

ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW

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ROSEBURG, OREGON, TUESDAY, DEC. 29, 1925. PROPERTY VALUATIONS ADVANCED.

An old axiom has it that death and taxes are two things we cannot escape. Those whom Providence spared from the former to enjoy the depletion of purse over the Christmas season will now find it opportune to prepare for a reckoning with the latter, which, we are officially advised, calls for slightly more funds than the amounts for similar purposes a year ago. At least such is the situation in Roseburg and Douglas county. In view of the detailed statements of the levies and the related budget already given to the public through the columns of the News-Review, it would be superfluous to attempt a further description editorially, but it is worthy of note from a standpoint of local interest that the property valuation of the city of Roseburg was advanced about \$300,000, bringing the grand total to \$4,032,860. This was not as many had desired, because it automatically increased state and county taxes to be paid by Roseburg taxpayers. It was inevitable and wholly within reason, however, chiefly because building operations during the year now drawing to a close exceeded a total value of over \$400,000. As a result of this increase in the city's property valuation, the city's taxpayers will pay collectively, on a 9-mill raise in the levy, approximately \$2,700 more in county and state tax combined, and, on the city's total levy for the year, about \$3,000 more than originally figured on or a grand total of \$4,732 for city revenue alone. The gain in the latter item fully justifies the slight addition to the burden of county and state taxes, because the city needs every dollar it can raise to swell established funds for the retirement of bonds, and even with the most careful financing it will be compelled in a few years to reissue \$75,000 worth of its present bonded obligations. And in the meantime other needs may crop up to add to the debt. The expression "increased taxes" is one nobody likes to hear if it represents a fact, but regrets and criticism will neither satisfy debts nor pay for needed improvements, and as long as the former exists and the latter constantly confronts us the taxpayers will have to dig.

A Madrid newspaper, commenting on the fact that relations between the United States and Cuba are not as harmonious as that organ thinks they should be, says that Americans in general appear to be convinced the United States was unjust to Spain in 1898. This refers doubtless to the Spanish-American war in which Spain was ousted from sovereignty over Cuba, and from the Philippines, too. The paper adds that the United States "would have abundant reason to impose its will upon the Cubans." We need no explanation of the paper's meaning as to the "imposing of will" upon the Cubans—Weyler, "the butcher," who throttled Cuba immediately prior to the American occupation, gave the world a horrifying example of Spanish methods—but we are entitled to a list of particulars as to the statement that Americans are convinced of "injustice done to Spain." As a starter in the list, will the paper kindly mention a few of the Americans referred to.

Admitting that much of the stuff written nowadays regarding the care of young boys and girls is not altogether befitting every community, nevertheless if it serves its purpose, that of warning parents to give more attention to their off-springs, it will have accomplished some good. It takes a severe jolt to awaken parenthood, in many instances, and bring it to a realization of the grave responsibility of proper home surroundings and wholesome thoughts instilled in the child in order to round out good citizens. The home is not always to blame for the shortcomings of humanity, but it is the very foundation upon which character is built and a lot of children who seem at certain periods of their lives to have entirely forgotten their early training and for a time indulge in "shwing wild oats" return to the good thoughts instilled in their early careers and make mighty fine men and women. All is not lost in a boy or girl if at some period they travel misguided avenues.



FAKER AND SUCKER. I think of the people who've stung me by divers iniquitous schemes, whose tricks and devices have wronged me, and drawn from me harrowing screams. They triumphed a while in their sinning, they cinched me and lifted my kale, but what was the use of their winning—so many are resting in jail. I've read of their fate in the papers so often the story is old; they played, for a season, their capers, and got from the sucker his gold. The law and the statutes they flouted, and laughed at the copper and sleuth, in unholy rapture they shouted, defying all morals and truth. And now I could name you a dozen whose triumphs are things of the past; run down by the cop and his cousin, they landed in prison at last. And scores at this writing are headed for prison, for crimes to atone, where oakum is riven and shredded, and hammers are breaking up stone. The sucker, he sits in the garden, and laughs at the breaks he has made; there isn't a turnkey or warden to josh him or make him afraid. I'd rather be known as a sucker, and here with my caul-flowers dwell, than herd with the convict and mucker, and sleep in a dark, rancid cell. Until this old planet is breaking, and Gabriel's solo is sprung, the faker will always be faking, the sucker will always be stung. And always it's wiser and better to train with the suckers and marks, than follow the awful go-getter who's classed with the fakers and sharks.

PRUNE PICKINS

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—We feel kinda rotten today because yestidy eve we went into a room in the dark and put a five-cent postage stamp on a Postal card— Ain't that tuff luck Right after Xmas?

DUMBBELL DORA THINKS An octagon is a sea serpent.

A terrible thing happened down by the five-ten-fifteen cent store the day before Xmas. Some feller parked his flivver out in front of the place and a clerk sold it for a toy.

When a woman isn't braggin' how she made a man out of her husband she's tellin' she did the best she could.

A friend of ours won a live turkey in a raffle and after feedin' the dern thing choice morsels for a month, the gold digger and died the day before Xmas. That's enough to drive a feller to drink, we'd say.

New Years will soon be with us and that's one time of the year the bell-ringers at the churches hafta work overtime.

Lotsa folks engage in a fifty-fifty marriage. The gal has the money and the husband spends it.

A smart man doesn't hafta work, some bozo said the other day. That's why so many of us are workin' we imagine.

It's easy to swear off smokin' at New Years when the wife has presented you with a box of Xmas stogies.

On acct. of the annual rush on our annual edition we'll abbreviate this colyum today and anyhow the colyum that would suit all our readers would be the one we didn't write.

DEATH KNELL SOUNDED FOR BELL HANGING PROFESSION NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Modern scientific inventions, which have spelled the ash heap for old-fashioned usages, have sounded the death-knell for another once respected and prosperous vocation—bell hanging.

Like the makers of clipper ships, hoop skirts and the surly other developments of the past which have come and gone, struck down by the march of progress and fashion, the bell hanger of today—and his class is a handful—is a man virtually without a job.

This city, which less than thirty years ago required the constant attention of hundreds of bell-hangers, now finds you for less than half-a-score. Electric door-bells are blamed for the passing of bell-hanging artisans.

F. Werner, owner of a tiny West Side shop, outside of which hangs the same sign he placed there years ago when he first opened for business, is one of the few surviving members of the rear guard of bell-hangers. A few ancient homes, clinging to relics of the past, still claim his services. But electricity, he said, has ruined his business.

When Werner, then a young man, first started hanging door-bells, the trade was then in its heyday. Father Knickerbocker, tired of thunderous knockers then in vogue, demanded a new method of announcement and bells—operated by the pulling of a lever outside, which set bells in the home as ringing—came into being.

For a brief few decades the jangling bells were pre-eminent. Bell-hangers were proud of their art. For years their ingenious arrangements, elaborate or simple, according to the householder's taste, announced the visitor. Some even played music. Then came electricity. The public took up the new wrinkle of science, and electric door-bells, operated by the mere pushing of a button, rudely ousted their clamorous predecessor. "What will be next?" soliloquized Werner. "I don't know. Scientists can do anything. Perhaps wireless door-bells. Or telepathy?"

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

PROBLEMS OF GIRLHOOD

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 27.—Editor News-Review—In your paper yesterday, there was an article "Shall Girls Show Wild Oats?" Every mother and father in Roseburg, if they are true to themselves and their responsibilities, will most emphatically answer "No." In nearly every daily we read of some promising young life that has reaped the harvest of this sinning, and our own beautiful little city has not been entirely free from its tragedies.

It is unquestioned that the problems of young girlhood, and of the mothers of girls, are perhaps more vexing today than they have ever been, but I wish to protest that those problems are in no way solved by putting in the hands of our youth parties that bring before them all the vices and license practiced in the haunts of evil.

If "Sandy" and stories of similar character, were read by mothers and fathers alone, they might prove a warning that would help them guide their daughters away from these pitfalls and dangers. But mothers and fathers throw them aside in disgust, while the daughters, eager to know life and experience its thrills, read them eagerly, and then try the experience for themselves.

The women of the W. C. T. U. have always appreciated the support of the News-Review in their fight for morality in Roseburg, but I protest that girlhood was safer under the known dangers of the open saloon than it is now under the insidious evils lurking in much of the literature which is brought to our doors today, in the pages of standard papers and magazines.

Permit me, as a reader of your paper, to protest against the publication of stories which tend to prove detrimental to the morals of our sons and daughters. A ROSEBURG MOTHER.

JUSTICE CASHOW GIVEN CREDIT FOR SPEECH THAT HE DID NOT MAKE SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28.—Roseburg News-Review: Gentlemen: Your issue of the 23rd inst. contained an account of a speech delivered before the Chamber of Commerce of Salem recently credited to me. I did not make this speech I regret to say. It was a good address and has merited the favorable comment it has generally received. It would not be fair, however, to the orator not to correct the mistake. Judge Harry H. Belt delivered this speech. I was seated by his side at the time and through somebody's mistake was given credit for the address. I would be proud to have credit for it but for the fact that it would be unfair to my brother, Judge Belt, who has kindly offered to publish this letter to correct the mistake which was originally made by a reporter who heard the speech and in some unaccountable manner gave me credit for Judge Belt's accomplishment.

Sincerely yours, O. P. CASHOW.

State Press Comment

Jardine's Plan By acting in concert with the leaders of the cooperatives, Secretary of Agriculture Jardine has framed a bill for government aid without the regulation and supervision which marred the bill offered at the last session of congress.

His new plan treats the farmers as men competent to manage their business through cooperative associations, but as entitled to all the help the government can give them in the form of business surveys and information concerning commodity marketing, crops and prices, also education in cooperative methods. This is much the same kind of aid the department of commerce gives to manufacturers and exporters.

By this means we may expect the proportion of the total farm production marketed by cooperatives to grow steadily from the present 20 per cent to 50 per cent. This will prove the most efficient method of disposing of the surplus abroad, still better, of financing that surplus to the amount with which nature burdens the farmers. Ability of cooperatives to market the surplus by exporting has been proved by growers of oranges and raisins, and they are more adaptable to changing market conditions than a government co-operation could possibly be. In fact they can by their own business on a sure a foreign market that exporting would not be getting rid of a surplus, but would be a dependable branch of the trade for which each farm industry must provide.

Resolutions of the American Council of Agriculture condemn the tariff for not doing things it does or for not doing things it was not designed to do. It protects the farmer's domestic market to the extent that the farmers' spokesmen in congress ask, which is an equal measure with the protection it gives the manufacturer, and it protects neither the farmer nor the manufacturer in exporting the surplus product. To enable the farmer to export his surplus at a "fair price" a government export agency is proposed, though government incompetency to carry on manufacturing or mercantile business has been proved abundantly in the last few years. The choice is between Mr. Jardine's plan of helping the farmer to run his own business on the cooperative system, which is a proved success and having the government run it for him, which is a proved failure.—Portland Oregonian.

More Personal Liberty Another of those exponents of

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the cause of "personal liberty" of which we hear so much in connection with liquor drinking, gave a practical demonstration of the matter down at Lakeside on beautiful Ten Mile lake yesterday morning. In the exercise of his personal liberty, a moonshiner at a dance Saturday night pulled a twenty-year-old boy with the raw poison until the victim begged to be locked up where, according to reports, "he hoped to recover." Crazy by the liquor to which he was unaccustomed, the young victim set fire to his bedding and was burned to death. The young man was the oldest of a family of seven, which he was assisting his widowed mother to support on a small ranch.

That peculiar element in our society which believes in the right to do as you please regardless of others will probably see nothing wrong in this incident in the day's news. The widowed mother, however, sees the coffin lid pressed down on her first born just as he had reached the age where both him and her fatherless brood need a different view of life, and a course of "personal liberty" that has caused a heartache that time cannot cure.—Portland Telegram.

TEAMSTER TO DIE FOR KILLING OWNER OF BUMPING AUTO (Associated Press Local Wire.)

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 29.—Jesse Ingraham, itinerant teamster, was found guilty of first degree murder by a jury in superior court this morning. The jury imposed the death penalty. Ingraham, who was driving overland from Texas, shot and killed Joseph C. Hedges, a Seattle attorney, last September 19. The shooting occurred on the Pacific highway near here and Ingraham said that he shot because the Hedges car had bumped into his wagon. He claimed that he had been hit by motorists many times on his trip west.

The Ingraham case was the first time in more than thirty years that the death penalty was imposed in this county.

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PARACHUTE JUMPING HIS WAY TO OBTAIN COLLEGE FUNDS. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—Of all the University of Minnesota students working their way thru school, Victor L. Eagan, medical student, has adopted about the strangest. He is a parachute jumper.

Eagan formerly made a living by participating in motorcycle races at Minnesota state fairs. He did his first parachute jumping last summer. His only complaint is that his legs sometimes get so much of a jolt for the average size "chute." "I never get a 'chute' big enough," he said, "and consequently I get quite a jolt when I land."

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