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IMPROVING PUBLIC SERVICE.

It is a matter of general belief that the work done for federal, state, and municipal governments is usually less efficient than what is done on private enterprises. The languid ways of many gangs of workmen employed on public jobs are often commented upon. Yet there are many government functions in which people work hard. People who know the life of the clerks employed at Washington say that they are misrepresented, that they work hard for small pay. Postal clerks and carriers generally appear like a busy class of people who are putting in a good day's work.

What, then, is the reason why the results secured in public services are commonly considered unsatisfactory? Probably it is because there has not been in the past any adequate system for rewarding initiative and intelligence. If a man of exceptional gifts took a job in one of the federal departments, and thought out methods by which that function could be simplified and made less costly, what has been the result in past years? Probably owing to red tape some or all of his suggestions would never get acted upon. Even if they were all adopted, it is doubtful if he would get adequate recognition. Somebody's political friend might be advanced ahead of him.

Public sentiment has always favored low salaries in government work. A man of superior efficiency might think out economies that would save hundreds of thousands of dollars. Yet if you attempted to pay that man half what he could earn in a private business, there would be a howl at once. Naturally men of that type usually prefer to work for private corporations.

Probably there always will be more or less politics in administering government positions. But at least a great deal could be done in federal, state and municipal services by making a special effort to see that men of efficiency and brains get promotions to which they are entitled.

The cost of living is an old and threadbare subject, yet it bears heavily upon each home every day. It has been high enough for the past year to cause profound discontent, and now, according to many prophets, it is destined to go higher yet. The tendency has been slightly upward for a number of months. Nevertheless, it is a good deal below the peak of the boom times of 1920. The national industrial conference board finds that living costs October 15 were 37 per cent above July, 1914, but they were still 23 per cent below July, 1920. While there may be some little further advance, yet there seems no legitimate reason why the price level should come anywhere near that of 1920. At that time popular extravagance made it easy for producers to raise prices. Goods were not being turned out fast enough to supply the demand. Many manufacturers put up their figures with the idea of discouraging purchases. They had more orders than they could possibly turn out and they were embarrassed and bothered by the clamor of purchasers to have stuff delivered. To keep business down to the point where they could handle it, some of them raised prices above a point that would have yielded a handsome profit. It was poor policy, and it made the crash worse when it came. But many other people in their place would have done the same thing. Free spending by the people gave the profiteers a big opportunity to ask any prices they saw fit. The business community should be urged to do business on the closest possible margin. Advertising is a great help to low prices, since it enables enterprising dealers to secure a big volume of trade. On that basis a small profit for each article sold makes good earnings on the total business. The people will warmly appreciate the dealers that serve the public interest by doing their best to keep the cost of living down.

Today's dispatches tell of three women being sentenced to death by a London judge for murder. Here in the United States we make them serve a few years in the penitentiary for their lawless acts, while in some cases it is made easy for them to escape from county jails before they are on the road to the state penitentiary. London papers, commenting on the judge's sentence professed to see a revolutionary movement on the part of judges to recognize the demand of feminists for equal treatment for men and women under all circumstances. Ordinarily, women murderers are sentenced to life imprisonment.

Governor-elect Walter Pierce has our sympathy. If he can spread enough pie on the counter to go around and satisfy the hundreds of office seekers—each one of whom is "responsible" for his election—the eastern Oregon sage will have accomplished no small part of his political program. Just now Walter has more friends than a pup has fleas—and they are all jumping in different directions. However, we hope the new governor will not overlook Douglas county in his appointments. This county helped very materially to swell his majority in the state.

Very few newspaper men are looking for political favors. They'd rather be on the firing line.

Astoria is going to rebuild and her citizens are going to do it in a better and more modern way. It takes more than a 33-block fire to discourage Astoria people and before another year rolls round the city will be well on the way to a solid foundation for a great seaport city.

Anyway, it looks like we are going to have some real Christmas weather before the 25th rolls around.

Your pay check always seems smaller if you're having Christmas festivities. But think of the pleasure you get out of giving. It's worth the price.

Let's make Roseburg safe from all fire hazards. Do it now, it's a good slogan.

Bert G. Bates' Prune Pickin's

GOOD EVENING, FOLKS!
 Yesterday we heard
 A local feller
 Announce in public
 That he wasn't afraid
 To tell any man
 Just what he shot
 Of him to his face and
 He started giving a
 Local citizen the blues
 And just then the
 Local citizen
 Happened to walk up
 And the feller kinda
 Looked sheepish and
 Started talking
 About the weather.

The ladies are going to sponsor the next Elks dance and they are making arrangements this week to have the orchestra come with their hair done up in ribbons.

The local merchants are decorating their windows this week with many beautiful Xmas gifts which make us wish we could afford 'em.

We noticed Mr. Hamm, commander-in-chief of the Ratsg. schools, in a grocery store last night buying some eggs. We predict Hamm and eggs for breakfast.

In spite of the rebuking remarks of this column directed at the attire of the Roseburg flappers we have perceived no noticeable reform in the local fashions. It's just like throwing rice at a Chinaman. They like it.

Almost any drug store clerk in the village can give a feller the correct dope concerning the complexion of the female species of the township.

OH GOSH!
 "Who's going to give this bride away," said the preacher.
 "I could, but I won't," muttered an individual in the rear of the church.

Ye ed. had a meal in a restaurant today and as we glanced about watching some folks bolt their food the thot struck us that a restaurant man could make his place popular by furnishing a suit of coveralls with each meal.

After watching a movie for an hour and half the other night and becoming more disgusted with each reel we've just about decided to quit the colyming business and go into the scenario line.

THE TOWN ORACLE
 We only meet at intervals, the Oracle and I,
 And then I sit with head bent low
 And scarcely make reply
 While he expounds on men and things
 The wherefor and the why.

He's a wonderful authority on roses, bulbs and shrubs,
 And poodles and polygamy and politics
 And pups,
 And he knows each motorcycle part
 From cylinder to hubs.

For stable information he is absolutely "IT";
 I also gather he's the source of much
 Of Lardner's wit;
 He'd be president tomorrow, I believe,
 If Harding quit.

He'd fix the Turko-Grecian mess if only he were there;
 And Ireland's troubles at his touch
 Would vanish into air.
 I'll try to ascertain his name next
 Time he cuts my hair.

A local theater announces "Ten Nights in a Barroom." The first ten rews will be reserved for the bootleggers' league of the village, we imagine.

The handkerchief shortage is becoming quite serious on account of the sneeze epidemic and it is expected that coat sleeves will be resorted to unless some immediate relief to the situation is given.

What is nicer than to dig the old mackinaw out of the wardrobe to combat the cold and find a great big hunk of dried venison in the pocket?

All of those wishing to make a contribution for the needy of the village are requested to leave their canned fruit, flour, spuds, etc., on ye ed.'s desk and we'll take it home when we quit work this evening.

The Last Farewell Trippers will shake a hoof at their first shindig this eve and the strains of music will be heard above the cries of agony.

We heard of a man today who ordered a bowl of oyster soup at a hash-house and actually found an oyster in it.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ:
 "Christmas trees aren't the only things that will be lit up this year."

NOTICE
 The accounts of the late D. K. J. Miller must be settled at once. Any persons indebted to the estate can settle accounts by calling at the office in the Masonic building, between the hours of 9 and 6.
MADGE MILLER SCHNEIDER,
 Administratrix.

CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS

FOR
**CONSTIPATION
 BILIOUSNESS
 Headache
 INDIGESTION
 Stomach Trouble**

-SOLD EVERYWHERE-

TODAY'S MARKET REPORT

PRICES PAID FARMERS FOR PRODUCE
 Butter, 25 cents a pound.
 Butterfat, 46 cents.
 Eggs, 45 cents per dozen.
 Eggs, pullet, 40 cents per dozen.
 Hens, heavy, 17 cents a pound.
 Hens, light, 10 cents a pound.
 Springers, 15 cents a pound.
 Old roosters, 10 cents a pound.
 Wheat, \$1.20 at mill, sacks returned.
 Barley, \$2.6 a ton.
 Veal, dressed, 8 to 11 cents a pound.
 Hogs, dressed, 12 cents, 120 to 160 pounds weight.
 Cows, prime, 4 1/2 cents.
 Steers, prime, 5 1/2 cents.
 Lard, \$1.05 per dozen.
 Honey, local production, 20 cents a pound.

RETAIL PRICES ON MILL PRODUCTS
 Mill run, \$1.40 to \$1.50 a sack of 50 pounds.
 Cracked corn, \$2.15 a 100 pounds.
 Rolled barley, \$1.55 a sack of 70 pounds.
 Grey seed oats, per bushel, 76c to 80c.
 Feed oats, per 100, \$1.50.
 Flour, soft wheat, \$1.65 a sack.
 Flour, hard wheat, \$1.95 and \$2.10 a sack.

War Savings Stamps to Mature January 1

"It is to be hoped that every person who can do so will exchange War Savings Stamps, due Jan. 1, 1923, for Treasury savings certificates," said Postmaster C. S. Heinlne, today.

The large amount of money invested and the great number of persons who purchased war savings stamps showed that the people of this country could save money when the necessity arose. Now, if they will take the money they saved when they bought stamps to aid the government in the prosecution of the war and buy Treasury savings certificates, they will demonstrate that the thrift lessons of the war have not been without effect. The holders of war savings stamps have seen investments of about \$20.50 grow to \$25 in five years, and larger amounts in the same proportion. They can see the same thing repeated if they invest in Treasury savings certificates. Interest accumulates at the rate of 4 per cent each year, compounded semi-annually. These savings certificates are exempt from the normal Federal income tax, and from all State and local taxation (except estate and inheritance taxes) and may be held to the amount of \$5,000, maturity value, for each issue, by every member of a family. They are backed by the credit of the United States Government, and afford an easy and sure method of savings.

Holders of the 1918 green stamps are asked to present them as soon as possible in order that the rush at the last of the month may be eliminated. The Roseburg post office has a supply of the necessary form for handling these stamps and they can be paid about Jan. 1 in the full value of \$5 per stamp.

A treasury savings certificate at a maturity value of \$100 can be issued for \$82 and the interest compounds semi-annually and run for five years.

Patricia Reid Arrested Again

Mrs. Patricia Reid, of Barton, who recently occupied the limelight here following her arrest on a warrant issued from Astoria charging her with forgery, is said to be under arrest again at San Francisco. It is stated that she is going under the name of Patricia Rosenkrantz there and is facing a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and also the theft of a \$250 fur coat. She engaged considerable excitement in San Francisco by declaring to detectives that she had overheard men in Astoria plan the firing of that city. Mrs. Reid is also wanted in Portland on charges of forgery. She frequently goes under the name of Evelyn Barton which was the name used when she was arrested in Roseburg.

Will Urge Road From Coos Bay

MARSHFIELD, Dec. 11—John C. Randall will leave tonight for Portland to attend a meeting of the state highway commission. Coos county will have a delegation present to urge various matters but the principal one is to get the state highway commission to give Coos county credit for \$187,000 expended on the road north of the Bay. If this credit is given, it will mean that the state highway commission will expend a similar amount there and this, it is believed, will complete the road. Marshfield, North Bend and the North of the Bay Association and the Reedport and Gardner are also writing in requesting the state highway commission to complete the road between Coos Bay and the Impqua. The North of the Bay Association yesterday adopted a platform of resolutions in support of the project.



Local News

Riddle Visitor—Mrs. Al Tompkins, of Riddle, was in town today, for several hours, looking after holiday shopping matters.

For Fuller Brushes Phone 302-M.

Here From Salem—Horace and R. W. Marsters, former residents of here, but now located at Salem, arrived in Roseburg this morning and will spend a short time here attending to business matters.

SPIRELLA CORSETS. Made to Measure. Bell Case. Phone 391-L.

Give dad a reading lamp for Christmas. Hudson Electric Store.

L. F. T. Dance Tonight—The first L. F. T. party dance of the season will be held tonight at the K. of P. hall. A fine program of dances has been arranged and the Impqua Five will furnish the music.

A new lighting fixture is a merry Christmas for the whole family. Hudson Electric Store.

Many Fine Xmas Windows—Roseburg merchants deserve much praise for the many beautiful Xmas windows on display this week. The spirit of the season is certainly typified in a fine manner and the shoppers aided in their selection of gifts.

See the Sherman, Clay & Co. pianos at 224 N. Jackson street. Moore Music Store.

Dance At Glendale—The Glendale Elks are sponsoring a big charity ball at Glendale next Wednesday and many local people are planning to make the trip. The Impqua Five of Roseburg will furnish the music.

Just arrived. Large assortment of Christmas candy. Beautiful gift boxes and baskets from 50 cents to \$10. All our candies are pure, and wholesome at reasonable prices.

The ALCOVE CONFECTIONERY.

Judge Hamilton Home—Circuit Judge J. W. Hamilton, returned this morning from Coosville where he has been holding court for the past two weeks. The term was a long one and a num-

Be an Early Bird

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS while your stock is complete; while there's the sparkle of freshness to the merchandise, and before the last minute shoppers crowd in. Everything for men, at the lowest prices you've seen in years. Superb values in

- Gloves
 - Ties
 - Silk Shirts
 - Handkerchiefs
 - Silk Hosiery
 - Belts
 - Collar Boxes
- and a host of other things

You can select an article now and we'll put it aside for Christmas delivery. Mail order patrons should write now, for this year's Christmas mail promises to be the heaviest on record.

Gifts in Abundance at low Prices

Harth's Toggery

S. P. Brakeman Gets Broken Leg
 George Cole, Seattle, Wash., brakeman sustained a broken leg and other bruises and lacerations last night when he dropped off the top of a car at Carnes. Mr. Cole was taken to the hospital and the Seattle Brakeman on a freight train was rolling in the fog when the loose broke stopping the train. He did not know that the train had stopped in the center of the trestle and being unable to see the cap and dropped 20 feet to the ground. His right leg was broken between the knee and the hip and he sustained numerous lacerations and bruises. He was taken to Mercy Hospital where injuries were given immediate attention.

The most reasonably priced and toys are at C. J. Brown's, North Jackson St., where you can go and see their assortment of toys and meet the representatives of the most conservative lines.

Buy His Xmas Gifts on Trial
 If he has a Ford, you can make him use your Christmas gifts for thirty days, and then get the money refunded if he is not delighted with it. Write and insure a Bosch Ford battery. Limitation outfit on the car.

Bosch Battery implies you make his Ford run smooth, run smooth, run smooth, and use less gas. It will keep your car clean, sweet cool, trouble-free and ready to drive without having to touch the spark lever. This outfit is sold on a 30-day trial and insured FREE of charge before Xmas.

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