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MORAL AND FINANCIAL
BANKRUPTCY.

When Senator Nelson of Minnesota put the bankruptcy law on the national statute books, he did so for a legitimate purpose, and the bankruptcy law would be useful and beneficial if used only for the purposes for which it was intended.

But if the gopher state senator knew to what extent the law he had enacted is being abused in this year of our Lord 1927, the probabilities are he would bestir himself from his sleep of many years and do something about it.

When we find able-bodied men taking the bankruptcy cure for debts of only a few hundred dollars, we do not hesitate to say that the bankruptcy law needs some fixing.

When we find young men taking the bankruptcy cure for debts that amount to only a few months' salary, we say that there is something radically wrong. Such persons must be lacking in moral stamina or else they are deliberately beating those who have accommodated them with credit when they needed it.

It is not long ago that a young man known to many living in Cottage Grove filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, cleaned up his debts by that method and a few days later had more than a thousand dollars in cash that should have been used to pay his creditors. Such a person has little regard for his standing before his fellow man.

Living in Cottage Grove is another who took the bankruptcy method of getting onto his feet, but years ago he paid up every creditor in full. That man knew what the bankruptcy law is for. Not only that but he had pride in his own standing before the world. There was nothing but a moral obligation to compel him to pay his just debts, but that moral obligation was sufficient.

Contrast this action with that of the able-bodied man lays away a wad of money and takes the bankruptcy court to keep from giving it to those to whom it rightfully belongs.

The credit business is becoming more and more precarious because there are so many who hold their moral obligations so lightly, who have no compunctions of conscience about beating those who may have extended them credit in time of sickness and distress. Those who deliberately beat their honest bills are making it harder and harder for honest people to get the credit to which they are entitled and they are putting in an unfavorable light those who may honestly seek the bankruptcy court.

And don't forget that those who pay their bills are interested, for they make good the losses the bankruptcy court imposes upon those who extend credit.

In yester years banks could take

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a chance on making a loan to a young man, even though he had not the collateral, because in those yester years most young men felt a moral obligation to meet their financial obligations. Today the bank must consider whether or not the person seeking the loan may not become a moral coward and seek the bankruptcy court to free himself of his obligations.

The most regrettable thing about such persons is that they do not seem to realize that they are blighting their futures. Some day they may be in a position where credit would aid them in putting themselves into business, or in building a home, or in procuring something they much desire, but the business man is becoming chary about taking the word of the fellow who once has sought the bankruptcy courts and has made no effort to pay the bills thereby legally, but not morally, wiped out. Banks do not care for the business of the moral bankrupt.

Business houses should make it uncomfortable for such persons by handing together and absolutely refusing credit until such persons prove their intention to pay off the debts of which they have been legally but not morally relieved. Even employers might show their disapproval in an effective way.

The person who unnecessarily, and for the purpose of beating his creditors, goes into bankruptcy, might just as well dip into the coffers of his creditors and take therefrom the amount out of which he is beating them.

Some lawyers are to blame for the number of bankrupts. For a fee that is so small that it seems it would tempt no one to help another to beat someone, some attorneys are putting clients through the bankruptcy courts. The lawyer who handles proceedings that he knows are merely for the purpose of beating creditors are as much to be criticized as the bankrupt.

There are circumstances under which voluntary bankruptcy is justifiable, but debtors are running wild on this bankruptcy business, and the only way to cause a halt is for those in a position to do so to sit down hard on the bankruptcy dead beat.

Let it be repeated that the young man who deliberately beats those who have trusted him is blighting his future, is putting himself beyond credit and is at the same time injuring the honest person who would make proper use of credit.

The most unpopular man this year will be the assessor who tries to enforce the new assessment law which permits him to order taxpayers to open their business records to him.

A wife feels that somehow or other her religion will in some way save her husband.

Doesn't it make you tired to think that you let some folks exercise you?

Some folks get in a terrible hurry when there is nothing to do.

Exercising your prerogative isn't physical culture.

CALIFORNIA IS TO GROW
OREGON RHODODENDRON

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., March 22.—(U.P.)—The adopted flower of the state of Washington, which grows in such profusion in many sections of Oregon and Washington—the rhododendron—is to be grown again on a wide scale in California.

In an effort to restore the flower here several carloads of the plant will be distributed and planted in Marin county, just north of San Francisco and bordering the bay. The planting will be undertaken by members of the Outdoor Art club the latter part of this month.

Seven varieties are included in those to be planted. Thirty years ago this section of California was famous for its hills and fields of rhododendrons, but hikers and tourists have denuded the countryside of them. Efforts will be made by the organization to discourage plucking of the plant until this section is fully restored.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED
BY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Several new books for children have been received by the city library and included in the number is one by Ezra Meeker, famous Oregon pioneer.

The new books are: "Panama and Its Bridge of Water," Nida, has maps and many illustrations; "Children of the Tide," Henderson, a book of bench and ocean wonders; "Ox Team Days on the Oregon Trail," Meeker; "When They Were Girls," Moore, 24 interesting sketches of the girlhood of famous women; "Story of the Chosen People," Guerber; "Practical Electricity for Beginners," Willoughby. Two books for small children are "Pioneer Life" and "Our Playhouse."

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SOCIETY

Constellation club was entertained Thursday afternoon in Masonic hall, with Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. H. A. Hagen and Mrs. Victor Chambers as hostesses. Mrs. Ivan Barker and Mrs. Sam Veatch were additional guests. Members were dressed in green in keeping with St. Patrick's day and one dress was over 100 years old. St. Patrick stunts were diversions of the afternoon and guests kissed the blarney stone. Room and table decorations were in keeping with the day and miniature lakes made the luncheon table attractive. A delicious two-course luncheon was served.

The Bona Tempo club was entertained Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Garoutte at the Bohemia Lumber company's camp. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson were additional guests. A covered dish supper was served and bridge was the diversion of the evening. Mrs. Wilbur Spray and Glen Smith held high score and Mrs. F. H. Allison and Ivan Barker low score.

Mrs. O. M. Miller was hostess Friday evening for the Joker club. Mrs. C. A. Bartell, Mrs. K. K. Mills and Mrs. George O. Knowles were additional guests. Bridge was the diversion of the evening. The rooms were attractive with daffodils and St. Patrick's day decorations. Delicious refreshments were served a feature of which was green ice cream molded in the form of a shamrock.

Mrs. Frank Houser was hostess Wednesday for an all day session of the Mothers' club. Nine members attended and a potluck supper was served at 1 o'clock. Guests spent the day quilting. At a short business session a report of the welfare committee work was given by Mrs. L. McAboy, showing that 125 garments and 24 pairs of shoes had been distributed to needy families.

Mrs. D. W. McKinney entertained Friday afternoon for the Good Neighbors club, inviting as additional guests Mrs. C. W. Partin, Mrs. Jorgensen and Mrs. Hudson. Daffodils and potted cinerarias were room decorations. A social afternoon was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Charles Adams entertained Friday evening with a dinner party for the Entre Nous club. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Lombard were additional guests. Covers were laid for six couples and yellow jonquils and candles were table decorations. Bridge was the diversion of the evening. Ferns and greenery were room decorations.

Mrs. C. A. Bartell, Mrs. Earl Hill and Mrs. Schofield Stewart are a general committee of the Keepers of the Den to arrange a "states" dinner to be given March 30 in I. O. O. F. temple. The affair is for members and their guests and a dance will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Holway entertained Sunday with a dinner party at the Eugene hotel for Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Umphrey and children and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Mackin and children. Thirteen were present and they spent the afternoon in Eugene.

The Research club will be entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. C. Bosley. The club will continue its study of sections of the United States and slides will be shown of Yellowstone national park. Mrs. D. A. Forbes will be program leader.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church entertained Christian Endeavorers of the other churches of the city at supper Sunday evening. About 100 were guests. The affair was held in the lower floor of the church.

Mrs. Charles Beidler will entertain the Presbyterian missionary society Wednesday afternoon and Mrs. George Matthews will be program leader.

Mrs. H. A. Miller and Mrs. W. B. Johnston are joint hostesses this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Miller for the Past Matrons club.

Mrs. W. H. Daugherty will entertain the Tuesday Bridge club at a 1 o'clock luncheon Tuesday afternoon.

The Social Twelve will be entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Chambers.

The Utopia club will be entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harold Johnson.

The American Legion auxiliary will hold its regular meeting tonight in Legion hall.

A surprise party honoring Miss Evelyn York of Creswell was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. O. L. Nichols. The surprise

was arranged by a group of friends of Miss York and about 20 were present. Radio music and games were the evening's entertainment. Violets and Japanese quince were attractive room decorations. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Elbert Smith and Mrs. George Matthews will be program leaders for the meeting of the Tuesday Evening Study club to be held in the city library. The club will study the life, style and works of James Cabell and a review of one of his books will be given.

The O. L. H. club will hold a no-hostess afternoon Tuesday at the Colonial cafe.

Mrs. L. E. Liston will entertain Tuesday afternoon for the Elmartes club.

John H. Manley Dies.
John H. Manley, Civil war veteran, who had been a resident of this city for a number of years, died Saturday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Francis Smith. He was aged 87 years, 6 months, 23 days.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 Tuesday forenoon at the Mills chapel, with Pastor J. D. Chappelle of the Baptist church in charge. Interment will be in Oakland, Ore., beside the body of the wife.

John H. Manley was born August 24, 1840, at Washington, Ind. He served three years in Company C, 6th regiment Kansas cavalry and was discharged in 1864 with the rank of corporal.

He is survived by his daughter of this city, two stepsons, Wilson F. Martin of The Dalles and Polk Martin of Grants Pass; a nephew, George Smith of this city, and several grandchildren.

Mrs. Henry Stockton Dies.
Word of the death of Mrs. Henry Stockton (Nancy Small) March 6 at Willows, Cal., at the age of 70, has been received here. Mrs. Stockton was an old time resident of this city. She came here in 1859 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Small, who took a donation land claim along the Coast fork on the west side of this city. Mrs. Stockton is survived by her husband, a sister, Mrs. Martha Lane of Corvallis, and a brother, James Small of Summer Lake.

Fire Damages Being Repaired.
Carpenters are repairing the damages to the Ken apartments caused by fire last week, which amounted to several hundred dollars.

The damage to stock and machinery of the Sentinel's printing plant in the lower story of the building amounted to only \$50, all of the paper having been hastily removed by employees and volunteers to a place of safety in the building.

Tie Plant Is Gone.
The last of the tie plant, which stood for a quarter of a century at Latham, has been removed and a clear space is left along the Southern Pacific tracks that looks odd to those accustomed to seeing the tie plant there. Removal of the plant gives a clear view from Pacific highway of the mammoth seasoning plant located east of the tracks.

Kurres to Move to Albany.
C. A. Kurre of this city has joined with four others living at Albany and Independence in the purchase at receiver's sale of the business and plant of the Albany Ice and Cold Storage company. Mr. Kurre expects to leave for Albany Tuesday and the family will move there at the close of school.

Start the new income tax year with a Greenwood system. The Sentinel.

Gas Is Down Two Cents.
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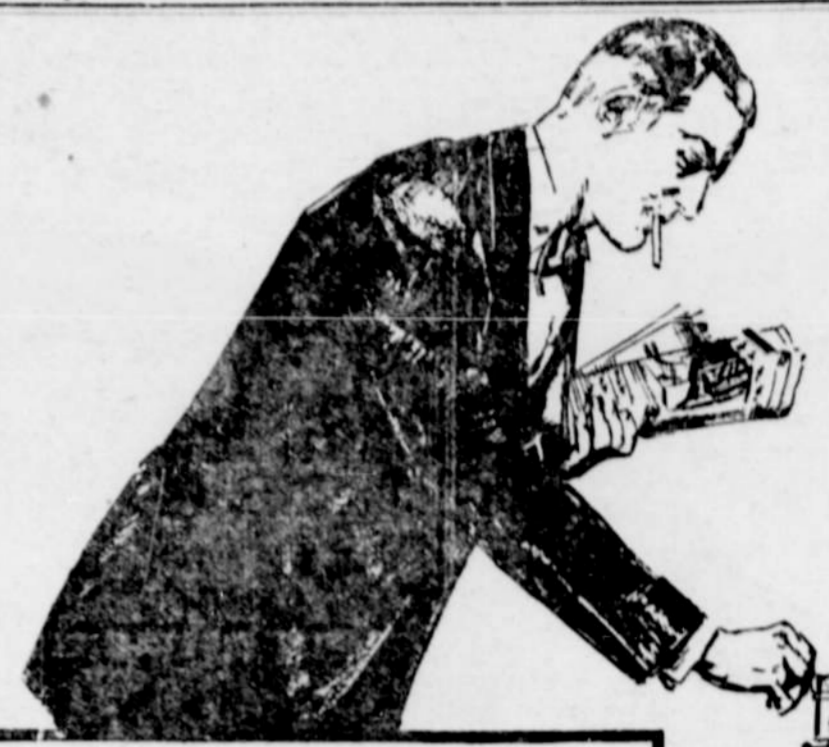
MILLION FEET OF LOGS
GOING INTO SEA RAFTS

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22.—(U.P.)—One of the longest journeys on record for a log raft will be taken soon when a fleet of huge cigar-shaped rafts will be towed from the Oregon coast to southern California.

In the summer because of more favorable weather conditions. The rafts are now being built on Wallace slough by the Benson Logging company.

There will be five or six rafts and each one will contain four million feet of logs, in addition to a top load of telephone poles and piling. The feat has been accomplished in previous years and has proved to be an economical method of transporting logs to the southern California market.

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