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IS OUR WIND ALL SPENT?

The public service commission will hold here on October 7 a public hearing upon rates to be charged for electrical service. At that time all those having complaints against the service we have been receiving, or wishing to suggest improvements, will have an opportunity to be heard.

It is but a short time ago that citizens of the city went to the polls determined to voice dissatisfaction with present rates and service. They acted in a way to leave no doubt in the minds of anyone as to how they felt.

Since that mighty onslaught of votes hardly a word has been heard about the electric light and power situation. Is the matter to be dropped there, or is it to be carried to some kind of a successful conclusion?

There is little doubt that the Cottage Grove Electric company is going to continue to serve the city with light and power. The amount of \$50,000 voted by the people for the construction of an electric light system is but a part of what it would cost the city to build a power plant and establish a distributing system. The law seems to be plain that permission would have to be given by the public service commission before any concern could furnish power to the city at the boundary line. The commission, undoubtedly, despite past unsatisfactory dealings with the local company, would be more likely to tell the established company what to do than to admit a competing power company.

This may be a debatable point, but The Sentinel is of the opinion that the city will find itself unable to furnish power except by manufacturing it and we know of no advice to the contrary having been secured by those interested in establishing a municipal system. The columns of The Sentinel have been opened to any who wish to discuss the situation and no explanation of any kind has come from those interested in the establishment of a municipal plant. The columns of The Sentinel remain open for the discussion of any phase of the situation by anyone interested as a taxpayer or as a user of electric current.

As far as rates and service are concerned, the city is, in our opinion, in practically the same position it was before the recent election was held. If relief of any kind is to come, it must come, it seems to us, through the public service commission.

The city and citizens always have had the commission to appeal to, just as they now have. The only time that

the commission has held a hearing here, its decision has been favorable to users of "juice," which indicates that users of current may expect a square deal from the commission. Yet with this source of power to go to, The Sentinel does not remember that the citizens of the city in recent years have asked the commission to go into the power and light situation here. The hearing of last year was at the instance of the request of the utility itself.

The question now is, if we are in the same position that we always have been; if the public service commission is the only power we have from which to expect a change of any kind in electric rates and service, are we going to make an appearance before the commission when it sits here that will completely clarify the light and power situation?

The Sentinel, for one, is of the opinion that improvements are possible and is ready to do its part to bring such improvements about or find out what good reason there is why we can't have them.

Are those who worked so valiantly for what seemed to them the best method of relieving the situation going to voice their opinions at the hearing to be held here by the public service commission and take an active part in that hearing, or is the whole matter to be dropped right where it always has been and are we to go on as heretofore, complaining of a situation that we have the power to change, if it can justly be changed, through our public body, the commission.

Did we expend all our energy in voting \$50,000 in bonds which seem to be of no earthly use to us?

We hope not. We may have been divided upon the proposed bond issue but we need not be divided in making a real appearance before the public service commission.

If a real appearance is made before the commission and if after that hearing we are not satisfied with results, then The Sentinel believes the time will have arrived to consider the proposition of a municipal plant and to vote enough money to buy or build one.

ONLY HALF THE STORY.

Attention was called to unemployment existing in sections of the east by the spectacular performance of the Boston socialist leader who conceived the spectacular idea of putting half-stripped men on the block and auctioning off their services to the highest bidder, in order that the men might earn food upon which to live.

Lack of employment is a tragedy to many. Only a comparatively small proportion of our total population is out of employment by preference. Too much attention, it would seem, cannot be given to the unemployment question and the best way of remedying the situation.

But the spectacular labor slave market did not tell the whole story.

It would be interesting to know how many of these men, out of employment, and out of food were earning big wages only a short time ago and spending their money as rapidly as they earned it, while they now look for support from those who made wise investments during the same period.

It is true that the free spending of the man getting the big wages made business good for the time. It made profits greater for the big employers and by their spending of their money as rapidly as they earned it the so-called wage earners only made more secure the position of the employing class against which many of those who spent their substance now rail.

It would be interesting to know how many of these men who were willing to be put on the wage slave block are among those who during the years that labor was scarce hopped, skipped and jumped from one job to another and laughed at the employer who asked for a day's work for what was then recognized as a fair day's pay.

There is no unemployment situation in Oregon but no effort is required to point out young men without families who earned more than their parents during the peak of high prices for labor and yet who are now penniless except for their daily wage and who compliment themselves upon having parents who had the foresight to provide against a rainy day and where they who have spent twice what others have used in maintaining a family may go in case the job should fail.

We all like unusually good times when money flows freely, but the best times are those that remain steady year after year, with the wage earner getting a fair wage at all times, with no shortage of labor because of the free spending orgy set by the wage earner himself, and with no shortage of jobs caused by the ups and downs of the market.

We all like good times with the money flowing freely, but because the wage earner in the east set the pace

for the orgy of spending of a few years he has put himself in a position where the man whom he is pleased to designate as his industrial enemy is more firmly entrenched than ever and has placed himself in a position where the employer not above taking advantage of any situation can profit by the folly of his former employee who skipped from job to job and whose wages went out as rapidly as they came in.

The spectacular wage slave market of Boston told but half the story. If the truth could be learned, it probably would be found that the man who stuck to his job and tried to make himself more valuable to the employer is still on the payroll and that the wage earner who put by each week a portion of the big wages of the recent past has not had to go on the wage slave block.

Unemployment and hunger are regrettable tragedies but it is just as regrettable that part of the blame must be placed upon the wage earner himself. Of course, we cannot refuse to help relieve his distress but we can at the same time point the way to avoid similar tragedies in the future. The condition in Boston is no different than the condition that would prevail here the moment the least needed workers were disconnected from their jobs.

The mayor of Boston has approved knickerbockers for women. A sensible thing for him to do and a sensible thing for women to wear. Women in knickerbockers would not attract half the impolite male stare that they do with knee garters peeping from under the sensible abbreviated skirt. It is not what is shown that arouses the curiosity of man so much as that which is temptingly half hidden.

Oregon may not have gone ahead at the pell mell pace at which some states have progressed, which may be the reason that it is found to be in the best financial condition of any state in the union.

Roseburg is awfully sore because Fatty Arbuckle has crowded their home talent scum off the front page.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times inquires: "Is the world wicked?" Why not "more wicked?"

Before election a candidate for reelection feels as if all the sins of past and future generations had been loaded upon him—if successful at the polls, he feels that his sins have been washed white as snow.

Some people would talk more if we'd stop long enough to give them a chance to get started.

A diplomatic man never admits his wife in a dress that hooks down the back.

A small opening often leads to large opportunities.

There might be more smart men if there weren't so many women to make fools of them.

If the bed bug had a different way of getting his living, we might not consider him such a disreputable member of society.

The man who makes money betting against his own success certainly doesn't earn it.

It may be some satisfaction to reflect that we've never got so good for nothing that we can't serve on a jury.

A live wire usually makes a connection with whatever he goes after.

An eastern college president advocates stewed prunes and mush as a diet for college students. He talks as if he were giving this advice from experience.

There are a lot of people who half believe things that they know are not so and still wonder why they don't make much headway in this old world.

There would be plenty of prosperity to go around if no one tried to hog more than his share.

The proposed sterilizing process might be used to advantage in other places than inside the penitentiaries.

The fast young man is counted out early in the race.

Half of Mexico is supposed to be in the torrid zone—but insurgents are doing much to equalize the temperature.

Often the only difference between eccentricity and cussedness is whether we wish to express it politely or forcibly.

Some men have such mean dispositions that they find fault with the presents received at a surprise party.

Money will do most anything. A Pennsylvania man who had disappeared and had been declared legally dead suddenly came to life when he found \$18,000 had been left him.

There are said to be men who enjoy helping their wives clean house.

It seems as if the most kicking about the actions of public officials is done by those who wouldn't accept office themselves or who, if in office, couldn't do as well as those they criticize.

Opportunity finds the man who is on the job.

We make fun of the way women handle money. Give 'em a chance to become familiar with it and they may soon handle it in as business-like a way as a man.

There are many noted fishermen who have a reputation for veracity in their every day business life.

Sometimes it seems as if one court hunts around for an excuse to undo what another court has done.

The trouble with most folks who want to see things reformed is that they leave it entirely to the public officials.

If a person could command as quick recognition when growing up as he does when a squawking babe, what a pleasant old place to hang around this old world would be.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

God probably never intended man to be satisfied—because if he were he would have nothing to pray for.

If you want a woman to keep quiet, ask her age.

There is no place on earth for the meddler—and we doubt if he is wanted anywhere else.

A famous aviator is going to start a school to teach flying by mail. Many would prefer to do theirs that way.

It's dangerous to write good advice. Your wife reads it and asks why you don't live up to it.

It is no credit to go forward without making an effort to help those who are shipping backwards.

An Iowa woman declares that women make ideal undertakers. They ought to—they're used to laying out the men.

There is but one punishment fitting the sins of the polygamist. That is to force him to live with all his wives in the same house.

The questions a wife asks her hubby when he comes home at 3 a. m. are not hypothetical ones, though possibly seeming so.

You had better not neglect your business unless your competitor will agree to neglect his at the same time—and when he does that you should get busy—which is probably the same idea he has.

Pigs, inoculated with germs taken from public drinking cups in Chicago, sank rapidly, says a news item. What difference does that make—the pigs have plenty of other ways of getting water.

The cable says that English women have taken to raising chickens. The hens!

Those foreigners who prate about the impetuous haste of Americans might have occasion to revise their opinions if placed in the position of the country newspaper man trying to collect his subscriptions.

There were 275 million gallons of ice cream consumed in the United States in 1920. Every young man with three or four young lady friends imagines that he paid for all except one or two gallons of that amount.

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Those people who claim we ought to work only two hours a day will never realize their dreams, because such a condition as that would necessitate the working of the criminal court machinery night and day.

Collecting money by law costs too much, but even at that sometimes it is worth it.

Some men wear stovepipe hats to let the hot air go up the flue.

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The price of pig meat bids fair to put us on the hog.

It is better to be honest from force of circumstances than not at all.

The world owes us all a living, and it is usually as prompt in settling up as we are in giving to the world what we owe it.

The doctor who says too much talking causes hoarseness of the vocal cords must be mistaken. Just contemplate the number of sweet-voiced women there are.

Getting busy and going after a thing will beat hope to it by a thousand miles.

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Temperance reformers keep things brewing most of the time.

A magazine recently printed thirty pictures of one actress—and still didn't show quite all of her.

If you don't dance you won't have to pay the fiddler.

New Jersey has 2½ million souls and a lot of corporation officers.

Pencils are being made from potato and men's collars from milk. If some friend of humanity would only

discover a method whereby the squeal of the croaker could be transformed into an article of diet and the wasted energy of the knocker harnessed and used for motive power, we would feel that the millennium was close at hand.

Everyone will be happy as long as we don't want things we can't have.

If loafers wasted only their own time much could be forgiven them.

The man who sits up nights hating his neighbors will find in the morning that his neighbors have beat him to it.

A comparison of street lighting rates in some of the Oregon cities are as follows:

ALBANY	100 candle power—\$1.85 per month
	600 candle power—\$5.50 per month
CORVALLIS	100 candle power—\$1.83 per month
	600 candle power—\$5.00 per month
MARSHFIELD	100 candle power—\$2.00 per month
ROSEBURG	60 candle power—\$1.50 per month
COTTAGE GROVE	100 candle power—\$1.50 per month
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Fine grade bed spreads	\$3.25
Best grade muslin, yd	20c to 25c
Toweling, tan and white	12c, 15c, 18c
Ladies' waists	\$1.25 to \$4.95
Men's new fall suits, special price	\$35.00
Children's shoes, all styles	\$1.25 to \$2.95
Heavy brown and black calfskin shoes at the low price of	\$4.65 and \$4.95
Ladies' shoes	\$4.95 to \$6.50
Boys' school suits	\$5.50 to \$8.50
Men's cotton work sox	2 for 25c
Children's play suits	98c
Boys' flannel blouses	98c
Ladies' underwear, all styles	\$1.25 to \$1.50
Men's leather coats	\$8.50
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