

Hillsboro Argus

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More Homes Needed

That Hillsboro is greatly in need of some new modern homes to fill requirements of the community is clearly demonstrated in visits to local real estate men...

For those who can possibly arrange for construction it seems like a logical time with all the aid being given through the Federal Housing Administration...

Constructive

The farm conference held here last week should be of great value to agricultural interests of the county in the years to come...

Improving

That general economic conditions are improving and are much better than they were three years ago when we were operating on scrip is brought out in a report...

That honesty is not a forgotten quality among our people is clearly shown with the receipt by a local business house of the following anonymous note with the amount mentioned: "I was in your store some time ago, bought goods and was given \$3 too much. It has worried me so I am sending it so I am square. It will never happen again.—A Friend."

Public Forum

URGES POWER DISTRICT SUPPORT

To the Editor:—It has been a surprising thing to me the stand that the holders of the so-called "Securities" of the Portland General Electric Company have taken in the matter of the formation of the proposed power district.

The formation of this district does not mean the destruction of any wealth nor the creation of any wealth. The proposed district when formed will use the facilities already existing by contracting with the present owners to deliver power, or it may take over these facilities at their actual physical value...

Either way the stockholders have as much protection as in the present set up. Now let me give you the present set up as obtained from what we believe are reliable sources. The liabilities of the Portland General Electric company today are as follows: \$40,000,000 4 1/2 per cent bonds due in 1980, \$6,813,000 5 per cent bonds due in 1990, \$8,000,000 worth of prior preferred stock bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent, another \$8,000,000 worth of prior preferred stock bearing interest at the rate of 7 1/2 per cent, two notes of \$1,500,000 each, and another block of prior preferred stock amounting to \$3,000,000 at 6 per cent which is accumulative. The interest on this has not been paid for several years so this is compounding and we do not know for how long this does amount to. There is common stock outstanding to the amount of \$23,946,000. This is voting stock. The grand total is \$91,759,000. On the other side of the ledger they claim \$84,000,000 and some thousands worth of assets. Now this is their claim. Undoubtedly 75 per cent of that would be a big figure for the rest of the country. This amounts to \$68,000,000. With the assets now amounting to \$63,000,000 and liabilities of over \$91,000,000 at best it does not take an actuary to figure out what these securities that have been floated through the country are really worth. It is inconceivable that the general run of stockholder wishes his friend and neighbor to pay more than he should for his power just so that he (the stockholder) may recoup his losses sustained by using poor judgment in his investments.

The democratic policy in public matters is "The greatest good for the greatest number." Now surely this is a public matter and this policy should apply. Roughly speaking I doubt if the security holders constitute 2 per cent of the number of users of electric energy, certainly not to exceed 5 per cent. In this event 95 people out of every 100 must be made to contribute to make up the losses of these other five people.

Judging by past performances what reason have these stockholders of hoping ever to realize anything on their investment? And while they are optimistically waiting, they themselves are being penalized by paying higher rates than would be necessary under a public ownership regime, if we are to take the expense of other publicly owned enterprises as a yardstick.

The creation of this district will give the people within the district an organization that can contract, either with the already existing utilities, or for Bonneville power directly, or do otherwise as is thought best under the existing circumstances, but no matter what is done this organized district will be at a much better advantage than can any single individual. "Vote for the power district."—J. O. ROBE.

Our Yesterdays

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State Capital News Letter

BY A. L. LINDBECK

Politically Minded Folk Turn Thoughts to Public Office

SALEM—With the special election now a matter of history and a primary election coming up in May thoughts of the politically minded naturally turn to thoughts of public office and the 116 state and federal jobs for which the two major parties will be selecting their candidates...

Both the democrats and republicans will also elect a national committeeman, a national committee woman, ten delegates to the national conventions and 1630 precinct committeemen.

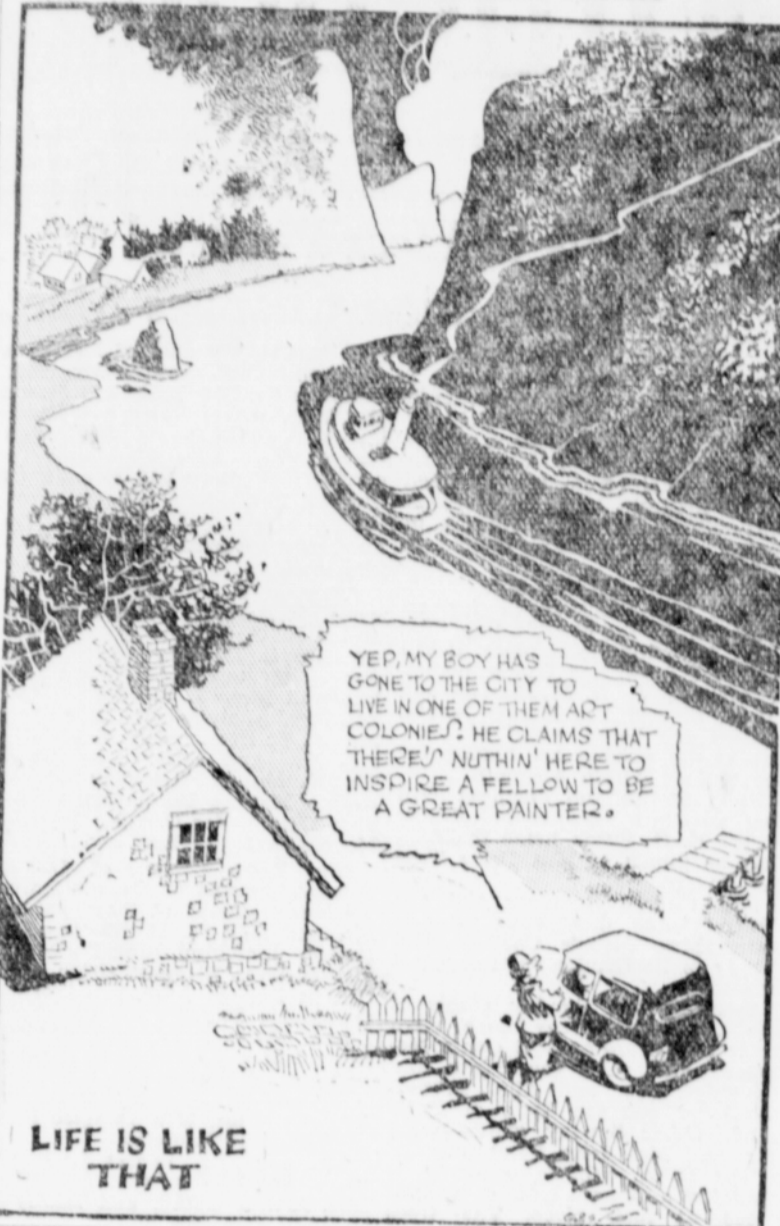
Wallace S. Wharton, Portland newspaper man, took over his new job as executive secretary of the governor Saturday. No announcement has yet been made as to the nature of his duties except that he will succeed D. O. Hood as director of the budget...

James H. Hazlett, state senator from Hood River and Wasco counties is understood to be flirting with the notion of entering the political arena as a candidate for attorney general.

State salary increases aggregating \$285 a month for 15 employees of the public utilities department have been held up pending action by the board of control. The increases were sent through with the approval of Carl Cover, assistant budget director, and Dan Fry, secretary to the board of control, but were held up when it developed that the board had not passed up on the new pay schedule.

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The Great American Home



LIFE IS LIKE THAT

CAUGHT IN THE WILD

By Robert Ames Bennett (WNU Service—Copyright by Robert Ames Bennett)

More than 9500 motorists ran about the long arm of the law in Oregon during December, according to the monthly report of Charles P. Pray, superintendent of state police. Only 590 of these, however, were given arrest slips. The other 8986 escaped with warnings and admonitions to go and sin no more.

Lilith Ramill's had dropped depreciantly. "I saw it this morning—way out across the sky. First there was the drone of the motor. Then I saw it—way off. Only I could do nothing. Yesterday I used your last match. I wanted to boil for Dad the one pinch of tea that's left. A puff of wind blew out the flame. Now there's no hope. He took your rifle too. No fire or food or gun, or any chance of rescue!"

Garth looked around and saw her father tossing in feverish sleep under the shade of a slight brush canopy. If you were a hunter, you'd call it a bantering smile.

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QUESTIONABLE OIL LANDS OFFERED

(By Portland Better Business Bureau, Inc.) "Cheap" leases on unproven and questionable oil and gas lands are being offered to the Oregon public by agents for an unlicensed land exchange company, the Portland Better Business Bureau reports.

Under the old age pension act as amended by this bill all of the requirements of the federal government are met except that of providing state funds for matching Uncle Sam's contribution and many attorneys were of the opinion that this feature could have been taken care of by a court action to set aside the "diversion" section of the amended act, releasing the \$1,000,000 which the legislature attempted to divert to general relief purposes.

The referendum filed by the Oregon Old Age Pension Defense League continues in effect the act of the 1925 regular session. This appropriates \$1,000,000 in pensions and fixes the age minimum at 70 years, but continues a number of provisions which conflict with the federal act, such as that of county residence qualifications. State officials are hopeful that the National Security Board will be willing to overlook these minor conflicts in the state act and that Oregon may yet be able to qualify for participation in federal funds for the needy aged.

Some political prognosticators around the state house are willing to risk their reputations on a prediction that the legislature will be called into special session again soon in spite of Governor Martin's repeated insistence that he would not convene the lawmakers again.

Forest fires in Oregon during 1935 burned over an area of 74,336 acres, resulting in a loss aggregating \$201,630, according to a report by J. W. Ferguson, state forester. Logging started 349 of the fires, but man was responsible for most of them. Incendiaries are charged with 287 of the year's fires, careless smokers started 371 and campers were responsible for 123.

Millions in idle funds drawing no interest but not one cent to invest in county warrants. That was the answer of the state bond commission to the request of Elmer Gandy, state relief administrator, that state funds be used in taking up county warrants in order to eliminate discounts on relief warrants.

she watched the simple primitive method of fire making.

When Garth stood up beside the crackling flames of the new fire, he found himself stronger than he had expected. All shook from his wound had passed during his two days' unconsciousness, and his healthy tissues had already begun to heal. "Now we're under way," he said. "Next comes medicine. By using the ashes, you gave our wounds sterile dressings. Your father was tuned up to the pink of condition. His wound will heal as rapidly as mine. What little fever he has means nothing. To cool it, crush in his drinking water some of the cranberries from over there along the edge of the muskeg. You might boil willow bark and add a little of the bitter decoction to the cranberry juice."

"Oh, it's good to know he's not sick. But to starve to death!" Garth pointed to the wild fowl out in the swamp. They were beginning to flock together with the approach of autumn. "How would you like canvas-back or mallard for dinner?" Her eyes brightened, only to cloud again. "You have no gun."

After looping some things to his belt, he went to stack a hollow pile of brush on a forked stub that had broken from a fallen beech tree. Out in the water, he bobbed under and came up with his head between the forks of the float. The leaves and twigs made a blind from which he could see out without being seen.

He waded, neck deep, up the muskeg stream so slowly that the stub and branches appeared to be an ordinary bunch of driftwood. He allowed a flock of teal to swim by. They were too small to both with. When he stepped off over his ducks, he began to tread water. By a quiet movement of his hands under the surface, he glided the blind into the midst of a mallard flock. The trick was to grasp a duck's feet and jerk the bird under before it could squawk. He waded back to shore with five dead mallards tied to his belt.

After the meal on roast duck, he set some rabbit snares. He then showed Lilith how to make cured by splitting off strands from peeled spruce roots. While she worked at this, he collected more ducks and hung them over a smudge for smoke curing. Next came the carving of Eskimo hooks from duck bones. With bait, a caught leaved and a spruce-root line, he began to catch Mackenzie whitefish. Lilith had never seen so beautiful a fresh-water fish, all mother-of-pearl below and frosted silver above.

The newly caught fish proved far better eating than even the best of trout. Mr. Ramill's slight fever gave him a distaste for duck meat and the rabbits that were snared. But he ate his full share and more of the delicious fish. Besides the cranberries, Lilith gathered black currants and blueberries and mushrooms. More fish were caught than could be eaten fresh. A number were stored in the smoke rack, along with ducks and rabbits. For the present and near future, the question of food had been met. But the subarctic summer had not reached its end. Still more rapidly than before, the nights were becoming longer and blacker.

A cold, sleety rainstorm drenched the camp. It brought only temporary discomfort, for Garth kept the fire alive under a slanted heap of spruce boughs. None the less, the storm spurred him to redoubled activity. He knew it to be the forerunner of the autumn blizzards that might now howl down off the snowcapped Selwyns at any time. While Mr. Ramill's slight fever remained so little and seemed to take everything as a matter of

course. He had fully recovered from the effects of shock even before the fifth day, when the bullet wound through his upper chest began to heal. But the passing of his feverish condition, the irritability of convalescence jaded him out of his placid contentment. "Why are you loafing around here, Garth?" he rasped. "Instead of wasting all this time piling up food, you could have made a canoe and run us down across to that reefing post days ago."

Garth swept his right hand edge-wise out across his upturned empty left palm. "No gun—no hides. Dead birch—no bark. No hides, no bark—no canoe." "Do you mean to say we'll have to stick around and freeze in your 4-d arctic winter?" "Growl away, sir," Garth approved. "Sounds good. It means you'll be in shape for rafting. As for your question, perhaps you imagine Miss Ramill and I are being mean by letting that down timber over the bank just for sport."

The millionaire staggered to his feet unaided for the first time since Huxley had shot him down. "A raft! How the devil can you make one if you can't make a canoe? No rope or rawhide things to tie the logs together." Garth supported him over through the spruce thicket to the drop-off of the bank. The wobbly invalid squatted on the brink and stared in Miss Ramill's face as he began to wade. He saw the water, his daughter sat plaiting a great pile of willow withes into a thick line. Before her floated a partly built raft of dead birch tree trunks. The shorter smaller cross logs were lashed on with spruce root and plaited-willow ties.

Columbia Defenses

Merle Chessman, editor of the Astoria Astorian-Budget, has gone east as the representative of the Columbia Defense league to help in the battle to secure some protection for the mouth of the Columbia and the defenseless Oregon coast. Oregon is the forgotten state in the matter of Pacific coast defense and Chessman has carried on this fight with vigor for years, spending six weeks in Washington, D. C., last year.

The Oregon country is being aroused to the necessity of getting some attention from the war and navy departments. One hundred and sixty-seven newspapers are in the fight to show congress and these departments that no longer will Oregon take its shabby treatment on the matter of defenses laying down. For every dollar expended for Oregon naval and military purposes hundreds have been supplied for others to the north and south of us.

Funds to the amount of \$1,500,000 are being asked for a naval stores and equipment base at Tongue Point, where Clatsop county bought land for the purpose, under agreement years ago with the government that development would take place. This agreement was violated and the Clatsop county citizens, who bonded themselves, are holding the sack.

Oregon's entire citizenry should unite on this question. Our congressional delegation should not give its votes to the expenditure for such purposes elsewhere until this defenseless gateway to the United States receives adequate appropriations.

Attack Military Course

Liberals at the University of Oregon, successful in their efforts to abolish the compulsory student fee, proceeds of which have financed student activities at the university and college for years, have now started a drive to change compulsory military education to optional. Efforts to abolish compulsory military education in the schools of higher education are in keeping with radical trends and teachings.

Under military education in these schools the freshmen and sophomore men students are required to put in two hours of drill each week and two hours in military book work, or a total of four hours. This is little, indeed, to return to one's country for the many opportunities it brings to all, and especially the university and college student. Preparedness is our greatest protection against war and the aim of this military education is to prepare men for leadership in times of national crisis, when this country is in danger of being overrun by enemy forces.

Military training gained in schools is of benefit to any young man, it gives him erect bearing, good exercise and some appreciation of the need for discipline and the rights of others. Nine times out of ten it will not create a spirit of militarism, either, for most any individual put through the manual of arms, bayonet drill, marches, etc., will know that all is not glory and pleasure in army life.

An Unspeakable Crime

A dog poisoner, who went around dropping poisoned sandwiches at Roseburg, is suspected of having caused the death of a little four-year-old girl. The dog poisoner is one of the meanest of individuals and his deeds are always the source of danger to little children, who unsuspectingly may pick up the poison. This danger has been pointed out repeatedly by this newspaper. It should be made mighty uncomfortable for dog poisoners when caught. This paper hopes that the miscreant in Roseburg may be caught, but it is a mighty difficult thing to do.

Shoe Fits Elsewhere

State Printer E. C. Hobbs condemns University and O. S. C. printing plants as uneconomical. Most printers and newspapermen around over the state are inclined to agree, but would include the state plant as well. It would be only fair to the tax-paying printers over the state to eliminate such public owned plants. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred the public will be better and more efficiently served by private business than by publicly owned and conducted business in any line.

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Hilhi News

Co-operate With Your Hilhi News Staff

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Operetta Chorus Members Named

Following is a list of those in the operetta chorus: Girls—Velma Abendroth, Jessie Agee, Edith Anderson, Bonnie Bartlett, Dorothy Barr, Margaret Batchelder, Vida Bean, Lavon Bergreen, Grace Bowman, Evelyn Briot, Dorothy Brown, Barbara Burdette, Kathryn Cawyer, Dorothy Challacombe, Phyllis Christensen, Ardis Ellingson, Alma Eslinger, Betty Jo Fowler, Mary Ann Garthofner, Gloria Gillette, Betty Harader, Evelyn Haworth, Ruth Holcom, Mary Jackson, Betty Johnson, Elmer Kramien, Dorothy Kurall, Anna Leider, Jesse Lowe, Ellen Lunden, Pat Manley, Mary Ella Mariner, Pat Mover, Marjorie Patterson, Eva Peppard, Virginia Perkins, Jean Peterson, Ann Peters, Lucille Rasmussen, Esther Ramsey, Betty Ross, Elvera Sabnow, Wilma Schildhauer, Thelma Signor, Ruth Simantel, Mary Helen Tolson, Gladys Trachsel, Tosh Tsugawa, Blanche Vandehoy, Celestine Waibel, Maxine Walden, Hattie Warren, Doris Weber, Anita Weik, Nancy Williams, Joan Pitman, Dorothy Sohler, Beas Wienecke, Beulah Shepard, Rose Lee Demere, Eva Beeler, Esther Boge, Irene Bunke, Yvonne Bunnell, Juanita Cawse, Jean Ann Connell, Margaret Cypher, Helen Dean, Bernice Dillon, Verma Dillon, Marjory Duxbury, Barbara Eschede, Mary Fenimore, Marybel Flint, Joy Foelker, Margaret Gardner, Helen Graf, Helen Hafner, Esther Hartly, Melba Havestick, Ethel Hendry, Vivian Hesse, Dorothy Jackson, Lavella Jackson, Florence Jansen, Shirley Keller, Margaret Klein, Mary Lovgren, Pearl Lowe, Betty Mayes, Amelia Miller, Helen Oliver, Naydene Peterson, Dorothy Peery, Christine Robb, Byrdene Rogers, Velma Ross, Dora Sandstrom, Dorothy Scheus, Frances Scherrer, Dorothy Steinke, Evelyn Steinke, Evelyn Hatfield.

Betty Hobbs Contest Choice

Of the three senior girls chosen by the student body in the D. A. R. contest for the trip to Washington, D. C., the faculty selected Betty Hobbs as the Hilhi representative in the drawing at Salem.

Party Planned

Philos held their monthly business meeting last Tuesday. Party plans were discussed and a tentative date was set for sometime in March. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a hall. A majority vote of the society decided that it should be a "kid" party with all the trimmings.

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Strange as It Seems

Margaret Cypher, in giving an account of the Hilhi Reserve conference at Salem, reported one speaker as advising that the average girl should not keep steady company until she is at least 23. Apparently, some of our girls are above the average.

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Superintendent B. W. Barnes

was among those absent this week on account of bad colds.

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