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## A MORAL ISSUE INVOLVED.

Recently a suit was started by the government against the Radio Corporation of America and other companies interested in the development of the radio business on the ground that these firms were maintaining a monopoly in radio matters in conflict with the Sherman anti-trust law, says the Manufacturer. Now a suit has been started against General Electric company and Westinghouse interests on the ground that their business is in violation of Sherman anti-trust law due to their system of manufacturing and distributing electric light bulbs. A moral issue is involved in suits such as these, the ultimate effect of which cannot be estimated. Is an inventor or manufacturer of radio apparatus or electric equipment who has spent much time and large sums of money to develop a great convenience, to be protected in his patent rights as a reward for his inventive genius and initiative in putting such a product on the market? If a man is allowed the rewards due for his inventions in the public interest, his business naturally must be in the nature of a monopoly for the seventeen-year period that he is protected by his patent rights. Take the electric light bulb as an illustration. Indisputable figures show that the perfection of this present day household necessity has given the public much more light for the same amount of money than it could secure ten years ago or it can get the same amount of light that it had ten years ago at a saving of many millions of dollars annually in electric current. A business which furnishes hundreds of millions of light bulbs annually under patents granted by the government as a reward for inventive genius, must of necessity maintain an enormous manufacturing and distributing equipment. The size of this business does not prevent some other inventor from perfecting a new light or a new class of electrical equipment which can be manufactured and put on the market by another organization. The same thing can take place with radio. The patents and manufactured products of present producers, while they may be considered as a monopoly so far as patent rights go, can be made worthless overnight by the discovery of some other inventor, and the millions invested in present equipment may be made worthless. It is not claimed in these suits that the public interest has been poorly served or that the consumer has been over charged. As a matter of fact, service given by the companies involved could not be duplicated by smaller concerns. Is constant governmental interference with modern industrial organizations, apparently to force compliance with the letter rather than the spirit of the law, going to encourage the American inventor or the American business man to exert himself to give the public greater conveniences or is it going to discourage him with the idea that if he does do anything on a large scale he can expect a law suit at the hands of some department of government? It is one thing to prosecute a law-breaker who is actually doing a wrong in itself. It is another thing to pass laws and regulations which make a law-breaker out of a man for doing something which is not wrong in itself. How far can this policy be carried in our administration of government before it kills incentive and brings a reactionary effect in American industrial life?

## REMEDY LIES WITH THE VOTER.

Commenting on the tax question, the San Francisco Bulletin says:

"There are two large classes of favorites in this country that are exempt from income tax; the holders of political places and the holders of public bonds. The bonds are exempt also from all other taxes.

"According to the Country Gentleman, one out of every 12 persons in United States over 16 years old and gainfully employed is on the public payroll. That means not only that the rest of us provide the salaries for the job holders, but that we also pay the income tax that they ought to pay on their salaries. Even notaries public are exempt from income tax on their fees.

"Collier's Weekly relates that the estate of Jacob Schiff, the banker, amounting to \$35,000,000, was nearly all in tax-free bonds"—congress legislation making possible taxation of income from such securities.

"The politician and the millionaire escape most of the tax burden. And the more political places we create and the more tax-free bonds we issue, the heavier becomes the tax load on those who do not hold political jobs or public bonds.

"These are matters to keep in mind when we are asked by urgent politicians to borrow millions on the taxpayer's credit for the purpose of investing in enterprises that will employ large numbers of tax-free politicians.

"We feel a righteous indignation when we read how kings of France, before the revolution, exempted favored classes from taxation, but have not gone further than any king of France dared go?"

The Oregon convicts who escaped from the penitentiary yesterday will find present weather conditions a little chilly for striped wearing apparel.

Not merely do some merchants complain about too many returned goods, but the divorce courts do so too.

Looks like March was going out like a lion—but, at best, only two days of rough weather can be staged.

Well, Attorney-General Daugherty finally jumped off the roost.

# PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

## GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Tomorrow's the day  
 You put on a  
 Clean pair of socks  
 So soak your  
 Toesies tonight.

## DUMBBELL DORA THINKS

Joan of Arc was the wife of Noah.

Ben Ryan is now the proud possessor of the famous Steve Huber Hammer gun, says an informant to this column. This gun has been admired for its beauty by most of the shooters of the gun club and Mr. Ryan is elated over his good fortune in obtaining it.

The village will be full of world war vets next Tuesday and all amateur crap shootin' bounds are urged to keep their gallopin' dominoes at home.

When a tire salesman is standin' around eyein' your car he means business.

Snowed ever' place but here which agin proves that the Umpqua valley has the wold at large very much cheated.

It seems to us that most men, judging from newspaper reports, use very little discretion in choosing the weapons with which they strike their wives. The most meticulous man in this respect we ever knew always used a hatchet, but he was always careful to avoid dulling the sharp edge and never tried to hack through a skull or anything like that.

It's really not a simple trick To write a snappy limerick, For if we publish one with spice, We promptly hear: This isn't nice!

And should we print a harmless one, You'll say, "Another rotten pun!" It's really not a simple trick To write a snappy limerick.

We must admit that about one half of our time is spent in trying to make really funny jokes decent enough to print.

A hick town is a place where the man with the manicured nails is a drummer.

The recent commotion at Holly-wood has caused the authorities to put a new rule into effect. At 5 a. m. a whistle is blown and everybody has to go back to their own bungalow.

The shindig artists of the township will gather out in the open tonight and tangle for a few fancy steps.

Mister Fickle, who plays with a telegraph instrument down on the main stem, says he never has had as much fun in recent years as when he uster gits out his airgun and shoot at the sparrows.

Not wishin' him any bum luck but we hope Mister Mellon gits canned before he jams his knife into the bonus bill.

It is said that a failure is one who has quit trying.

A man isn't necessarily progressive because he wishes to try every fool scheme anybody suggests.

Full o' pranks was Johnny Bower, In his girl's dorine he put some flour; She danced and danced, but never tired, And soon some biscuits she perspired.

What has become of the old fashioned mother who wound the clock at 11 p. m. when friend daughter had a caller who evidently planned to stay until midnight.

If you want to realize how unimportant you are to the universe, come into the city on an early train go to the shops and try to buy half a yard of orange grosgrain ribbon before the clerks have applied the morning lipstick, told each other what he said last night, and dusted off the stock.

Little Harold Hudson hasta wear blinders in his store since he installed his new lightin' system.

A flapper flapped passed this sanctum this a. m. and grinned at ye ed, and we grinned back and got an icy stare and we guess after all the dancin' was just lookin' at her reflection in the window.

Walt Fisher who is president of the city beautiful commission changed collars today.

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## OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Albina—Ground broken for steel fabricating plant and warehouse.  
 Canby to have fruit grading machinery manufacturing plant.  
 Portland—New plant of City Iron Works to cost \$100,000.  
 Hermiston—100,000 asparagus plants going in here under irrigation.  
 Dallas asking bids on 3 1/2 miles street paving.  
 Crane—First steel for 20-mile extension to Burns has arrived and work of laying same will begin first of May.

It is claimed that more lumber was exported through Portland during 1923 than from any city in the world and that it is also largest lumber manufacturing city in world.  
 Madras—Jefferson county is entirely out of debt.  
 Albany Farmers' phone rates will be cut by new ruling of public service commission.

Corvallis—New building at Second and Washington streets rapidly being finished.  
 Madras—Improvement in water system under way here.  
 Shipments of wheat from Portland during February amounted to 1,241,748 bushels.

Astoria—Establishment of modern iron and machine works under way.  
 Roseburg voters approve issuance of \$18,000 in bonds for purchase of public library.

Lebanon plans to widen Oak street from Main to city limits.  
 Harper to have chalk factory.  
 Springfield—The treating plant will be established as first unit of Southern Pacific shops here.

Klamath Falls—Pelican Bay Lumber company will start with both night and day shifts on April 1.  
 Reedsport will expend \$70,000 on sewer program.

Garibaldi—Whitner Lumber Co. making improvements in anticipation of bigger output.  
 Sutherlin—Sawmill on Mohr ranch being moved here.

Springfield will vote on \$3000 bond issue for new manual training building.  
 Eugene—Pacific Christian hospital, built at cost of \$220,000 is one of most up-to-date establishments of its kind on Pacific coast.

Coos Bay—Work on another addition to plant of Coos Veneer and Box company will necessitate, when completed, an addition of 50 more employees to company's payroll.  
 St. Helens plan to build a mobet r. r.

Albany—Two Westinghouse generators added to Mountain States Power company's unit here.  
 Willowa—75 men now employed by Oregon-Idaho Tie Co. in their operations in Bowman Hicks cut over land.

Vernonia—Millview is name of new residence site of Oregon-American Lumber Co. on Spencer Hill.  
 If voters of Gilliam county will authorize bond issue of \$75,000, state will improve section of John Day highway between Gwendolen and Olex at cost of \$225,000.

Roseburg—California Oregon Power company completes, at cost of \$42,000, construction of substation in North Roseburg.  
 Eugene—Building permits to the amount of \$25,750 have been issued for this month.

Lebanon now enjoys distinction of having finest service station in Oregon. Building erected at cost of \$20,000.  
 Portland is largest exporting city on Pacific coast for flour with 151,014 tons to its credit.

Hood River—Work on Cooper's spur, lateral of Mount Hood Loop highway, to begin at once.  
 Astoria—Standard Oil company may establish fuel station and distribution plant here with preliminary work costing about \$100,000.

Burns—Articles of incorporation filed for Harney Creamery with capitalization of \$5000.  
 Seaside—Pouring of concrete for west abutment of Broadway bridge has started.

Klamath Falls issued building permits totalling \$9,375 during one week.  
 The Portland Telegram is ranking Oregon newspaper for paying detailed attention to every form of industrial activity.

Broccoli seed for sale  
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Camas Valley News Notes  
 The Sewing school conducted by Miss Cooley on March 18, 19 and 20, was very well attended and very successful.

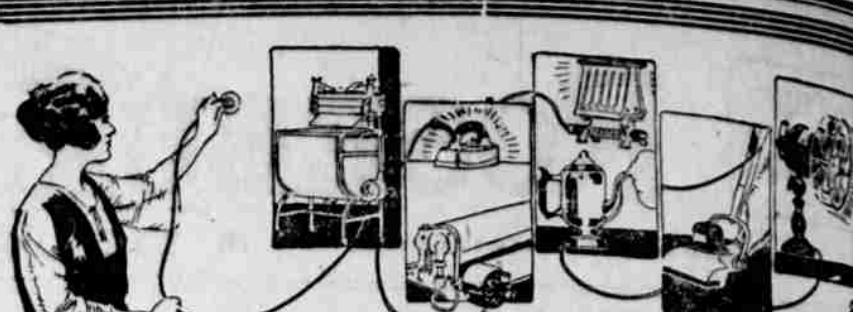
An average of eighteen women attended each of the three days. Demonstrations were given in making over old garments and cutting and fitting new ones, besides many other helpful suggestions in the dressmaking line. We enjoy very much having Miss Cooley with us and look forward to another visit next year.

Mrs. Benson who has been very ill with pneumonia is slightly improved. Her son Fred Benson of Walls Walls, Wash., who has been with her for the past week returned to his home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stoble of Powers, visited friends and relatives in the valley last week.  
 Frank Brown is putting up temporary buildings in which to live for the next few months until the weather is better suited to build their home. We are sorry to say that the Browns lost their home and about half of the contents by fire two weeks ago.

H. W. Lawson and son are hauling logs to Wolcott Bros. mill to be sawed in lumber.  
 E. E. Edmunds was out Thursday morning smoothing up the roads.

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