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THE CUSTOMER OWNERSHIP IDEA

Making the people financial partners in public utilities is a new and popular movement.

The Northwestern States Power Co. has sold six per cent stock to several thousand customers the past two years.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Co. of California successfully sold millions of dollars worth of its six per cent stock to customers.

At San Diego an entire issue of securities of the local gas and electric corporation was sold to the people by H. M. Byllesby & Co.

This system opens the door to friendly co-operation between conservative citizens and utility concerns, instead of suspicious, envious intaxionists. Under this plan utilities will be managed with a higher sense of devotion to public service.

Regulatory commissions will learn to have more respect for these properties and radical action will be minimized.

ODD FELLOWS HOLD INSTALLATION SAT.

The local lodge of the I. O. O. F., held their installation ceremonies at the hall on Saturday night, January 13.

The principal officers installed were: W. A. Weddle, N. G.; Everett Gardner, V. G.; A. S. Davie, Secretary; T. C. Crabtree, Treasurer; S. H. Heltzel, Chaplain.

After the installation a social session was much enjoyed by those present.

CHILD IS ADOPTED

By an order of the county court Eula Montgomery, a child 2 years and 4 months old, will be adopted by Hans and Ollie Jensen.

The petition of adoption states that the mother of the child died December 18. Roger Sherman Montgomery, the father, who is a brother of Mrs. Jensen, consents to the adoption and explains that he is not in a position to give the child proper care. His home is near Me-hama.—Statesman.

IMPROVING FARM

Dr. H. A. Beauchamp of this city has faith in the prune and walnut industry, for he is expending considerable money on his 11-acre tract west of town setting it to Franquette walnuts, with prune fillers. He had the tract surveyed, and the ground is shattered for several feet in depth by giant powder before the tree is set.

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A Bridge Party in Japan.

It wasn't long after we landed before we saw the Japanese woman, the type that old Japan creates. She and some others were having a bridge party. Sounds inviting, but it wasn't. About twenty of them were driving piles for a new bridge. The sun was scorching, the timbers enormous and the man overseer was abusing them. For weren't they only women? Without education and with old Japan's idea of women crushing them down, they deemed themselves pretty fortunate to have even such work and the princely sum of 10 cents a day.

No, it isn't enough for old Japan that the women should have a baby every year. They must work, work like men and animals. In Nikko we could see from a distance a long line of bowed figures climbing the steep bank of the river Daiya, and on coming nearer we saw that they were old, old women, wrinkled and gray, carrying barrels—not baskets, but barrels of stone from the river bed to the road. Such is the reverence for age in Japan.—Jean Price in World Outlook.

Alaska.

Alaska is an outlying possession. Seward bought it of Russia in 1867 for \$7,200,000. He and it became a national joke for that generation, and except for "Seward's Icebox" it attracted but little attention. Having more than half a million square miles in area, it is more than ten times larger than any state east of the Mississippi and contains mountain systems, valleys and mighty rivers. Switzerland could be lost around the base of Mount McKinley. It is only since Klondike days that Alaska has at all been taken seriously, and even from that date the development has come slowly. But Alaska has only been scratched. Alaska is the biggest prize in the Pacific ocean, its material possibilities are illimitable, and we are permitting it to stand utterly unprotected when with only a little care on our part it could be made impregnable.—Century.

New York's Great Bridges.

The five giant spans of steel, which, like gargantuan fingers, clutch the two sides of East river, blinding New York and Brooklyn together, cost America's metropolis half as much as the Panama canal cost the federal government. Three of them, says the National Geographic Magazine, are suspended from cables the wires of which, if placed end to end, would more than twice girdle the earth. If placed side by side these five great structures would provide a roadway as wide as the Washington monument is high, and if placed end to end they would make a great bridge over six miles long.

Across the Brooklyn bridge alone 125,000 surface cars travel every twenty-four hours, with other vehicular traffic in proportion.

When Hawaii Was a Republic.

Hawaii was proclaimed a republic July 4, 1894. More than a year before Queen Liliuokalani had been deposed by a committee of public safety because of her attempts, it was claimed, to secure more absolute power. A provisional government was set up, which lasted until the islands were proclaimed a republic. Sanford B. Dole, former head of the provisional government, became president. Unsuccessful attempts had been made to conclude a treaty of annexation with the United States. The islands were finally annexed July 7, 1898, as a war measure, the United States being then at war with Spain. They were organized a territory June 14, 1900. Ex-President Dole was appointed governor by President McKinley.

An Odd Bequest.

The following is one of the oddest bequests ever recorded in a last testament. It appeared in the will of a Bristol mariner proved in 1795: The old gentleman ordered his executors to "pay out of the first moneys collected, to my beloved wife, if living, 1 shilling which I have given as a token of my love, that she may buy hazelnuts, as I know that she is better pleased with cracking them than she is with mending the holes in her stockings."

Comparative.

"Contentment is always a comparative virtue."
"What do you mean?"
"Bigsby used up a dozen fifty dollar tires from April to October, but he's tickled to death because he made his patched and busted garden hose last through the summer."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Small One Way.

Wife—James, do you know you are a very small man? Husband—How ridiculous! I am nearly six feet in height. Wife—That makes no difference. Whenever I ask you for money to go shopping you are always short.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Harsh Words Indeed.

"Nothing is so unclean as a used teacup, nothing is so cold as toast which has once been hot, and the concrete expression of dejection is crumbs."—"Selected Tales," by Barry Pain.

A Very Little.

Bob—Before marriage she told me she loved me a little. Rob—Well? Bob—But, my stars, if I had only known how little!—London Answers.

The Right Key.

He—Have you heard my new song, "The Proposal"? She—No. What key is it in? He—Be mine-er.—Boston Transcript.

It is well to moor your bark with two anchors.—Pablius Syrus.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Chairmen Wood and Kuhl have agreed to hold a session of the joint committee each working night of the legislative session until all the business of the committee is transacted and the various officials will be called before the committee to make their statements as early as possible.

The present committee probably will depart from old-time custom of passing on some requests for appropriations and pruning them without giving a hearing to the persons interested. It is understood that all of the officials and institution heads will have "their day in court" and that before any changes are made in requests a complete defense of such requests will be allowed.

Homestead Exemption Law Proposed.
A more workable homestead exemption law than the one now in force is proposed by Senator Olson. He says that while the present law contains a \$1500 exemption clause, property valued at \$100,000 can be claimed as a homestead and held out on creditors in case of bankruptcy. Also that a mechanics lien for repairs can be defeated by claiming the property as a homestead. Remedies are provided for these exemptions in the Olson bill, which was introduced and passed in the house last session, but lost in the senate during the closing hours.

Illegitimate Child Given Recognition.
Two bills relating to the illegitimate child were introduced in the senate. Senator Olson introduced a bill providing for the prosecution of the father of such a child if he refused to make a settlement with the mother or provide for the child's maintenance, while Senator Smith of Josephine introduced a bill providing for a forced marriage of the parents of an illegitimate child.

Both bills give such a child the same rights of inheritance of the property of its father as are accorded a legitimate child.

Would Make Streams Log Highways.
To open the streams of Oregon as public highways for the rafting and floating of logs and other timber products, is the apparent purpose of a bill introduced in the senate by Senator Olson of Multnomah.

The bill provides that all corporations organized for the purpose of driving, catching, booming or rafting of logs or other timber products shall be under the jurisdiction of the public service commission, which shall provide a method for marking logs for identification and prescribe reasonable rates for floating logs.

Would Know About Traveling Money.

The house passed, under suspension of the rules, a resolution directing every state official, department, board and commission, from the governor down, to furnish a "complete, detailed statement of all money expended in the payment of traveling expenses during the years 1915 and 1916, with the date of expenditure, by whom expended, and for what purpose." This information is requested not later than January 18.

Legislative Brevities.

Sentiment in both senate and house is strongly in favor of any law that will be acceptable to the prohibition forces.

The first money bill to make its appearance from the hands of the ways and means committee came into the house in the shape of an appropriation of \$25,000 for the payment of mileage and per diem of the members of the legislature.

Oregon's normal school at Monmouth will receive an appropriation of \$81,000 for the biennial period beginning this year, according to a bill introduced by Representatives Staffin and Fuller, of Polk county.

After a lively debate the senate adopted a resolution authorizing the employment of G. Walter Griffin, a prominent Eugene business man, to serve as clerk for Senator Bingham, who is in New York, and will not be in attendance during the session.

Members of the senate went on record as favoring prohibition when, without argument or discussion, the joint memorials introduced by Senator Eddy, asking congress to prohibit the use of the mails for liquor advertising purposes, and one for the submission of a national prohibition amendment to the states, were adopted unanimously.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Preaching services every 1st and 3rd Sundays.
Bible school 10 a. m.
Morning service 11 a. m.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.
Evening service 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p. m.
3rd Sunday subjects, Jan. 21st.
11:00 a. m. "Heartfelt Religion"
7:30 p. m. "The Gospel Train"
Marion F. Horn,
Minister.

Andrew Rauscher of Goldendale Wash., was shaking hands with friends on the streets of Stayton the first of the week. Mr. Rauscher came to Portland on business and could not resist the temptation to come to Stayton for a short visit.

There is a Real Difference

Cream of tartar, derived from grapes, is used in Royal Baking Powder because it is the best and most healthful ingredient known for the purpose.

Phosphate and alum, which are derived from mineral sources, are used in some baking powders, instead of cream of tartar, because they are cheaper.

If you have been induced to use baking powders made from alum or phosphate, use Royal Baking Powder instead. You will be pleased with the results and the difference in the quality of the food.

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PRINTS PAPER ON TRAIN

Two hundred and twenty-five automobile dealers, bankers and newspaper men composed the personnel of the Willys-Overland Pacific Coast Special that recently journeyed from San Francisco to Toledo, Ohio, where they were the guests of John N. Willys, at the Overland plant. The travelers not only had their Southern Pacific train furnished with the inter-car telephones but they issued a daily newspaper enroute, "The Overland Daily Speed," which, so the editors asserted, was "edited and printed at the rate of a mile a minute" and covered every mile from the leading Pacific Coast cities to Toledo and return. The name of the editor was withheld for reasons of safety and branch managers and factory representatives were authorized to act as reporters. An indication of the success of the trip is found in the following wire from J. H. McDuffe of the Overland plant to Vice-President E. O. McCormick of the Southern Pacific.

"On behalf of the Willys-Overland organization and myself, personally, permit me to heartily thank you for the wonderful service, co-operation and splendid effort afforded in making a stupendous success of the trip across the continent of the Pacific Coast Special. The assistance of your representatives, Mr. C. C. Pratt, was a big factor in the success of the trip."

A HAPPY FARMER

A certain class of newspaper men assert that a farmer is the most independent man on earth and that he has nothing to do but enjoy life. That when winter comes and the blizzard's on the wing he toasts his feet in the oven and reads the local newspaper and the only thing that disturbs him is a call three times a day to a banquet of mince pies and other luxuries. It is a mistake. The industrious farmer begins work long before the sun thinks of getting up. With his soul shrouded in gloom he proceeds to build a fire and soften his boots with a sledge hammer. He then takes a lantern and shovels his way to the barn and feeds the hogs. It is then time to feed the newly arrived calf, which seems to delight in butting a pail of milk over the tiler of the soil until he only needs to be stamped to pass for a package of olomargarine. He crawls through a barb wire fence and digs the hay out of the snow, feeds the cows, cleans the stable, gathers up the frozen chicks, chases a stray pig worth 25 cents four miles, and does not catch it, doctors a sick horse, freezes his fingers, gets kicked by a one-eyed mule, and when the gloaming comes and quietness broods over all the earth, he has a single half hour to meditate and wonder if he will pay his taxes.

Is your blood thin?

If so you should take a good blood tonic. Rexall Celery and Iron Tonic is one of the best blood and nerve tonics on the market. \$1.00 large bottle at Beauchamp's, the Quality Drug Store.

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WHY WOMEN SUFFER

Many Stayton Women are Learning The Cause

Women often suffer, not knowing the cause.
Backache, Headache, dizziness, nervousness.
Irregular urinary passages, weakness, languor—
Each a torture of itself.
Together hint at weak kidneys.
Strike at the root—get to the cause.
Quickly help the kidneys if they need it.

No other remedy more highly endorsed than Doan's Kidney Pills.

Here's convincing testimony from this locality.

Mrs. M. E. Bilyeu, 306 E. Fourth St. Albany, Ore., says: "I never knew what it was to be without backache from a little girl up to until two years ago. The older I got, the more I was bothered by my back and kidneys. My back nearly killed me at times, it ached so badly. When I got down to pick up anything or sat in one position very long, it was all I could do to straighten up. I suffered a great deal from inflammation of the bladder. Three boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills cured me."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that cured Mrs. Bilyeu. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

M. P. Paragon of Salem was entertained Sunday at the A. S. Pancoast home.

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