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## AND THERE WILL BE OTHERS

The Oregon Electric Railway, operating between Portland and Eugene, is unable to pay the interest on some two million dollars of outstanding bonds. The company says their inability to meet the interest on the bonds is due, principally, to automobile competition. This latter mode of transportation is raising the very same question with other roads, as well as the Oregon Electric, and we are wondering what is going to be the ultimate result, if present conditions exist in regard to passenger and freight traffic for a few years longer. What is going to be the outcome to our expensive highway system throughout the state, and what is going to be the result if train service is crippled to that degree that the investment in the stockholders will not justify operation of the railroads that parallel the Pacific highway of this and other states? Can the state afford to keep up the highways under the present licensing system, and, with constantly increasing traffic, will it not be compelled to practically rebuild the highways in a few years at great expense to the taxpayers, the latter already carrying a burden of taxation that amounts almost to strangulation? This is a very serious matter and one that cannot be looked upon lightly. It is a certainty that we cannot afford to dispense with rail transportation. Neither can we say that automobile transportation be annulled. But it is as certain as night follows day that under the present pressure of highway transportation our roads will not meet the demand now made for various kinds of traffic for any considerable period of time. This state is not settled by people to that degree that it can support duplicate transportation lines with any success to the operators. It is a losing game for the railroads. They cannot cope with their tremendous overhead expense against that of automobile freight and passenger service. Therefore, the matter seems to have reached that state of application to the welfare of this great commonwealth that it is either a choice of future automobile transportation, incurring great additional expense to the state in the way of upkeep and new highways, wiping out all railroads that are directly affected by the new method of traffic, or protecting the railroads to that degree that they can build, maintain and operate their holdings at a fair profit.

The public, as a rule, is too prone to give just consideration to large corporations, especially to railroads, and adverse criticism has brought them into disrepute, many people getting a false impression as to their real worth. This is an entirely erroneous and injurious way of building up large industries and adequate rail transportation. The railroads of the country are giving a great service—they employ millions of men—and these men are crippled as much as the stockholders when business is diverted into other channels.

What if spring is slow to come in the North or other troubles harass the South? The United States bureau of agricultural economics promises the nation the biggest strawberry shortcake ever! Estimates from the strawberry producing regions indicate that this year's crop will exceed last year's by no less than 18,740 carloads of this luscious fruit. Florida, alone, is said to be turning out something like 110 per cent more strawberries this year than last. Although a few states show a decrease, most of them have greatly increased crops. Three rousing cheers for the strawberry shortcake and—if the sugar speculators permit—three rousing cheers for next winter's strawberry jam!

Every once and awhile a human vulture creeps into the limelight by being taken into custody, though quite a number of these fellows are lurking around in almost every hamlet. But their identity is always a mystery until their dastardly acts are revealed by an attempted attack on some innocent child. This state has a sterilization law for just such degenerates and we know of no better remedy to clear the atmosphere than the free use of the guillotine's knife on any human who would lower himself to that degree that innocent childhood should be subjected to such heinous proposals as reported in this city yesterday.

When the pavement is slippery don't speed, don't apply your brakes quickly or attempt any fancy capers. It can't be done without serious results. Some of them get by in a mangled way to tell the story. But a little, sound common sense while at the wheel of your machine, with a large amount of caution, will usually put you on the safety first list.

The annual campaign is now under way to raise \$3,000 for the Salvation Army. Three thousand dollars couldn't be placed to the credit of a better cause. Douglas County ought to go over the top—and quick, at that.

Governor Pierce has liberated fifteen prisoners from confinement. None of the bunch are cut-throats or murderers, which is consoling to the public.

The fellow who thought I. W. W. stands for "I Want Whiskey" is mistaken—according to recent developments in the bootleggers' union.

When the dancing maniacs get through making world records it will be time for the orchestra to play "Every Fool His His Day."

You can't expect to meddle in other people's affairs and not have them meddle in yours.

The May day riot seems to have passed off quietly without any display of fireworks.

# PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

### GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

The villagers  
Are just beginnin'  
To worry  
'Bout next  
Year's taxes.

### DUMBELL DORA THINKS—

The farm bloc is the one used to kill the chicken on for the Sunday dinner.

Nobody loves a pessimist. People like optimism in others, even though they may be pessimists themselves.

### BALLAD OF INSANITY.

Her mouth was always open,  
Like a cash without a bang;  
Till at last her man went buggy  
On account of her waggin' tongue.

It must have been a deliciously happy day for Eve when first she discovered that she could cry.

Some politicians kick up a dust, and others throw mud.

It is remarked that the sun may be shining on the Old Kentucky home, but the moonshine still gets all the publicity.

"Every girl likes winter sports—if they're handsome."

A method of removing the odor from carlin has been devised. It works perfectly, but there is nothing left.

All the bareback riders are not in the circus. A lot of them are riding to the opera in limousines.

In addition to being healthful exercise, walking makes it unnecessary to waste time at filling stations.

A professor says this mad haste will in time destroy our race. A few generations from now there won't be anybody left but plumbers.

Judging by Monday's papers, the best safety zone on Sunday is the home.

Brighten the corner where you are with optimism.

Of course it's entirely different proposition, but we wonder how long the young lady who broke the long distance dancing record would walk the floor carrying a colicky baby.

A farmer once called his cow Zephyr. She seemed an amicable hephyer. When the farmer drew near—  
She kicked off his ear,  
And now the farmer's much deafhyer.

### WANTED!

An editor who can read, write and argue politics, and at the same time be religious, funny, scientific and historical at will, writing to please everybody, know everything without asking or being told, always having something good to say of everybody else, live on wind and make more money than enemies. For such a man a good opening will be made (in the graveyard). He is too good to live.

Easy money is the kind usually that gets out of your pockets not into them.

A widow who has money to burn soon finds old flames to help burn it.

According to our records, this makes 1923 late springs so far in the Christian era.

"All out: end of the line," the young lady remarked as she told her last joke.

A reformer is a person, who expects a girl in \$5 stockings to sit down without crossing her knees.

A theatrical producer friend of ours phoned us yesterday from the metrop that he had just staged a big musical comedy in Seattle and that all the gags were gleaned from this column but all we've got to say is that the music musta been dern good to put the show over under those circumstances.

Some fellers are purty attentive to the woman folks afore marriage but seem to forget that walkin' on the inside constitutes a breach of etty-kett afterwards.

Hurrying out of gasoline and cheap' automobiles are two heart breakin' sports.

The skunk who attacks a feline ten year old girl should be punished with the rest of the pole cats—that is, if the pole cats don't object too strenuously.

The opportunities in Douglas county are as big as a Boy Scout's appetite. If the housewives of the nation start

Have ya ever heard of any trouble been' cured by sittin' down an worryin' about it?

## PROCEEDS OF PLAY WILL GO TO LAWN

Proceeds of "In the Garden of the Shah" Voted by Cast to Go Into Lawn Beautification Fund.

By the suggestion of Miss Jean MacKenzie, who is directing the coming opera, "In the Garden of the Shah" and with the unanimous vote of the cast for that production it was decided that the proceeds of the play were to go to the lawn fund.

This action adds one more source of income to the present fund and considering the fact that a considerable sum is usually realized from the opera this will go a long way in liquidating the expense incurred in beautifying the lawn. A small amount will be deducted from the net proceeds for the purpose of compensating the girls' tennis courts and the rest of the money will be handed over to the lawn committee.

This support from the opera cast is considered real cooperation from the glee clubs and will undoubtedly increase the crowd when the play is presented at the Antlers next Wednesday, May 9.

Work is progressing rapidly and it is intimated that only the finishing touches are lacking now to make the opera cast one of the best and most unique ever given by the high school. The cast selected consists of the best talent of the school in this line and with the splendid play with which they are working they will "put over" a real treat in the line of dramatic and music.

Tickets are now on sale at Chapman's Drug store and reserve seats will be purchasable at the Antlers box office from one o'clock Saturday until next Wednesday.

## REMODELING COURT HOUSE NOT FAVORED

Oakland Tribune: The court house question is likely to bob up again. It is reported that an attempt will be made to reopen it for the purpose of securing the immediate appropriation of the building fund of \$40,000 now on hand for remodeling the present court house and jail. This proposal was considered by the committee of taxpayers which recently considered this subject but it was discarded in favor of the plan of postponing building for five years.

We hoped that with the formulation of this report further agitation of the matter might cease. But this does not seem to be the case. Objections are now being raised on one ground and another to the annual half-mill tax which the report recommended should be levied during the five year period. The purpose of the move is to get the money and spend it sooner.

We believe that the committee's report has the approval of practically every taxpayer of Northern Douglas county and although there is no disposition to hold up the progress of the county seat, the residents of this section are not in favor of the expenditure of the money now on hand in an immediate building program. If they doubt this, let the promoters put this question to a vote of the people.

## GREEN SCHOOL WILL HOLD CONTEST FRIDAY

The local trout in the athletic contest for the Green school will be held Friday afternoon, May 4th. The purpose of this trout is to select representatives from the school to take part in the sectional contest to be held May 13th at the Benson school. The pupils have been practicing diligently and some good records will be made. The declamation contest will be held in the evening in connection with the Parent Teachers meeting. Mr. Gustin, principal of the Benson school, Mr. O'Leary, principal of the Rose school, and Mr. Howard principal of the Wilcox school will act as judges of the



Dear Folks:—

The pitcher in a game of ball is fine and fit and full of firm control. He sees the batter at the plate and knows beyond a doubt, he's got to put the ball across if he's to strike him out.

The man who drives a motor car must always know and feel control is lying in his hands that rest upon the wheel. The ditches and pedestrians that often cross his way will never cause an accident unless he throws away or loses what is called control. And so it goes thru life, its loss will cause a lot of pain, a lot of useless strife.

Control the temper when it's hot and arguments will die. Control the hands that reach for things it's best you should deny. Restrain the sudden impulse that brings you deep regrets, hold down the buying mania that builds a pile of debts.

Control excess in everything, be normal if you can. The habit's more than just worth while to Woman, Child and Man. The hand of Woe that reaches out to snatch its daily toll, receives no recognition from the folks who have control.

## TODAY'S MARKET REPORT

Prices Paid Farmers for Produce.  
Butter 25 to 30 cents.  
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Eggs, 15 cents per dozen.  
Hens, heavy, 16c lb; light 14c lb.  
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Hogs, dressed, 12c, 120 to 160 lbs. weight.  
Cows, prime, 43c.  
Steers, prime, 5c.  
Honey, local production, 20c lb.  
Cacara bark, 1922, 63c lb; cacara bar, 1921, 74c.

Retail Prices on Mill Products.  
Kid mohair, per lb. 60 to 70 cents.  
Mohair, per lb., 52c.  
Wool, fine, per lb. 40c.  
Eastern oats, \$2.10 per 100 lbs.  
Millrun, \$1.40 to \$1.60 sack of 80 lbs.  
Cracked corn, \$2.15 to \$2.30 per 100.  
White corn, \$2.00 per 100 lbs.  
Rolled barley, \$1.60 a sack of 70 lbs.  
Flour, soft wheat, \$1.75 sack.  
Flour, hard wheat, \$1.95 and \$2.10 a sack.

Declamation contest. Mrs. Heinline of the Heinline Conservatory has promised as some special music for the evening. This is the last meeting of the year for the Parent Teachers association. Everyone cordially invited.

### LIBRARY MAKES REPORT

During April 1494 books were loaned, adult 1243, and juvenile 455. 80 per cent of books circulated were fiction. The average daily circulation was 65. Books borrowed from the State Library amounted to 25 volumes.

New books added, 55. Grove's dictionary of music and musicians in 6 volumes, a much needed set, was added to the reference collection. This was donated by the Music Teachers association. "Etiquette" Post, and "The Conquest of Fear" by Basil King, two of the ten most popular books of non-fiction in the N. S. at the present time. The library has also received 117 books of biography, travel, science and fiction for adults and juniors from the state library.

One penny a day fines on overdue books amounted to \$5.70. The attendance was 2296. Thirty of the leading magazines are to be found in our reading room.

### GLIDE NEWS.

Most everyone is busy with spring seeding and gardening. Mrs. J. H. Hays has moved back to Hoquiam.

T. V. Gurney has gone to Rujada to work in the forest service.

The Glide Grange had a very interesting meeting last Saturday evening.

R. T. Blakely and family spent Saturday in Oakland visiting with Mrs. Blakely's mother, Mrs. Bard.

Mrs. Bud Lewis spent the week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Assam.

Edna Stone spent last week visiting at the home of Ruth Blakely.

Mrs. Wallace Singleton of Medford is spending the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lilly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eagles passed through Glide one day last week on their way to Roseburg.

Miss Bruce of Portland is visiting her parents at Glide for a short time.

There will be a dance at the Glide Hall, Saturday May 5. Everyone is welcome.

The Parent-Teachers association will meet Friday, May 4.

The People of Glide gave a surprise birthday party in honor of Mrs. F. S. Blakely, and Mrs. F. Gapiato on Saturday, April 28, at the home of Mrs. Blakely, their birthdays being on the same day. The evening was spent dancing and visiting and at midnight a most bounteous supper was served. There were 59 people present.

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