that the women in Berlin live longer than the men. The Berlin women, for one thing keep

away from Novogeorgievsk and other hazardous places.

Dimples are in style again, they tell us. We have known all along that the plump girl would have her innings, and the winter styles are going to be all to the good for her.

It is up to the little nitrifying bacteria to restore as much nitrogen as possible to the world's working supply, since the war in Europe is using up unheard of quantities.

This is said to have been a great year for babies, the birth rate being usually large. They will be needed to fill the gaps made in the ranks of the human race by "civilized warfare."

Someone has discovered that there are 5,000,000 hunters in this country and suggests that they would make a mighty good reserve army. But what we want is men who can hit some thing.

It is reported that a Western anti-horse-thief association is now devoting its activities to the protection of automobiles. Times change and anti-horse-thief associations change with them.

Let those who will dispute as to whether the tomato is a vegetable or a fruit, it need make no difference to the ordinary man so long as he is able to get all of it he can eat under either name.

According to an archeologist, the ancients had elevators, labor unions, pipe organs and flats. Apparently they had nearly all the modern conveniences except submarines and street car straps.

There are a good many reports about new and wonderful dye discoveries by American research chemists, but no ambitious chemist need box his crucible and get out of the competition just yet. There is a wide-open market for processes that will produce good dyes.

NORTHWEST NOTES

The town of Cokeville, Wyoming, has granted a fifty-year electric light and power franchise to William E. Pitt of Kemmerer.

The Nevada Cinnabar company operating three miles from Lone, Nevada, recently shipped a carload of tucksilver consisting of 750 flasks.

The question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$30,000 for the purpose of extending and making necessary repairs on the sewer system carried at the recent election at Elko, Nevada.

Attorney Pilkington of Yerington, Nevada, has been arrested and held to answer to the grand jury on a charge of selling liquor to a squaw. The arrest was made by Chief of Police Lampkin.

The Mountain States Oil company has brought in a flow of oil on the Pulley ranch, near Cody, Wyo., at a depth of only 173 feet. The well's possible production is estimated at forty barrels a day.

For the purpose of determining whether or not the Mason Valley, in Nevada, has a flow or artesian water, a number of ranchers of that section have organized an association which will conduct experiments.

The vast army of forest rangers in the west may be mobilized for military duty in time of emergency, under the terms of a bill introduced by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the military committee.

A gang of forty tracklayers has been put to work on the Chisquamine spur by the Burlington, repairing the track preparatory to the reopening of the big iron mine at Guernsey, Wyo., which has been idle for several years.

A leaky gasoline feed pipe started what might have been a very disastrous fire on the Warren ranch near Yerington, Nevada, several days ago. Prompt work by the employees saved the ranch. The fire did but a nominal damage.

The Hjorth Oil company well No. 4, near Casper, Wyoming, which has been flowing only ten barrels of oil a day during the past year, last week came in with a 500-barrel flow as the result of deeper drilling operations which were instituted recently.

Rising from his seat in the Pullman car of an Oregon Short Line train to go to the diner, Charles M. Hunter, known all over Wyoming as a traveling salesman, keeled over in the aisle and in fifteen minutes was dead. The death of the salesman occurred near Granger.

T. S. Mays, well known citizen at Battle Mountain and Golconda, Nevada, was shot and killed last week by Fred Holmes. Holmes, it is alleged by the Battle Mountain Scout, was drunk at the time and they further charge that the murder was without provocation.

Letters received at Casper, Wyo., stated that James Hoge of Casper had been seriously wounded while fighting with the British troops in France. He left Wyoming at the outbreak of hostilities and joined the Scots Greys, in which he was given a lieutenantcy.

John Launeherry of Eagles Nest, Wyo., one of the oldest residents of that section, is dying at his ranch from injuries sustained when his automobile turned over. He sustained concussion of the brain and internal injuries, from which there is no chance for him to recover.

Richard H. Scott, former chief justice and now associate justice of the

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Wyoming supreme court, is stated to be busied, after an attack which prostrated him in City park, at Cheyenne. He collapsed while en route from his office and was carried to his home. He has been in poor health for several years.

As his son-in-law stepped to the front porch to shoot at a hawk, Horace Murch, aged 63 years, native son of Lane county, Oregon, and wealthy land owner, was killed when the hammer of the gun caught on the door casing. The tragedy occurred at the home of G. W. Buckingham, the son-in-law, near Coberg, Ore.

The Oregon supreme court has pronounced the classification of an ordinance, passed by the city of Astoria, requiring certain mercantile establishments to close at 6 p. m. on week days, arbitrary and unfair and it reversed the action of the state circuit court of Clatsop county, which dismissed a suit to restrain enforcement of the ordinance.

Unless the department of the interior grants a three-year extension of the contract with the state of Oregon on the reclamation project of the Morson Land company in Crook and Klamath counties, the contracts covering the entire segregation will be cancelled with large resultant losses to persons who have improved holdings in that district.

MINES AND MINING

Ore carrying 65 per cent lead, 32.6 ounces silver and a trace of gold has been opened in the Union Chief at Santaquin. This is better than \$100 ore.

Again the rumors are out that there is a deal on for the control of the Copper Mining company property in California, which is being operated by Utah men.

The Wilbert company of Idaho will pay a one-cent dividend on May 15. This calls for \$10,000, making a total of \$30,000. The company has a reserve of \$25,000.

A new mill for the Kramer Hill mine is to be built at Golconda, Nev. There will be thirty stamps in the new mill, making it one of the largest plants in this part of the state.

Five feet of snow and mud is reported as one of the slight impediments to moving ore down Big Cottonwood canyon from the Cardiff these pre-spring days up there.

Shipments of ore and concentrates from the Park City mines and mills last week totaled 1,498 tons, estimated at \$60,000. This is compared with 1,586 tons the previous week.

Stimulated by the enormous demand resulting from the war, copper production in the United States reached and passed the two billion pound mark for the first time in the history of the industry last year.

Bar silver was quoted at 71 1/2 cents an ounce on April 28, the highest price in almost a decade. A month ago the quotation was 60 1/2, early in the year 56 and just before the war 52 1/2 was a fair quotation.

A voluntary increase of 25 cents a day in wages announced by the Sunnyside Mining company at Durango, Colo., was attributed by officials to the advance in the price of silver. More than 300 men are affected.

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deposit ore has been encountered in the Gold Chain mine and while it has not yet been developed to any extent everything goes to show that it will be an important discovery for this company.

In a statement issued May 1, the United States geological survey placed the total production of copper from all sources at 2,026,000,000 pounds. Smelter production of primary copper was 1,388,000,000 pounds, a record quantity. That was 238,000,000 pounds more than produced in 1914, or an increase of 21 per cent.

In three widely separated portions of Rochester hill, in Nevada, the Rochester Mines company has developed high-grade ore during the past week. Since the ground between these points has been proven, the new work goes to prove that the mine to the uttermost limits of the known ore zone is getting better and richer.

Business on the Salt Lake mining exchange during the month of April amounted to a little more than \$1,000,000 with more than 4,200,000 shares exchanging hands, according to the official record. This is compared with the March totals of 4,830,288 shares of \$951,308 value.

Arizona is rapidly coming to the front in mining development through the reopening of properties abandoned in 1860. Around Chloride, Kingman, Oatman and other new settlements in the Cerbat district, the development since last fall has been astonishing.

NEXT WEEK

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