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A PATHETIC COMPLAINT.

THE Standard Oil company has been damned for everything and praised for nothing by the government and the people.

That was the pathetic complaint of a Standard Oil attorney recently in his argument before the United States supreme court in defense of his client.

What he complained of is true, and as he contended, in a measure unjust.

But there is a reason for it. While the Standard Oil company has rendered the world a large service in the oil business, its great motives have been essentially selfish and its methods have been essentially cruel. It has aimed above all other things to pile up hundreds of millions of wealth and it has crushed every competitor mercilessly and has ridden over every obstacle ruthlessly. It has disregarded laws and the rights of men and has pursued its own way determinedly.

Selfishness and cruelty never inspire anything but animosity and fear, so it is not strange that the people have been more than willing to damn the Standard Oil company for everything and praise it for none of its great services for mankind. Motives count most with the people, after all, and wrong motives never won praise, no matter what incidental good they brought about.

Big, rich, powerful though it is the Standard Oil company is, after all, a pathetic sort of figure as it complains in the highest court of the land that the people damn it for everything and praise it for nothing.

The incident gives emphasis to the fact that, after all, the best and finest things of the world spring from unselfishness and service for others. Success in the world's highway judgment of good and evil is based on the selfishness and the good of the world, and the selfishness is the root of the biggest wrongs on earth.

AN OBJECTIONS LESSON.

THE Marshfield Tribune offers the following sensible suggestion on the question of good roads construction. It says:

"Jackson county spent last year \$103,777 on its roads.

If the county voted a million-dollar bond issue of 6 per cent the annual expenditure would be but \$60,000, and we would have the roads to enjoy, instead of constructing them in piecemeal fashion.

The taxation would be less, and the county buys something to show for its money. Instead of ten years' wait to spend the million dollars in piecemeal fashion, it would be spent scientifically in one year, or two, and every one reap the benefits.

The valuation of property would be increased, the marketing of products be made easier, farming be made attractive, and countless benefits follow.

No city could pave its streets, if it were not for the bonding system

No county can construct its highways without similar bonding issues.

The sooner Jackson county votes bonds for highways the better for everyone in it."

Coos county spent last year, from the general fund \$170,000 on roads and the special road tax of the various districts ran the amount up close to the \$200,000 mark. How much better it would be for Coos county if, instead of spending \$200,000 annually in piecemeal road construction the county were bonded for even a million dollars for a period of 20 years and a systematic method of road construction all over the county be carried out. In this way the county would build permanent highways for what it is spending under the present system chiefly for repair work that is of only temporary advantage. At the present rate of expenditure of \$200,000 annually, Coos will pay out a million dollars in five years and will not have as much permanent roadway as it would have if the county were bonded and systematic construction of roads made the chief end in view.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

- Begin with a generous heart.
- Think how you can serve others.
- Then you shall find resources grow. Your own portion shall not be left desolate. Strength shall be shed through you. Do the utmost with what you have, and it shall go far enough.—O. B. Frothingham.

WHICH FIRM ARE YOU IN?

Do you belong to Grin & Bearit. The firm that is sure to rise. Or are you concerned with Flunk & Tumble.

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Grin & Bearit are wisely founded. Keen eyed, with the strength of youth

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Get out of the firm of Flunk & Tumble. It savors of dire distress. Get into the firm of Grin & Bearit And grow to a great success.

The matrimonial yoke is easy when both tote fair.

The experience of the ages gives no advantage in the game of love.

Legislation is a pleasant relaxation when business is not too pressing.

Some Coos Bay people's convictions are merely prejudice warmed over.

Many a man who starts in to argue with his wife allows himself to be kissed off.

No brainy woman can manage a man because she puts him too much on the defensive.

Modern political conditions put a premium on the plumb who is safe, sane and not original.

The doctrine of everlasting punishment would be popular enough if it could personally select the parishless.

A woman with convictions and real views of life took in 4 for a minute with the girl who has nothing but a goo-goo.

Let the occasional operations would never be performed if the state did them at a net cost of \$10 per cent.

THE QUIET OBSERVER SAYS: "Sending some Coos county men to the state legislature makes me think of trying to drive railroad spikes with a tack hammer."

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

We are in position to give personal attention to the payment of taxes. If you cannot give this your attention and desire to have your lands checked up and taxes paid, call, write or phone the

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QUITS ENVELOPE PRINTING.

The government has discontinued the printing of stamped envelopes with the imprint thereon. Stamped envelopes will be sold, but the imprint or return card must be printed at some local printing office. The government will continue to sell stamped envelopes to those desiring them, and a rule will be made that no first class mail will be allowed through the mail without the return card printed or written thereon.

YEAR 1911 WILL HAVE FIFTY-THREE SUNDAYS

An interesting fact about the year 1911, one which has not been noted before, is that the year begins and ends on Sunday, making fifty-three Sabbaths in the 365 days. There will not be 53 Sundays in a single year again until 1922, eleven years hence

This number of Sundays usually occurs every six years, leap year adding one more day. Each year usually begins on the day which follows the day in the calendar week upon which the preceding year began. Leap year, adding one more day, makes the following year skip a day.

The last year in which there were 53 Sundays was 1905. Preceding it were 1899, 1893 and 1882. Often leap year begins on Saturday and the following year then starts on Monday, owing to the extra day. This is the case with 1916 and 1917.

BURN THE UNDERBRUSH.

Only Feasible Way to Save Standing Timber.

"What Oregon needs is not so much the planting or setting out of new trees as the preservation of what forests she now has." This is the way J. D. Welch, of the Oregon Timber & Realty company, expressed himself on the conservation question recently. Mr. Welch said the best way to preserve timber from forest fires was to set fire to the underbrush every year or every other year. "This ought to be done in May or early in June," he said, "as the woods are not so dry then, and there is no danger of setting the trees afire."

"There is no reason why we should continue to have disastrous forest fires such as we had last year," he continued. "If the underbrush is fired every other year they will be impossible."

"The worst thing the government forest rangers can do is to prevent year after year the setting of fires in the timber. When the dead cones and pine and fir needles have accumulated for eight or ten years, a match cannot be dropped on the ground without setting fire to the dried out mass. The flames will shoot high, and carry all before them, so that it is not safe for a man to be in the forest."

Food for Flames Removed.

"I have tried this thing out in my own timber about eight miles northwest of Willamina. During the big fire last year which burned over the Mount Hebo district I sent three wagon loads of men up to my timber to fight the fire. But they didn't have to do anything, as the fire went out as soon as it came to my timber. The only reason for it was that I had burned my underbrush out two years before, so that there was no food for the flames."

"There are plenty of men to take care of the forest reserve if they would only take care of them right. Sixty-five per cent of the timber land on the west slope of the Cascade mountains, and from there to the coast will become re-forested in spite of all we could do to prevent it because it is too rough and mountainous for any other purpose. All that is necessary is to give it a little protection."

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

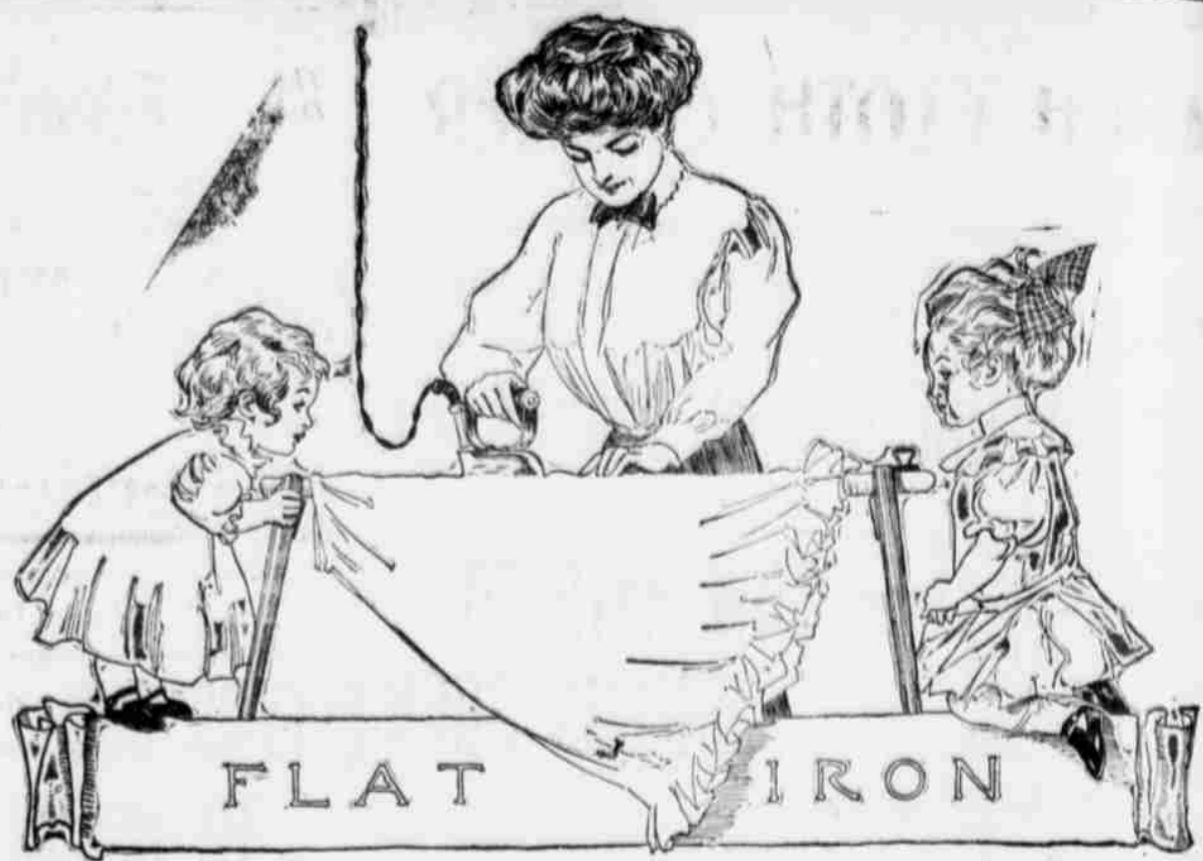
Notice is hereby given that the regular semi-annual examination of all applicants for State and County papers will be given by the County Board of Examiners of this County in my office in Coquille, beginning February 8th, 1911, at 9 A. M. and continuing three days.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1911.

W. H. BUNCH, Co. Supt. METAL POLISH at The GUNNERY.

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