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COUNTING THE COST.

The Courier has come in for considerable criticism, female criticism, for the stand against the widow's pension bill which the late lamented legislature passed.

We objected to the bill because it discriminated, because it was class legislation, because it only provided for certain needs.

Right? Sure it is right as far as the law goes, but if right is right, let us organize for a general system and take it down the line.

The question is, how much right can Oregon stand with taxpayers saying "I came in to pay my rent (taxes) today?"

When we start in on this private pension business we might as well clear the decks for action, and the legislature might as well face it now as later that if Oregon is going to pension its needy it must cut down its public appropriations.

If a mother whose husband is in jail is entitled to state aid for her children so equally is the father who is sick in bed and cannot provide for his family's needs.

If the father is entitled to a state pension because he cannot labor, so in equal justice is the cripple who sells pencils and shoe strings.

And if the children of the man in jail are entitled to state pensions, so equally is the boy or girl who has no parents and who is not old enough to earn a living.

If the man who is unable to support his family because of illness should have a pension so in justice should the man who has passed the milestone which incapacitates him for daily toil.

And so you run on. There is no end to private pensions once started.

That should be, I do not dispute, but a state like Oregon cannot have annual appropriations of five or six million dollars and take on this pension system.

We've got to use the knife if we use pensions.

We've got to cut the stuffing out of all appropriations if we go into the pension business, for the people can't stand greater tax burdens.

It's a question of whether or not we are ready to clip at one end to fill out on the other.

INVESTIGATE.

On page 1 of this paper are the names of hundreds of men, voters and taxpayers of this county, who petition that a mass meeting be called for the purpose of investigating the county officials.

There is considerable talk that this is a "political deal" and that E. D. Olds is evening up some old time matters that he thought did not balance.

But let us see if this is sufficient excuse.

There are the names of many men on these petitions that stand ace high in this county, and who any man would hesitate to charge with aiding anyone to pull chestnuts out of the fire.

On the other hand, if an investigation is held and the officials are found to be conducting their departments proposed and according to law, Ed Olds would have gained mighty little out of the matter.

So the better way to look at it is that it is a mighty good idea for the men who furnish the cash to balance the cash once in a while and look over the day book.

The man whose business isn't afraid of the law need not have any fear of having an expert show up his business.

One county official made the remark in the hearing of the Courier editor that his department would welcome an investigation; that he would like to have his work and accounts experted; if they then were correct it would be a public recommendation of honesty and efficiency, and if not it would be time the taxpayers knew of it.

And this is the way the Courier looks at it, too.

There is nothing to fear in clean records, and the taxpayers have as much a right, and a duty, to look over their business, as has the bank president a right to check up the receiving

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COMING.

Away back in effete old Massachusetts the other day the legislature adopted a resolution favoring government ownership of coal mines.

A socialist introduced the resolution and he backed it by showing how the coal companies had increased the wages of its employes \$4,000,000 and then took \$13,000,000 out of the pockets of coal burners in increased prices.

The legislature couldn't get away from the proffs, so they "resolved." And this is but one of hundreds of combines that skin us every day.

And we will keep on "resolving" and making public sentiment until some resolutions will get started in the big legislature and go through.

We are driving fast toward public ownership of necessities. It may not come under the name of socialism, but it will come.

I see the highest court in our land of the free has granted an injunction restraining the enforcement of the newspaper publicity law. A law was sneaked through congress about a year ago compelling every newspaper to make a sworn statement as to its debts, and stating who held the securities. I could never see any object other than to give public notice of the newspapers' weak spots for someone to take advantage of. New York has a state law that compels each periodical to print the names of the owners in each issue, that responsibility may be located. Such a law is a good one, but compelling newspaper to make a Bradstreet's report of its indebtedness, swear to it, publish it and have it filed in Washington, looks as if the Big Fellows wanted to know how to get that paper in the easiest and cheapest way.

Here's a guess as to how the Mexican middle will terminate—that history will repeat. American interests are strong in northern Mexico, and until the recent troubles American were numerous there. Now some of these days when the soft winds blow from Yucatan, the Americans there and those imported for the occasion, will shoot a few Wall street winchesters and declare that part of Mexico an independent state—just as Texas did. Then comes convenient annexation and 'tis done. And this is so much better and cheaper than paying for it with human lives. And when Mexico sees how we have assimilated another chunk, she will quit fighting for a few years.

Here is another illustration of what Robert Schuebel would call "court-made" law. The district attorney in Portland brought a case of assault before the grand jury and secured an indictment. The case was tried and this verdict rendered:

"We the jury in the case of the state vs. George Alberts, charged with larceny from the person of one Samuel Enkeles, on September 31, 1912, find the accused man not guilty for the reason THAT THERE IS NO SUCH DATE."

I can't think of a more contemptible cuss than the vulture who preyed on the helplessness of the prisoners of San Quentin, Cal., took their pitiful little savings under promise to work for pardons, and kept the coin. The grafter is Rev. William J. Call, chaplain of the prison, and he is self-confessed to \$1500 of this graft. And his punishment—it was fierce. He was tried from his graft. He was discharged.

It made me smile the other day to read the United States' supreme court decision that the Kansas and Oklahoma state laws providing for guaranteed bank deposits was constitutional. The ludicrous part of it is that the highest court in the land should be called upon to declare a bank MUST PAY ITS DEPOSITS IN FULL, that a bank MUST BE RUN HONESTLY. Doesn't it appear just a little nonsensical to you, such a decision?

"I would spend my last dollar for an American citizen's life, but I would not spill one drop of blood to save an American citizen's dollar."—Vice-President Marshall.

The Courier believes that one taxpayer to the use of the court house payer should have as much right as on any date not conflicting with court hours.

Brotherhood Conduct Services. The Presbyterian church of this city was well filled last Sunday evening to attend the second of the series of services held by the various organizations of the church, the Brotherhood conducting this service. There was special music by a quartet composed Frank and Joe Alldredge, Hugh Kennedy and A. E. Frost, and a baritone solo by A. E. Frost. Prof. Bowland, president of the Brotherhood, made a short talk telling of the good times the brotherhood at their monthly supper and urging all men to become united with the movement for the betterment of the moral conditions of the community. Next Sunday evening the Missionary society will have charge of the services and a large attendance is expected.

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ISN'T THIS A CRIME LICENSE?

AND IS THE CITY COUNCIL A PARTNER TO IT?

IS PLAIN LAW TO BE IGNORED

We Ask You Councilmen to Explain this Inaction to the People.

Months ago the Courier made a statement that it had no fight against a saloon that lived up to the laws of Oregon City, but that it was against the illegal joint and against it hard. And it reiterates this statement now.

And we want to make it a little broader and stronger by the further statement that we are just as much against the governors of Oregon City who do not enforce the laws they are pledged to enforce, and become partners with the saloon violators.

I would like to have every city reader of his column get a copy of the city charter and turn to page 141 and read the law regarding regulations of saloons.

It reads just as plainly as English letters can make words that any perfunctory, intoxicated persons and so on shall be fined not to exceed \$100, may be imprisoned as well for 50 days and that their license shall be revoked.

It doesn't say MAY be revoked. It reads SHALL BE FORFEITED. And when it is NOT revoked, isn't that as much violation of the law as the act of the saloon in selling liquor to kids?

This paper hasn't any grouch against any saloon and is not sticking pins into any one.

We have saloons in this city where never a word of complaint of law violation is made—saloons that literally enforce the law and abide by the regulations to the letter of the law.

These men are not in trouble. They are not arrested every few weeks. They are never up before the recorder.

And there are OTHER saloons. Last week one of them was found guilty of selling to an intoxicated person and was fined \$25.

Was his license revoked? This week one was found guilty of selling to a boy. He was fined \$40 and the boy \$25.

Was the license forfeited as the city law says it SHALL BE? Tuesday another saloonman was found guilty of selling to a boy. He was fined \$40 and the boy \$25.

Was his license revoked? Only a few weeks ago, one of these same saloons found guilty Tuesday was found guilty of selling to a "blacklist."

Was the license revoked? Yes, revoked Saturday night and handed back Monday morning.

The best reason I can find for ignoring the city's laws in these cases is that the city needs the thousand dollars license.

Fellows, you are paying a mighty high price when you license crime and make the boys pay nearly half of it. Fining a boy \$25 because a man sold him booze, and letting the man go to it again is a mighty long way from a sin cure. And the cost is the boy.

If a saloon violates the laws, revoke its license, and add it to the license of the other saloons. Keep it up, and the result will be fewer saloons and cleaner places; fewer "joints," and a few who live up to the laws and are never in trouble.

This paper is open to any number of the city council to explain how that body gets by Sec. 7 of Ordinance 219, and how he keeps his conscience clean in the dodge.

We ask any number to use these columns to explain this non-enforcement of the laws in the past two years. In justice to you, we urge it. If this paper is wrong, put yourselves right and explain away our city's laws.

And if you DO NOT, the people MAY draw a conclusion or two.

Busch Building Big Block. Frank Busch has the work well along for a business house 105 by 65 feet, two stories high and a basement, to be occupied as an implement house by the Mitchell Lewis & Staver Co. of Portland. The building will make commodious place and the contract calls for its completion by May 1st.

The Beautiful Unusual. Oregonians were treated to an unusual spectacle Wednesday when big, heavy, wet flakes of snow fell at intervals all day, clinging to the shrubbery and trying to hide the buds, blossoms and green leaves. It melted as fast as it struck the ground. The "oldest inhabitant" now has plenty of material.

C. O. D. Post Service. After July 1 next it will be possible to send C. O. D. packages by parcels post. The carrier will collect on delivery for packages in any city or town or rural community, and remit the money by special form of postal money order to the sender. Regulations governing this new form of service have been approved by Postmaster General Hitchcock. C. O. D. collections will cost 10 cents each. This 10 cent fee to be paid in parcels postage stamps, will insure the package against loss.

Miss Dolly Pratt was the recipient of a pleasant surprise at her home Saturday evening when a few of her friends had been invited to dinner, the occasion being her birthday. The affair was a complete surprise.

After dinner was partaken of the evening was devoted to cards. Miss Pratt was assisted in entertaining by her sisters, Mrs. J. N. Wisner, of South America, who is visiting in this city, and by Miss Cis Pratt. There were about 20 guests attending.

Canemah Road Closed.

The Canemah public road between Hawley's paper mill and Canemah, was closed to teams and vehicles, by order of the county court Tuesday of this week, and will remain closed for two or three weeks, while the same is being repaired.

Just Got to Stand It.

If this city had a flat ten cent rate into and out of Portland, and something like rapid service, this city would have hundreds of Portland residents.

You can ride from the golf links to St. Johns or back, a distance of 15 miles for five cents, but you have to lay down 20 cents to ride from this city to Portland, 13 miles.

And yet we have a railroad commission elected to adjust such discrepancies, and which costs Oregon big money.

If You Don't Get Your Courier

This week, it is no doubt because you are one of 27 subscribers that we have laid in the morgue, after having sent you repeated notices of the coming calamity.

You see the postoffice department will not permit us to carry you over a year in arrears and we are obliged to cut you off.

We are telling you this through your neighbor's paper—for of course, you will borrow it.

If you want to be re-instated, kindly act before April 1, for the other man will have the accounts then.

Large Bodies Move Slow.

Over three months ago the voters of this city voted an appropriation for a municipal, public elevator, and made the city council the administrator of the endowment.

And not a spadeful of earth, or an ounce of material has yet appeared on the site.

If a business firm decided the first of December to build an elevator, it would have been in operation before this.

Mrs. C. H. Jeremiah entertained at her home on Second and Main Street when her guests were members of the Intermediate Society of the Baptists Church. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Charles Oglesby and Miss Daisy Colston. The evening was devoted to games and music, followed by refreshments.

Books Recently Added to the Library.

Arm-chair at the Inn—Smith, F. Hopkinson. A Normandy tale. Beloved Vagabond—London, Jack. House of Pride—London, Jack.

Iron Woman—Deland, Mrs. Margaret. Kennedy Square—Johnston, Mary. A Story of Baltimore in the 50's.

Lewis Rand—Johnston, Mary. Study of a young Virginia politician of Jefferson's time.

Long Labrador Trail—Wallace, Dillon. Loves of Peleas and Etarre—Gale, Zona.

Mary Cary—Bosher, Kate. Master of the Inn—Herrick, Robert. Melting of Molly—Davies, Maria Thompson.

Mountains—White, Stewart Edward. Describes a journey across California coast range.

Queed—Harrison, Henry Sydney. Ramrodders—Day, Holman. Romance of a Plain Man—Glasgow, Ellen.

Weavers—Parker, Gilbert. A tale of politics, intrigue and love, with the cities of Egypt and London as a background.

Whispering Smith—Spearman, Frank H. Children's Books.

Brownie Primer—Banta & Benson. Brownies around the World—Cox, Palmer.

Circus Book—Buffington, B. E. Circus Sweater—Barbour, R. H. Double Play—Barbour, R. H.

Juan and Juanita—Baylor, F. C. Monkey That Would Not Kill—Drummond, Henry.

Pinochio—Collodi, C. Pinochio in Africa—Cherubini, E. Little Black Sambo—Bannerman, H. Substitute—Camp, Walter.

Jack, the young Canoeam—Grinnell, G. B. Articles of Interest, March Magazines.

These magazines are on file for the public use in the library. "New Materials for Paper Making," Paper, March 5.

"Passing of a Dynasty (the Republican Party), Atlantic. "Creating a Subterranean River Ninety Miles in Length," Scientific American, March 1.

"Supplying a Metropolis with Mountain Water," Scientific American, March 1. "Wrecks—Why They Increase," The American.

"Vocational Preparation as a Social Problem," Educational Review.

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JUDGE SAMSON DEAD. Old Pioneer and Widely Known Man in Clackamas County. William W. H. Samson, a well known resident of Oregon City, died at his home on Ninth and Center Street Thursday night from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, which he suffered from several months ago. He rallied from the first stroke, which was in the latter part of last summer but during the past two weeks he has gradually failed until his death Thursday evening. Mr. Samson was born in Somerset County Pennsylvania, January 1, 1842. He came with his parents across the plains in 1853, who took up a homestead at Reedley, attending the Silverton school, and after completing his studies there engaged in teaching school in Marion and Clackamas counties. He was united in marriage at Silverton to Miss Johanna Porter, of that place. Mr. Samson came to Oregon City from Reedley and in 1888 he was nominated and elected sheriff of Clackamas County in 1888, serving two years in that office. He was afterwards elected justice of the peace of Oregon City and was serving his third term when death claimed him. He had the distinction of marrying more couples in Oregon City than any former justice of the peace or minister. He was well and favorably known throughout Clackamas County, and his many friends were always welcomed at his hospitable home. The funeral services were conducted at the Congregational church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when Hon. George C. Brownell, as requested by Mr. Samson, delivered an address, and was followed by Rev. Edwards pastor. The interment was in Mountain View Cemetery. The church was filled to its capacity by friends of the deceased many of whom came from out of town. The floral offerings were beautiful. The pall bearers were: S. S. Walker, F. A. Miles, D. Frost, H. E. Cross, William Stone, J. E. Jack. Mr. Samson is survived by his wife Mrs. Johanna Samson, of Oregon City and daughter Mrs. Echo McCord, of Portland, and one grandchild, Melvin McCord; also four sisters, Mrs. Mary Hardesty, of Needy; Mrs. John B. Jackson, of Clairmont, Clackamas County; Mrs. Cassie Spangler, of and Miss Lottie Samson, of Canby; one brother F. M. Samson.

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