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SINNOTT FIGHTS FOR SCHOOL FUND.

The energetic fight that Congressman Nick Sinnott has put up for the school fund to share heavily in the Oregon Land Grant land sales is admirable and most of the state papers are expressing words of appreciation. Notably, the Portland Journal, which naturally opposes Sinnott because of party affiliation, made extra effort to extend praise to the Second district congressman in his work at Washington.

That Sinnott's fight, along with Chamberlain's, will accomplish much there is little doubt, although it must

not be overlooked that the entire congress votes upon this measure and many of the eastern congressmen will not overlook the opportunity to take from Oregon by force of voting strength what should belong to this state. That is a way the east has and practice of it in the past only tends to show what is likely to occur regarding this bill.

The final measure will doubtless be a compromise and we may not share as well as we had hoped, yet whatever the outcome may be the people of Oregon will ever remember with kindly feeling the work of Congressman Sinnott and Senator Chamberlain for their efforts in behalf of the school fund.

THE CHURCH PENSION FUND.

The Observer is in receipt of a neatly printed volume from 24 Wall street, New York. It is not a stock boosting pamphlet, neither is it a sympathy pamphlet issued by any of the corporations who want the Interstate commerce commission to let up. But it is a little booklet showing how useful it is to pension the clergymen of this country. Such eminent men as J. Pierpont Morgan are among the executive committee and of course you guess at once it is an Episcopal document, for J. Pierpont Morgan and all the rest of the Morgans are Episcopalians.

But the idea the little book carries is worth considering. Who toils on day after day in the full knowledge of knowing he is right, yet for weeks and months at a time the world turns in its "shoot the chute" frivolity and heads him not? Who comes to your

side when affliction overtakes you? Who says the comforting words in the time when the world looks dark? Who invites you time and again to church, to prayer meeting, to young people's meeting, and you thank him but never go? The clergyman is always on the job. He never fails you. You do not have to guess where he stands on any question. You do not have to hunt for him; he is always accessible.

And what does he get out of it? Most of them get true contentment and happiness in living their consecrated lives trusting in Providence to provide for them in later life.

Trusting in Providence is all right, but why not give a little assistance? We are taxed by law for every conceivable thing, then why not levy a voluntary tax on ourselves to assist these men who have lived close to Almighty God, and given of their counsel and their prayers to any who might come, in order that old age may be looked forward to with certainty of plenty of the material things necessary for comfortable living?

WALSH ON BRANDEIS.

So much is being printed relative to the confirmation of Brandeis, and so much of the criticism is of an extreme nature, that it is well to listen carefully to what Senator Walsh says:

"Brandeis' real crime was that he exposed the iniquities of men occupying high places in our financial world," asserted Walsh. "He did not stand in awe of the majesty of wealth. In his written and expressed views he favored 'social justice.'"

"It would be easy for a brilliant lawyer so to conduct himself that he would escape calumny and vilification. All he needs to do it to drift with the tide. If he never assaults the evildoer who stands high in the marketplace, he will have no enemies and no detractors."

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP IN ALASKA.

There is much civic spirit in Juneau and the town believes in municipal ownership. It owns and operates the principal wharf and it has its own fuel depot, where it supplies coal to the citizens at the rate of \$10 per ton. Before the city went into the coal business coal was bringing \$14 a ton, and at the same time gasoline was selling at 35 cents a gallon. The mayor began to sell in competition and the price of gasoline dropped to 21 cents. The city has also aided in the building of a cold storage plant with a freezing capacity of 18,000 pounds a day and storage rooms for 150,000 pounds of fish.

Juneau has electric lights and water-works supplied by springs and streams in the mountains. It has a telephone system and a service of ferries which connect it with the several towns on the channel. All of the latter are run by private corporations.—Frank G. Carpenter, in The Christian Herald.

Pendleton is promoting a big central theatre which will be used for many things including conventions and gatherings and road shows. And between large attractions the house will run moving pictures. Is it possible the day of the big theatre is coming back? We shared the belief that the movies had forever strangled the large show house.

An addition of ten stalls to the La Grande railroad terminals is food for enthusiasm. Every person in the city should feel the certainty of La Grande's position as a railroad town, and rejoice in the future prosperity that is sure to eclipse the splendid record of the past.

John Wanamaker's son is to fly across the Atlantic to Europe very soon. Which reminds us of the life-long expression, "he just flew" may yet be realized to the fullest extent.

An attempt is being made to revive the bicycle. Not, however, the century runs, we hope.

Almost anything can happen now. A Detroit man, saying it was his own fault, apologized to the driver of an automobile truck that had struck him.—Detroit Free Press.

Peculiar Facts About Well Known People

London, April 5.—Princess Alexander of Teck is working in the kitchen at Princess Christian's Red Cross hospital, Englefield Green, near Windsor, where she helps with the cooking.

To Keep The Eyebrow From Slipping. St. Paul, Minn., April 5.—"Get'Em" is the name of a new club organized in the sophomore class of the University of Minnesota today to discourage chic moustaches frowned on by coeds in a recent edict. The stated object of the club is "to keep the eyebrow members from slipping down upon the lip."

Today's Oddest Story. London, April, 7.—An officer serving in Mesopotamia wrote home today as follows: "The Garden of Eden is not many hundred yards from camp. On the river front grows a tree which has long, yellow beans and feathery leaves. It is the only one of its kind here, and 'T. Atkins' has named it 'The Forbidden Tree'. In its vicinity small Arab boys hawk cheap cigars, biscuits and tinned milk and the locality is known as 'Temptation Square.'"

When You Buy a Suit of Clothes ask to see the Works

If you were buying a watch you would not be content with the case—you would want to see the wheels go round. You are not as much interested in knowing how your suit looks on the dummy in the window, as how it is going to look on you. Internals are the secret of clothes wear—it is the little things that count.

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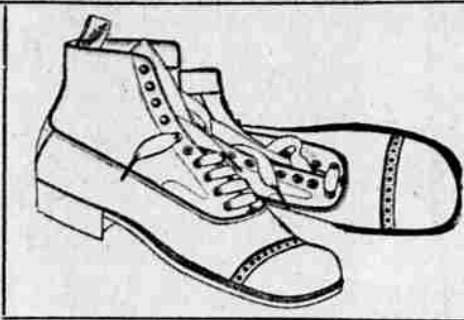
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We received yesterday by express a shipment of many clever new Spring Suits and Coats in tailored and semi-fancy styles. Our stocks with this new assortment added is the largest and best we have had this season, and as Easter is near, those women with their Spring apparel still unchosen will do well by picking now while the choosing is at its best.



Family Dr. says: Buy Our Brushes

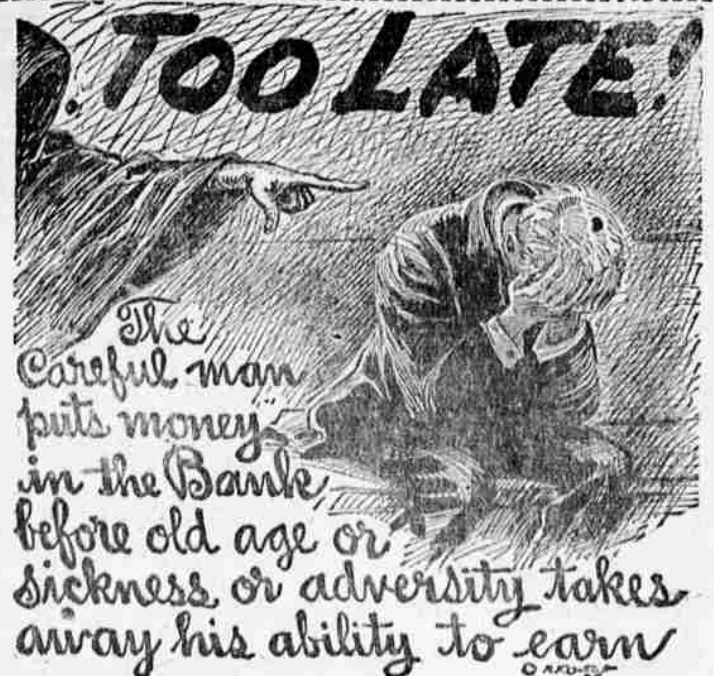
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For County Assessor.

I am now serving my first term as county assessor. During that time I have endeavored to conduct the affairs of the office, as economical as consistent with good service with the especial view of assessing all property on an absolutely fair basis and believe the records of the office will bear out the claim. I ask for re-nomination at the hands of Republicans on May 19th and pledge continuation of my policies if nominated and elected. U. G. COUCH.

Community Bird House Shown.

New York, April 5.—Exploiting the idea of bird conservation, one of the interesting exhibits at the Fourth International Flower show in the Grand Central Palace today is a collection of community bird houses. The bird house has come to stay in the general scheme of landscape gardening, and all sorts of little bird houses are shown, in all styles of architecture, ranging from the Doric to strictly Colonial designs.

"Have your bird house match your home," is the slogan, and for the bungalow the bird house is itself a tiny bungalow, while for other homes the houses range from a miniature Colonial mansion to the rude shelter constructed from the stems of trees for the old country farmhouse.

The community bird house, where all the birds of the neighborhood can gather for shelter and for feeding, is being advocated by bird lovers. Here the feathered neighbors can gather for regular meals, instead of subsisting on the haphazard charity of those persons thoughtful enough to throw out a few crumbs for their benefit.

All the new style bird houses are so arranged that they can be cleaned from time to time, to assure the new tenants comfortable quarters. Some of them are also provided with baths.

War Oddities

London.—After the war the bodies of many British soldiers, principally officers, will be removed from their temporary burial ground in France and Flanders to private cemeteries in Britain.

London.—The high tax has not lessened smoking in England but has driven smokers to cheap cigarettes and cigars says the Tobacco Trade Review.

Diamonds Going Up.

San Francisco, April 6.—Diamonds soon will jump in price, as the war has cut off the source of supply, according to John Beckett, gem merchant. They may increase 20 per cent in value within a year, he declares.

General Manager's Report.

General manager's report for the week ending April 1st, 1916. To The Commission: The Fire Department had a call from box No. 32. A woodshed and outhouse were practically burned up.

The Water Department spent \$34.50 on reading meters and making repairs to them and \$2.50 for labor on a tap for Mr. Bloch.

The Street Department spent \$87.30 for team hire and \$47.15 for labor; \$15.00 for White Wing and five days work by prisoners. Spent \$0.72 for some pipe on roller and \$48.40 for rock for North Second street. Most of the week's work was on that street. One new cross walk was laid at Greenwood and V.; one was repaired at Second and the railroad. The old town hose house was moved from Mr. Atkinson's lot to lot 1, Block 3-C. Some flushing and cleaning was done on the down town streets. Also began cleaning up East Adams preparatory to repairing it.

The Police arrested one drunk

whose fine was \$25.00 to be paid April 16th. Also arrested one on a state charge. The Pound Master is working this week. Several cows have been impounded. There were thirteen sleepers. Special man worked all week.

The Recorder received \$2.00 license for two dogs; \$1.00 for two building permits. He issued one plumber's license on \$20.00 receipt and one dray license on a \$5.00 receipt from the City Treasurer. He issued a warrant for \$19.81 on the Contingent and \$15.99 on the Water fund for March paid out. He issued a warrant for \$2031.11 interest on coupon nine improvement bonds 178 to 256; coupon six bonds 564 to 585; coupon five bonds 590 to 603, 615, 616, 618, 619, and 625 to 641, and \$1000 on the Improvement Bond Sinking fund for payment of bonds 178 and 179 called March 1st. He also issued a warrant for \$116.95 on the Library fund on vouchers 349 to 352.

The Treasurer received \$20.80 water rent; \$123.17 Improvement District Installments; \$40.15 Improvement District Interest; \$20.00 plumber's license; \$5.00 dray license; \$1.00 for two electrical permits and \$383.60 Recorder's turn over for March. He paid \$55.65 water warrants; \$22.75 Road warrants; \$116.75 Library warrants; \$19.81 Contingent warrants; \$15.00 Improvement District Interest; \$1202.55 General fund warrants with \$148.83 interest thereon. Warrants were called to endorsement of March 30th, 1914. Water rents for March were \$2281.80 for last year; \$1564.71. However this year's collection included \$594.55 water rent from the schools which was paid a month earlier last year.

Respectfully submitted, F. J. LAFKY, General Manager.