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Who imported the English starling? is the question now that bird threatens to become a pest. He was related directly to the man who brought the German carp over and to the first friend of the English sparrow.

AT THE

The eastern professor who examined the biographies of 4,043 American millionaires and found that all but twenty started as poor boys has overlooked something. These 4,043 have nothing on the 40,043,000 Americans poor in respect to starting poor.

Sixty three lines of writing by Edgar Allan Poe brought \$410 at a New York auction. The poet's spirit, battered and starved on earth, must grin at this instance of belated hero worship.

Colonel Roosevelt for President.

(New York Tribune.)

Colonel Roosevelt and no "pussy-footing!" The Tribune likes this candidate and this issue.

It regards Senator Root, its favorite so long as he had a chance of nomination, as now practically eliminated. It cannot interpret any more hopefully the failure of the "oxygen treatment" which his candidacy received, in the shape of the manifesto with seventy-five signers. The party thinks that Mr. Root would not be so likely to win as either Colonel Roosevelt or Justice Hughes, and it wants him as Secretary of State in the next Republican administration, since it cannot have him as President.

We are for Colonel Roosevelt because we believe the country needs him. No one else will quicken the pulse of the nation as he will quicken it. No one else will stir the conscience of the people as he will stir it. No one else will inspire patriotism as he will inspire it.

No one else personifies the issue which the Republican party must make as he personifies it. No one else presents so effective an antithesis to Wilson as he. If we are Americans, real Americans, the Colonel is our man. While timid politicians were consulting the census books and counting the German vote he spoke and the country hearkened. He is the leader in the fight for Americanism, and we don't believe in changing leaders when we are going to the front.

We are for Colonel Roosevelt in spite of the fact that we were against him four years ago. No one fought him harder than we. No one will fight harder for him. It has not been easy to put aside our pride, our sense

of resentment at what occurred in 1912, and the hundred other things that tend to keep alive divisions. But we have put them aside and are putting them aside because we feel that they have no place in a crisis like this. We come out for Colonel Roosevelt as a Republican newspaper, intending to remain Republican, and we feel that in doing so we are doing the best thing not only for the nation but for the Republican party.

We might have preferred another leader, but there is no other leader. Justice Hughes might have spoken if he had been free to speak. Indeed, we feel sure he would have spoken, and for Americanism, had silence not been imposed upon him, and then we should have preferred him. But the plain fact is that he did not speak, that he could not speak.

If the Justice should be chosen leader in the fight for a worthier nationalism, he would have to take the torch that Colonel Roosevelt has thus far borne. He would have to accept an issue that meant its most only in another man's hands. Surely in the transfer we should lose our stride. As a people we should feel that we had hung back, that we hadn't "gone the limit" in the true American way. The governments of Europe would feel this, too. They would conclude that we meant to temporize. Something would be lost of the moral effect of moving straight on under the leadership of the man who represents the purpose of this country as no one else does or can.

The Colonel stands for the things The Tribune stands for. These things will be advanced more by his nomination than by any other nomination that can be made. The Tribune must support him.

We are doing more this year than choosing a new President. We are choosing which way the country shall go in the era that is now opening, just as our fathers chose the nation's path in the days of 1860.

THE IRON GATE

J. D. GILLILAN.

Upon the iron gate appeared The tranquil owner's name. His mansion rose Behind the fence. The stubborn, well locked gate Stood faithful guard. The joy-filled master seemed secure As circled by his family He pleased himself on lawn or stoop, Or to and fro from business He entered then and now.

His children grew; His business grew; His years no longer few Increased. The noisy halls Fell silent all, and voices fled. Unfettered Time unyielding now Laid maracles on brain and brow And fastened with the tightening chain The once free-moving man. Then Death with stealth crept to his bed But clanking stalked forth and led A sable, tearful throng. The palace stones returned to dust; The gate of iron turned to rust. His name that seemed to rest secure In welded steel Is now engraved On crumbling stone In God's increasing acreage. The City of the Dead.

MILK AS A FOOD.

Milk is the Best Infant Food. But It Is Not for Adults.

BY DR. R. R. DANIELS.

Milk is the natural food for infants; it contains in an easily digested form materials needed for building the various body tissues. In spite of the many artificial baby foods, and the new preparations constantly being devised, nothing has been found to take

the place of milk. Cows' milk, modified to imitate mothers' milk by the addition of cream, lime water, boiled water and milk sugar, in proportions depending upon the age of the infant, is by far the best artificial baby food. The diet of the child should include considerable milk up to two and a half years.

While cows' milk is the best artificial food for the baby, it is by no means a particularly suitable food for the adult. The tissue-building materials, which make milk so important a food for the infant, are not in demand in the body of the adult who has attained his growth; in fact these materials, except in very small quantities, cannot be used by the body. This is the reason why with many persons milk is fattening. Nature in her economy converts the milk into a form of fat which is stored up in the body. The benefit which is derived from the "milk cure," in which large quantities of milk and no other food is taken for a short time, is due not so much to the exclusive use of the milk, nor to the increased weight, but to the rest which the body gets from the usual meat-potatoes-pie-and-coffee, three times daily.

Milk should not be taken as a beverage with each meal. When eaten with meats or with eggs, milk, by absorbing the acid of digestion needed to digest these foods, prevents their proper digestion. Not more than one or two glasses of milk should be used daily by the average adult; this should be taken with the lunch, or at a meal which does not contain either meat or eggs.

Rural Credits Proposed.

Salem, April 22.—A tentative draft of a proposed constitutional amendment providing for a system of rural credits has been completed by the committee appointed by the state credits conference at Salem last month and will be submitted to the voters at the election next November.

Members of committee that drafted the measure are: C. E. Spence, waster of the State Grange; J. O. Brown, president of the Farmers Union and T. H. Buchard, president of the Oregon Federation of Labor.

The essential particulars of the bill are as follows: Administration of the rural credits system shall be in the hands of the State Land Board, consisting of the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer. The board is authorized to issue bonds not to exceed two per cent of the assessed valuation of the state in denominations ranging from \$25 to \$100, and in series of \$100,000 each. The bonds are to run from 10 to 35 years to bear four per cent interest. They are to be exempt from taxation and to be security for all public funds. The interest and principal are guaranteed by the state.

Loans on Property Provided. Loans are to be made on property, approved by the board, and on first mortgage of trust deed security, but no loan shall exceed 50 per cent of the appraised value of the land, nor \$50 on any one acre, nor \$5,000, in the aggregate, to any one individual.

An amortization plan is provided to liquidate the debt in from 10 to 35 years. The equal annual payments are to cover interest, principal, appor-tionments to a reserve fund and operating expenses.

Interest on the loans shall be one per cent higher than the interest on the bonds, thus providing the reserve fund and operating expenses. The reserve fund is to meet losses and its fund are to be invested in the state's own rural credit bonds the proceeds from which again are to revert to the reserve fund.

Amount of Interest Specified. Applicants for loans must pay one half of one per cent of the principal that they apply for, his payment to cover the cost of preliminary investigations.

The text of the bill in full follows: In addition to the rights conferred upon the legislative assembly to lend the credit of the state found in section seven of article eleven of the constitution of Oregon, the state land board is hereby empowered to and shall establish a system of farm credit under the terms hereinafter provided. The state land board shall issue and sell or pledge general obligation bonds of the state of Oregon to be known as "Oregon farm credit bonds" in an amount not to exceed two per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state. These bonds shall be issued in denominations of \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$10,000 and in series of \$100,000 or multiples thereof. They shall be drawn to mature in from 10 to 35 years, and shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable annually. They shall be exempt from all taxes levied by the state of Oregon or any of its subdivisions, and shall be security for all public funds.

The interest and principal of Oregon farm credit bonds shall be unconditionally guaranteed by the state of Oregon. Each series of bonds shall be issued and sold or pledged only upon receipt of approved applications for a like amount of farm loans by the state land board.

Proceeds to Go to Fund. The state land board shall place the proceeds from the Oregon farm credit bonds in the farm credit loan fund, which shall be lent for the purchasing of farm lands, for the satisfaction of incumbrances upon farm lands, for purchasing equipment and making improvements which will in the opinion of the board after adequate investigation, add to the productivity of the farm to its value as a farm home.

Such loans shall be made upon notes secured by first mortgages or deeds of trust on farm lands, and shall not exceed in amount 50 per cent of the valuation of the property pledged as security as appraised by the board after approving the application for a loan, such valuation to be exclusive of perishable improvements; nor shall any amount exceeding \$50 per acre be lent on such lands; nor shall an aggregate loan of more than \$5,000



If You Have Been Thinking of NEW FOOTWEAR Then the Question of a New Pair of Pumps is in Order

There are many other questions that might come to mind if you were thinking of new footwear—three stand out very prominently—STYLE, FIT, PRICE.

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And, now, PRICE—the price of our pumps is very reasonable when you consider the quality. And at what ever price you want to pay, here you will find better value—whether it be \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 or \$4.50

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Every applicant for a loan shall make written application to the board in which he wants the loan, and upon their approval by the board, these purposes shall be stated in full in the note or contract under which the loan is granted, and no monies so obtained shall be used for any purpose not stipulated in the note or contract.

The board shall require from each applicant a sworn statement of his farm business for the year previous to the one in which he applies for a loan, and a similar statement at the end of each year while he remains a debtor of the state.

Farm land loans shall be repaid on the amortization plan in equal installments, which shall provide for interest on the bonds, a farm credit reserve fund, the operating expenses of the system of farm credit and the liquidation of the debt in from 10 to 35 years but any debtor may liquidate any part of his indebtedness in amount of \$50

or multiples thereof upon any amortization payment date.

Interest to Be 1 Per Cent
 The rate of interest on loans shall be one per cent per annum greater than the rate which the state must pay upon the funds obtained from the sale or pledge of bonds, but the board shall require each applicant for a loan to pay an initial charge of one-half of one per cent of the loan granted, with a minimum charge of \$10 to cover the cost of appraisal and examination of title.

The state land board shall prepare a budget biennially for the administration of the system of farm credits established hereby, which shall be subject to modification and approval by the legislative assembly, and all surplus accruing in the operation of the system shall be placed in a farm credit reserve fund and become a part of it.

The farm credit reserve fund shall be invested in Oregon farm credit bonds and the income from these bonds shall be added to the reserve fund and become a part of it. The

reserve fund shall be irreducible except when used to protect the state from loss incurred in the administration of the system of farm credit here-in provided for.

The provisions of the condition and laws of Oregon in conflict with this amendment are hereby repealed in so far only as they conflict herewith. The provisions of this amendment shall be self-executing and shall take effect and be in operation 90 days after its approval and adoption by the people of Oregon.

Don't Get the Wrong Notion.

Mr. Allinson had something in his ad yesterday about a good bargain for cash, and in getting the same in type the impression might go forth that the Mammoth Grocery is a strictly cash establishment. Don't get that idea. It was not to be inferred that cash must accompany the order in the "Middle store in the middle block."

In Checking Over My Business Last Eve. After Closing Hours----

I find there is a FEW people in La Grande, that's not FOUND ME. I'm in the middle store of the middle block—It's a case where we both SUFFER. Drop in and get the drift of my system. I have goods, made to sell by the case lots and mix-up 3 cans each to fill your bill. If you want Winter wood, I am the man to see. Two more cars baled hay in—by the carload only. A car of Seed Spuds—going fast. Look me up. That's all this time.

BILL THE GROCER

Mammoth Grocery

W. S. Allinson, Proprietor.

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