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equipment for construction work is furnished and high rentals for its use exacted. All transportation cost on the equipment is paid by the district. The contract is so grasping that payment of rentals on the equipment begins the day it leaves California and continues until the day it is returned to the place of origin. When all these and other extortions are met every dollar of the bonds has shrunk to almost 60 cents. But in the end, for each 60 cents in money that the people of the irrigation district receive, they must pay back one dollar with interest at 6 per cent.

There is not an irrigation project in the world that can become successful under such extortions. There is not a reason in the world why such huge profits should be wrung from these ranchmen. The state guarantees the interest on the bonds for a certain length of time. If the project is sound, and no other should be undertaken, the security is as good as gold.

The terms of one contract are said to be such that the underwriting bond house will have an interest accumulation against the project of \$1,500,000, or \$12 an acre, by the time the project is completed, to say nothing of the enormous profits provided for, in the way of commission, cost plus and charge for rentals of equipment.

In the face of these astounding conditions, the question of who is right and who wrong in the controversy at Salem is of little consequence. Whether the proposed irrigation bills or a change in state engineer will remedy the situation is not the concern of this article.

The real concern is that, with proposals in Oregon for \$70,000,000 to be expended on irrigation, a system of exactions and extortions should be fastened upon the people of the districts that promises to submerge them under a burden of debt almost beyond their power to ever pay.

GIVE THEM THEIR MONEY A BILL is before the legislature providing for the payment of employees of Multnomah county on a monthly, semi-monthly or weekly basis, as the commissioners from time to time may determine. It should pass.

For years a warrant shaver has maintained offices in the courthouse. He has done a land office business in county warrants. Employees who, for one reason or another, were unable to bridge the month on their meager salaries, borrowed money from him. When the month had elapsed, those who were working for \$100 received considerably less than \$100. The warrant shaver got the rest.

Because payments could only be made monthly, employees were compelled to divide their earnings with a broker. They were working for him, and by him they were held in financial bondage.

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Lincoln and children THE birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln means most to children.

He was a poor boy. He lived in a cabin. It lacked tandles and lamps. Gas and electricity were unheard of.

He was denied today's comfortable opportunity for school attendance. There were no public libraries and no free text books. Lincoln studied a few ragged volumes by the flickering light of an open fire.

But Lincoln made his handicaps the boiler to hold the steam pressure of laudable ambition. He used lack of opportunity as the engine of achievement. Resistance was the track upon which he traveled to success.

He learned to work hard, to be truthful and studious and honest. He was loyal and helpful. He loved people. He lived near to the ground. He understood the people who work, because he was a worker. He was proud but not with false pride. He believed there was more triumph in usefulness than in exploitation of others. He commanded confidence because he was true, and others followed him.

There is not a boy or girl in Oregon today but has a better chance than Lincoln had.

It would hardly be said that the irrigation controversy at the statehouse is a dry affair.

MIDDLE AGED DRUGGES DOES anyone know how to teach a man to play?

He is in middle life. When he was a boy of 6 he sold papers and secured odd jobs to augment a slender family purse. During his teens he went to work in earnest. He got the kind of job that squeezes the life essence out of a man. It called him to duty early.

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But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

It is rather for us, the living, to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from the honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave their last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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