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THE TAX BILL.

A conference recently held at New York to consider methods of reducing state and municipal taxes, suggested that committees of influential people be formed all over the country to work for reduced costs of government. Such committees, if made up of competent business people, could do good. But they would have to face the problem created by political influence. In a private business, if a man fails to get results, someone higher up tells him he must improve his methods, and must show by facts and figures that they are improved, or he must let someone else try the job. With that kind of pressure, he gets the results, if it is in him to do it. But if a public official is complained of, he will often obtain the protection of some person who is influential politically. It will frequently be found that if such an official is removed, influential people will be offended, party harmony will be disrupted, and a row created that will have unfortunate results politically. So it will often happen, that the defects of such an official as a public servant will be tolerated, and he will keep on giving unsatisfactory service to the people, just because the politicians for various reasons do not dare make any change. There will never be a sweeping reduction in state, county, and municipal taxation in the United States, until the people form the habit of scrutinizing very carefully the record of their officials, to see if they are getting the results that can be expected of them. They must be held up to the same high standard of performance that is expected of a business man in his own organization. The fact that such an official can make an eloquent speech, and persuade influential elements that he is going to favor them, must not count. When we can do the public business everywhere in that spirit, then taxes will be lower.

Considerable fun is made of those old timers with whom bathing is a somewhat unusual event. Years ago it might have been considered that people had fulfilled the functions of cleanliness if they took a bath once a week. There were some negligent people whose ablutions occurred much less frequently than that. But now the doctors tell us that bathing should be a daily affair. Consequently it is not wholly satisfactory, when a survey by the American Child Health Association tells us that the average American child takes a bath only once a week. The abhorrence of the average boy for his Saturday night bath has long been known. He may go in bathing three times a day in the hot summer when the cool and lovely waters of the pool make a bath an inspiration. But it seems a different proposition in his own tub at home. He needs to be told that if he is going to become a strong man and athlete, he should change over that obsolete idea of his.

However one may feel about the anthracite coal strike, it is no doubt true that the miners, in setting themselves against the principle of arbitration, are opposing a plan that is going to be used more and more in settling disputes, national, international, and industrial. In spite of all faults that may be found in this method, it is more apt to secure justice than any alternative plan that could be named. If the miners had assented to it in the first place, they would probably have obtained the same wages they were getting when they quit, and they would have saved the enormous sum they have lost in wages by staying idle all this time. It is a rather difficult thing for any group of people thus to set themselves against the tendencies of the time. The drift of the current is all against them.

Mrs. Jorris, Kentucky's only woman legislator, thinks that many women are better qualified to be the head of the family than many men are. She ought to know, as she is a farmer and for years the responsibility for the support of eight brothers and sisters rested on her. The position of head of a family seems to belong in reality to that one of a married couple who has the greatest mental power. The customs of former years made many women shrinking creatures, without power of resistance to difficulty, who had to be protected. Now that they get out and struggle with the world, their capacities have grown. The men who think their wives are going to be yielding creatures are many years behind the times.

The habit of drinking milk seems to be largely increasing. Formerly, if people wished to say something discreditable of a man, they would often call him a "milkop" or a "milk and water" person, as if the habit of using milk was something effeminate. But people have discovered that milk is a very nourishing food. No less a personage than Theodore Roosevelt, apostle of strenuousness, was a confirmed milk drinker. The consumption of milk per person increased about 20 per cent from 1918 to 1925. The more people can be induced to eat plain and simple foods like milk, containing abundance the main principles of nutrition, the less they will demand highly seasoned concoctions made to stimulate faded appetite. They will be able to perform more work on simple foods.

The people who write novels and plays and prepare moving picture films, have a heavy responsibility in these times, to make sure that in representing bandits and outlaws, they do not picture them as heroes who are to be admired. Unless they are careful to show the meanness of the attacks which these wrongdoers make on honest people, and what a sneaking and cowardly thing it is to extract money out of people by threatening to shoot them, such characters of fiction are likely to have, to certain types of minds, a romantic character that makes their doings seem desirable and easy to accomplish. The thief and the bandit should be represented as a contemptible person who has earned the hatred of all well meaning people.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—
 The girls are wearin' colors to match their complexions. This Spring, And this p. m. A dandelion walked into a local store and just because she had freckles the clerk sold her a polka-dotted dress.

DUMBLE DORA THINKS
 A thumb-tack is a finger nail.

Was talkin' to one of the town boys this a. m. and we asked him how old he was and he said "twenty eight," and we said, "How do you know you're twenty eight?" and he answered, "Because I've had the seven-year-itch four times."

We're considerin' seriously of becomin' a profl officer as the stuff is gettin' too darn expensive to buy.

The fellow who names the Pullman cars must be a darn interesting bozo to talk to.

As the Copco fellows are again busy stringin' wire along the main stem, the town loafers have something to attract their attention from the girls' ankles.

We ordered a dish of puddin' in a local eatery yesterday p. m. and the gal with the cute little dust-cap on asked us how we liked it and we said, "We think it is mediocre." And the maiden said, "Oh no it isn't—it's topical."

While the Ku Klux cross was burnin' on Mt. Nebo the rain came down in sheets.

A town desert boy was braggin' in front of a local pool-hall today about how he makes the girls fall for him and judges from his line of conversation, those that don't fall are badly crippled.

A fond reader of this great column of moral uplift asked us how we made a livin'—kinyu 'imagine such a question—and we told him we lived off the products of our brain and he said he guessed our factory was closed down durin' Feby.

We've always noticed that the cream of society is a little thick.

"A woman shouldn't work for a husband until she gets him."

"Life Begins Six"

STATE ASSESSORS MEET TO WRESTLE WITH TAX PROBLEM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—County assessors from all over the state gathered here today for an executive session held in the court house prior to their appearance before the state tax investigating committee at the state capital tomorrow to give their ideas to that committee on how best to bring about a more equitable distribution of taxes raised by local taxation.

A few Republican assessors expressed the view that the tax investigating committee would merely give Governor Pierce a chance to "pour some water on his own political wheel" and it is believed that for reason no much is being said about the assessors' consultations for today.

Generally speaking it is believed the assessors desire more power to go into the affairs of taxpayers in order that property concealed from taxation may be brought to light. Without such powers, they state, efforts to effect a general increase in valuation are more or less idle.

Rippling Rhymes
 Walt Mason

THE ALMANACS.

In the almanacs are printed jokes as good as any mind-ed, and I used to read them daily, laughing loudly, laughing gaily; there the humor glowed and twinkled, but alas, the jokes were sprinkled in between some dreary sections, giving grave and grim directions how to locate fierce diseases and a thousand kindred wheezes. "If you find your eardrum itches, if your side has painful stitches, it denotes, without a question, that you've chronic indigestion. Buy a jug of Beeswax Bitters, or you'll join the graveyard critters." I would find a gem of humor flanking pictures of a tumor. Every bon mot was united with some ill that should be righted. Every symptom indicated that I was with ailments freighted. "Are black specks before you floating? They're a warning, they're denoting you have ills which are not quitters, till you purchase Beeswax Bitters. Do you stutter when you're walking? Are your hair and whiskers falling? You require an overhauling. Poison fire your system litters; take three kegs of Beeswax Bitters. Are you always feeling rocky, does your stomach act up badly when you've eaten pie or fritters? Soak yourself in Beeswax Bitters." Though the jokelets pleased and charmed me, all the rest of it alarmed me, for it taught me, that I staggered under ills that made me haggard. What we need to keep us smiling is an almanac beguiling that cuts out the symptoms patter, that is full of reading matter of a sort that cheers and pleases, saying nothing of diseases.

LOCAL MAN GETS SHRINE APPOINTMENT IN AL KADER

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—R. Scott Weaver, hotelman of Roseburg, has been appointed a rajah in Al Kader temple, Mystic Shrine, of Portland, for 1926, according to an announcement made by illustrious Potentate Phil Metachan. The selection comes as a reward for services rendered the Shrine in that locality. The principal duty of the rajah during 1926, will be to act as personal representative of Potentate Metachan in all matters pertaining to Al Kader temple in the Roseburg district.

MOVIE NOTES

Majestic Theatre
 May Edington's latest short story "Judgment" has been pictured by Frank Lloyd and featuring Antonio Moreno, Patsy Ruth Miller, Ruth Clifford and David Corbitt will be shown at the Majestic theatre starting tonight under the screen title "Her Husband's Secret."

Miss Edington is the authoress of "Triumph" and "Secrets" and is well known for her sympathetic understanding of the finer details of domestic life. "Judgment," recently published in the Saturday Evening Post, has provided Lloyd, the producer of "The Sea Hawk" and other colorful spectacles, with opportunity to display his ability at handling of finer, more delicate, yet equally powerful and compelling drama. Dealing with a double romance of love and of the present day, the picture unfolds a story of the comparison of parental love and sweetheart days and complications which develop when experience is pitted against youth and romance.

Antlers Theatre
 After seeing "Don't!", Alf Goulding's production, based on a story by Rupert Hughes, which opens Wednesday night at the Antlers theatre the old question is reviewed in the reviewer's mind as to which is the greater, a comedy drama filled with real humor, or a great tragedy. Remembering "Don't!" no clearly, one is almost inclined to choose the comedy.

"Don't!" is a well-known story of the "goings on" of the younger generation, this time not among the New York smart set, but in a small town in New Jersey. The particular town does not matter, for it might be any in the United States.

All Goulding, who directed "Excuse Me," has directed the picture with a fine understanding of the small-town complex, realising the difference between that and metropolitan existence, and yet bringing out the points that have a universal appeal.

Bert Roach, the well-known comedian, again scores in "Don't!" in a role somewhat similar to the one he played in "Excuse Me," but one which offers him much greater opportunity. If it weren't for the extremely clever work of Sally Yelken as "Tracey Moffat" in the leading role, he would "steal" the picture.

COURT RULING ASKED IN OIL CASE BEFORE TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The counsel for Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Bohoney noted a special appeal today from the decision of the District of Columbia supreme court sustaining the validity of the second indictments against them for conspiracy to defraud in connection with the leasing of naval oil reserves in California.

The purpose of the appeal is to have the United States court of appeals decide a question of law procedure before actual trial on the indictments.

BEAUTY CHATS

LAST MINUTE TREATMENTS

We'll suppose you have to go out unexpectedly and you have been too busy to keep your appearance up to what you think is your best. What can you do in a few minutes, perhaps while people wait for you (which always makes you nervous and turns your fingers into thumbs) to improve your looks the most in the least possible time?

Well, brush the hair quickly and vigorously for half a minute. This alone is often stimulating enough to make the hair attractive and glossy when it has seemed rather dead. Comb it using the fine tooth part of the comb, for this puts it neatly in place and "sets" it much better than the coarse end of the comb.

So much for the hair. For the face, there are several quick treatments. I think the best is to spread a layer of cold cream over the skin, without even taking time to massage it in, wash it off again with hot water and a very soapy face cloth. The combination of the cream, the heat, the wetness and the soap smooths out half formed wrinkles, brings blood up into the face, makes the skin rosy and alive. If the eyes are tired, wring out the cloth from the hot water and hold it over them for a moment, this rests and refreshes them and makes them bright.

Now rinse with cold water. Neither the face cream, the hot water, nor the cold rinse takes much time, and the cold rinse is so important I wouldn't advise you to omit. For

it too, brings blood up to the skin, draws up loose muscles and wipes out tired lines, giving you animation instead of weariness.

Then clean the nails quickly, push back the cuticle with an orange wood stick and polish them hard with a buffer. A high polish will cover a large number of manufacturing errors.

Marie F. H.—Tincture of green soap should never be used for a shampoo unless the hair is very oily, as excessive use of this or any other alkali soap may bring about the very reverse condition, which would be a very dry scalp and falling hair. An oily scalp is often caused by poor elimination, and correction of this brings the improvement to the scalp.

Mrs. George D.—You can soften hard water with small bag of bran or oatmeal for bathing the face and neck. You can also do this with a few drops of ammonia, but this can be so easily overdone that it is best not to depend upon it.

Rain water is used often by people living where they cannot get anything but hard water. Proud Mother—Brushing the hair around the scalp instead of straight downward will encourage ringlets in the baby's hair. After you have washed the baby's head each day, form the hair into ringlets as it is being dried. If there is any tendency to curling at all, this will be the only training necessary.

Efficient Housekeeping

ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES

TOMORROW'S MENU
 Breakfast
 Prunes
 Cereal
 Fried Eggs and Bacon
 Coffee
 Lunch
 Waffles
 Syrup
 Fruit Salad
 Cookies
 Dinner
 Lamb Stew with Peas
 and Potatoes
 Cold Slaw with
 Sour Cream Dressing
 Orange Custard
 Coffee

Troubled Bride: "How can a hostess serve bridge refreshments if she has no maid?"

Answer: I recently saw it done very simply and suitably as follows: After the game is over, the tables were covered with Italian-bemisthed covers (which hung about two inches below the table top on all sides). Simple Madeira napkins were placed. Then the hostess asked one of the guests to "help her" and the two went out of the living room and returned each bearing a plate of fruit salad in either hand. They returned to get more salads. That was all. It was so natural and nice. The hostess in this case evidently did not possess napkins to match her little bridge-table cloth, so used just what she had. Many housewives do the same. As I have said before in this column, the world respects people who have the courage to do the economical thing which will keep their means.

Mrs. E. H.: "In reading your recently published directions for making a cretune birdcage cover, I was distressed by the thought

that a bird might not be able to breathe easily if muffled up in a heavy cretune cover. Here is a cover which I consider over so much better: Take a square of some kind of light material—any silk—and open it up one side as far as the middle of the square. Put a snap at top and bottom of this slit. A small circle cut from the exact middle of this square will enable the cover to slip around the hanging ring of cage and the material to fall evenly.

Answer: Although I saw the cretune cover which I described for sale in a shop, I believe that your home-made kind is by far the better. Thank you so much for sending it in to us. We cannot be too humane in our treatment of our dumb friends.

H. H.: "Some time ago one of our readers asked for the following: Onion Cake (or Zwiebelkuchen.) Use common bread dough for bottom. Cut onions in small bits and be generous with them; fry them as you would for steak, adding salt and pepper to season well. Put on the cake and bake in a good, hot oven."

Answer: Thank you, Reader Friend, for your kindness in sending us this recipe.

Mrs. F. F.: "Please tell me how to paint a glass jar."

Answer: Best sealing wax of the desired color, mix with alcohol, and apply to the jar with a brush. You can get more specific directions from the large makers of sealing wax, most of whom sell ten-cent booklets on Sealing Wax Art. I cannot mention trade names in this column, as that is advertising, but if you wish to send me a stamped self-addressed envelope I will give you the address of a place which sells such booklets by mail.

Tomorrow — Pastry Apple Dumplings.

Diet and Health

By Lulu Hunt Peters, M.D.

Author of Diet and Health and Diet for Children

ITCHING (Pruritis) No. 2

Weren't you glad when I told you in yesterday's paper that Dr. Peters, an eminent New York skin specialist, says that we don't necessarily have to have itchy skins when we reach old age? I was. From the numerous letters I have been receiving from elderly people complaining of itching, I had believed the statement made in the textbooks on skin diseases, that there were some degenerative changes of the skin in old age, which cause the trouble.

There is considerable pleasure in vigorous scratching of an itchy spot, but when the itching continues and is so intense that literally tearing the flesh from the bone would seem a relief, that's a different story.

If you stroke the skin with a feather, there's a tickling at first. But continue it and itching will be caused. The nerves of the skin have now become hyper-sensitive. (People differ in their sensitiveness of the skin, as in other matters. And the irritation that would be sufficient to cause itching in one, would not be in another.)

True pruritus, as I explained to you yesterday, is an itching of the skin due to a hypersensitiveness of the skin nerves, and not to structural changes such as take place in true skin diseases or in insect bites, eczema, or in itching, in other words, without apparent cause. However, there is a cause, and this must be ascertained for, (in yesterday's paper I explained the main causes.)

There should be a thorough physical examination by a competent physician, to rule out systematic and local diseases as a cause, for naturally the symptoms will not subside if the cause continues to operate. (Certain general systemic diseases may cause both a general and local itching.)

These diseases ruled out, then you must see that your diet contains all the elements your body needs, in proper proportions (a balanced diet), and contains sufficient roughage so that constipation is prevented. And you must practice all the other known hygienic measures for keeping in good health. Keep the skin active by a daily scrub, followed by cool or cold water. If the skin is dry, dry skins are more susceptible to itching—you had better get what is known as a super-fatted soap, which is not so drying as the ordinary soap. All soaps should be thoroughly rinsed off. After the bath you can rub the body with some coarse butter or cold cream, or a lotion made of one ounce of glycerine to the pint of water. Brushing the body with a dry scrub brush helps to keep the skin active also.

Woolen underwear seems to be a common cause of itching skins in some people during the winter. In some cases a light weight garment of other material should be worn under the woolen (dyed) underwear may also cause itching.)

If the baths with soap seem to make the condition worse, then baths with bathing soda, 10 ounces to the ordinary tub of water, or, Treatment: First and foremost,

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OREGON WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Oregon will ship up to 100,000 barrels berries to the eastern market this year.

Pilot Rock—Growers have 1200 turkey hens to raise 10 carloads holiday turkeys.

Eugene—New Lighthouse Temple opened for public services.

Newport—Fish being shipped in carload lots to San Francisco.

Value of 1925 spring and fall salmon pack on Columbia River, is \$3,000,000.

Benton—California capital will develop black beach sands for gold, platinum and chromium.

West Linn is spending \$32,000 on new sewer system.

Astoria—Port handled 13,992 tons of freight over terminals, in January.

Utah-Idaho Sugar Co. agents encourage sugar beet planting in Polk County.

Springfield—Large shipment of maple knots and burls sent to Indianapolis, Ind.

Roseburg—Umpqua Valley brocoli will be shipped in solid train lots. Pacific Fruit Express already has 500 refrigerator cars on sidings.

Falls City—"Enterprise" plant will move to St. Helens, but paper continues.

Cascade Rocks—Wind River Lumber Co. mill being repaired for new operation.

Columbia River wheat shipments for January, totaled 2,534,731 bushels.

Medford—New high school will have \$5,000 farm building, with four classrooms.

Silverton—Pickle factory promised here this season.

Medford—Crown-Oregon Lumber Co. starts work on second \$500,000 sawmill. New electric mill will cut 165,000 feet a shift.

Clatskanie—Allen - Hendrickson Co. will double canning plant output this year.

Hood River—City plans to pave Oak street, and lay water mains on Columbia street.

Redmond—Hollow tile warehouse being built to store 40 cars of potatoes.

Warrenton — Sanborn - Cutting Co. will increase capacity of vegetable cannery.

Tillamook—Coats Lumber Co. reopens after being electrified and remodeled.

Beaverton — McCready Lumber Co. improves plant and will double stock.

Gold Beach—Gannett's Block to be erected this year.

Garibaldi—Contract let for graveling Netarts road, for \$17,735.

Tillamook dairymen foresee the most prosperous year in their history.

Salem—Pacific Fruit Canning & Packing Co. reorganized, and will add \$25,000 capital.

Salem—Oregon Pulp & Paper Co. lets contract for \$990,000 plant addition.

Wendling—Booth Kelly mill reopens on full-time after two weeks of repair shutdown.

Federal authorities will sell 118,000,000 feet Klamath Indian timber.

Baker—Syndicate pays \$30,000 for three copper claims in Mother Lode district.

Astoria spent \$41,443 in 1925, in repairing and enlarging port facilities.

Ledge of rock in Columbia river at Wauana will be moved, to make 35-foot channel.

Coos county will have all private timber re-auctioned at a cost of \$25,000.

Marshfield—Coos and Curry Telephone Co. will spend \$75,000 for 1926 improvements.

St. Japhis—Purdy Brush Co. makes rubber-set brushes for whole Pacific coast.

Burns—Work suspended on Her-

rick Lumber Co. railroad, until April 1.

Asundon—Business section, now built on piles, to be filled in by dredging, and streets macadamized.

Grants Pass—Local bankers will back growers to plant big strawberry acreage.

LaGrande—New city well strikes artesian flow, 1909 gallons a minute.

Salem—During January, 39 home building permits were issued for \$106,750.

Cottage Grove spent more than \$140,000 in public improvements in 1925.

Salem—Frank Blight will erect \$250,000 store, office and theatre building.

Central Point—Bonds are voted for new high school building.

Astoria—Greatest lumber trade in history of port, predicted for 1926.

Come and see the basketball game between Eugene and R. H. S. tonight at 7 o'clock.

WESTERNGREN OUT OF OREGON LINEUP; FACES OPERATION

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 23.—The University of Oregon basketball team will play California at the Oakland auditorium Friday without Algot "Swede" Westergren, popery all-coast guard, who is ill with acute appendicitis at a local hospital.

Arnie Klinkin will probably be used in Westergren's place, according to Coach Billy Reinhart. The local players will leave tomorrow noon for California.

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PORTLAND BEAVERS MAY RECEIVE NEW TALENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23.—President Thomas L. Turner of the Portland baseball club arrived here last night after an extended trip east, and announced that he has hopes of adding an infielder and a couple of pitchers to his present staff. He also said that has no holdouts on the club, and that all of the players have signed with the exception of Leo Mangum, Frank Fish, Ray Rohrer, Dennis Burns and Babe Thomas.

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