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## Seek to Improve

Elimination of commonplace items in the way of news is necessary in order to have room in the columns of the paper for articles of general interest. The great number of communities covered by the Argus correspondents each week makes the matter of room in the paper a serious problem and subscribers are asked to bear with us while changes are taking place to eliminate the commonplace items and make room for that of general news value.

The Argus wants all the real news of Washington county for the benefit of its readers, together with a number of feature articles. One such feature is being added this week in the form of a Washington letter, which should prove of general interest to everyone in the nation's capital. These features will be added to as the opportunity and finances permit such improvements.

Few but will admit that the visitation of a day within a distance of 50 miles nowadays, as compared with 25 years ago, is commonplace indeed and is of interest to a very small circle.

One oil company has taken a stand that its retail stations shall not sell gasoline to automobile drivers under the influence of liquor. This is a policy that should be put into effect by all companies as a protective measure to the public in general.

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## What Other Editors Say

**Our Municipal Utilities**  
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Municipally-operated utilities are, of course, socialistic but instead of demonstrating that socialism is sound, they furnish the most valid arguments against socialism and its theories of government-in-business. They succeed because of the one overwhelming defect of socialism—politics—seldom enters the picture.

In most cities the size of McMinnville (and it is in cities this size that municipal ownership has made its best record) few persons are anxious to hold a public office. They are little compensation and the responsibility is relatively great. As a result, when men accept office, they do so from a sense of civic duty. This feeling of responsibility to the community is carried over into every official act and public welfare rather than political consideration guides the city.

There is too, a tremendous value in the fact that the officials are close to the people. If a consumer has a complaint, it goes further than to a clerk. It reaches the manager—and very possibly the mayor and city council. If legitimate, it receives attention, and results in action being taken.

It is impossible to imagine the federal government being as responsive to the people's wishes as a municipal government is. The very size makes that impossible—even though there were no such thing as politics.

McMinnville is fortunate in its utility plants, but that in no wise means that the people of this city, for that reason, should favor government in business, whether that business be generation of electric power or some other form. It means, rather, that the people should seek to keep all functions of government as close to them as possible, constantly opposing concentration of power in the central government which is too far removed to be responsive and too large and unwieldy to be efficient.

The experience of this and other communities is a demonstration of the good that comes from representative government when it is under the watchful eye and firm control of the people.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

**Bureaucracy Exemplified**  
 Operation of two state printing plants in the University of Oregon and the State College has come in for criticism from E. C. Hobbs, state printer. These plants are used as laboratories for the students of journalism, but the state printer terms them as "uneconomical, extravagant and unnecessary." He also suggests that the work now done there could be done more economically in the plant at Salem.

Mr. Hobbs is no different from any other individual who becomes the head of a bureau or department. Once installed the department head wants to extend the sphere of his activities. He wants more and better equipment, more work so he may hire more employees, thus increasing his prominence. If the printing plants at the university and the state college are discontinued and the work goes to Salem then naturally the department head would have to have more help, more equipment and more power. The fact that the schools or departments of journalism might be junked together with their laboratories probably never occurred to him.

If the state is to go into the production of everything it needs in other lines as well as in its printing, then its poor cusses who are operating businesses purchased with our own money, who have to pay rent, taxes, labor hire and a thousand and one items that make it possible to produce, if so then the other third of the population might as well fold up and call it quits.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

The Hillsboro Argus should be highly commended by our rapidly growing community for the splendid bit of publicity carried in last week's issue. A very complete article of the history of the town brought out many interesting facts.—Aloha News, February 14.

## Our Yesterdays

Argus, March 3, 1921  
 Robert Self, 16, Aloha newboy, found dead with bullet hole in his head Sunday morning.  
 A. L. Holcomb, pioneer son, dies here February 24.  
 Milk price set at \$2.45 per hundred for first half of March by Carnation.  
 L. J. Rushlow buys Curtis Birdsell interest in McCormick & Birdsell, real estate business. Each partner has but one arm.  
 Chamberlain retires as U. S. senator.  
 Alfred Morgan sells Den of Sweets to J. R. Startzell.  
 W. W. Mellor buys half interest in A. R. England real estate business.  
 Senator W. G. Hare returns home from strenuous legislative session.  
 Miss Charlotte Walker of New York succeeds Mrs. Agnita Smith as county nurse.  
 James L. Mahon elected to Sigma Tau, national honorary fraternity in engineering.

## State Capital News Letter

BY A. L. LINDBECK  
 State Highway Program to go Back on Old Basis

SALEM—Oregon will have approximately \$3,500,000 for new highway construction work next year if the federal appropriation bill providing for state aid on a match basis is approved. R. Baldock, state highway engineer, estimates that Oregon's share of the federal fund will approximate \$2,000,000 to which the state will add \$1,500,000. This will restore the highway construction program to the same basis on which it was being carried prior to the federal relief program which poured millions into Oregon as well as every other state in order to provide jobs for needy men.

"The Grains," by Margaret Jewett Bailey was just another book by an Oregon author to employees of the state library until Dean Alfred Powers of the University of Oregon in his recent "History of Oregon Literature" listed the volume as having passed out of existence. Now the little 92-page rat-checked pamphlet is the library's most highly prized possession. It has been given a new and expensive velvet binding without cost to the taxpayers, thanks to Peter Binford of the Metropolitan Press, Portland, and assigned to a place of honor in the private office of Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian. Printed by Carter & Austin, Portland, in 1854, the volume is believed by Miss Long to be the autobiography of its author "the first white woman who made a home in the beautiful plains of French Prairie."

Candidates for president and vice-president, who want their names on the Oregon primary ballot, must come properly vouched for by the state chairman and secretary of their political party, according to Secretary of State Snell. The statement of the state party heads must set forth that the candidacy of the candidate is advocated generally throughout the United States. The new requirement, enacted by the legislature of 1929, is believed by the secretary to be an effective barrier against irresponsible self-starters who have heretofore found the Oregon primary an open door to the political arena.

The Independent Retail Grocers are going to carry their fight against chain stores directly to the people. Preliminary copies of a proposed measure providing for a graduated tax on all retail and wholesale establishments were filed with the state department this week. The tax would range from \$2 on a single store under one ownership up to \$750 on each store in a chain of more than 50 establishments. A similar measure was defeated in the last legislative session.

Proving that it is only a small world we live in after all, Samuel L. Holloper of Barranquilla, Colombia, South America, has written Governor Martin that he intended in his broadcast of February 26. Holloper served as a captain attached to the staff of Major General Martin during the World War.

Tourist travel to Oregon is starting off much better this year than it did a year ago. Registration of foreign cars for the first two months totalled 4919 compared to 3900 for the same months of 1935. Failure of the present flax subsidy would be a severe blow to the industry in this state in the opinion of Governor Martin, who has urged the state's congressional delegation to continue the fight for federal aid. Growers are refusing to plant flax because of the low market and a crop shortage will seriously handicap the expansion program now under way with three new retting and scutching plants in as many Willamette valley communities to be built this year.

Gasoline sales in Oregon for January were nearly 20 per cent above those for January, 1935, due partly to the more open winter and partly to the greater use of motor cars with the returning prosperity.

P. J. Stadelman of The Dalles is expected to make up his mind within the next week as to whether or not he will yield to the urging of his friends to become a candidate for the republican nomination for state treasurer.

Oregon democrats, encouraged by their sweeping victory of two years ago, expect to put out a complete ticket for all state and congressional offices this year, including a full complement of candidates for the 76 legislative seats.

The fate of Oregon's old age pension program so far as federal approval is concerned will soon be known. Elmer Goudy, state relief administrator, is now in Washington, D. C. working with the National Security Board. If success crowns Goudy's efforts it means federal aid and a monthly pension averaging \$25 for those 70 years of age and over. Otherwise the cost will continue to bear the entire load and remain at the low level of the past two years with an average of \$11 a month.

Should the state supreme court, which is now pondering the question, hold the statutory salary of the governor to be in violation of the constitution it is expected that suits will follow to restrain the payment of the statutory salaries to both Secretary of State Snell and State Treasurer Holman. The salaries of all three officials are fixed by the same constitutional section. Rodney Alden, Woodburn newspaperman-attorney, in his argument before the supreme court this week, declared that the figures in the constitutional provision were maximum salaries. Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general, representing Governor Martin in the suit brought by Ed. Joy, Martin's county taxpayer, argued that if the constitution makers had intended to limit the salaries to the amounts established at that time they would have included a definite clause such as "and no more."

Polk county was the first to remit 1936 taxes to the state.

State troopers tagged a total of 1200 motorists for violations of traffic laws during 1935 according to the annual report of Superintendent Charles P. Pray. Most of these—118,595—were let off with warnings, but 8566 were presented with invitations to appear in court.

## The Great American Home



## CAUGHT IN THE WILD

By Robert Ames Bennett  
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(Continued from last week)  
 "They're drilling below the frost-line to blast a shaft," he said. "Richer gravel on bedrock, at the foot of the placer trough."  
 "Dillon forged into the lead. 'You'll trail me now, sir.'"

Without any protest, Garth fell behind. The Law was now in command. A few strides brought them to the dyke of ingenious rock that walled the lower end of the placer trough. From behind a stunted spruce, they peered across the treeless width of rock to where a large fire was flaming at the edge of the matted timberline.

Over the fire hung three big iron kettles. Beside it stood a small cradle for rocking gravel. But there was no one working the hand. One glance told Garth that it was a trap. The iron kettles, the cradle, the sledge on drift in the newly dug pit, just beyond the fire, had ceased.

"Not so good," Garth murmured. "I'm not so sure it's a surprise."  
 "You'll stay here, sir."

Constable Dillon spoke with cool logic: "If it's a surprise, I need no assistance. If he is warned and prepared to resist, better for you to support me from cover."  
 "Well—perhaps."  
 "The only way, sir. You stood responsible for bringing the young lady."

That clinched the argument against Garth. Having brought the wild girl with him, he now had to look out for her.

"Very well, Dillon," he agreed. "Wait till I take position."

He shifted to the left side of the stunted spruce and crouched down where he could peer between the lower branches. At the other side, the constable stood up and stepped out into the open. Hardly was he clear of cover when a harsh shout came from the scrub beside the fire.

"Halt! Throw up your hands!"

Garth caught the sneer in Huxby's voice, and leveled his rifle. There was nothing of the four-flusher about the engineer. He was a coldblooded killer.

Constable Dillon paused. But he did not put up his hands. The Northwest policy do not surrender. Dillon merely swung the barrel of his carbine backward under his arm, and made quiet reply:

"I have a warrant for the arrest of Vivian Huxby for theft and assault to murder. Any persons who interfere with my arrest will make themselves liable."  
 "Bah, you cock-capped red jay, you can't bluff me," Huxby gibed. "You're covered. Move, and you get a bullet through you. Drop that gun and shove up your hands!"

A sideward jumping down-throw would have put the constable back in cover. But he was a member of the Northwest mounted police. Retreat could no more be considered by him than surrender. Also, he had no authority to shoot his man. The warrant called only for the arrest of the accused. He had to do his duty at whatever risk.

"You will be well advised not to resist," he said.

With that, he raised his right snowshoe and slid it up a low cross-drift in a forward step. As he bent forward to bring up the other web, a rifle roared in the dense scrub.

Garth fired into the faint haze—

Research Made  
 The second period sociology class is conducting some research work among the members of the senior class. From the result they hope to be able to prove or disprove the formula of younger pupils standing higher in their marks as regards Hilhi. All are anxiously awaiting the result, as very few have confidence that formula can be mathematically workable. The method was put to trial on the sociology class alone but for several reasons, enumerated previous to the try-out, it went slightly "hay-wire."

Girl Reserves Plan  
 A Girl Reserve meeting was held Monday. Plans were made for Girl Reserve week, April 19-24. A church service at the First Congregational church in Portland will start the week. A hike, a uniform day, window displays and plans to take magazines to the county home are included among the week's activities. A dad and daughter banquet to be held April 24 at Reed college will be a fitting finale.

Among the sixteen new members of Sigma Epsilon Pi woman's honor society at Monmouth normal, who have recently been chosen for the fall term, are three Hilhi graduates, Ruth Holcomb, Helen Pearson and Louise Peters.

## Soil Conservation Program Slowed by Mass of Details



WASHINGTON—Congress has enacted a broad soil conservation program to reduce the AAA—a program so enormous, in fact, that it cannot be set in motion to aid any of the country's 6,000,000 farmers during the current crop year.

The best that can be hoped for, farm leaders agree, is to have the new program working soundly within a year. Transforming farm relief into soil conservation involving hundreds of millions of acres is a task even more gigantic than that of launching the AAA.

So cotton planting has already begun in the south, the corn belt will begin to plant soon, and other crops will follow while Secretary Wallace and Administrator Chester Davis take up their new task.

Appraisals Must Be Made  
 WALLACE and Davis will start with the National Resources Board's survey, which revealed that 25,000,000 to 35,000,000 acres have been ruined for farm purposes by erosion, about 100,000,000 acres are moving rapidly in that direction, more than 100,000,000 additional are beginning to erode badly, and most of the remaining 200,000,000 acres are tending to decline in productivity.

Next, a farm-by-farm appraisal must be made to lay down uniform and equitable standards. The task is complicated by the fact that the program covers all types of farming, and that it is entirely voluntary.

An Example Is Cited  
 IF we assume, however, a farmer accepts the program, he has 100 acres—70 in cotton, 10 in sorghums, 10 in corn and 10 in soil-improving or soil-conserving crops.

A local appraisal committee will decide whether he should have 50 or 60 acres in soil-im-

proving crops, depending on soil condition, national crop production and good farm management. And if he is told to retro some of his cotton acreage in the interests of soil conservation, he will be paid so much per cotton-acre retired and perhaps a small sum per acre for reseeding of land already in crops.

Going a step further, he may be told what he might sell and might not sell, as some soil crops must be plowed under if the soil is to be improved by conservation.

Soil Improvement Foreseen  
 THE outstanding difference of this program from the AAA, therefore, will be its payments for "erosion control" instead of for "crop control."

Net result will be improvement of the soil by planting crops which draw nitrogen (plant food) from the air into the soil. "Cover" crops to be planted will consist of beans, grass, soy beans, clover, cow peas, alfalfa, field peas, and bush clover.

Hardly more than a dent can be made on the first year's program, however, because the appropriation is limited to \$500,000,000. Unofficial estimates are that probably 20,000,000 acres will be affected at the outset.

Whether \$2.50 an acre, or \$250 an acre, will be paid to retro lands for soil conservation is anybody's guess.

Response Is In Doubt  
 FEWER than 3,000,000 farmers participated in the AAA. Theoretically 6,000,000 are eligible for the new program, but farm experts concede that unless the rewards for soil conservation are high enough, comparatively few thousand may care to participate.

In the meantime, there is nothing these farmers can decide about the program, because the mass of detail embracing it will not be available for many weeks, perhaps months.

already he circling to creep in from the rear.

With his knife Garth slashed out the wisps of Dillon's snowshoes. Then, with a gasp, he saw that he started to drag the body down-slope. The tree put him under cover from the two killers near the fire. A drift enabled him to crawl to another tree without being seen by the man off to the left.

A sideward shift brought him to the shallow channel of the frozen spring rill. Down the channel a few yards, an up-jut of rock offered a complete cover. He swung the body of the constable across his shoulders, stepped into his snowshoes, and ran inland down-slope.

(To be continued)

Hillsboro Argus contains all the news of Hillsboro and the surrounding communities. Read it and keep informed on what is happening at home.

## Hilhi News

Cooperate With Your Hilhi News Staff  
 Edited by Hillsboro Union High School Student Body

**Absentees Show Reduction in Week**  
 "Some Day I'll Wander Back Again" might almost be called the Hilhi theme song, although Miss Catlin, the new school nurse, says that one of her most difficult problems is to keep the convalescents from returning too soon. On Monday 25 students resumed their high school work, but there were about 80 absent. This is the smallest number of absentees that we have had for three weeks.

**Many Meetings Held**  
 Monday was a banner day for meetings. During the fifth period there were called together the Blue-H club, the Philolexians, the HI-Y and the annual staff, and during the latter part of the sixth period the senior class met. The assembly council had to postpone its meeting because the members were called elsewhere. Maybe the public would like to know what happened, but no accounts were turned in. The joys of being an editor!

The HI-Y will send a representative to council at Camp Collins, March 28. Plans will be completed at that time for sending delegates to the national HI-Y conference at Berea, Kentucky, June 20-24. Hillsboro, very likely will send one delegate.

The Blue-H club will have a dinner theatre party in Portland Friday evening. Approximately 22 will attend.

Miss Parr was absent Friday on account of the serious illness of her mother, who was taken to the Jones hospital Sunday.

**Japanese Consul Assembly Speaker**  
 Ken Tsurumi, Japanese consul at Portland, spoke to the assembly last Thursday afternoon and told many interesting things about Japan. Among them: There are fifty blocks containing 500 bookstores in Tokyo; Japanese students are compelled to study the English language from seven to eight hours a day; and Japan recently celebrated her 2000th anniversary. He especially stressed the hope that the international understanding between the two great nations of the Pacific would be strengthened.

**Science in Sociology**  
 The sociology class, in their recent endeavors, have been doing more than conducting a silly experiment. They are learning how to apply the scientific method to daily life. Although the thing itself may seem relatively unimportant, the permanent results will be worth while. They are learning more and more to discard personal opinion and "I-learn-thats" and getting down to the vital "we have proven." This will train them, especially if they are planning on continuing their education along that line.

So do not be too critical if someone has asked you some personal question (which will be kept strictly a secret) for it was all a means to an excellent end.

**Cast Has Party**  
 The members of the operetta cast enjoyed a theatre party in Portland last Friday evening. After seeing "I Follow the Fleet" they progressed to "Hung, Far Low's," where, due to a mix-up in the ordering they found it necessary to consume large quantities of unwanted Chow Mein. They left with the firm resolve that in the future David would not be allowed to do the ordering.

David Crittenden, Frances Moyer, Robert Boggs, Ethyl Hendon, Jean Pomeroy, Allen Sigler, Josephine Gillette, Helen Becker, Miss Yoder and Miss Broadbent made up the party. Mary Caldwell, Walter Foelker, Ann Munkres and Robert Gibson were unable to attend because of illness.