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SOMETHING WRONG.

The Eugene Register makes the statement that the assessed valuation of Oregon is practically the same that it was 20 years ago, "while the amount of money invested in the state has doubled and doubled again."

The Register usually does not speak without having at hand the facts to prove its statements. Ordinarily The Sentinel would not intimate that the Register might be mistaken, but these statements are too startling to be accepted without proof.

However, if the Register is correct, the condition is not helping the case for an income tax any more than it is hurting the case. The comparatively mild income tax with which the Register would be satisfied would not remedy the condition of which the Register speaks.

If investments have doubled, and doubled again, which means that investments in the state are four times what they were 20 years ago, while the assessed valuation of the state has remained stationary, we are failing to collect tax money that should be paid that is

far greater in amount than that proposed to be raised by an income tax, while we now have the machinery at hand and in operation with which to put on the tax rolls the property in which billions of dollars have been invested.

But either the Register or thousands of other people are mistaken. It is no uncommon thing, which the Register will admit, to hear a property owner complain that his assessment is ten times what it was ten years ago on the same property. Complaints that it is four times what it was 20 years ago are frequent. In the Cottage Grove territory alone, judging by vocal comment, the assessed valuation must have been increased enough during the past 20 years to have doubled the assessed valuation of the state.

The Register is no doubt paying on an assessment probably four times what its assessment was 20 years ago. Assessments have not stood still for 20 years in Cottage Grove.

A resident of Sioux Falls, S. D., is having what we can easily believe to be a heck of a time. A family of skunks have selected a cozy place under his garage and a few feet from his bedroom window as a domicile and he can find no way to remove them without breaking the state law which gives them protection. There is one advantage that the Sioux Falls resident probably has overlooked. He'll not feel lonesome.

A musical authority, defending jazz, says it is a blending of ragtime, Hawaiian, Oriental and the Apache war whoop. We thought so. The same authority says that best effects are produced in soft playing. So soft you can't hear it, we'd suggest.

Pictures of some of the nudest styles in feminine apparel arouse our curiosity as to how the flimsy stuff hangs on. Must be hitched to a floating rib.

The troubles that trouble us the most are those troubles that never trouble themselves to trouble us.

Mr. Carroll seems to have taught Miss Joyce Hawley what is meant by being in the social swim.

It is right that we should give time today in honor of those who gave far more than that.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE SUPER-SCHOOL DISTRICT.

I have frequently been asked how the Cottage Grove chamber of commerce stands on the proposition to form a super-school district in this community. My answer to this question is, our chamber of commerce has taken no action on the subject. I have been told that it has been reported at some of the meetings held in some of the rural school districts that our chamber of commerce was backing the move. This was a mistake. The question was discussed informally at a meeting held about two weeks ago, but no action was taken.

F. E. MENDENHALL, Secretary.

Manifold Forms. The Sentinel.

Kaffir Bread Plant

in English Garden

At the time when Athelstan was on the English throne a little shoot appeared above the ground in a South African forest. Athelstan died and was followed in turn by a long line of English kings, but the little South African shoot persisted, growing in size and strength until today, having been transplanted from its native soil, it flourishes in the Royal Botanic gardens, Regent's park.

It is a specimen of the Kaffir bread plant, and gets its name from the fact that the plith of its young shoots contains starch, which is eaten by the natives in the form of bread or sago, says the London Times.

The usual height of such trees is 20 feet. This one, however, is only 10 feet and measures 15 inches round its cylindrical trunk. Long leaves with curling ends sprout from the top of the fairly smooth trunk.

Each year fresh fronds are produced, the old ones falling and leaving scars. Thus, by noting the yearly crop of leaves and counting the scars on the trunk's surface, the age of the trees has been estimated at a thousand years.

Brick Used in America

When Spaniards Came

America is not without its brick antiquities, for the Spanish conquistadores found crude but excellent adobe brickwork in Peru and Mexico, and further developed it in their settlements.

In the North American colonies, which very naturally followed European, especially English, practice, the first brick houses were built of material brought from Holland or England; but in Virginia, as early as 1611, and in Massachusetts as early as 1629, the domestic industry was established. The colonial days produced fine types of brick architecture from New England to Virginia. In the Nineteenth century, however, up to about 1880, American brick building was largely confined to the use of common brick for ordinary construction or for backing stone-faced walls.

Campaniles in America

An official of the National Carillon association says that "while the following may not be a complete list of the cities in which worth-while campaniles with carillons may be found, I think there are no others of any considerable importance. The largest is, of course, the carillon of 63 bells presented by Mr. Rockefeller to his church on Fifth avenue, New York. There are no others anywhere near this number of bells as yet. At Gloucester, Mass., is a good set of bells, I think 35 in number. Another, though, perhaps of lesser number, is located at Cohasset, Mass. There is a fine carillon at Morristown, N. J., which, I believe, is to be presently increased to 35 bells, and a smaller one of like quality at Birmingham, Ala.

Grammatical Authority

A short time ago occurred the centenary of the death of Lindley Murray, an American, known as the father of English grammar.

He came to England when he was forty years old and his book on English grammar, published in 1795, ran into 50 editions. His attitude toward life was interesting. "I determined," he wrote, "that when I should acquire enough to enable me to retire and provide for my family in a respectable and moderate manner, and this according to real and rational, and not imaginary and fantastic wants, and a little to spare for the necessities of others, I would decline the pursuit of property and devote a great part of my time, in some way or other, to the benefit of my fellow creatures."—London Times.

Whence Hessians Came

All the German mercenaries called Hessians, who served in the Revolutionary war, were not subjects to the landgrave of Hesse-Cassel. This prince, however, furnished the larger portion of them. The first contingent of German mercenaries was made up as follows: 12,104 furnished by landgrave of Hesse-Cassel, 4,084 furnished by duke of Brunswick, 663 furnished by the prince of Hesse, 670 furnished by the prince of Waldeck; total, 17,521. Later additional troops were furnished.

New Life for Leather

A young Scottish chemist has invented a process for regenerating leather and other substances. The product is hardly distinguishable from real leather, and is about half the price of hides.

The leather is first ground into a fine powder and any impurities removed. A small quantity of blinding substance is then added, which turns it into a dough. This, together with a coloring mixture, is milled until the whole becomes a uniform mixture. It is then pressed on to a strong backing cloth.

Mary's Suggestion

The maid was leaving and her mistress said to her: "Now, Mary, I should like to give you a good reference, but my conscience compels me to state that you never get the meals ready at the proper time. Now, I wonder how I can put it in a nice way?" "Well, mum," retorted the girl, "you can say that I got the meals the same as I got my pay."—Boston Transcript.

Ultra-Violet Rays

Sunshine carries a maximum of ultra-violet rays in May, June and July because the solar luminary is almost overhead. The rays, consequently, have less of atmosphere to penetrate than in earlier and later months when the sunbeams strike the earth at a slant.

Society

Salem, May 28.—Mrs. Roy Roimaine, a former resident of Cottage Grove, entertained Thursday with a delightful noon luncheon honoring past grands of the Cottage Grove Rebekah lodge, who were in attendance at the grand lodge session being held here. The colors of the order, pink and green, were used in the table decorations. Guests were Mrs. Mae Hart of Portland, Mrs. Elsie Currie, Mrs. Clara Kurke, Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller, Mrs. Anna Beidler, Mrs. Esther Hohl, Mrs. Ida Caldwell and Mrs. Minnie Willis of Cottage Grove.

The Choral club entertained at the home of Miss Margaret Land with a farewell party Thursday evening for Mrs. Herman Edwards, who left Saturday for Spokane. Guests were Mrs. Ray Nelson, Alberta Williams, Nina Mitchell, Evelyn York, Helen Ostrander, Dorothy Dusen, Laura Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brighton Leonard, Linnea Heard, Walter Anderson, Arthur Richards, Herbert Cochran and Harold Bede. The evening was spent playing games. Spring flowers were the decorations. Delicious refreshments were served.

Plans for the annual picnic of the Constellation club were made at a meeting of the club held Thursday in Masonic hall. The picnic is for members and their immediate family and will be held June 16 at the oak grove near the Latham school house. Mrs. Charles Hall, who was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the club resigned and Mrs. Nelson Durham was elected in her place. Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. C. F. Hoskins, Mrs. Charles Adams and Mrs. W. J. Woods.

Omer Hoskins entertained Friday evening following the high school graduation exercises with an informal dancing party for a group of friends. Fourteen were present. Balloons and serpentine gave a carnival air to the affair. Delicious refreshments were served.

The Tuesday Bridge club will be entertained Tuesday with a 1 o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. R. L. Stewart.

A Matter of Economy. "Gabe," Farmer Bailey said to his hired man, "if you don't mind, I wish you'd eat off by yourself instead of with the boarders." "What's the matter," Gabe demanded, "ain't I good enough for 'em?" "Sure you are," soothed his employer, "but your appetite sets a terrible example."

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To which Ole replied:
"I grab the oil can; I grab the waste—and I yump."—Arkansas Utility News.

NOTICE OF TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

The regular semi-annual teachers' examinations will be held in the county court room commencing at 9 a. m. on Wednesday, June 9, and lasting four days. Teachers who want a schedule of the time when subjects will be given should write for it.

E. J. MOORE,
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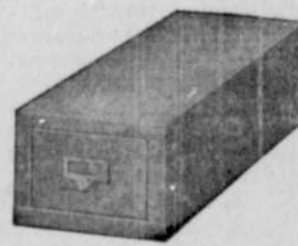
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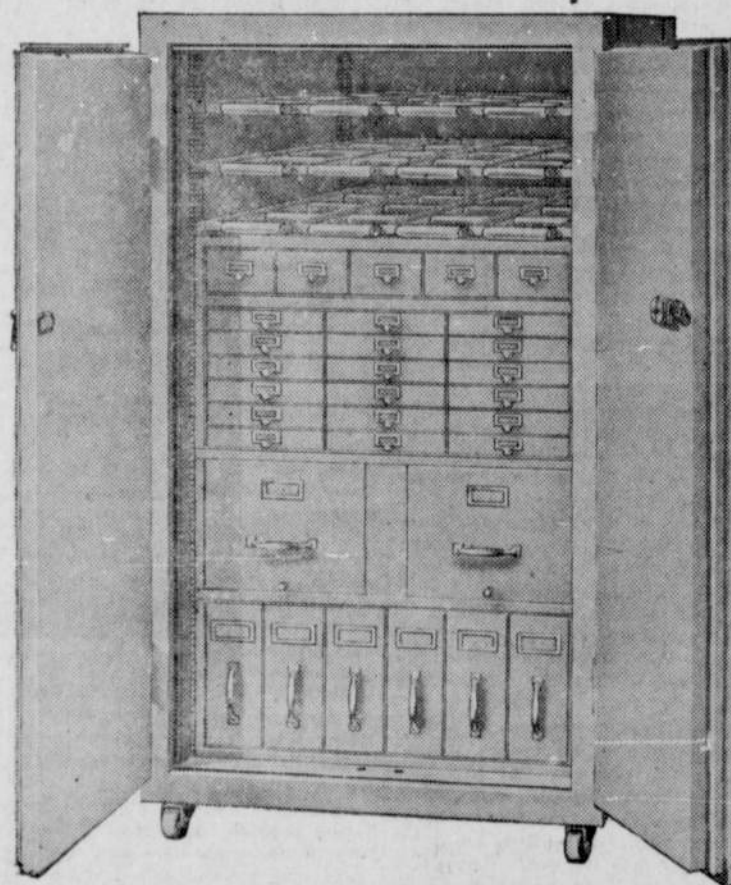
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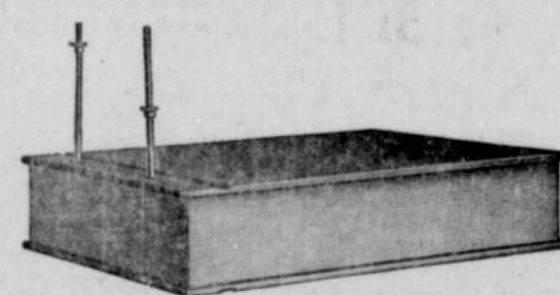
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