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**FUNNY THINGS.**

The Oregonian is driven to express itself humorously in connection with the promotion of oil wells for Cottage Grove.

The promotion of the oil business here has been worth while if it has done nothing else. Great happiness will come to many people if the dreams of an oil field here come true, but already happiness has been brought to the many thousands who read The Oregonian's leading editorial in its issue of April 28. They were made happy by the happy combination of words which The Oregonian employed in expressing itself somewhat facetiously and they were also made happy by the fact that it was proved that even a staid, reserved and ultra-conservative family journal like The Oregonian may sometimes unbind and stoop to "vulgar" humor. That The Oregonian would unbind to such an extent is almost as hard for many to believe as it is for The Oregonian to believe that Dr. Olson has located oil with uncanny machines said to be scientifically constructed.

The Sentinel knows little or nothing about oil fields. It knows nothing about Dr. Olson's oil-finding instruments, but it does know that nothing has been said about them by the doubters that was not said about electricity, which now performs a million tasks for us, which drives our street railways, our passenger trains, our boats, our pleasure cars, the machinery in a million industries, which lights our homes and our streets, which is used in the diagnosis and cure of disease, which causes our voice to carry over the telephone, which makes possible the telegraph, which makes possible the movie and the radio.

Nothing scientifically more wonderful is claimed for the oil-finding instruments than electricity is now doing. The oil-finding instruments can not be scientifically explained, it is said. If The Oregonian, or anyone else, will explain what electricity is and how and why it does so many things that to the ordinary mind are inexplicable, we probably will be able to give an explanation of how these oil finding instruments operate.

Nothing has been said about the oil-finding instruments that was not said about talking machines a few years before they became a reality. Perhaps The Oregonian will remember that there is authentic record of the fact that some scoffed at Fulton's idea of driving a boat with steam power.

We have seen it stated in The Oregonian that within the memory of those yet living intelligent men scoffed at the suggestion that Portland would pass Oregon City in population.

The Sentinel holds no brief for Dr. Olson and his oil finding instruments. He is perfectly capable of speaking for himself—when he does upon occasion—but we do say that should it be proved that his machines have accurately pointed out the location of oil fields here they will have done nothing more wonderful than has been done in the past despite the scoffers.

It should be borne in mind that Cottage Grove and the Cottage Grove country are different from any other city or country in the world. We do things here differently than they are done anywhere

else in the world. Perhaps this is the reason this city was selected as the spot upon which to demonstrate weird machines endowed with more intelligence than that with which many humans are blessed.

The Oregonian's editorial was very funny. It knocked the props out from under Cottage Grove's hopes of becoming an oil metropolis, but the fact remains that Dr. Olson has made certain definite statements of what has been done with these machines. He has named certain oil fields that have been discovered by their use. He holds the statement of reputable men to the effect that his instruments have done what he says they will do. No one has yet disproved a single statement he has made. Those who have investigated to any extent have invested with him. The Sentinel has been ready and is ready to print any evidence that any misstatement has been made. Let The Oregonian, or anyone else, bring such evidence forward.

Of course it doesn't seem possible that there can be an oil field here. Such things may be for other places, but certainly not for us. That is exactly what other cities said that are now the center of oil fields. It can't be us. It doesn't seem reasonable that it can be us, but it may be us. It has to be someone.

The Sentinel holds no brief, as it has already said, for Dr. Olson, and it makes no positive assertion as to whether or not there is oil here in commercial quantities, but it can't help but believe that if we fail to find oil, Dr. Olson will be as sorely disappointed as any person who has invested with him. There are few, even among the scoffers, who doubt his sincerity and there are none among them who do not hope they are mistaken in their estimate of the man and his oil-finding apparatus.

The Oregonian was funny, but wouldn't it be still funnier if that paper should find it necessary to publish a leading news story some day within the next year telling of the actual finding of oil in Cottage Grove, despite the fact that no oil could be here and that no oil could be discovered through the operation of a "golden wishing bottle"?

Some funny things sometimes happen, even when opposed by The Oregonian.

**BACK NUMBERS VINDICATED.**

"The American girl will never find beauty so long as she looks for it in the vanity box. The period of the flapper, now happily vanished, was one of the most horrible eras in our history."

This is not the statement of some old-fashioned father or mother railing at the frivolous or idiotic notions of an adolescent daughter who insists upon making herself ridiculous in order that she may assert the initiative of the modern maid. No, indeed! It is the statement of Flo Ziegfield, of follies fame, credited with the most appraising and critical eye of the world.

So it seems that some of us who had to stand the stigmas hurled at us by the youngsters who asserted that we were living in the past, were really several years ahead of those who flaunted their boasted modernism, who covered with paint and powder the beauty of which they should have been proud and exposed to view the beauty that might better have been concealed. Surely the self-assertive youngsters will not dispute this most eminent authority who vindicates some of us.

Having been thus vindicated we wish to express the hope that in the future we may not have to wait for time to prove us right.

Along this line of reasoning The Oregonian recently spoke well. A portion of what it said was as follows:

"The fact is that the sound thinking of the world has never been the product of youth, aside from an occasional and luminous genius. Old men for council, and young men for war. It would appear self-evident that our youthful theorists, scarcely yet able to cope with the business of earning their way through the world, are not to be trusted with the rather particu-

lar matter of moral revolution. The conventions restrain and irritate them. They assail the conventions as stupid and tyrannical, the product of a primitive state of society. A dozen years from now these same flaming young reformers of today, their zeal somewhat abated, will have taken glad refuge in the conventions, as a wanderer welcomes a roof and a fireside."

The ever-factionous Corvallis Gazette-Times says:

"Cottage Grove is boasting a former pastor of the town who has a witty method of locating oil wells. Considering the number of Cottage Grove folks who fell for the Rev. Price, we predict the oil promoter will do a good business."

Using the esteemed Gazette-Times' own yardstick or measuring can, the citizens of Corvallis should find it difficult to keep their chins above the flood of petroleum that flows through the college city's streets.

The Springfield News has passed into the hands of Floyd Westerfield and H. Elmer Maxey, formerly of the staff of the Eugene Guard. Springfield is practically the same size as Cottage Grove but owing to its close proximity to Eugene it has not been a good newspaper field. The new owners, however, probably have not left the Eugene field without some definite ideas of how they are going to put their purchase upon a paying basis.

**THE BANKING BUSINESS**

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on the policy of honesty and industry.

A man must pay what he owes. If he refuses to pay his debts it soon becomes known that he is not of good character and is not worthy of confidence. Those from whom he would buy refuse to trust him. The banks decline to grant him credit.

Then comes the time when a long up-hill fight to get on his feet again and to live down the mistakes and dishonor of the past. The habit of honesty should be formed early in life and adhered to under every circumstance. One should never contract a debt that he is not reasonably certain of being able to pay.

Honesty is not the only factor involved in credit. One may be extremely careful to keep promises or agreements and yet not deserve credit at the bank. Here, for instance is Mr. Jones, a man of forty, of excellent morals, who has enjoyed a fair income for many years and who now sees an opportunity to purchase a business for himself. He requires financial assistance. He calls on a banker who has known him for a long time and asks how he may obtain the necessary credit. The banker inquires as to the nature of the business, what the cost of its purchase will be and what Mr. Jones can command in ready money or other resources. The banker learns that Mr. Jones, at the age of 40, has no ready money or property of his own. It is clear to the banker that Mr. Jones lacks the ability to manage wisely his affairs. He has not had enough determination and strength of character to save money. He has not learned to adapt his expenses to his income and so has not yet proved that he could make financial progress, even under more favorable circumstances. Moreover, it is usually true that if men do not invest some of their own money—that is, have an interest in the business they take upon they lack incentive and become easily discouraged. The business lags and eventually fails in which case those who have provided the capital for it lose their investment. The banker knows that it would not be wise for anyone to assume such a financial risk, and Mr. Jones probably finds that the bank can do nothing for him. He must give up his opportunity to someone who has saved money.

Banks are public servants, but that does not place them under obligation to serve those who are unfair in their business dealings or who are lacking personally in the great principles underlying opportunity. Therefore to be known as a careful and thrifty person is the best assurance that the bank will extend financial help when it is needed.

It is not always easy to practice thrift, but such practice leads to success. The ability to save money, even in a small way, has much to do with future business success and prosperity. Someone has said "Opportunity does business on a strictly cash basis. She smiles upon those with a bank account, and laughs at those without one."

Many people who are unfamiliar with business think that one should shun contracting any debt. They fail to distinguish between contracting wise and unwise debts. It is desirable and wise to use one's credit—that is, go into debt—for the purchase of a home, because such a debt encourages the family to save and to live on a sound basis. The earnest young student should, if necessary, borrow a reasonable amount of money to complete his education. This investment in personal ability, and will pay dividends in greater success. Another wise use of credit is to borrow for the purpose of buying good bonds.

There are purposes for which one should never borrow money. One should never go into debt in a purely speculative venture in the hope of making big, easy money. Ninety-five per cent of people who speculate lose. Nor should one go into debt for pleasure-giving possessions. In either of these contingencies the investor is tempted to

**Eyngham Week**

Six days of special offerings to enable you to do your summer shopping now for gingham for every need. This week of special gingham displays at this store serves to draw your attention to the fact that the time to select your ghingams for summer needs is NOW. Come today.



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**DRESS GINGHAMS**

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**32-INCH DOMESTIC GINGHAM 32 1/2c A YARD**

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32-inch patterns, special a yard.....32 1/2c

**New Belts for Your Gingham Dress**

Black, white, red belts are here in patent leather and kid leather; also new paisley and bulgarian styles which you will like. See them when selecting your dress.

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live beyond his income, which destroys the very rock upon which his future success must be founded. Life's success rests upon the principles of character. Unwise habits mean unhappiness and failure; wise habits mean happiness and prosperity.

The progressive bank adheres to the same standards that are expected of its patrons. Because it is well managed it commands the confidence of its customers. Its business methods are beyond reproach. It excludes business of doubtful reputation. It has no part in the feverish struggle for sudden wealth but holds steadily to those sound standards well known to all successful men of affairs. Well-managed banks are regarded with respect and assume a place of ever increasing importance in the business life of the community. With the bank, as with the individual, success is a matter of character and capable management.

Some thoughtless people criticize banks because they do not make loans more freely. It must be remembered that the bank whose business it is to receive deposits, as well as to grant loans, stands chiefly as a trustee of the money belonging to its depositors. It has the care and control of their funds and must so hold and invest these as to insure their return, upon demand, to the depositor. Aside from the safeguards thrown about bank deposits by law, the banker's judgment and experience must dictate the course to be followed by his bank. He must know when to expand his loans and when to curtail them. Being human, bankers also make mistakes of judgment. As a rule they are men of high business integrity, eager to serve their communities—men who deserve the confidence and good will of the public. When the public thoroughly understands the workings and services of the bank, greater benefits

will be derived by the community and by our country as a whole.

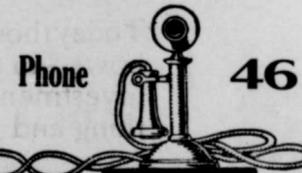
**SHORT SKIRTS DANGEROUS TO MEN.**

Swiss insurance companies have raised their rates on women risks as much as 15 per cent for the reason that short skirts, high heels and low necks increase the likelihood of women falling and hurting themselves. In this country it is the men who are made the unusual risks

because of the selfsame short skirts, etc. Their necks are so badly stretched and weakened that they have little resistance to a severe fall.

**HARD ON KIDS EITHER WAY.**

If the divorce courts were not one of the ways of robbing children of homes they could be more easily condoned—but, then, a home in which can be found grounds for divorce is not so elevating, either.



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