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WATER SUPPLY VITAL

Every city in the state should give heed to recent editorial comment in the Corvallis Gazette-Times and the Elgin Recorder upon the subject of insufficient water supply.

The Corvallis paper based its comment upon the fact that its city was nearly destroyed by fire a few days ago because of a lack of water in the municipal system.

The city was only saved by pumping water direct from the river.

The Elgin paper based its comment upon the fact that a small grass fire came near becoming a serious conflagration because of a lack of water.

The time of the year when the fire hazard is greatest is also the time of the year when the demands upon the water system are heaviest.

Those who have found fault with Cottage Grove's city officials for putting restrictions upon the use of water would do well to read what the Corvallis and Elgin papers have said about what damage may result from a temporary lack of water.

Those who have given little heed to restrictions upon the use of water, those who have thought it foolish to restrict the use of water so long as there is water in the reservoir, would do well to note what happened at Corvallis simply because users of water left no reserve for the emergency which unexpectedly arose.

Cottage Grove's city officials have done everything within their power to afford protection for the city in case of fire. They have had the support of a large majority of the citizens in this effort, but it is probably safe to say that half the users of waters have thoughtlessly wasted it, have said that so long as they were paying for water they were going to have it when they wanted it. They were willing to endanger their own property rather than use reason.

Fortunately the city officials have been able to maintain a reserve that could not be used even by the most selfish or the most thoughtless. Nevertheless it is well to bear in mind that when the fire siren sounds, as it is likely to do at any time, every water outlet should be closed, to the end that the entire water supply may be available for fire fighting purposes.

Any who selfishly demand water for irrigation purposes at such a time are likely to be summarily dealt with.

It is well to be prepared to lock the door before the horse is stolen.

CALIFORNIA TOO SLOW

What has come over California? Heretofore it has been held up as the state that set the speed for motorists.

But in a recent issue of The Oregonian a visitor from that state seriously makes the statement that if Portland would enforce a speed limit of five miles across street intersections its traffic problems would be solved.

Undoubtedly that would do away with serious accidents at street intersections, but nearly all Oregonians would rather be killed in a motor accident than travel at the speed the visitor from our sister state would set for us.

Besides, he shows about as little judgment as do some of the drivers from our sister state, as well as do many from our own state. There is no good reason why 10 miles can

not be as safe as five miles, and getting out of the way at 15 miles, when a driver has a clear right of way, should be more likely to avoid accidents than to create a hazard. A speed limit of five miles would be likely to cause many minor accidents. Within reasonable limits it is not so much a matter of speed as of care in driving.

There is always a happy medium. Oregon traffic laws have come pretty near hitting the happy medium. We really need little advice from our neighbors as to laws. We admit, however, that we might get some good advice from someone about enforcing those that we have.

MAKING OUR OWN MARKET.

Never was there a better illustration of the truth of the oft-repeated statement that it pays to trade at home than was contained in an advertisement which ran in several recent issues of The Sentinel.

This advertiser's product is made from the product of the farm and the advertiser stated that so long as he is able to dispose of the finished product locally he will be able to pay Portland prices to the producers for the raw product.

The farmer who raises the raw product gets the benefit of the saving of the cost of shipping his product to Portland. The consumer, by using a home product, saves the freight to Cottage Grove from some outside point.

That is not only an object lesson to the farmer. It is equally an object lesson to so many others who think that a few dollars sent away make no difference in local conditions.

A Standard Oil bulletin makes the statement that the price of gasoline is controlled by supply and demand—that gas is now down because of overproduction. This is encouraging, especially in view of the fact that it is not long since we were led to believe that the tremulous demand for jazz wagon juice was going to raise the very dickens with the supply and the price. When the Cottage Grove wells get to going we may expect to get paid for carrying it away.

Editor Ed Koen has been visiting at Newport and has been writing letters to his Dallas paper telling all about the things that are to be seen at the little city by the sea. From his description we imagine that some of the stenographers whom he met at Salem during the recent session must have been basking in the sunshine near where Koen was doing his writing.

We trust that it is true that Fred Gifford, chief dragon or something or other of the Ku Klux Klan, has decided that he can not afford to become a candidate for United States senator. With a klan official as a candidate there would be developed a religious contest that would be bad for both the state and the klan.

The wife of the former crown prince of Germany and the wife of the former kaiser have worked up quite a feud about who is in line of succession for the German crown. We should say that a million German crowns are worth about one mark, so the dear ladies would better save their hair.

Some people have been somewhat astounded because a Japanese girl has proved herself the best speller of her city. There's nothing really remarkable about the fact, however. A girl who could spell Japanese even passably well should have no trouble at all with simple English.

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A small thing is often a big nuisance—the fly, for instance.

Some men do their reflecting on top of their heads instead of the inside.

One of the demure daughters of the "400" has completed making a payment of two and a half millions for one of those gilded puppets of Europe's aristocracy which she has just imported. Here must be a tariff schedule which a watchful and benevolent republican congress forget to revise.

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A woman is not always the same age as her twin brother.

What day of the week in numerical order is Billy Sunday? (Answer: He doesn't count—he's just a holler-day.)

If fish makes brains, we have a lot of people who have never eaten any.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME A wife shouldn't expect her husband to do everything she asks him to—and the husband should be twice as charitable.

It's a pretty safe prediction that a large proportion of the churchgoers attend church more because they think they ought to than because they want to, while a larger proportion who stay away know they ought to want to go.

Some people are so big-headed that when they have a headache it affects them all over.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

If wives only knew what stenographers think of their husbands they would cease to worry.—Kingston Standard.

The smile that won't come off doesn't amount to much. It's the smile that you pass around that gets the candy these days.

Putting things off until tomorrow is not such a serious matter if you do them then.

NUP SED An exchange says that a "crazy" man posed as Dr. Cook. There was no need to describe his mental condition.

WHO WAS THE BOOTLEGGER? A learned professor now claims that the ape is merely an offshoot from prehistoric man. In other words, the ape is an exemplification of prehistoric man about half shot.

What an unfortunate thing it would have been for the school children if Washington and Lincoln had been born on the same day of the month.

No one ever got a reputation for having a pure-looking face who wasn't just as good inside.

The hen that lays over 300 eggs a year doesn't waste any time counting her chickens before they are hatched.

Better by far are hearts broken because they can't marry than because they did.

You never can tell how far a candidate can jump until after he is elected.

An artist on one of the New York comic papers claims to get 60 ideas a minute during working hours. Second thoughts, so to speak.

The only safe way for the United States to enjoy peace seems to be to be able to wipe any other nation off the earth.

We often wonder what women do for something to talk about when they have no neighbors.

It's a pretty dull day in Washington when some kind of an investigating committee is not appointed.

It seems as if the less a girl amounts to the more clever men she has at her beck and call.

An ambition to do certain things is interpreted by some people to be a loud and insistent call to that work.

Some women economize on everything else so that they can afford to spend as much as they wish for a hat.

An exchange speaks of new fashion sweeping scant feminine draperies being sent to the fashion limbo, that's an improvement, we suppose, upon exposing the limb. Oh!

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It's better to reach conclusions gradually. If you jump at them you may stub your toe.

THE PERVERSE CREATURES We sometimes think that maybe a lot of the women want to vote more because they think men don't want them to than for any other reason.

When women come into general use as jurors, we presume the bandage will be taken from the eyes of justice.

Respect for old age is a very nice and beautiful thing, but a venerable egg will give it an awful setback.

A boy who is respectful and dutiful to his parents will usually be found worthy of any trust within the scope of his capabilities.

WHICH WERE OMITTED, WE WONDER A new religion with only seven commandments has been invented. If the members of the new church keep the seven they will be pretty well up to the average.

When soldiers mobilize the long "o" should be used. When I. W. W.'s mobilize, pronounce the "o" the same as in mob.

The only really satisfactory way of solving the servant problem is not to have any.

The greatest trouble with the trusts is that we don't get any of the dividends.

The high tariff fellows are too modest. They want to cover too much.

Do whatever your friends want you to and don't ask them to do anything they don't want to, and there will always be a lot of people to call you a good fellow.

Most of us talk too much about the fellow who can't keep his mouth shut.

THEY'LL CONCEAL THAT The way to get women to wear dresses to their heels is to pass a law compelling them to embroider their age in small figures in the stocking just above the knee.

It is no trouble whatever to find sound reasons for making most any kind of a disagreeable prediction.

NOT EXPOSED Scientists still insist that money carries disease germs. Most of us have every reason to be healthy.

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