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GUARANTEED RAILEOAD PROFITS.

Halvor C. Wheeler, representative from Lane county, is not a radical in any sense of the word, although one who owns over 500 acres of land in these trying times for the producer might be excused for show-ing some of the symptoms. We find it quite easy to agree with Mr. Wheeler upon almost any subject, but nevertheless we wish to refer in a way that may seem adversely critical to a statement which he made before the recent session of

gement.

MILT ON FINANCES.

Milt Miller, democratic candidate for United States senator, made the

astonishing statement in his addres before the session of the county farmers' union that the debt con-

amount equal to the original debt. (Fiat money is such money as the

lions would raise more commotion than Milt ever will as a candidate

the farmers' union. During the course of what was During the course of what was otherwise a hard-headed, sensible, practical talk he made the state-ment that railroad, telephone and telegraph profits are guaranteed by the government. We doubt if he meant exactly that, but that is what he said, which reminds us that there are many who actually meant that railroad which reminds us what he said which reminds us that there are many who actually believe that the railroads are guarprofit and that any deficiency in the amount of profit guaranteed is made up by the government. While public service utilities are the the amount of profit guaranteed is made up by the government. While public service utilities are the service utilitie

at the present time in a much better government credit.) condition than the farmer, we have It takes a democrat of the Milt at the present time in a much better condition than the farmer, we have some doubt whether the farmer would care to come under the so-called guarantee law under which public utilities operate. The util-ities have no option in the matter. Let us remind readers that the regulation of railroads and of other public utilities came about because of a demand by the people for such regulation—and the so-called guar-antee of profits came about through antee of profits came about through the United States senate a man who demand on the part of the people could so simply and with so little demand on the part of the people for regulation that would do away with the excessive profits which it was thought that the utilities were expense. Milt shines at doing things earning, and which they probably that can be done with little effort. were earning. It might be well to bear in mind

In the case of the railways, their rates are so fixed that they ought to earn a certain percentage of profit. We believe that that per-centage has been fixed at 5% per mirer tell of any reduction in our cent. If they fail to earn that per-tax bill. We have not noted that the wail of the taxpayer has taken course. They are simply out that amount. The government makes up on a softer tone. If there is any danger of men of Milt's financial ability being sent nothing. But if they earn more than the percentage set out, the government tells them what they shall do with the money. Rates which public utilities may earn are so fixed that they should they being sent time has passed for financing the Civil war or the world war with fiat money. Fiat money in millions and bil-

earn approximately 8 per cent. Ef-ficient and economical conduct of the business is required. No pre-mium is allowed for extravagance Milt was tearing jagger Milt was tearing jagged holes in the atmosphere in his effort to de and inefficiency. If they fail to earn the amount allowed, they may apply for a readjustment of rates, but no one makes up the defi-

seribe himself as the only simon pure savior of the people. He made the further statement that the entire war debt should be the public utilities must keep sets of books setting out in detail ev-ery item of expense, every item of the public utilities must keep sets of books setting out in detail ev-ery item of expense, every item of the characterized as a crime the pay-

and family is a receipt to go on the most recent example of a democratic national government which we have We'd be willing to make a rea-

was the most extravagant adminis tration the country has ever known. onable wager that farmers want no limit put on their profits until they have had a chance to recuper-ate for losses which they claim for dering way of financing the war, they have had a chance to reciper-ate for losses which they claim for the past few years. All things are not what they seem. The so-called guaranteed profit for public utilities is one of particularly in the production of airplanes, none of which ever reached the battle front. While we groaned in our efforts to raise our

those things. We do not believe that we have told Mr. Wheeler anything that he did not know, or would not have said, had he had the time, but he left a wrong impression with some. We trust that this corrects those

who got a wrong impression and we trust that it corrects the error of any who did not hear Mr. Wheeler

but who have imagined that they were being wronged because publi utilities were guaranteed a profit from government funds. Such is not the case and has not been the case since the railways went back to private ownership and operation, since which time, it may be said, they have had a much better opportunity to earn profits than they over did under government misman-

that would bankrupt a business

ng about the billions the govern nent owes. The interest the govern-nent pays, if stopped, would hardly be noticed in the amount of taxes we pay. If Milt wants to do some thing really worth while, let him give up his senatorial aspirations and dedicate his life to helping the farmer put over some method of getting a profitable price for his products. The little we pay in gov-ernment interest won't bother a

prosperous people or cause them ripple of worry. THE FARMER, RICH OR POOR.

The hue and cry of a century has

been to devise a way to keep the boy on the farm. Up to within the past year or two we were told a thousand times that unless thing was done to keep the farm boy from going to the city we would soon be starving to death. The Sentinel has been one of those which has raised its voice, or its pen, or whatever it is that it raises, for better living conditions for the rural communities, for At any rate it to bey in town. At does not now retract anything that has been said, but the com-plaint that has been raised during the past two or three years to the effect that, unless farm prices ad-vanee, the farmer must go broke would indicate that the effort to keep the boy on the farm has proved too successful. At any rate it. the same opportunities for the boy

At any rate it is certain that conditions on the farm have undergone a radical change. The boy on the farm is now almost a town boy. He farms with a gasoline steed and is only a few minutes from the city limits in his gasoline buggy.

He has practically everything that the eity boy has and, like the eity boy, finds that the jazz life keeps him so busy that he hardly has time to fully enjoy them. To stop here, however, would leave a wrong impression. While there is

a wrong impression. While there is

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the room when money is talking.

That of Milt when he taps on his chast the kind of man he describes e. as the ideal for United States sen-tator. But is there any argument against f paying off the war debt immediate-r by by direct taxation¹ We have heard already that many the taxes. To take up the war debts we would have to borrow more money, or those fortunate e anaing 8 or 10 per cent. That's what we call the aeme of democratic financeer-ing. No business man, not even a democrat, would borrow money at 8 or 10 per cent to pay a 4 or 5 per cent obligation which was not due, nor would he use for that purpose money that was earning 8 or 10 per cent. That's the trouble, Milt. When olds zo to compares they want to the trouble, Milt. When olds zo to compares they want to the states are travely that was earning 8 or 10 per cent. That's the trouble, Milt. When

That's the trouble, Milt. When folks go to congress they want to that would bankrupt a business. Some people are so slow that they don't catch cold until the middle of the summer.

Whatever the government is the people. Whatever the government owes the people owe to themselves. We haven't heard anyone worry-ing about the billions the The hen is like a human. She is

After heirs hire a few lawyers to settle an estate, the question of equitable division is removed so far as the heirs are concerned.

When men can be made good by aw there will be no need of law.

The man with a wife and five or six daughters doesn't want for affection along about time to buy ...

THE HUSTLING AMERICANS. Probably the reason Americans like to ride camels when touring the old world is because that is the only

thing that seems to have a hump on. BETTER THAN COMMANDMENT

Very few do wrong thinking that it is right, so that if people could be made to see or believe that there is more pleasure, profit and happi-ness in being good there would be but little wrong doing left.

It beats all where some men get the face to wear the whiskers they . . .

It cost a New York girl \$20,000 to find out what kind of a man she had married. If she really found out, the money was well spent.

Whoever knew a brother to flatter his grownup sister.

be jawed.

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REAL TOUCHY.

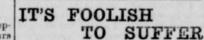
KEM DISPUTES ADVENTISTS.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Oct. 1.-(T he Editor.)-The letter of Iverson, just appearing in The Sen-tinel, creates within me a desire to You never notice anyone leave the room when money is talking. A debt of love draws compound A debt of love draws compound

they will continue to occur long after Brother Iverson and I are

He quotes Christ in evidence of his second coming, but only in part. His disciples were very anxious to know just when this great event was to occur and at different times asked him privately just when it would be. He would never fix the exact day but he did fix the time

no predictions had been made. Can anyone say that in these predictions he was not mistaken! And if he



When So Many Cottage Grove Peo-ple Are Pointing the Way Out.

You may be brave enough to stand backache or headache or dizziness. But, if, in addition urina-tion is ordered, look out! If you don't try to fix your sick kidneys, you may fall into the clutches of dangerous disease before you know it. But, if you live more carefully and help your kidneys with Doan's kidney Pills, you can stop the pains you have and avoid future danger Some women won't be happy even in heaven if hubby isn't there to as well. Don't experiment-use the remedy Cottage Grove people are publicly endorsing. Read this case: A person never made much of a reputation on what he threatened to do. There is new beauty in life every day for the person who keeps his eyes open. A man never accuses a woman of fibbing when she is flattering him.

dence that all the prophets were not right living is not worth a who tistaken in this matter! to the liver. The man who The Adventist church has been steal your property because

The Adventist church has been prophesying the second coming of Christ ever since it was organized o by Miller and in the early days they would fix the day, if not the shour, in which he should come, but f after repeated failures they learned wisdom and have ceased to fix the day definitely but place it some. day definitely but place it some where in the near future.

where in the near future. But suppose it is all true, just as they say, what of it? If Omnipo-tence has fixed it just that way and it is to be, it will be; and nothing you or I can do will stop it. Man-kind should live the right sort of life wat in foar of an eartheunke

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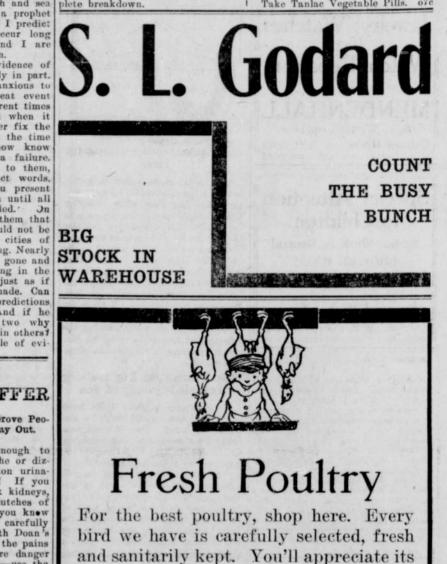
he fears

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life, not in fear of an earthquake or the second coming of Christ, but or the second coming of Christ, but because it is right for right's sake. Any other sort of motive back of admit that she is over 25.

It Made a New Man of Him, Says Dupuis

of the land in the establishment of the alleged fact that these proph-ecies, as interpreted by the Advent-ist church, are true. On the other hand I have found much evidence which convinced me that they are not ture. The darkening of the sun and moon by eclipse and the falling of meteors, formerly thought to be stars, has been occurring at inter-vals since there was sun, moon and meteors. Earthquakes, volcanic erup-tions and tidal waves have occurred ever since there was earth and sea and, while I am neither a prophet



Quality Market

ever since there was earth and sea and, while I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, I predict

exact day but he did fix the time so definitely that we now know that the prophecy was a failure. On one occasion he said to them, without quoting the exact words, "There are those of you present who shall not taste death until all of these things be fulfilled." On another occasion he told them that in their itinerary they would not be able to visit all of the cities of Judea till his second coming. Nearly 2000 years have come and gone and

2000 years have come and gone and all things are moving along in the even tenor of their way just as if

was mistaken in these two why might he not be mistaken in others? In fact, is there a particle of evi

dead, rotten and forgotten. He quotes Christ in evidence of

squandered our billions with r.sck-less abandon—an abandon equal to that of Milt when he taps on his chest the kind of man he describes as the ideal for United States and

How many are wining to have the vertex and a ways have misgivings When that profit is figured, the increase in value of property owned is considered. Whatever the farmer when democrats who have been in office or who are seeking office, which Milt was and is, begin extakes for the support of himself plaining methods of financing. The

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gives you

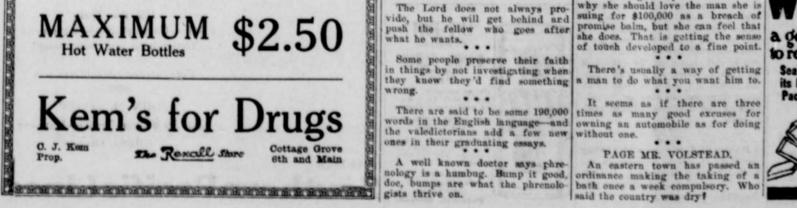
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over-production which has resulted eyes open.

income. The books are subject to inspection at any time. We are willing to admit that it might be a good thing if farmers were compelled to keep accurate records. There would be a great turning over in the method now in vogue. But how many are willing to keep such a set for government inspection¹ How many are willing to have the limit of profit is tax the given method have the limit of profit is tax the given method have the limit of profit is tax the given method have the limit of profit is figured the sum always have misgivings to have the sum always hav and 1920, while the number of those on the farms increased only 4 per cent. It is safe to say that if sta-itstics for the past three years were available they would show a yet greater percentage of increase in production. Further along the statistics give figures that to the candid and thinking mind indicate why this startling increase in production. During the 20 years referred to

startling increase in production. During the 20 years referred to farmers bought more than a billion The first time a young man acts as an escort to a young lady he imagines he is showing newlydollars' worth of labor-saving farm implements to take the place of the boy who went to the city. In 1920 arrived angels around heaven.

there were three million motor ve-hicles on the farms of the country. That number undoubtedly has near-ly doubled since that time. These same statistics show an

other interesting fact. During that period of 20 years, the value of farms increased from 20 billions to 78 billions. That 58 billions was velvet for the owners of the farms, a neat little sum that would have to be taken into consideration if the price of farm products were fixed that maybe she can't.

If the discontented fellow didn't try to pass it around, it wouldn't be quite so bad.

A large eastern city has passed an ordinance to the effect that there shall be no more standing in the theaters of that eity—which means When money gets so tight that no one will buy gold bricks, then hard times will surely be upon us.

A love affair is not so serious until after you are married.

until after you are married. The Lord does not always provide, but he will get behind ard push the fellow who goes after what he wants. Some people preserve their faith

Some people preserve their faith in things by not investigating when they knew they'd find something wrong.

It seems as if there are three There are said to be some 190,000 words in the English language—and the valedictorians add a few new ones in their graduating essays.

fibbing when she is flattering him. Kidney Pills always helped me when I used them for these ail-

Grove People

"I had stomach trouble so bad A woman may brag that she bosses her husband but down in her heart she is not really proud of such a husband. Most of us shoot off the most when the person we aim to hit is

A universal custom ATTET that benefits everybody. Every Aids digestion, that the newspaper critics must not say that some particularly thrilling act or happy joke brought the audi-ence to its feet. cleanses the teeth, soothes the throat.





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