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ROSEBURG, OREGON, MONDAY, MAY 19, 1924.

BOOSTING PARCEL POST RATES.

A bill, known as the Paige bill, is pending in congress, one purpose of which is to increase parcel post rates.

It is not a moderate increase which the bill proposes, a jump of a cent or two on existing schedules, but 200 per cent raise. Other increases are proposed in second and third-class postal rates. The bill is designed to get additional revenue to the extent of \$110,000,000 annually.

A lot of help a reduction in income tax is going to be if postal rates are jumped in this wholesale and extravagant manner.

Have you ever bought new laid eggs by parcel post, and then had them delivered at your door for a nominal carriage charge of 8 cents a dozen? Well, you will go to the grocery for them if this bill passes, because your postal rate will leap from 8 cents to 24 cents. And the farmer will go out of business of direct dealing with the consumer by mail, and back into the hands of the middleman.

This is just one example of the way the Paige bill will work. You can think of a hundred others—all of them arguments against it. If you are in the manufacturing business, and use the mail to send out samples and goods to customers, consider the difference in your expense for postage with a 200 per cent increase.

They say there is some risk of the Paige bill passing at Washington. If there be any risk it is time for those interested—and they are legion—to get busy with their congressmen.

Increased revenue is doubtless needed for the post office department. Increases in salary are due the postal clerks. But this bill will gouge the public and defeat its own end. It will result in driving business to the express companies.

Congress voted an appropriation of \$500,000 for a thorough investigation of postal costs as a basis on which to readjust rates if necessary. That investigation has been under way for some time. It is expected an exhaustive report will be ready for submission in July or August.

To legislate for an arbitrary upward revision of rates in anticipation of this report is an unintelligent proceeding.

Postmaster New urges that congress wait until it has the results of the investigation before it. That is sound advice, but the indifference of congress to departmental opinion makes it important that it should hear from the country. Judging from the manner in which it treats the recommendations of Secretary Mellon, Secretary Hughes, Secretary Hoover and others—not to mention the president—the fact that Postmaster New is against passing the Paige bill may be sufficient to insure its passage, unless there is emphatic protest from the people who will be voting next November.

Evidence of the effectiveness of the recall was fully demonstrated in Friday's primary election in Multnomah county when the three county commissioners, who were the principals in the bridge scandal, were overwhelmingly defeated. When a just and right cause exists for the dismissal of a public official the recall law is a mighty good instrument. It had been brought into disrepute in this state to a more or less degree through certain persons who had selfish interests at heart, with no real cause for exercising the privilege of the law, other than for personal gain. But, as in the Multnomah election of last Friday, it is plainly shown that when rank efficiency, coupled with charges of extensive graft is concerned, the voters are quick to respond to the demand of the recall. And, another outstanding feature of the recent recall of the Multnomah county commissioners, was defiance of the pleadings and recommendations made for the deposed commissioners for reinstatement prior to election day, all of which fell on deaf ears. The voters were aroused to their duty, and when you get people thoroughly imbued with the spirit of right against wrong their judgment is usually exercised in no uncertain terms. They cannot be controlled by any clique or faction. No better evidence of this fact could be displayed than the deliberate resentment shown the Multnomah county commissioners who were enthusiastically recalled at Friday's election.

Training children at home is among the lost arts, says "Tom" Marshall, who may be remembered by some as a former vice president of the United States. And seldom are the public authorities able to supply what the parents neglect.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week is Roseburg's Annual Strawberry Carnival. The biggest event of the year.

Appeals not to make a joke of prohibition enforcement sound particularly incongruous coming from some dry officers.

Friends may introduce them, but candidates are more often recommended by the enemies they have made.

Senator McNary and Representative Hawley went over with a bang in Oregon. So did President Coolidge.

Bring in the whole family to the carnival and enjoy a three days' vacation. It will do you all good.

Queen Mary will reign supreme during the three days of Roseburg's Strawberry Carnival.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Phoebet Gull
Cast his weather eye
To the heavens
This a. m. and
Brot a blundershoot
Down town with him
And we've been
Predictin' that
It'd rain for
Carnival and if it does
The climate
Prognosticator
Will be forced
To acknowledge
Many burn puns
At his expense

DUMBELL DORA THINKS
Jacob's Ladder belongs to the fire department.

Stanford Jones today contested our vote for Dumbell Dora. And it made Dora so dern mad that she poked him in the snoot and had it not been for the timely aid given by the office force we fear that our candidate would have made it necessary for Stanford to view the carnival parades from the hospital pergo.

Dumbell Dora was elected strawberry Carnival queen hands down and this colyum was vindicated but as yet Dora has not selected her king and we fear that unless she appoints a half dozen of her local supporters that she will incur the ill will of many of our constituents. So to settle the matter for the young lady we desire to have a popular vote taken for queen. Send in your choice today and watch for tomorrow's announcement.

As yesterday was golf day many of the local niblick sharks were out on the marshes putterin' around.

A lot of the merchants along the main stem are so kind-hearted they won't let down their awnins for fear they'll disturb the bird nests.

We are greatly pleased to note that no community singin' will be inflicted at the comin' carnival the tail end of this wk.

That New Yawk bride who bit a piece out of her hubby's ear was too impatient. Most wives are satisfied to wear 'em out.

Gawif certainly develops a feller's vocabulary.

The restaurant owners of the village have agreed not to dilute their soup this week in spite of the big carnival crowds.

The defeated candidates are busy this week pickin' out the precincts where they were badly beaten and also tryin' to place the blame in each precinct in order that they can give the voters in those localities a pleasant grunt durin' the comin' year.

The overcast skies today was a source of worry to the damsels with freshly marcelled locks but the beauty parlor damsels were on their knees with the farmers prayin' for aqua pura and plenty of it.

Ye ed. understands that one drugist in the village wanted to enter a float in the parade advertisin' a shampoo and he's been tryin' to get some jame to portray Lady Godiva but on acct. of the bobbed hair epidemic he has been forced to clad Godiva in coveralls.

Eddie Kohlhausen was on the main stem today grinnin' and sayin' "I told you so."

The summer supply of hootch which has been hoarded through the winter by the thoughtful bootleggers of the county flooded the market this week and the big drouth is scheduled to start next Monday.

One native was noticed to look up today when an airplane flew over.

Later: The native referred to explains that he thought he heard a duck and would not have gazed skyward had he known that it was just a plane.

Dumbell Dora was down to the 5, 10 and 15 cent store today pickin' out her regal jewelry.

Chief Ketch had on a derby and a red nose today and when noticed on the depot platform looked like he was the waitin' answer to a matrimonial ad.

On acct. of ye ed. havin' tried yesterday to put a rock across the N. Ump, river we are forced to punch our gossip mill with one finger today.

The surplus in strawberries ain't worryin' us this week but the cream will be shy as usual.

Chief Perkins had to buy a Rhode Island Red rooster today in order to get enough tail feathers to finish his Chief Umpqua head-dress.

The rsbg. ball team played catch with the Reedsport aggregation yesterday and a feller named Turpin

pitched for rsbg. and judgin' from the score it would have taken a Ben Turpin to connect with his stem-winders.

The wild and furious auto drivers were out chasin' pedestrians yesterday and succeeded in wingin' one or two.

A poem about the carnival—
We hain't writ one yet
We'll prob'ly need a one-man top
To keep from gittin' wet.

Mary Reams, who addresses envelopes for Bert Lawrence, was 'lected queen Satiddy and Mary'll make a dinger of a potentate.

"I Love the name of Mary" will be the official song for the strawberry carnival.



"I'm savin' my clean shirt fer Thursday, Friday and Satiddy."

LEST WE FORGET

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PRESBYTERIANS WILL GIVE CONSIDERATION TO FOSDICK DISPUTE

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 19.—(A. P.)—What has been called an equal rights movement for women in the Presbyterian church, launched at general assembly a year ago by Mrs. Charles Armory Blinn, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Cincinnati Presbytery, will come up for action during the general assembly of the church to be held in this city beginning May 22. At present only men can become elders and ministers, and only these are eligible for election to the Presbyteries and to the general assembly. The movement of the Cincinnati women is "to remove from Presbyterian rules and regulations the restrictions in connection with the participation of women in the official affairs of the church."

Among other documents to be considered by the gathering is a memorial from Chicago Presbytery asking the general assembly to take cognizance of the world situation with respect to warlike preparations and to take steps to represent the mind of the Presbyterian church against the entire war system. Chicago Presbytery in this memorial petitions general assembly to issue "a deliverance opposed to the teachings and exophy which imagines or pretends that war is inevitable; to declare it to be our deliberate judgment that the war system as a system is fundamentally opposed to the teachings and example of Jesus and must be speedily abandoned; if civilization is to escape collapse; to affirm our unalterable conviction that any and all international difficulties can be efficiently and permanently settled by conference and conciliation and, indeed, can be settled in no other way; and to pledge our cooperation with other churches and with forward looking men everywhere in a crusade for the swift outlawry of war by international agreement."

Another matter that will be brought to the attention of the assembly is the action of the Presbytery of Southern Arizona requesting the United States government to close the Mexican border at 8 o'clock every night, and asking that a dry territory be established 50 miles wide to the south of the American border with Mexico. The basis for such action is the declaration of the Presbytery of Southern Arizona that large numbers of men, women, boys and girls are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars every month and wrecking lives by crossing the border into Mexico to gamble, drink, dance, and other various vices of the underworld.

While the general assembly is determining the controversy caused by the action of Philadelphia Presbytery protesting against the preaching in the First Presbyterian church of New York of Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, a Baptist, accused of heretical tendencies concerning the Virgin Birth and other fundamentals of the Presbyterian faith, Dr. Fosdick himself will be abroad. He is scheduled to deliver a series of lectures in Europe and to address the joint assembly of the State and Free Presbyterian churches of Scotland at the same time that the Presbyterian General Assembly at Grand Rapids is considering his preaching in the New York church.

It is considered probable that the entire Fosdick matter, with all the official papers in the case, will be referred early in the general assembly to the permanent judicial commission, the supreme court of the Presbyterian church, aside from the general assembly.

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CALIFORNIA HAY CROP IS A LOSS

The drouth in California has resulted in the complete loss of the state's hay crop, according to word received from a member of one of the largest feed and produce firms of California. The letter by Mr. Victor Van Brieson says in part:

"Will say that as for having there will not be much. We will not have more than one-fourth as much as we had to put up last year."

"The drouth is awful and everything is burned up around this coun-



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As to wages we are now paying \$2.25 per day and expect to pay the same through haying. In the Sacramento valley they are paying \$1.50 for haying I have been told."

VAUDEVILLE AT ANTLERS TONIGHT

An interesting program of vaudeville, and pictures will be presented at the Antlers theatre tonight. The Hippodrome vaudeville bills which have been entertaining large crowds weekly at the Antlers continue to grow better and tonight's bill is said to be one of the best. The acts include Shirley and Grant in "Tones and Taps," the Martin Singers in "Grand Opera and Jazz," Wilson and Bird in "Looney a la Carte," and Clifton Rand "Something Different."

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FREE ART SCHOOL HERE IN

A community free art school under the auspices of the South odist church will be held in the basement of the church June 2, lasting for ten days. The S. O. F. I. will have charge of the school, and it may be possible a local branch of the New League will be formed during the art school. Mrs. Will Cole acting as tentative secretary of the organization at present, and is making the details for the art school. Mrs. Lucille A. Mint, national rector will teach the school, which will include classes in water color, oil, and outdoor sketching. The school is for everyone, interested in nature and art, and South Methodist church invites everyone to attend.

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