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GIVE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND COUNTY TAXPAYERS A BREAK.

Eugene boasts of the lowest power and light rate of any city in the northwest outside of Tacoma, Washington, but this is telling only about half the story. So far the story hasn't been told of how the Lane county taxpayers have been partly responsible for this low rate and sadder of all, if you are not a resident of Eugene, you are helping foot the low cost bill, but not getting any benefit. The Eugene municipal plants, we understand, has properties valued around five or six million dollars, the city of Eugene is selling a commodity just like the private individual with the added benefit the municipality is escaping \$10,000 or \$12,000 in taxes each year and have been doing it for a number of years.

If a municipality is going to compete in the field of private enterprise, is there any logical reason why private enterprise should be handicapped by unfair discrimination? You don't have to be very good at figures to figure out why a tax-free operated plant can distribute electric energy at a lower rate than one who pays taxes.

It has been roughly estimated that it is costing Lane county taxpayers about a mill in taxes each year to support Eugene's cheap power rate. If you are a property owner or a home owner you will pay several dollars in the course of a few years for something without any benefit to you whatever, if you live outside the city of Eugene. If you are not a property owner you should or perhaps do pay a higher rent.

The Springfield school district is perhaps the most unfortunate of any district in the county. Eugene's two plants are located in this school district, the district is needing additional tax sources to finance school facilities for a growing population, but so far has not been able to get the Eugene plants on the tax roll. The right of the tax assessor to place the Eugene plants on the tax roll has never been denied, but a suit may be necessary to accomplish this end. Welby Stevens, present assessor, says he is going to place the plants on the tax rolls and we are going to watch the outcome with interest. If there is no legal way of placing this property on the tax rolls, then the Mountain States Power company should go tax free.

KITE TIME

It is a welcome relief from the bitter controversy revolving around public ownership versus private ownership of the electric industry, to read an advertisement displayed by the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company. It contained no word of electric rates, no technical data of any sort, boasted no accomplishments, promised nothing, made no effort to sell electrical appliances. It showed a youngster enjoying the rapture of kite flying.

Kite flying within the next few weeks will approach the proportions of a national pastime. High tension wires and kites are a potential source of tragedy. Each year there are cases of electrocution from kites entangles in power lines. The Oklahoma utility, in its advertisement, gives sound advice on kite flying. (1) Fly your kite in open fields away from electric lines. (2) Use cotton cord for string. Never use wire or tinselled kite string. They conduct electricity. (3) Never run across highways. (4) Never climb poles.

THE EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter egg hunt at the golf course was a "flop" or partly a "flop," according to reports made by the local Boy Scouts because a group of older boys or men, hiding in the bushes nearby proceeded to steal the eggs before the children were allowed to hunt them. We are told there have been occasions in the past when groups such as these with a warped sense of humor did not take the trouble to steal the eggs, instead they stomped the eggs in the ground when they found them. Maybe persons who find pleasure in this sort of thing should be subjects of the physicists rather than the officers of the law. At any rate we would suggest that future events of this sort be advertised as a joke, unless given some official protection.

It took the United States Government the first 133 years of its existence to spend sixty-six billion dollars, in the course of which the expense of five wars was defrayed, including the Civil War and the World War. That was yesterday. Today it takes the Federal government a mere eight years to spend \$65,628,526,692.

IN REGARD TO FLAX GROWING

Eugene, Oregon, March 26, 1940.
W. C. Martin, Publisher,
Cottage Grove Sentinel,
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Martin:
This is in reply to your card of March 18, in regard to an article on flax growing. So far as I know, no fiber flax has been grown south of Creswell, but the operator on one small farm about two miles northeast of Creswell has grown a few acres of flax each of the last three years.

There is no question that fiber flax could be grown, successfully around Cottage Grove. It is simply a case of whether or not the farmers are interested in growing it, hauling the straw to Springfield, and waiting until the flax pool is closed before they get final payment.

C. B. Swango, secretary of the Oregon Fiber Flax Growers association, which is the Lane County cooperative, has advised me that they have contracted for all of the acreage that they can handle in 1940. If you wish to prepare a story in regard to fiber flax in Lane county, Mr. Swango can furnish you a lot of interesting information and statistics. His address is Route 2, Eugene.

If I can be of any further service in connection with the flax story, or in any other way, please call upon me.

Yours truly,
O. S. FLETCHER,
County Agent.

FORMER PASTOR WRITES

Salem, Oregon, March 26, 1940
The Sentinel,
Cottage Grove, Ore.
Dear Friends:

I enclose subscription for the current year. We are always happy to look over the news from our former home where we spent almost 5 happy years.

I am preaching at Mill City each Sunday, Easter Sunday we dedicated a new piano that we used for the first time in our Easter service. All paid for, too. They lacked \$25.00 of having enough and I suggested that we take an offering to complete the payment and save carrying charges. Enough was given to do just that, and all are happy. We had a great service, too.

Cordially,
J. A. SMITH,
2205 S. Church St.

Engraved, printed or processed wedding announcements for sale by The Sentinel.



GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

RELIEF FOR FINLAND

HERE are some hard-boiled thoughts, that are sure to get a barrage of dead cats. The writer has accordingly retired to the bomb-proof shelter of a hospital.

The futile defense of Finland was as fine a chapter as there is in either military or political history, skill, valor, loyalty and fortitude—all were there at their highest and best—everything that is meant by the motto of West Point, "Duty, Honor, Country."

This column insisted on the beginning that it was hopeless and that Finland would have been wiser to have accepted Russia's earlier and milder demands. A glance at the map will show that the natural defenses of her front yard were in the hands of Finland.

Resistance was hopeless because Finland could not overcome the mass of Russian power even though, as this column also pointed out before the fighting began, that power was mushy—brave but stupid soldiers, bad equipment, bad transport, bad staff, bad officers, yet, without help, Finland couldn't hold. Help as a practical matter was impossible. It was impossible from



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the allies for both political and military reasons. It was impossible from us by reason of sheer physical factors.

Now voices of several great journalists are raised to say that, since we did not rush in with force of arms to save Finland, we should now open the federal treasury to rebuild her ruins.

That would be both Christian and kind. But, in doing all these noble things that cost billions, we must cut our coat to suit our cloth. There are many other acts of charity and mercy that we could do—if we had the dough. There is still much suffering in our own country that we haven't cured and can't cure for lack of funds. There are many similar good works abroad. If we have a duty to rebuild Finland, we have a like duty to rebuild shattered Poland and shattered China. That would cost more, but these bleeding hearts seem to think the deed so worthy that we should not count cost.

The great generosity of some of them has already strained our debt and taxing power to a limit that has paralyzed the return of prosperity and weakened our defense. Yet that seems not to check the urge to find other occasions and "obligations" to pour out more of our declining wealth.

That suggests a great solution. Let those whose generosity so burns their bleeding hearts raise the necessary millions by voluntary contributions from those of like minds.

'SMEAR HOOVER' CAMPAIGN

Attorney General Jackson is standing loyally by his associate, Chief G-Man Hoover. He issued an order the effect of which is to prevent wire tapping in criminal cases by any federal bureau.

In doing so he made it clear that Mr. Hoover opposed and forbade wire-tapping in FBI, until ordered by a former attorney general to use that method in extreme cases.

Yet, in view of the tow-row kicked up by Senator Norris' indictment of FBI, and the proposed senate resolution for an investigation of wire-tapping, this order may look like a retirement under fire in the very obvious "smear Hoover" campaign that is going on.

Neither in Senator Norris' letter nor in the senate resolution, was there any intimation whatever or any complaint by anybody of any FBI invasion of civil rights.

Mr. Hoover has continuously protested and prevented wire-tapping. It is well known throughout FBI, that it is worth any agent's job to tap a wire in any case not specifically authorized by the chief himself and that has never been done except where a human life was at

stake or at the climax of the clean-up of some Dillinger-like bandit or racketeering gang.

That doesn't mean that plenty of wires have not been tapped by other departments of federal government.

Mercury Cars In New Spring Colors

The 1940 Mercury-8, already available in eight different colors, now is presented in two special shades for spring, W. C. Patterson, Pacific northwest branch manager of the Ford Motor Company, announced today.

The new colors are garnet, a rich, light maroon shade, and Cotswold grey, a metallic color somewhat similar in tone to gunmetal. An interesting feature of Cotswold grey is the origin of its name, which was taken from the cottages in the historic Cotswold district in England.

Patterson also announced that the 1940 Deluxe Ford V-8 is now available in a range of seven colors—Garnet having been added to the six shades offered when the 1940 line was introduced. All colors for both cars are in a durable enamel.

Paradoxical History

EARL E. COOPER

Wedding Rings

Wedding customs are numerous and strange. Equally numerous and often as strange are the originations of these customs. It would be impossible in anything less than a book to discuss them all therefore we'll confine ourselves to the giving of the ring.

In ancient times women were property looked upon as slaves and treated as such. In those days bracelets were placed upon them not only for the purpose of holding but to mark them as taken.

Force faded out of the precedure and pledges gradually took its place. It is to convey the latter that the ring is given. To the most hen-pecked husband it can be a reminder of the days when man was lord and master of his home.

Superstition plays a part in the kind of ring given. An old belief was that the diamond ring sparkled with a gleam of joy and love. For this reason it serves as the ideal and appropriate betrothal gift. Its value also adds to its desirability.

The condition of the heart is often brought into a discussion where terms of love are employed. With this in mind and the fact that the Greeks and Romans believed the third finger of the left hand contained a vein running directly to the heart, we can understand the reason for the final destination of a wedding ring—if it isn't returned.

COOLEY HILL NEWS

Cooley Hill club met March 21 at the Beidler home. Those present were Mrs. Wickendall, Mrs. Jenne Arne, Hazel Arne, Mrs. Claude Allen, Mrs. Emma Bachelder, Mrs. Jessie Cooley, Mrs. Ben Chilson, Mrs. Hawley, Mrs. Roxine Johnson, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Maybelle White and Mrs. Beidler. Mrs. Vick and daughter were guests. The next meeting will be April 4th at the home of Mrs. Decker.

Mrs. Ben Chilson visited at the home of Mrs. W. O. Denny at Hebron on Friday.

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65-acre farm. Good soil, beauty spot. \$1,000 cash.

70 acres. 40 in cultivation. 7-room house, all farm equipment goes. \$3,500, \$1,000 down.

Excellent dairy for sale.

RODMANS Phone 216

London

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tipton of Oakland attended church here Sunday. Mr. Tipton preached at 11 o'clock and at 2:30. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hooker and the Thomas Clark family, all of Central View were present. A basket dinner was served at the church.

Mrs. Felix Ems was hostess to the Friendly Neighbors club last week. The club will meet April 3rd with Mrs. Odie Williams.

Mrs. Ella Willis who has been visiting several weeks in Salem, spent last week at home. Mrs. Willis expects to return to Salem soon. She was accompanied here by her daughter, Mrs. Alice Noth, and granddaughter, Vivian Noth, of Salem.

Clifford Townsend and Marvel Geer spent Saturday afternoon at Corvallis.

The engineering crew are working three shifts surveying drilling and testing on the new damsite, about one-half mile north of London.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Ward of Eugene were guests Sunday at the Carl Small home.

Arthur Combs of Portland and sister, Mrs. Roy Hutchen of Burns visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts of Yoncalla spent Sunday at the Frank Geer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doney of Latham were guests Sunday at the Howard Cox home.

Mrs. Joe Geer and children spent Friday at the Edwin Tullar home in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Funk have moved from Cottage Grove to the John Massey place.

Mr. and Mrs. Arville Dudley have moved from Cottage Grove to the Lyons place.

WATER FORECAST MEETINGS CALLED FOR EARLY APRIL

Oregon's mountain snow supplies which supply summer irrigation water appear to be exceedingly short this year. Just how short will be determined at a series of seven conferences of district water forecast committees scheduled for April 5 to 12 by R. A. Work, federal irrigation engineer at Medford in charge of cooperative snow survey work.

At these meetings all available information will be pooled and a joint forecast issued for the streams and reservoirs within each district. Growers dependent on irrigation supplies watch these forecasts and arrange their summer cropping plans accordingly, so far as possible. Power companies, municipalities, the forest service and other agencies also make use of the forecasts.

Bookkeeping Outfits. Sentinel.

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Large package **19c**

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Delicious
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BACON
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Pound
15c
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Purex Bleacher 1/2 gallon **23c**

Drain Opener Purex Tin **15c**

Graham Crackers 2 lbs. **19c**

Walnuts Soft Shell 2 pounds **19c**

Brooms Daisy Each **29c**

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