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AN UNNAMED HERO.

Yesterday two prominent residents of the city suggested that a person of their acquaintance was worthy of an editorial.

The person in question may not be widely known in the city, though he has long been a resident thereof. He may be hardly known at all outside of the city.

He has not served in public place. He has not written a great book, nor has he ever preached a great sermon, so far as this writer knows. In fact, he has never sought the plaudits of the world, nor has he in recent years mingled much with his fellow creatures, despite the fact that he is a person with whom others might gladly associate, despite the fact that he may have often longed for more time to mingle with those he knows.

This man's claim to these complimentary lines was an unusual devotion to an aged mother, who recently left him for that great adventure beyond the grave.

The mother was an almost helpless cripple for a dozen years or more, and she was near 90 when she went away. The bloom of youth long before had flown from her cheek. No longer could she do the things a mother likes to do for a child. The one that had been the parent became the child.

There were no daughters. There was no one but the son to whom the mother might be given in care.

And the son—he's a man well along in years—did not complain to anyone. Day after day, week after week, year after year, he faithfully performed his filial duty. Seldom was he seen on the streets, for the mother required his continual presence. He may have longed for an hour he could call his own, but no mother with a dozen children was ever more closely tied to a post of duty.

An unsung hero, and so far as this comment is concerned he shall remain unnamed.

A PITIFUL VICTIM.

Those who suffer most from liquor are not always those who drink it.

It was so in the saloon days (no one refers to those good old days when speaking of the saloon), and it is so now.

The innocent victims, the indirect victims, were always the most pitiful. They still are.

In a Portland hospital a lad with a pinched yet hopeful face, with an active brain and lower limbs that long ago failed to function, tries to ease the burden on his widowed mother by the sale of papers to others in the hospital.

He has said himself that he would rather be dead than the burden he is to his mother.

Yet the lad's pitiful condition is through no fault of his own. His condition is through no fault of anyone close to him.

Six years ago he was a carefree lad eager to learn his lessons at school, eager for a mother's caress of approval when he brought home a good report card. Probably he placed on teacher's desk his tribute in wild flowers picked along the path that led from home to school.

He probably day-dreamed of the day when he would be as big as his daddy, sturdy of limb and active of mind, able to give aid to parents who were doing so much for him.

One day he and a companion were on their way home from school. There was a report of a gun and simultaneously a bullet made a hopeless cripple of Georgie Walthier. No longer was he to scamper off to school. No more would he play youthful games with schoolmates. No more would he tease girl friends or endeavor to win their approval as a hero in an athletic contest. No more would he run errands for mother. Gone were the dreams of a robust manhood and a career in business or profession.

The bullet was fired by a prohibition officer who said he was sorry. No attempt had been made to confront Georgie and place him under arrest. No charge had been placed against him. That the lad would have done anything to endanger the life of an officer who had sought to place him under arrest is unthinkable. He had no weapons and had no reason to fear arrest, as after-events have proved. The government never attempted to bring him to trial on a charge placed against him of having knowledge of a still supposed to have been in operation near where the shooting took place. Never at any time was any evidence produced to connect the lad with the alleged still, or with any other still, or to connect him with any illegal liquor operations of any kind anywhere at any time.

Yet a prohibition officer's bullet laid him low.

Today he is a burden to his mother and wishes he were dead.

The government spends millions to construct a single battleship and a million or two annually for maintenance of every battleship it has.

The cost of the ammunition used for a single gun in a single naval maneuver would mean happiness and plenty for this victim of a federal officer's gun.

There wasn't the faintest excuse of any kind for the shooting of the boy. There wasn't the faintest excuse for the mistake of an officer who feared to face a schoolboy on his way home and place him under arrest. There isn't the faintest excuse now for the failure of the government to provide liberally for the lad who has been robbed of more than life—who is condemned to a living death—who is condemned to see one near and dear to him suffer because of the inexcusable shooting.

We should arouse ourselves against this kind of promiscuous shooting by government agents, and we should demand that congress provide for this innocent child victim of a federal officer's gun.

Editors of Oregon will miss J. S. Dellinger, late publisher of the Astoria Astorian. He was one of the oldest editors in Oregon in point of years of service and had been connected with activities of the editorial association since its earliest days. He will be remembered almost as well for his interest in development of the cranberry industry in his section. Ever since the visit of editors to his city about ten years ago he has remembered every editor of the state with a carton of cranberries just before Christmas every year, thus illustrating the kindliness and thoughtfulness that were characteristic.

Nine of those who were with Howard Carter, Egyptologist, when he entered the tomb of Tutankh-amen six years ago are dead, believed by the superstitious to have fallen under the curse inscribed over the entrance to the tomb. The condition of the tomb showed that it had been entered a thousand or two years ago by robbers. Wonder if they have also fallen victims to the fatal warning?

The Independence Enterprise is out with a 32-page booster edition which graphically describes that section of Oregon and makes it appear nearly as good as the Cottage Grove country. The edition is a splendid piece of work typographically.

It's amusing to see the way an ordinarily sane man acts about his first boy, especially when the lad has been preceded by two or three girls.

A Portland young woman used a ukelele to drive a burglar out of the house. We know exactly how that burglar felt.

Eugene is talking of widening its main drag. Cottage Grove set the example, as usual.

Men may not really get older than women, but there are no male beauty parlors.

The man with the most push seems to have the most pull.

Filling Stations and Curb Space.
(Corvallis Gazette-Times.)

The Salem city ordinance committee has recommended to the city council that all public service stations be required to pay into the city treasury a fee of $75 per annum for use of the city streets parking space. This is as it should be. If all the parking space down town used up by service stations could be utilized, there would be no need for a time parking ordinance. No other business concern in the city is allowed to monopolize a couple of hundred feet of parking space.

Uses for Licorice

Licorice has not become a successful commercial crop in America. It grows wild over large areas in Spain, Italy, southern Russia, Asia Minor and southern Asia. This country, however, uses quantities of licorice. Ninety per cent of it finds its way into the tobacco industry, about 5 per cent into confectionery and about 5 per cent into medicine. Its principal medicinal use is to disguise the taste of acrid drugs.

Heating Hives by Bees

The bee is not entirely inactive in winter, but they spend their time in heating up the interior of the hive so that it rarely drops below 57 degrees Fahrenheit. They form themselves in a globular mass, their bodies packed close to each other and their heads up, and those in the middle of the mass maintain a constant motion which sheds off heat which tempers the interior of the hive.

Originated Plane Stunt

Eugene Ely was the first man to take a plane from ship to shore. In 1910 he flew from the deck of the cruiser Birmingham and he landed near Norfolk. In 1911 he landed a plane aboard ship for the first time. A platform was built over the deck of the cruiser Pennsylvania and the trial was made at San Francisco.

Odd Chinese "Prescriptions"

"Quack" Chinese doctors have been known to prescribe leaves of certain trees, ground claws of a lion, dried toads, beetles, snakes, and tiger hair.

A TAX PANACEA.

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Feb. 24.—(To the Editor.)—Inasmuch as there is unusual interest just now in the matter of taxes as the result of the operation of the so-called intangibles tax law, I deem it the psychological moment to offer a remedy for, not only the evils of the intangibles tax, but for the many evils of the entire tax system of the state. I think it is conceded by everyone who has given the matter due consideration that the original framers of the property tax law of the state could not have done much worse had they intended to make it as absurd, unjust and discriminatory as possible. This one fact alone, that the law demands that all property shall be assessed at its true cash value, should have been condemned to the eternal bow wows long since. The evils of the law have been recognized for a long time and for 20 years, as I personally know, the law has been tinkered with from time to time in an effort to remedy some of these evils, but, I am sorry to say, with but little better success upon the part of the tinkerers than fell to the lot of the original framers and, in some instances, the result has been worse evils, as exemplified in some features of the intangibles law.

The principal object of the framers of this law was to collect revenue from those who, though perfectly able to, pay no tax in support of either state or local government, which is just and laudable and should have been done years ago. Had they stopped there they would be entitled to the plaudits of their fellow men and to crowns of glory in the great hereafter. However, for some inscrutable reason, they allowed themselves to degenerate to the low level, in principle, where they have placed the state, figuratively speaking, in the attitude of taking candy from the baby and the pennies from the blind beggar's tincup.

In order that I may make my attitude toward an income tax as clear as possible before I present my remedy, I want to say that I believe that the principle of the income tax is eternally right and, in harmony with this belief, voted for the income tax bill that passed congress nearly 40 years ago and was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. But, while my faith in the principle is just as firm as it ever was, I do not hesitate to say that the manner in which the present federal law was framed and is now being executed is eternally and infernally wrong. It is so voluminous, so technical and detailed that the executors of the law themselves, much of the time, go wrong and if the government did not keep field men scattered throughout the country to aid in making out income reports, the average business man would have to employ expert accountants to keep himself out of the penitentiary. Because of its voluminous and technical nature the law requires an army of executors to enforce it, which runs into millions of expense. This is why the voters of the state have turned down an income tax three or four times. No one who has had experience with the federal income tax will ever vote another like tax on himself if he knows it.

And now, Mr. Editor, here is my cure for the evils of taxation that for so many years have plagued the taxpayers and have successfully withstood all efforts at remedy, and I hope it may not take your breath entirely away or give any of your readers conniption fits, at least not till you have given it due consideration. The remedy is as simple as falling off a log and as a result, if adopted, would eliminate most of the expense of our present system. Now, grip your chair with both hands so you won't fall, for here it is: Just wipe the tax slate clean of all taxes and substitute therefor a tax on the gross income of all of the citizens of the state. I have had this in mind for a long time and the more I consider it the more I am inclined to believe that it is the remedy. I do not want you to think that I am egotistical enough to believe that I know absolutely all there is to know about it, but I am unable to think of an objection any one could offer—based upon equality and justice. The fellow who is escaping all taxation will object, of course, for it will sure get him, and those who are holding jobs under the present system of administration of our tax laws will also object, for it will get the most of them likewise. There may be some fatal defects in this proposition that I have not been able to discover and this is the reason why I want to present it to the public so, if there is any, one more able to dissect the matter than I am will discover and point it out.

However, let none of us arrive at irrevocable conclusions until we have gotten hold of the key to the situation, which is the total wealth of the state as represented in the gross incomes of all of the citizens of the state. This knowledge will be easily and cheaply gotten if the coming legislature can be persuaded to take the necessary steps and as you are a prospective member of the coming assembly, I hope, if successful, you will do what you can to influence that body to require the state treasurer to supply every citizen with proper blanks upon which he shall state the amount of his gross income for the previous year and return same to that officer. Proper penalties should be fixed for failure to do so.

When this information is secured it will be a very simple matter to ascertain quickly just what portion of each one of these dollars will be necessary to meet the tax demands. And, while it can be nothing more than an estimate at this stage of the game, I am persuaded that the part of the dollar that would be required to meet expenses of government would be no grave hardship on the poorest. However, the knowledge of the amount of wealth would enable us to know to a dead certainty if justice demanded any exemptions and, if so, in just what amount.

One reason why taxes are so high is because of the great amount of property that escapes taxation and, while I have no definite idea as to just what it is, I do know that it runs into the millions and I know also that every dollar of these millions that escape taxation must and is added to the property that does pay tax and adds just that much to the sum total of our tax burden. This proposition requires every citizen to carry his own tax load and not slip it off onto the shoulders of those who are already staggering under all the load they can carry.

In considering this proposition do not forget that under it you would pay nothing whatever on anything but your gross income.

O. M. KEM.

(Editorial Note. — Comment on Mr. Kem's letter will appear next week.)

To Head Off Colds

The common cold is a mystery. Sometimes you get it and sometimes you don't, though conditions may seem the same. One thing you can be certain of, you are less likely to have a cold if you keep your physical condition up to par. Sleep enough, eat enough, exercise a little, and not too much, worry not at all. Live up to this program and colds will be few.—Capper's Weekly.

Lie's Spreading Power

A lie has no legs, and cannot stand; but it has wings, and can fly far and wide.—Warburton.

Marks on Wood

Marks caused with hot plates or hot water jugs, etc., on polished tables may be removed by the following application: Mix a tiny pinch of salt with a little olive oil and rub into affected parts. If the mark doesn't disappear with the first application, allow the mixture to remain on, and in a few hours' time apply the salt and oil again, rubbing with a circular movement.

Curbing Mob Spirit

The expression "read the riot act" means to warn or reprimand. As early as 1715 England had a statute for preventing tumultuous and riotous assemblage. The act provided that in case of 12 persons or more unlawfully assembling and disturbing the peace, an officer could make proclamation of the general provisions of the riot act and call upon them to disperse. If they failed to obey, they were guilty of felony.

Old Doc Bird Says:
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING WORTH AS LILLTE AS THE RUBLE, UNLESS IT'S A CORKSCREW.

Doctors Will Tell You
Our line of specifics for all blood diseases covers your health situation thoroughly.
It is possible that we may be able to help you a great deal in your trouble.
We have the most complete stock of Health-Savers in these parts!
Prices right. Call us.
KELLY DRUG CO.

For Cottage Grove Merchants Only

Being one of a series of chats with Cottage Grove businessmen in which they are told how they can increase their volume of sales.

There's No Need For a Fence Around Cottage Grove

YOU can't put a fence around Cottage Grove to keep Cottage Grove people from shopping elsewhere. Neither can you prevent them from buying from mail order houses.

None the less, it isn't by any means the hardest task to get Cottage Grove's folk to shop and buy in your stores. It's a task, to be sure, but one in which your help will go a long way.

People buy where they are trained to buy. Educate them to buy in Cottage Grove and they'll always buy there. And buying education is very largely a matter of advertising.

Advertising! That's the trick! Your own advertising and that of the manufacturers whose goods you strive to sell. Both, in your local, home newspaper, should prove effective in keeping Cottage Grove's business in Cottage Grove . . . and Cottage Grove's dollars in Cottage Grove.

Where the manufacturers' advertising is concerned, your task is easy.

When their salesmen come to sell you goods, talk up Cottage Grove to them. Talk it up with enthusiasm. Make them realize how important Cottage Grove is to you in turnover . . . How important it is to them in orders . . . How important it is to their companies in more sales.

Talk up Cottage Grove so that these salesmen will pass the good word on to their sales managers who decide where advertising appropriations are to be spent.

With the advertising of more national manufacturers in your local newspaper, Cottage Grove folk will find it easier to shop in your stores. You'll find it easier to keep them coming to your stores. And there won't be any need for a fence around Cottage Grove.

THIS NEWSPAPER has joined small town newspapers all over the country in a nation-wide campaign to convince national advertisers that they can best assist small town merchants by advertising in the local, home town newspapers of the small town merchants.

You need the advertising aid of the manufacturers whose goods you stock—urge their salesmen to recommend your local home newspaper.

COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Royal Portables. The Sentinel.
Box Files. The Sentinel.
Typewriters—Office Supplies—The Sentinel.

Radio Ray Sez:

HOWDY FOLKS—With Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine's Day, and Washington's Birthday out of the way, there will be no more holidays until St. Patrick's Day.

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Speaking of St. Patrick's Day reminds us of the patriotic Irishman who celebrated the event by getting gangrene.

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Medical Note.
Charlie Hall says he lost his faith in medicine. He says that he drank two bottles of bay rum and his dandruff is just as bad as it ever was.

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Drinking bay rum may not cure dandruff, but using our radio service will cure all your radio troubles. Ask our patrons.

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Wand Ad.
Lost or run away—One liver colored bird dog called Jim. Will show signs of hydrofobby in about three days. We'll bet he got his dog back.

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Would You Believe It?
Phillip McCann runs a filling station in Vancouver, Washington.

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"A busy surgeon has but little time to read books," says a physician. But we suppose that he glances at an appendix now and then.

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Why do otherwise nice people insist on "trying out" every radio in town?
It gets mighty tiresome to the dealer and that's the truth.

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The truth about Fada Radio is that money can't buy better merchandise.

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And there goes the bell. Class will meet at the regular time next week.

RAY NELSON
ELECTRIC STORE
Phone 201

Graphic Outlines of History
By KARL K. MILLS

THE FIRST LOCOMOTIVE OF AMERICA

The credit of introducing the locomotive in this country is generally given to Peter Cooper who designed and made the famous engine "Tom Thumb." This was the foundation of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad system of today.

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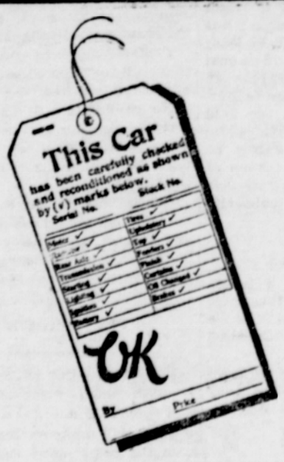

Here is a bargain event without parallel in the history of this community! This great spring clearance sale brings to bargain seekers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to secure famous used cars "with an OK that counts" at savings that will be long remembered.

Due to the tremendous popularity of the New Chevrolet Six, we have an unusually large stock of fine used cars. To clear our stock quickly, we offer these splendid cars at low sale prices that are nothing less than sensational.

Buy a car during this sale at many dollars below its normal price! Look to the red "OK that counts" tag as proof of its quality and dependability. This tag signifies that the car has been thoroughly checked and reconditioned. Be sure to attend this sale early!

Wide choice of four and six cylinder cars

1929 Chevrolet Sedan
Motor has been thoroughly reconditioned. Not a scratch on the body, paint as good as new and only 7664 mileage. Priced.
$650.00

LATE 1926 HUP 4-DOOR SEDAN.
Motor reconditioned, rubber in very good condition $525

1927 CHEVROLET SEDAN.
Motor reconditioned Price $375

1928 CHEVROLET COACH
Motor reconditioned, 2 new tires. Price $450

1926 PONTIAC COUPE.
Motor completely overhauled. New paint job. $350

1929 Chevrolet Coach
Your last chance to save $195.00 on a slightly used coach, completely equipped and carefully checked. Formerly priced up to
$772.00

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