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DOING OUR OWN GETTING.

It is probable that if a hundred people should be asked "What is Oregon's greatest need to make of it a great industrial state?" ninety would answer, "Outside capital."

There is no disputing the fact that an influx of outside capital, to be invested in industries, would mean much to the state—possibly more than any one thing that could be done for it—but we are not powerless to do the things which we are inclined to wait to have others do for us. By a proper use of our own resources we can almost force capital to flow over the mountains to us.

Millions of dollars of Oregon money is now invested in bonds. We have a great reserve of our own which is doing little to develop Oregon industrially. We could let our own bonds be absorbed by eastern investors. That would bring eastern money into our coffers. We could use these millions of dollars and millions now in liquid assets to establish industries and these could be bonded and the bonds sold upon the eastern markets, thus bringing in more eastern money.

There is very little difference between inviting outside capital here under the condition that local money shall be invested with it or investing local money in an enterprise and then bonding the enterprise. The essential difference is that the first method is much slower than the second.

If we wish to get outside capital, the quickest way to do so is to ourselves show confidence by investing our own money in the things recommended to others. Outside money is quick to invest in those things in which local people have demonstrated their confidence.

As a concrete example, Cottage Grove has been waiting for years for the establishment by outside capital of some kind of a wood-working industry, but the outside capital has not arrived. If it did arrive, it probably would ask that local capital be invested with it.

If Cottage Grove would take the bit in its mouth and start such an industry, bonds could be issued against the physical property of the industry for a large proportion of its cost and outside capital would be brought in within a few months, whereas we now have waited years without any tangible results. Goods manufactured here and sold

in other states would bring yet more outside capital. The way to get things is to have confidence in them and to ourselves put in motion the things that will get them for us. If they don't come easily, figure out some way to do away with resistance.

Thousands of towns in this broad land of ours are hopefully waiting for the lightning to strike them—for outside capital to arrive. Everything comes to him who waits, some philosopher has said, but often it is delayed by dicker-ing with some fellow who has met it on the way.

WHAT THE INCOME TAX MAY DO.

The Oregon Voter makes the following statement:
"Oregon asks Iowa farmers to come here and buy land. The Iowa farmer has a mortgage on another Iowa farm. He comes here and finds he must pay Oregon state income tax on his income from his mortgage on an Iowa farm. Will he stay here? He will not."

The farmers in the Oregon legislature were a unit for the income tax. The income tax was enacted because the farmers asked for it, which does not prove so much that there can't be anything wrong with it as it does that the farmer doesn't fear it. It seems to us, however, that the Voter is overreaching and that the state of Oregon would be unable to collect an income tax earned upon property owned elsewhere, especially if that income were deposited and spent in the state in which it originated. The object of a state income tax should be to collect a tax upon incomes earned within the state. It is not unlikely that the state of Iowa will enact an income tax law and collect at the source a tax upon the income referred to by the Voter. It would be hard to justify a contention that Iowa property should pay taxes in Oregon.

It is going to be difficult enough to collect the income tax upon incomes earned in Oregon, for we can imagine that it will not be difficult for owners of securities to move them to safety deposit boxes in other states.

A state income tax law, theoretically the most equitable tax, may prove a wolf in sheep's clothing. The one thing it is certain to catch is the income from real estate, income upon the very kind of property which it was hoped the income tax would relieve.

A large proportion of the people want to try an income tax. A mild income tax can not do great harm and trying out a mild tax may save us from having to try out a more drastic one. We may find that a mild one is more than we want.

LEADERS WITHOUT FOLLOWERS.

Always in every community there are a few citizens who are ready to take an active part in anything for the betterment of the city.

Always also there are a greater number who not only are not ready to bear any of the burden of advancing a civic project of any kind but are so indolent civically that they will not even give en-

couragement to those who give their time and energy in directing the project.

The civic improvement club is just now engaged in a clean-up and beautifying campaign. They have made splendid progress against great odds, but it is really surprising how many there are who have sat idly by while others did the work, even neglecting to cooperate to the slight extent of removing piles of rubbish and debris from their property.

It is not necessary to go a block off of Main street anywhere in the business section to find the sidewalks or alleys blocked with rubbish, or boxes, or machinery, or something else that detracts from the beauty of the city and shows a lack of civic pride.

With an organization directing the work over the city, it would seem that every citizen would join heartily into the campaign, but the fact is that the very people who continually ask "When is the old burg going to amount to something?" or "Why doesn't somebody do something or other?" are the ones who are the slowest to help in the move to make the old burg amount to something and who neglect to move to help others do the something which the first mentioned ones say they want done.

Even the city council may be criticized, for the property upon which the city hall stands certainly could not be classed as attractive, but nevertheless the city council is going to see that this property is cleaned up and already has expressed its determination to see that all streets, sidewalks and alleys of the city get similar treatment. The council intends to exercise the police powers of the city in doing away with offensive barns and other unsanitary places. Unwholesome spots may be done away with when they come under the designation of nuisances.

COUNTRY RESIDENT TAKES EXCEPTION TO QUOTATION BY SENTINEL.

Cottage Grove, Ore., April 10.—(To the Editor.)—In the most recent issue of The Sentinel you print a "conversation" with country people in which you make them say several things that no owner of a country place near Cottage Grove would say. It is true the wood of most country people is piled in the back yard or in the wood house, but you must remember we have back yards. We have our old boxes and our rubbish but we have more room to pile such stuff and if we don't want to keep it we have plenty of chance to burn it without endangering our own and our neighbor's property. Most of us have some means of hauling the unburnable part away and throwing it in some brushy ravine or other similar place. It is true also that there are some things to be seen in town that do make country folks ashamed. They also make the city folks ashamed. The city folks in return find in the country old fences, brush grown round sides undrained and unclean, steek at large in the roads—a menace to the motorist, and other things numerous enough to place us on an even footing in this line.

Your pretty store windows do attract us for they are certainly attractive. So are some of our front windows. Your debris is piled in the only place you have to pile it—the back of the store. Our debris is in the back lot also.

The city fathers (your own name is among them) are behind a clean-up campaign; but did you notice any clean-up around the city hall?

It is a beautiful coat of paint you city dads have had applied to the councilmen's and tramps' office. Your nice new fire truck will look fine in there one of these days when some chap that Brother Green Piteher has looked up lets a match get away from him and roasts himself and the paint on the truck at the same time. Did you notice also that a whole lot of our country buildings are very much in need of paint, our lawns in need of mowing and our vines in need of trimming?

No, Mr. Editor, no country person said those things you attributed to him. They sound more like their origin was behind the editorial desk in The Sentinel office. We country people only feel that we and what we own are equal with you city people and what you own. We do not think our air is any purer, our grass any greener, that we have "less hypocrisy, less deceit and much more happiness." We do not think that such a feeling should exist between a city and its surrounding country people. Such a feeling would only breed antagonism, distrust and scorn toward each other and destroy the friendly relations we now enjoy. Just quote as coming from us the things we really say and let us enter into a cleaning up and beautifying campaign together and judge us all on our merits. We country folks can help you get that new city hall, for our trade makes your city business men prosper and when he prospers he is willing to spend money for civic beauty. There is no end to the results to be brought about by coordination between city and country. In return for your evening shows, entertainments and amusements, let us offer the beautiful camping places, the picnic spots, the boating places and the scenic beauties of our country roadsides. Let us strive together, not against each other.

Be fair to us hereafter and don't make us say things you think we would say. Most of you were country folks once and you will never get the effect off. It has a staying quality of its own.

S. L. GODARD.

IT'S NICER TO LIE IN BED.
With men of such prominence as Woodrow Wilson declaring that nine hours of sleep is required each day, we are not surprised that there are so few who make a success as country editors.

If you are going to err either way it is better to err by being too cautious.

Neighborhood News

HEBRON.

(Special to The Sentinel.)
April 10.—Mrs. G. M. Koberbeck and Mrs. John Koberbeck visited Tuesday with Mrs. J. G. Murry on Cedar creek.

A number from Eugene, Cottage Grove and London have attended the revival meetings here during the past week.

Services will be conducted at the church Friday and Saturday evenings, and at 11, 2 and 7:30 o'clock Sunday, with a basket dinner following the Sunday morning services. Marguerite Carile, of the Grove, spent the week end with her aunt, Mrs. J. Q. A. Young.

Several from here attended the baptismal service at the Christian church in Cottage Grove Monday evening.

Mrs. Gilerist had the misfortune to lose a milk cow Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Fuhrer and daughter Hazel, Mr. Jepson and Miss Annie Jepson attended a farewell party in the Grove for Mr. and Mrs. Oumpaugh.

LYNX HOLLOW.

(Special to The Sentinel.)
April 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Horace Strong motored up from Eugene Tuesday and visited relatives here.

J. N. Campbell, who has been ill for some time, went to Roseburg Friday for treatment.

Joe Johnson had the misfortune to chop one of his hands rather badly last week.

William Porter was home from Eugene over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eaton left Thursday of last week for their home in Stockton, Calif.

E. T. Hartley was home from Walton for a short visit the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lebow and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lebow went to Salem Saturday to visit with the J. K. Samson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mackie visited Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Melvin Jackson.

The ladies society met last week with Mrs. Marion Lebow. Despite inclement weather there was a large attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Porter visited in Eugene Tuesday with their two sons.

BLACK BUTTE.

(Special to The Sentinel.)
April 10.—The attendance at the pie social given by the Black Butte school Friday night was good. The proceeds were \$25.15.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lively, of Chehalis, Wash., are visiting with relatives here this week.

Harry Garman, Lester Grant, Bonnie Perini and "Dick" Black were in Cottage Grove Monday evening.

Guy Vanant and Lawrence, Bill and Arthur Funk were in Cottage Grove Sunday.

Harry, Dick and Willis Garman were in London Sunday evening.

Bonnie Perini and Lester Grant attended a pie social and dance at Divide Saturday night.

Harry and Willis Garman, Alice Bradford and Gustav Labach are on the sick list.

Elizabeth, Herma and Alma Gertje visited Sunday with Dolly and Dora Funk.

Mrs. Jenkins returned to her home in Cottage Grove Thursday, after a several days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Funk.

ROW RIVER.

(Special to The Sentinel.)
April 10.—Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Stiller, of Newport, and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Trask and two little sons, of Cottage Grove, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Trask.

Mr. and Mrs. William Patton, of Cedar creek, visited Saturday night and Sunday at the B. F. McCollum home.

The Tom Queener family has moved to Star.

John Thru and Miss Nellie Pleunard were married Monday evening at the Frank Tanner home.

Miss Jessie Ferguson, of Cottage Grove, is staying at the Earl Garoutte home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tobin visited over the week end with relatives on Cedar creek.

Mrs. Frank Pleunard and daughter and son, Elsie and Ralph, visited at Star Tuesday with Mrs. Tom Queener.

SAGINAW.

(Special to The Sentinel.)
April 11.—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Briggs and son Vern and Nellie Fogle were in Eugene Saturday.

James Conley received 400 Plymouth Rock baby chicks Tuesday from Corvallis.

Donald Allen, who has been sick for several days, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Powell, of Washington, were overnight guests Tuesday at the Queener home.

F. T. Benston attended the funeral of James Ozzment at Lorane Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gerard and children, of Springfield, spent Sunday evening at the S. H. Jarrett home.

Mrs. Bert Myers visited Tuesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Briggs.

Vern Briggs, who is working at Rejada, spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. Lowell Benston and baby were in the Grove Wednesday.

Mrs. Conley and Mrs. Scott shopped in the Grove Tuesday.

George Fogle and Terry Moody are working on the new highway bridge at Cottage Grove.

T. R. Scott spent the week end with home folks.

MEN WILL FOLLOW.

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