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AN INSIDIOUS MEASURE

Will the people of this county and of the state be deceived into voting for the 5 per cent interest limitation bill at the November election?

This is a question that many a man is asking his neighbor these days. His neighbor sometimes answers, "Pooh! the people of Oregon are not fools enough to dry up the wells of their own prosperity."

His neighbor's confidence in the good judgment of his fellow citizens is well founded and it is inconceivable that they would intentionally do anything that would affect the source of their prosperity, but it is very conceivable that they be fooled into tampering with the source through the well-intentioned desire to increase. And it is not only possible for them to enact such a law as the 5 per cent interest bill but it is quite probable that they will unless they are made to see very clearly that the title of the ballot and the false hopes and promises it inspires are as a will-o'-wisp that will lure them into bogs and quagmires.

The measure seemingly promises that no borrower will have to pay more than 5 per cent interest for his money. Such a promise appeals to all of us. But, unfortunately, there are economic laws which cannot be set aside by legislation and these economic laws would interfere to prevent us getting the boon we voted ourselves. The law of supply and demand affects the money market just as it does the fish market, the fruit market or the grain market. If money can be loaned in Washington, in Idaho or in California for seven and eight per cent, there will be none offered in Oregon where five per cent is the limit allowed by law. The United States government itself, backed by the biggest security in the world, is paying 6 per cent for money now and only a fool would expect conditions where the little borrower could borrow for less.

The net result of the 5 per cent bill, if passed, would be to paralyze industry, cripple business, stagnate commercial activities, handicap farmers and everyone else dependent upon borrowed capital and impose idleness upon many laborers through the shutting down or impairment of industries. And all this without accomplishing the alleged purpose of the bill.

THE MISAPPLIED EPIPHETS OF GOVERNOR COX

Is James M. Cox of Ohio really friendly to Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, whom he hopes to succeed as president of the United States?

If he was, would he speak of the president as "the stricken man in the White House"?

Was it "a stricken man" who turned Robert Lansing neck and heels out of the state department because the secretary of state tried to prevent the public from thinking that the president might in fact be disabled from discharging the duties of his office?

Is it "a stricken man" who has been sending messages to congress, making important nominations to office and issuing political statements to the public to induce them to support Governor Cox for president?

Such a suggestion, coming from such a source, is a remarkable incident even in Governor Cox's remarkable campaign.

Governor Cox has made another mistake of a kindred nature.

He calls Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, the son of President Theodore Roosevelt, "a misguided youth."

This epithet, if used at all, should be applied to quite a different Roosevelt, namely, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the Tammany candidate for vice-president on the same ticket with Governor Cox. Indeed, the term "misguided youth" is capable of a wider application and includes any young man or woman who is unwise enough to think of supporting the Wilson ticket at the coming election. New York Herald.

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

The Invisible Hand beckoned and he answered the summons. The Master whom he had served so well and faithfully, called him, and the soul of W. A. M. Breck went to its reward.

It was most fitting that in the midst of his work he should be called; that suffering should not end the life so well spent, that in an instant, he should be called from earth to heaven.

Early in life Rev. Breck consecrated his life to God and to the ministrations of charity, love and the teachings of those things which make life brighter and happier and purer. His big sympathetic heart was in his work and that work was for mankind. He comforted and helped humanity and preached true religion.

He has been called to his reward. His eyes are closed, his voice is still, but his good work lives even though he is gone. The world is better off because W. A. M. Breck lived; it is the loser because he is gone but his example is before us.

THE HORSE IS NOT DEAD—YET

From 1870 to 1919 the number of horses in the United States increased 203.3 per cent, showing an average increase for each decade of 25.5 per cent. These figures indicate that the horse has as yet shown no signs of becoming an extinct species.

A COMMENDABLE MEASURE

The measure which provides for the election of a county clerk, treasurer, sheriff and coroner who shall hold their offices for four years, instead of two years as now the law provides, seems to us to be a wise measure and we are heartily in favor of it.

If we get good men for these offices, and usually we do, there seems to be no necessity of their having to run for office each two years. Ordinarily, and it has been the custom in Columbia county, to give a man two terms if he has made good the first term. If he does not make good, the public has the recall as their weapon and protection. Looking at the matter from the standpoint of Columbia county, the Mist would advise its readers to vote 308. Yes, which puts all county officers on the same basis by making the terms of equal length. The measure creates no offices.

There are some mighty good teachers who teach in the rural schools. In fact, most of the rural teachers are better teachers than those to be found in city schools. They have an opportunity to get closer to the real problems. Many city or town teachers might bear in mind that a few years ago they were teaching in the country, and at that time they didn't minimize the work of the country teacher. Because one is a teacher in a city school does not necessarily mean that he or she is superior or more intelligent than the one who teaches the rural school. Common sense is a great asset in teaching as well as other vocations.

The Mist welcomes Rev. S. Darlow Johnson to St. Helens. It hopes that his work here will be in keeping with the excellent record he has established in other places. However, none of us should expect a minister to accomplish as much by himself as he could accomplish if he had the co-operation of all citizens who desire an influence for good. The work of the minister and the results he can accomplish, depend to a large extent on those who wish to see good accomplished.

If a law is passed by the people saying that the legal interest rate is 5 per cent, we wonder if those who have money to loan will loan it at the rate as prescribed by law, or will they send it to other states where the interest rate is more. "Self preservation is the first law of nature," and no matter what law is made, money, like any other commodity, is going to seek the best markets.

The Colorado state highway commission is considering a plan for illuminating the road from Colorado Springs to Denver, a distance of seventy-five miles. Up here in Columbia county we will be satisfied with a good road bed and a durable macadam top dressing, and if some of the roads don't soon get it, they should be illuminated for safety's sake.

A poor road means poverty for the people it serves. In many Columbia county sections, the people have learned this and are insistent for good roads.

RANGERS NEEDED BY THE FOREST SERVICE

The United States Civil Service commission will hold an open competitive examination for forest ranger on October 25, 1920, at the various National Forest headquarters of the North Pacific District, located at Cordova and Ketchikan, Alaska; Albany, Baker, Bend, Eugene, Grants Pass, John Day, Lakeview, Medford, Pendleton, Portland, Prineville, Roseburg, and Walla, Oregon; Bellingham, Okanogan, Olympia, Republic, Seattle, Tacoma, W-llc Walla, and Wenatchee, Washington.

Persons desiring to enter this examination should secure application form 1312, from the Civil Service commission or from the forest supervisor at any of the places where the examination is to be held.

Candidates must be between the ages of twenty-one and forty years. They must be able-bodied and are required to pass a medical examination. Persons whose military service entitles them to preference are released from age requirements. Other requirements are at least a common school education and knowledge of the rudiments of compass surveying, timber estimating and scaling, land laws, and the livestock business.

Forest ranging offers men who like the forests and mountains an opportunity for a vigorous outdoor life where they may fight forest fires, build trails, telephone lines, and cabins. To a person fond of outdoor life the work is varied, interesting and healthful. However, the forest ranger must be willing to endure hardships if necessary. His work often takes the ranger into remote regions where he must know how to take care of himself and his saddle horses.

Applicants who reside in the state where they take the examination are given preference in appointment over non-residents. Preference is also given by act of Congress to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines, who should attach to their applications their original discharge or a photostat copy or a certified copy thereof, or their official record of service, which will be returned after inspection by the commission.

The work of a forest ranger gives the necessary training to make an expert woodsman. Many rangers develop special skill along some phase of their work,—as timber cruising, surveying, logging, engineering, or telephone construction.

Rangers are appointed at an initial pay of \$1220 per year, an increased rate effective this year, and those whose services are satisfactory may be allowed the temporary increase of \$20 per month granted by congress. The continuance of this increase beyond June 30, 1921, however, depends upon further action by congress. In many cases quarters are provided by the government. Rangers may be required to furnish saddle horses. Forage for necessary horses is provided by the government.

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SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia.

Louise Turner, Plaintiff, vs. Clay Turner, Defendant.
To Clay Turner, the above named Defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause on or before the 4th day of December, 1920, said date being six weeks from the first publication of this summons and if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead, the Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in her complaint, to-wit: for a decree of divorce forever dissolving the marriage contract heretofore and now existing between the Plaintiff and Defendant, upon the grounds of wilful desertion for more than one year immediately preceding the commencement of this suit.

This summons is served upon you by publication by virtue of an order of the Honorable James A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered on the 14th day of October, 1920, directing that this summons be published in the St. Helens Mist, a newspaper of general circulation published in Columbia County, State of Oregon, and further directing that the same be published not less than once a week for six consecutive weeks.

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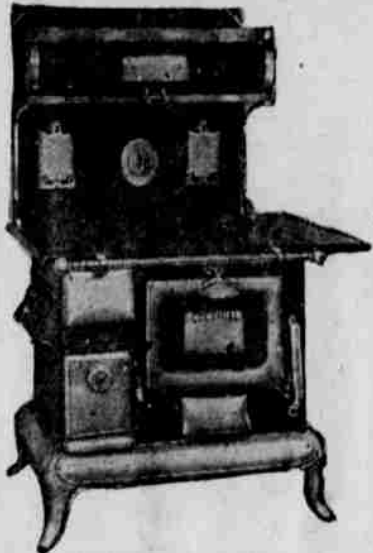
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