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THE FOREST FIRE-BUGS.

The outstanding reward of \$1,100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a forest incendiary appears large enough to get results, but if it cost several times that sum to bring such a criminal to justice it would be money well spent. The amount expended in fighting purposely set fires and the taxes lost by the destruction of timber aggregate a grand total far exceeding what is offered to secure the conviction of a firebug. Results of the investigation of Douglas county fires to be made by a specially detailed state officer are awaited with interest, particularly in view of the charge made by the county patrol office that the fires were set deliberately by neighborhood stockmen to create pasturage areas for cattle and sheep. If this charge is substantiated by subsequent investigation, we may expect drastic action of some sort. The impression that has gone forth over the state as to conditions in this county is reflected in the following comment appearing in the Portland Oregonian:

"Douglas county is beset with men on the outer fringe of settlement who still act on the theory that timber is a nuisance that cumber the ground. In pioneer days that theory was held with some show of reason, and those who now hold it occupy the last frontier."

A most fortunate day it was when the attractiveness of the North Umpqua region was brought to the personal attention of such an authority on scenic and recreational America as S. D. Welch, California sporting goods manufacturer and contributor to the leading publications of the sport world. A trip up the North Umpqua river last week made Mr. Welch an enthusiastic booster at once for that region, and he is a booster of the worth-while kind—the kind whose endorsement carries weight wherever given by either spoken or written word. His verdict on what he saw on the trip, as expressed in the News-Review of last Saturday, is convincing proof of his high sense of appreciation and of his ability to convey his impressions in appropriate language. His voluntary promise to sound the praises of the North Umpqua in a series of magazine articles is a most welcome one, and from its fulfillment we may look forward to many a visitor that we might not have otherwise received.

It has been wisely decided that the money to be paid by the federal government to eighteen Oregon counties as reimbursement for lost taxes on the revested O. & C. R. R. land grant is to be officially designated as an "appropriation," not as "refunded taxes." The average layman will attach no importance to such a distinction, but the farsighted county attorneys who met in Roseburg a few days ago saw the need of averting a possible division of the money with the state, which took no part in supporting the Stanfield bill and which has been paid every dollar of state taxes levied upon the counties during the ten-year period covered by the forthcoming reimbursement. Coming to the counties as an "appropriation," the federal money will be for the counties alone, whereas as "refunded taxes" the money would have to be shared with the state, which morally, at least, isn't entitled to a dollar of it.



Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

I well recall that fateful night when we surrounded Dingbat Dight, and rode him on a rail; we made an effigy, as well, and by the Delegates' Hotel it fluttered in the gale. This Dingbat got himself in Dutch because he always talked too much on high and sacred themes; he was opposed to every creed that sad and erring mortals need, he had revolting dreams. He thus applied the wordy gaff to things that were the rod and staff of thoughtful, earnest men; and so we rode him on a rail around the square and past the jail, and then right back again. And while he lived about the place he bore the stigma of disgrace, an outcast till he died; he had assuaged, to his grief, the pious citizens' belief in subjects glorified. That was a weary while ago, and I have seen much water flow from out the flour-mill dam, since Dingbat reared himself erect and shocked the ears of the elect, by calling faith a sham. These days it is a common thing for men to take a bitter fling at every creed and god; the lecturer arrives in town and knocks a row of scriptures down, while listeners applaud. And even in the village kirk the priest announces with a smirk old things are out of date; some parts of Genesis won't wash, we must discard the bunk and tush, and get our creed on straight. Compared with modern people's talks, old Dingbat's spels were orthodox, his faith was stout and hale; men ply with zeal the ribald tongue, but none in effigy is hung, or ridden on a rail. Old Dingbat now, were he at hand, might in a fretted pulpit stand, and voice his former views, and worshippers would say, "John Knox was not so degenerate orthodox—he wears a zealot's shoes!"

REPORTED KIDNAPING OF AMERICAN GIRL DOUBTED

(Associated Press Local Wire.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Reassuring word has come to relatives of Evelyn Eastman, former Chicago girl reported missing from her home near East headquarters in New York, that she is safe and well.

Now is the time to buy plows, harrows, etc., and save 15 or 20 per cent. Wharton Bros.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS

"This is a Helluva note,"
Said the banker
As he looked for
The endorsement.

DUMBELL DORA THINKS

A horse pistol is one that was raised from a Colt.

The shin diggers will gather in the village tonight and demonstrate the new dance the "Valencia" which doesn't bruise up the furniture quite so much as the Charleston.

Peelin' squashy peaches is enough to make any fellow disgusted with the fruit canning season.

The fire fighters are still out in the mountains battlin' the flames and they'll be a bunch of red hot poppas when they get back to their shabes.

The bozo with a canoe and a ukelele has more of a chance grabbin' off a sweetie nowadays than the fellow with a celluloid collar and a bank acct.

Pretty soon autoists will be cuttin' notches in their steerin' wheel for every pedestrian they knock over.

Met a gal in a beanyery this a. m. who was chewin' gum and eatin' waffles at the same time. It's marvelous what the modern daniel can accomplish.

Now that the time to return to college is near at hand the collegiates are being nice to Maw and Paw wipin' the dishes, and pilin' the wood.

Arshon, 12. They were taken in to custody by two detectives after spending the night in fear that they had been abandoned by their companion.

The youths were arrested when a traffic policeman noticed the number of their car, which police had been warned to look for.

Stone jars at Powell's.

See The West.

The French franc is now worth about one-seventh of its former value.

A thrifty member of the French deputies proposes to tax tourists 20 per cent of the difference between the pre-war and present value.

The practice of tourists in buying depreciated francs and using them as expense money while in France irritates Frenchmen. The proposed tax would be healing for French feelings and yield the French government \$30,000,000 a year.

American tourists can escape the 25-franc tax by avoiding Paris first. By taking a long-delayed look at their own United States, American tourists now abroad could sight-see without being jeered at by an angry populace.

At the same time a lot of them, by travel out in the big West, could secure a valuable information of which, as citizens, they now stand in great need. — Portland Journal.

Punishment For Firebug.

No law on the statute books provides adequate punishment for the incendiaries who are charged with starting forest fires in various parts of the Northwest, but one of the most important duties before the next legislature is to provide a penalty that will come nearer to fitting the crime than anything now in force. Friction between ranchers and forestry service employees is said to be responsible for part of the trouble, with some of the fires undoubtedly started for the purpose of destroying the timber and improving the range.

Nothing can justify such acts, for the forest fire in a dry season like the present carries with it potential death. Even if no loss of life results from these conflagrations, the property loss in the aggregate is incalculable. All through the Pacific Northwest are thriving communities and towns that received their start from the timber industry.

The workers in the woods and in the mills in thousands of places have built and developed homes on the land which produced the timber. This was possible where the conversion of the trees into lumber supplied employment while the home was building.

No payroll will ever come out of the hands of the men left by these big fires, and with no nearby employment to assist while the farm is being cleared, these burned over lands will be idle for many years before they again produce anything of value. The direct loss by forest fire is usually classed as "natural," but the actual loss to the country continues for years after the timber owner has charged off the effects of the fire. — Portland Telegram.

Baiting Developers.

Having fought a valiant battle in behalf of the lynch law of the Toledo mob and commending them for forcibly deporting half a dozen Japanese so as to keep this city "clean," the police of the Portland Journal is now after subscribers in Klamath county by attacking the California-Oregon Power company because a few agitators want the reclamation service to go into the power business for their benefit, instead of looking up to the contract with the power company.

The great crime of the power company seems to have been the investment of over \$10,000,000 in developing power projects in Oregon and northern California on the Klamath, Rogue, Umpqua and other streams. The development of the Klamath River, the capital, but carried on by California capital. Now the property is a link of the hydroelectric power system extending from Canada to Mexico. No Oregon capital added to its development. Hence it is safe for the journal to add it to the contract with the power company.

It is this vicious treatment of the hydroelectric power company, which is being illustrated by the Journal, that keeps them on the Oregon and causes the state to lag. It is the knowledge that every investor and developer in Oregon resources is treated as a criminal, a practicing law for a power company, a proper and necessary "baiting" all along the line, that makes capital reluctant to invest in the state. Most developers only ask a square deal, but the hard work to secure it.

What's the matter with you, guys? The attitude towards capital is well illustrated in the Portland Journal is the principal thing. — Salem Journal.

Hate off! To the News Review classified ads. They got results.

DR. NERBAS

DENTIST

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