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DEBT A GOOD INVESTMENT

No town or city ever made any stride forward worthy of mention until the people reached the point where they were ready for the city to go heavily into debt. Great improvements, the kind that count, cost very large sums of money, and cities that wait until the money is in hand to pay for such improvements never make them. The mountain water system never could have been installed in Corvallis had not the people been willing to go heavily into debt. That system is paying interest on the money it cost, providing a fund for extensions and great improvement, and within the coming three years will furnish enough money to build an additional pipe line. It pays about \$16,000 a year clear profit. All improvements and extensions must be made within the coming three years. At the end of that time the money must be used to

pay off the twenty-year bonds. Those bonds could be paid off in six or seven years if the holders would take the money, but they do not want it.

As a paying proposition, going into debt for needed improvements is about the greatest investment possible. That this is true is evidenced in practically every city on the globe that is making effort to forge to the front. It is evidenced in Portland by the fact that the city pays in yearly interest on bonds a sum greater than that paid for any department except fire and police. Portland pays \$161,899 interest each year. It pays its police department \$232,000 and for fire protection pays \$565,000.

It is of interest to note that Portland considers it worth while to spend \$99,000 on lights, \$93,000 on parks and \$28,000 on its libraries.

Ask any Portland business man and he will tell you that the Rose City's bonded indebtedness is her greatest and most profitable investment. Corvallis will have to make extensive sewer and paving improvements very shortly. The fear of bonded indebtedness, within reason, should not arouse distrust or fear on the part of any.

A FINE BULLETIN

To have an array of valuable statistical facts and the ability to present those facts in such a way that the public will enjoy their presentation and at the same time grasp their significance is the good fortune of few men. One of the few is the author of "Feeding for Eggs," a bulletin just issued from the O. A. C. press. The new bulletin is as interesting as any one of this year's six best sellers. Any man, woman, or child who

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knows an egg from a door knob will enjoy reading the story of "How Biddy Pays Off the Mortgage," and as they will enjoy they will learn more about chickens and egg production than they ever imagined any one should or could know.

It is somewhat interesting to learn that a five pound hen ate 100 pounds of raw material and produced thirty pounds of fruit, and it is more interesting to learn how she did it. Consider the fact that the raw material is worth from one to two cents per pound and that the finished product of the hen ranges in value from 10 to 30 cents, and the interest in Biddy the Mortgage Lifter becomes intense; one can scarcely wait for succeeding chapters in which it is told "How Biddy Turns Grain Into Gold," "How the Lady Chickens Turn Grass Into Greenbacks, and Coin Silver Out of Sand."

The new bulletin is indeed a readable piece of literature. It contains twenty-four pages of

facts, some old, mostly new, and presented as such facts were never presented before. Prof. James Dryden not only knows more about the hen than she does about herself but he knows how to tell it better. The bulletin may be had by any one who will write to the college for it.

OREGONIAN AND LIQUOR

Walla Walla voted wet. The Oregonian gives the item one of its four precious front page heads. If the Oregonian increases the size of the head as such items become less frequent, it will not be long until it will have to adopt the Journal and Telegram style. The liquor traffic as a licensed evil is doomed and the Oregonian delays the final action of Oregon but a trifle. The Oregonian is perverse and wilful in its attitude toward the liquor business. It is impossible that it believes prohibition, or the semblance of prohibition, will not result in a far less quantity of liquor being consumed. Less use of intoxicants necessarily must mean an improvement for society as a whole. Then why not have prohibition, even though it be granted that prohibition will not prohibit? And no one will claim that prohibition will stop drinking altogether, no more than a death penalty for murderers prevents men from taking life. But as stringent law and heavy penalty checks criminality, so does prohibition law put the greatest possible check on drinking and its attendant ills. Prohibition has been a good thing for Corvallis and Benton county, it has been a good move for every other town and county that ever tried it. The business men of this city can, will, and do testify to this fact, and the business men of other prohibition towns will testify to the same fact. Liquor as a beverage is but the broth of hell to most men who have aught to do with it. As a licensed traffic to steal men's brains, honor, integrity, and health, the liquor business is an evil that should not be tolerated by the people of this state or any other state. The Oregonian argues for "reasonable regulation." The unfortunate part of it is that few liquor men and few who support the liquor traffic are willing to concede that any legislation curtailing the traffic is a reasonable regulation.

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

The council, park board, street commissioners, and other officials may do much, but to make any city beautiful, the active cooperation of individuals, acting on their own volition is absolutely necessary. The individual planting flowers and keeping his own property in presentable condition means more than all the work of all the officials. In Oregon where flowers blossom profusely early and late, the whole people should follow the example of Portland, which is determined to become the Rose City in fact. Nurserymen estimate that Portland people will have planted 100,000 roses by the end of the 1909-1910 season. This includes the fall and spring planting. This stunt is believed to be unparalleled in the history of American cities. Estimating that each new rosebush will bear ten blooms during the coming season, it means that Portland will have added 10,000,000 roses to its wealth of bloom during the coming summer.

That a licensed liquor traffic is not a good advertisement for

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