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SENATOR BOURNE'S OPPORTUNITY

According to an editorial in the Washington (City) Times of recent date Senator Jonathan Bourne, of Oregon, is making a considerable noise about the necessity of business methods in governmental expenditures. He has made enough noise to attract the attention of eastern papers and these commend him for his attitude in the matter. No detail is given as to just what changes Senator Bourne would make, so there is no way to judge of his constructive ability, but if he is doing nothing more than arousing others to a proper consideration of the leaks that come through faulty systems of buying and careless checking he is doing a good work. In the estimation of the Oregonian and many others such work as this will hardly answer for the lack of oratorical or literary ability on the part of Jonathan, but there are those who are prone to believe that there is now too much oratory in Congress, too many "statesmen" with new laws in their heads, and too many that are little intent on seeing that the everyday business affairs of the nation are conducted in such a way that the waste each day is not larger than the revenue from additional taxes levied every little while. If Jonathan will constitute himself a sort of growling watch-dog over expenditures, and occasionally get busy in a genuine effort to start a few dollars out Oregon's way, the majority of the people will forget that he has money (one of the really great crimes of the age, especially when it is inherited or grafted, one of which is inevitably true when the sum is a large one) and concede that he is at least as "big" as some others with greater reputation for musical mouthings on the floor of the Senatorial chamber.

But just here the G.-T. would put Senator Bourne next to where it is possible to make a saving great enough to cover the annual deficit of the postoffice department. Let him find a way of cutting off hundreds and thousands of tons of literature sent from government offices to where it is not appreciated and not wanted. Every postoffice in this country handles yearly a large quantity of bulletins, reports, costly maps and much junk of that kind sent to people and public organizations preferring not to take it from the post-office. It costs hundreds of thousands of dollars for the paper on which this overflow is printed, other thousands for extra people to handle it, and thousands of dollars are paid the express companies for carrying it as mail. All of this junk could easily be cut to one-third, a two-third financial saving be made and everybody as well satisfied. The G.-T. respectfully suggests to Senator Bourne that if a list of bulletins, records and such like were sent occasionally to those on the government's mailing list, and at least a small charge made for literature of any sort, a far better service

would be obtained and at the least cost. The Senator should be able to work out the details, so we leave the proposition here.

FAVORS PARCELS POST

The business men and merchants of the smaller towns are generally credited as opposed to the parcels post. The Spokesman-Review, of Spokane, thinks this is the result of a lack of knowledge of the facts in the case. It takes up the case of the Colfax, Washington, merchants, who went on record as opposed to the parcels post, and makes the following pertinent comment:

"Inquiry made by merchants of Colfax disclosed that \$3100 was sent in a single month by money orders through the Colfax postoffice to two mail order houses in the east. This is naturally a matter of much concern to the business men of Colfax and some of them, evidently without a complete understanding of the plan of the postmaster general, seem to regard it as a reason for opposing the proposed parcels post over rural delivery routes.

"The purpose of the parcels post is to give country merchants exclusive delivery over rural routes, and it would minimize the very evil of which the Colfax merchants complain. As the proposed parcels post is not in existence it certainly can not have contributed in any way to the building up of the business which mail order houses now have through the Colfax postoffice.

"Under the parcels post, as recommended by the postmaster general, a country merchant, for example, for 25 cents could have delivered to one of his customers a package weighing 11 pounds, and mail order houses would be excluded from this privilege. It would cost the mail order house \$1.32 to send 11 pounds by mail, and the package then would not be delivered by rural carrier.

"The plan is clearly set out in the annual report of the postmaster general for 1908.

"This rural parcels express," says the report, "is to be confined entirely to rural routes. No merchant or dealer not a bona fide resident of the town in which the distributing postoffice is located, or on the rural route, would be permitted to have goods delivered at the proposed special rate, and packages would not be accepted from any person

acting as agent for a concern located outside of the delivery limits of the rural route. The result would be to increase the business of local merchants and country stores by facilitating consumption and the delivery of goods. It is of incalculable importance that these small dealers throughout the United States should not be driven to the wall."

"The reasoning of the postmaster general is sound. Quick delivery is a big advantage to any merchant. On that advantage Spokane's great jobbing trade has largely been built up. The proposed parcels post would give that advantage to country merchants."

That there is more or less of fatality and broken bones in a game of football can not well be denied. That there is as much danger as excitable persons are trying to make the public believe may be successfully refuted. There is a determined effort of anti-football people to oust the game from school sports and public favor generally. This is their right and privilege, but they should stick to facts. It is demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt that lists of fatalities this year have been outrageously

padding, that public opinion might be arrayed against the game. This is unfair, unjust. That football is a good sport is practically the universal opinion of school men throughout the country. These urge that the rules be modified to make danger of serious accident very infrequent, but few are willing that the game be abolished. Certainly its friends should never permit it to be abolished through misrepresentations of facts. A list in another column of this paper shows that of 26 deaths attributed to football this year, at least 10 are wrongly credited. Friends of the game should pass this corrected list on to enthusiasts and newspapers elsewhere.

The Eugene Morning Register celebrates its tenth anniversary by installing a fine new Cox-Duplex press, and giving the public an insight into the paper's growth. The Register is a very excellent newspaper in the Willamette's newest and finest city. Its growth has more than kept pace with Eugene's rapid advance, and today the Register is a paper that would be a credit to any city considerably larger. It is to be congratulated on its achievements.

Philomath

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Ind., and A. J. Bowmañ, of Grand Rapids, Mich., are guests of President R. S. Kindel at the A. N. Haines home. They visited the chapel exercises at the College of Philomath Thursday morning and O. B. Bowman gave a very interesting talk to the students. Pres. Kindel told the students that the reason for his "happy look" and "broad smile" was because of his guests but they thought he looked very natural. Miss Cathey rendered two instrumental numbers.

Mr. Page visited last week at the home of Mrs. Keezel. He left Saturday for his home in Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eakin arrived last week from Grass Valley to visit relatives.

Miss Hazel Windel has registered at the College of Philomath since Thanksgiving. Her home is in Harrisburg.

Prof. J. B. Horner, of O. A. C., will deliver his famous lecture "Oregon Literature" at the Brick College on next Friday evening. Prof. Horner is a very fine speaker and always pleases his audiences with his lectures.

Mrs. Alfred Wood shopped in Corvallis between trains on Thursday.

King Dodo

Of all the comdey opera successes which have been produced in recent years no work of the kind has surpassed in popularity that of Pixley and Luders' "King Dodo," which comes to the opera house next Friday, Dec. 3. The reasons for "King Dodo's" popularity are easily explained. In the first place it

differs widely from the usual comedy opera in that there is not a line from the beginning until the end which can be misconstrued. It is funny, but the fun is clean, there is not a line at which even the most captious could take offense. The other reason is in the music. There are more than twenty as charming musical numbers as have ever been given to a work of this kind. From the opening chorus until the finale there is a flow of melody that not only pleases the ear, but is of the quality which once heard is not easily forgotten. "King Dodo" is being presented with all the attention to detail that characterizes all of John Cort's productions. The scenery, properties and effects are all new and the costumes are gorgeous in their beauty.

Transfers

The real estate transfers for the week ending November 27th, 1909, were as follows:

- Wm P Taylor et al to C H Worthington 60 acres near Alsea \$300.
- Wm P Taylor et al to W J and Lulu P Vernon 20 acres near Alsea \$400.
- Evans McLennan to R E Heater lot 3 and north 1-2 lot 2 bl 14 Wilkin's Add Corvallis \$100.
- J G Norton to C A Troxel and wife lot 5 bl 2 County Add Corvallis \$10.
- J E Runkle to F O Gray 46.41 acres south of Corvallis \$10.
- F O Gray to J E Runkle lots 3, 4, 9, 10 bl 3 N B and P Avery's Add Corvallis \$10.
- United States to Charles Reed 27.64 acres in Kings Valley.
- P L Cate and wife to T J Pettit and Peter Kurre bl 23 Wilkin's Add Corvallis \$3200.
- William Wolter to M M Long and William Kittredge land southwest of Corvallis \$10.
- A J Williams to Mary E Felger land near Philomath \$1.
- Charles E Witham to Elvin Witham lot 24 College Crest Add Corvallis \$780.
- Cynthia E Henkle to A W Watkins part of lot 68 bl 18 Philomath \$10.
- Marinda E Watkins to A W Watkins lot 74 bl 21 Philomath \$10.

LAFFAN THE PUBLISHER.

How Noted Art Critic and Journalist Helped a Green Reporter. William M. Laffan, publisher and principal owner of the New York Sun, who recently died of appendicitis at his country home in Lawrence, N. Y., was well known as a man of letters and an art connoisseur of note. As a newspaper man Mr. Laffan's influence was far-reaching. As an art critic and as an aid to J. Pierpont Morgan he did a work that placed him high in the ranks of the men who have helped in the art education of the United States. It was to art that he devoted his time when he could escape from the exacting business of attending to many details connected with the management of his newspaper.

Appropos of Mr. Laffan's interest in art a story is told of his kindness to a green reporter who in 1892 went to the American Art galleries, in New York, when Sutton and Kirby were a craze among the elite to write something about an important sale of art objects. Pretty soon he was in a daze. He had served an apprenticeship at fires, murders, funerals, police courts, shipwrecks, obituaries, etc., but did not know the real meaning of jades, celadon, Flambe and Souffle, eggshell, lacquers, Diamio, Netsukes, coupes, Tisha-Ire, faience, Satsuma, Cinnabar, Inros, kinkara, in-deu and a hundred and one things with which the catalogue was packed. He was in a dense sweat of ignorance when a big man sat down beside him and asked if he could be of assistance. "If you understand anything about this sort of rubbish, yes. I don't know what is worthless and what is not."

For more than an hour after the sale ended this man sat there, patiently leading the reporter up to an appreciation of the fiddle arts and suggesting a list of objects worth mentioning in a description of the sale. The reporter thanked his good Samaritan without asking his name and hurried to his office. The newspaper account of the sale attracted more attention in the office than anything in that line that had occurred there for many years, and the green reporter's stock jumped away above par. No one of the subscribers dreamed that he possessed so intimate a knowledge of ceramics as the article indicated, while the city editor made grumpious inquiries concerning the whyness and whereforeness of the youth, who hitherto had scarcely been noticed among the staff. It was fortunate for the reporter that the sale had ended, as that fact alone enabled him to rest on his laurels. But he became curious at last to know who had helped him write so brilliant an article and dropped into the art galleries to inquire. Mr. Kirby listened to his description of the man and guessed he did not know him. There was no one connected with the association that answered it. "Why, there's my man now, over there looking at that picture," said the reporter, having discovered his friend, who, of course, had a way of haunting art galleries. "Oh," said Kirby, "that's Mr. Laffan of the Sun. Yes, he has a way of helping people. Finest judge of art in America."

HAIR RAISING CONTEST.

G. A. R. Members in Germantown, Pa., Growing Whiskers For a Sword. Barbers in Germantown, Pa., are melancholy, while dealers in a hair restorer are jubilant over a whisker growing contest which has started among the members of Ellis post, No. 6, G. A. R. The veteran having the longest whiskers on Jan. 1 next will be given a sword by N. K. Ployd.

Thirteen soldiers have entered the contest, and, as they have been in battles which have been won by a hair's breadth, they are not averse to a whisker growing race which may not be won by a close shave.

The contest, it appears, grew out of remarks made at a meeting of the post. One veteran who had hair on his head and none on his face called another who had hair on his face and none on his head baldheaded. The veteran with the hair on his face contended that his whiskers contained more hair than the other veteran had on his head. Then all the veterans who were either baldheaded or "baldfaced," as it were, took sides in an argument on whiskers. It was then that Comrade Ployd, to stir the ambitions of the beardless ones, came out with his proposition.

Melville H. Freass, who up to a short time ago had the longest whiskers, is picked as the winner.

Corridor of Nations For Big Hotel.

There shortly will be a "corridor of nations" on the steam heated roof of the Hotel Astor, in New York, leading to the belvedere, where tropical plants have been massed in profusion. The corridor of nations is named, because of the ivory tinted cabinets lining either side of it that will contain flags of different nations. The glass door of each is to have a small flag in view indicating the large flag folded within. When a well known foreigner stops at the hotel it will be easy to select the flag of his country and let it float from the flagpole.

Total Eclipse of the Moon.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon, visible generally throughout the United States, on the morning of Nov. 27. The moon will enter the earth's shadow from the southwest at 2:11 a. m., and totality will begin at 3:14. The total eclipse will last till 4:36, with the middle of the eclipse at 3:55. The moon leaves the shadow at 5:38, and the eclipse is over. The above times are for localities which keep eastern standard time. For central time set back one hour from above.

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