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FOR THOU SHALT EAT THE LABOR of thine hands; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.—Proverbs 10:4

It's possible that the fish aren't getting less plentiful but the number of fishermen is heavily on the increase.

One of the weaknesses of our representative government is that we are seldom able to get as excited as our representatives.

### FEDERAL AID MONEY.

Governor Ritchie of Maryland turned the spotlight on federal aid at the conference of governors in Maine recently and registered heavy objections to the system of distribution as being unfair to a big majority of individual states. It was a natural course for an eastern governor to take but it is doubtful if he will be able to convince those in authority that the present operation of the plan is as bad as he makes out.

Maryland, we would judge from the governor's outburst, is one of the states that is paying out more money in taxes to the federal aid budget than it is getting back, but contrary to Governor Ritchie's opinion we believe that such a system is not unfair to those eastern states who are so "burdened." About 81 per cent of the \$75,000,000 distributed under the federal aid plan is paid by eighteen states (mostly eastern states having a heavy majority of population) and not one of these states gets back in federal aid 10 per cent of what it contributes; and seventeen other states pay less than four million in aid and get back over twenty-three million in federal aid.

Although we do not have the figures immediately at hand, we would imagine that Oregon is one of these states getting much more than it contributes—but is that really an unfair plan and one that works a hardship on the few that pay ten times what they receive? Most of the states receiving a larger amount from the federal government are western states, rich in natural resources, vast in territory, and small in population and active wealth. These states are tremendous factors in making prosperity for the industrial east—but they are largely so because eastern capital has found it profitable to help develop western possibilities and federal aid has made possible the road building and agricultural extension work which has eventually meant increased business activity for the eastern states.

Federal aid has played an important part in Oregon's development and in that of many other states in the west, but it is a development that helps bring prosperity not only to these states but also to the entire nation. Eastern people, for example, are the first to become indignant if they find poorly built highways when they journey westward, yet they would seldom stop to realize the financial problem of a state like Wyoming in its highway program as compared to that of a state like Maryland.

Distribution of federal aid in the present manner is not a necessity and can, of course, be dispensed with, but if the federal government is to continue its policy of aiding national development, where such development would be either impossible or much slower without aid, for the good of the entire country, the present system is the only practical one. Eastern states may not benefit directly in proper measure but they benefit tremendously in the long run.

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### OUT OUR WAY



**OFFICE CAT**  
By Junius

Many a boy who was the apple of his mother's eye turned out to be a wimp.

As a rule the trouble with men who speak several different languages is that they don't say anything of interest in any of them.

The only thing in the world that seems smaller as you draw nearer is greatness.

Love may be blind, but it can generally see a fellow with a bank roll.

**ODE TO A TYPEWRITER**  
You're a bundle of junk  
Your action is punk  
Your keys are all out of line  
Your bell don't ring  
Though it's tied up with string  
You've lost all your polish and shine.

Your marriage is spoiled  
For it hasn't been oiled  
Since in my possession you've been  
You rattle and squeak  
And your spring is weak  
For you're just about all in.

You're dirty and old  
And you couldn't be sold  
For more than a dollar or two;  
But you've been a friend  
From beginning to end,  
And there's nothing I'd take for 39c.

God made the country, but man made the dangerous curves, so God went him one better and made woman, so Walter Camp invented the daily down.

Sherrill has written: "Just keep your seat, dear," urged the husband, "I know where to find my shirt studs."

A moth isn't really going to enjoy his rest if he postpones it until...



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It is no use to take it as a cause for something or other.

Farming is a lot of fun—unless you have to do it for a living.

A lady brought suit for ten thousand dollars against a party because her thumb had been injured. The attorney, on cross-examination, asked her if ten thousand dollars was not rather an exorbitant price for a thumb. She quickly remarked: "Oh, no, because it was the thumb under which I kept my husband."

The "wings of morning" certainly make it fly fast when you're trying to get one more little nap before time to go to work.

A bee specialist spent the day recently in La Grande evidently to take a look at the bees' knees.

When a man has an engagement for the evening he is mighty lonesome. A girl can always wash her hair.

"How did you get that wonderful hair, Jack?"  
"Sleeping in a waffle iron when I was a kid."

If a boy likes a school better than a vacation it is time to consult a doctor.

Many a man thinks he is climbing up when he is merely swelling up.

To cure a bad temper argue with people you can't whip.

### Yesterday In Washington

(By the Associated Press) Czech-Slovakia announced early negotiations for paying its debt to the United States.

The treasury banned employment of women to make speeches for prohibition enforcement.

President Palmer of the fleet corporation recommended acceptance of one or more bids for 200 government vessels.

### FOURMILE MILLS ACTIVE

BANDON, Ore. — A new firm composed of J. E. Young & Son and J. C. Haworth, has completed erection and installation of a new battery separator factory at the forks of Fourmile creek, south of here.

The post-laid company has started taking out a million feet of export cedar logs from the Fourmile district. The mill logs on the tract will be taken to the Keefer brothers' mill on the creek and cut into lumber, which will be trucked to Bandon for shipment.

Fellers and buckers are busy for Durkin & Richardson, who have a contract from George W. Deane to take out export logs from the Marshall tract, also on Fourmile creek. The logs will be shipped from Bandon via steamer.

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### Poets' Corner

**OUR FLAG.**  
(By J. H. Bunt)  
It's not a rag but a grand old flag,  
With its red, and its white and its blue,  
Lift up your voice and shout its praise  
As its folds float over you.

It's a grand old flag, it's a glorious flag,  
As it floats from sea to sea,  
My breast heaves high and I sing with joy  
As its folds float over me.

It's a dear old flag, it's a true old flag,  
As its glory waves on high,  
Awake today, lift up your head,  
Sing its praises to the sky.

**Rancher's Wife Kills Self.**

THE DALLES, Ore. — Because she could see nothing but continued hardships before her, Mrs. Mary Wood, 65, wife of a Mill creek rancher, ended her life by drinking poison. The body was found by William Wood, the husband. Mrs. Wood wrote asking forgiveness for her act and explaining the motive, laid out her best clothes on the foot of the bed, drank the poison and lay down to await death. An examination of the body was made by the coroner.

### Ordered Telephone Taken Out as "Toy"

It is recorded that the first telephone to be disconnected was placed in a Boston bank early in the year 1877. The late E. T. Holmes at that time headed a burglar alarm system and started what he termed the Telephone Dispatch company. Telephones were placed in several banks, among them the Revere bank. The following morning a messenger from the Revere bank brought word to Mr. Holmes that the president desired to see him at once. Hurrying to the bank, the following conversation took place.

"Mr. Holmes, what is that play toy you have taken the liberty of putting up out there in my bank?"

"That, Mr. Walley, is what they are going to call a telephone," said Mr. Holmes.

"What's a telephone?" he replied.

"Well, Mr. Walley, you can ring the bell in my office, giving a certain signal, and throw a switch, and you can say to my office that you would like to talk with Mr. Ripley at the Hyde and Leather, or Mr. Benson at the Exchange bank, and we will quickly signal them and tell them that Mr. Walley would like to talk with them, and you will immediately be able to converse with them."

To which the president simply gave a grunt and ordered the "plaything" taken out of his bank at once. The plaything was removed, and thus the Revere bank went on record as the first telephone disconnection.

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