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## SENATE BILL 39 NOT AN EXPERIMENT

"40 Railways Use Auto Trucks Now" was a recent headline in the Oregonian. But they are of a heavy type necessary to secure traction on the narrow, slippery steel rails.

So the suggestion of an auto truck hauling numerous trailers on wooden rails, utilizing wide hard rubber tires and metal flanges, for the low traffic producing territory of central Oregon, is not revolutionary.

L. C. Bardo, General Manager of the N. Y., N. H. & Hartford Railroad states:

"The industrial development of America has outstripped its rail transportation facilities to such an extent that we are face to face today with a serious economic transportation question. I am inclined to believe that the conclusion reached as to the handling of the short haul l. c. l. traffic by motor truck and long haul bulk l. c. l. traffic by rail is the correct step, and there only remains the development of the proper public sentiment to give voice to such laws and protection as will make this conclusion effective."

Some new legislation is admitted to be necessary. Private capital hesitates to build branch lines into pioneer territory because the people when able will levy taxes on such rail line for the building of a hard surfaced road adjoining and permit destructive auto truck competition.

Senate bill 39 overcomes this difficulty. It provides for transportation at cost. The tendency will then be to confine heavy freight to this, the people's line and build only light traffic highways adjoining. Railroads are protected and will be benefitted by the assembling of freight from scattered areas. The public will save money on its highway program by classification of traffic.

The law is not an experiment. It is based upon the irrigation district code which has been perfected after years of trial. Many court decisions construe its important clauses. It will work without fail.

Bonds issued thereunder will sell readily. Districts will be large. The bonded debt will not exceed 50c to \$1 per acre for construction. The average values to support same will be five to ten times such amount under the most unfavorable conditions. No "window dressing" in the form of state certification or guarantee will be necessary, as in the case of irrigation securities.

Settlers have succeeded in the cooperative construction and management of many great irrigation canals where a break means loss of life and property. They can surely find experts to run these little trains for their convenience.

It is but the cooperation of the community in a definite plan for the delivery of farm produce to market by one who devotes all his time to this class of work, and who will soon become efficient by repetition. Nothing very revolutionary about this, is there?

It will permit the farmer to devote more of his time to producing.

It will save his time and money, and the necessity of each buying an auto truck.

It will cost the state nothing, and involve it in no risk.

It will bring millions of dollars of outside capital into Oregon, and many new settlers. Who can possibly object to such a program? Districts do not have to organize unless they desire.

It is not in times of war, but of hunger, that the Near East is near to America.

More needed than ever, a steering committee and a steam roller for the Oregon legislature.

The Turk is no longer "unspeakable." He was heard without any appreciable trouble at Lausanne.

Canada is pluming herself on having produced a coreless apple. But who wants a coreless apple? Who would get the core of a coreless apple?

Time is growing short for the Oregon legislature; but a lot of good things may be crowded in a short space of time, if there is complete cooperation, and no throwing of monkey wrenches into the machinery.

Turkey keeps on bluffing and then when her bluffs are called backing down. Her bailiwick is below the Dardanelles, and now or in the final reckoning she will have to give up her ambitions for ruling over a single foot of European soil.

The legislature is doing good work, carrying out the program of economy and efficiency, and of constructive measures. The thing is to speed up and carry on along these lines, giving no time at all to freak or spite or non essential matters. Then this session will be enrolled in a high place in the annals of the state.

The average Englishman cannot understand our constitution and laws. In his country the government is everything, to the extent at least that it is empowered to inaugurate policies in relation to foreign matters. But in the United States congress is the arbiter of such things and the president can only move by direction of that law making body. It is possible that England may not approve of such a proceeding, but it is the command of the American constitution. The question of the English debt can only

### COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 13, Fred Lockley at Salem Arts league, public library.
- Feb. 13 and 14, Pen Laugh and Song Fest.
- Feb. 14, Apollo club concert, at armory.
- March 1, 2, and 3, Flying Squadron, in interest of Prohibition enforcement.
- Afternoon and evening meetings in Presbyterian church.

be settled by congress. The president may suggest, but he can go no further.

Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi is making ready to leave Washington forever on March 4. He, like "Uncle Joe," is going home. John Sharp Williams, always a scholar rather than a politician, says he is going home to read the classics—with Ajax, Agamemnon, Ulysses, Paris, Helen, Menelaus, Horace and Juvenal. Julian, the Apostate, will read to him on the banks of the Yazoo, his "Address to the Sun"—lord and giver of light. The Mississippi senator has a rare good time ahead of him.

### THE MILK IN THE COCONUT

At last an expert investigator has revealed the real cause of the financial collapse of the nations in Europe. The whole trouble springs from the government ownership of railroads. It can readily be believed. We know what a few months of government control did for the railroads of America.

### MICKLES AND MUCKLES

Many a mickle makes a muckle, says the old Scottish proverb. And the United States department of commerce corroborates it. For its last December report shows that the leading 5-and-10-cent store concern did more than twice the business of the biggest mail-order house. How many people there still are who would sooner spend 10 cents than \$10!

### CHINESE DIET

We must evidently revise the notion that the Chinaman in his native haunts subsists chiefly on rice. According to our consul at Antung his favorite food is wheat flour, corn coming second and rice a poor third. Is this the first step in deorienting the Far East?

### BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Legislature doing bully—Keep on keeping on, and it will be a great session. Senate bill 39 is on the senate calendar, ready for action.

This is a constructive measure and it should be put through. It will enable outlying districts to connect with markets. It will bring millions of dollars into the state. It will increase taxable property immensely. It asks for no appropriation or guarantee of any kind. It is merely an enabling act, authorizing the out-

lying districts to help themselves, where otherwise help there is none.

A letter received at The Statesman office last night says: "I notice that the chief journalistic bugleman and big wind of the Olcott campaign in these parts is yelling and yelling that Walter Pierce had no program; that he should have had a specific program, and that there is no leadership in the legislature, and such other trimmings as are characteristic of a jaundiced mind and a sour stomach. That is enough to make a horse laugh. What kind of a program would there have been if Olcott had been elected? Let any one answer."

Now, will the ginks who were out after the scalp of General White be good? They were also out to wreck the Oregon national guard.

There will be a consolidation bill. The danger is that it will not go far enough in giving responsibility where there will be accountability.

### CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORTH MONEY

Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills for pains in sides and back; rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic for constipation biliousness, headaches and sluggish bowels. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

## CHERRIANS WILL "FEED" TONIGHT

Definite Program for Year Will Be Submitted at Meeting Tonight.

President King Bing, Bill Hamilton, is in doubt just what to call the eatin' program the Cherrians are to have at 6:15 tonight—whether to say dinner, or supper, or lunch, or plain "feed." But whatever anyone wishes to call it, that's it, and they expect to have a royal big time. This is the first regular meal they have taken since the first of the new year; the January program was merged into the High Jinks, and they didn't carry out any of their regular business program.

Tonight a definite program is to be submitted for suggested activities for the year. The council of Nobles met last week, and agreed on what it should present for the 1923 civic activities for the coming season. The program will be open for debate, for amendment; for whatever action the main body may take. President Hamilton believes that by budgeting their activities thus early, the Cherrians can make the best possible out of their services to the community. The entertainment begins promptly at 6:15.

## SEMAPHORE BILL TREATED LIGHTLY

Lee Casts Own Vote Against Measure That It May Be Reconsidered.

The house declined to take seriously Representative Lee's bill to require railroads to install semaphore systems, during the closing hours of the afternoon session, causing Lee to object angrily to the negative votes and then to cast his own vote against the bill in order that he may later move to reconsider the bill.

Representative Ford's bill to make it lawful for school districts to employ teachers at less than \$75 per month was also defeated.

Representative Meindl's bill to provide for the appointment of a public administrator of probate cases in Multnomah county in which no will is left or there are no heirs, was referred to the judiciary committee when it came up for passage yesterday, after considerable argument.

## Fireproof Dormitory Is Given Blin School

An appropriation of \$80,267.50 for the state school for the blind, approved by the ways and means committee Friday night, includes \$35,000 for a new fireproof dormitory. Governor Pierce made a personal appeal to the committee to allow this appropriation, and petitions signed by citizens of Salem and vicinity in large numbers asked that it be allowed.

The need for the building was considered imperative, as the fire hazard at the plant is great, and should a fire occur the danger to inmates would be great.

## YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Investigation of the administration of veterans' bureau affairs was ordered by the senate.

Colonel Walter A. Bethel was nominated to be judge advocate general of the army succeeding Major General Crowder, new ambassador to Cuba.

Mrs. Mae Ellen Nolan was sworn in as a member of the house, succeeding her late husband as representative from the fifth California district.

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## Amendment to Irrigation Appointment Finds Favor

Despite the efforts of Representative Lee, chairman of the house irrigation committee, to confuse the status of a resolution introduced by Representative Burdick and Senator Ritter calling for the appointment of an irrigation investment commission the house yesterday concurred in the amendments to the resolution made by the senate and closed the matter.

The resolution was introduced in the house following Governor Pierce's special message and after the authors had conferred with the governor who, according to Burdick, approved of its form. In its original form the resolution called for a commission of five, one appointed by the governor and two each by the speaker and president of the legislature.

In response to the suggestion of Governor Pierce the resolution was amended in the senate to provide for the appointment of three members, with the tacit understanding that none of the members would be members of the legislature. This was the form approved today.

Coming Saturday

## MARY PICKFORD

In Her New "Tess of the Storm Country"

Watch for Further Interesting Announcements.

**OREGON**

# After Every Meal

# WRIGLEY'S

The Great American Sweetmeat

Top off your meals with WRIGLEY'S and give your stomach a lift.

It aids digestion—it provides the "bit of sweet" in beneficial form.

Helps to cleanse the teeth and keep them healthy.

WRIGLEY'S pays very big dividends on a very small investment.

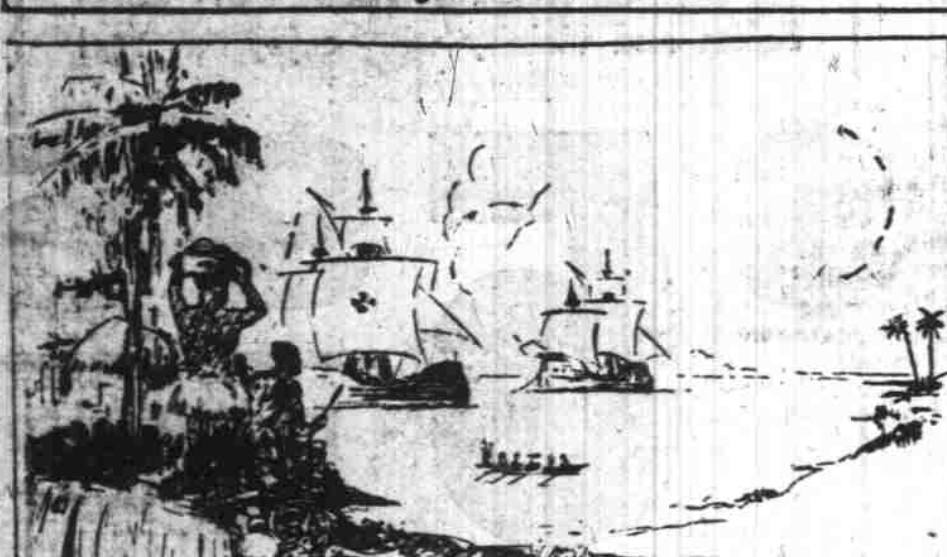
It's the best chewing gum that can be made and it comes wax-wrapped to keep it in good condition.



# The Junior Statesman

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## For Boys and Girls



### BOY ADVENTURERS

Marco Polo's First Journey Marco Polo, the great globe-trotter, was only 16 when he started on his travels—the famous travels which first brought to Europe knowledge of the people living in Japan, Ceylon, and the far northern countries. Marco lived in the latter part of the 13th century. His home was in Venice, Italy, and his father, a very wealthy merchant, gave his son everything money could buy. He had private teachers, fine clothes and plenty of things to amuse him. The boy was not, however, content at home. When he was six years old, his father and uncle had gone away on a long journey. Marco often thought about them and the wonderful things they must be seeing, so that he was restless, and Venice seemed a very small place to him, indeed. Nicolo Polo Returns One day word came that the ship of Nicolo Polo, Marco's father, was returning. There was great excitement in the Polo home, with every one rushing about making plans for greeting the travelers. A great banquet was planned, and the old stone walls of the courtyard were decorated with flowers. Marco was busiest of all, and he could hardly wait until the ship should come to port. Finally the ship came in. All the servants of the house and all of Polo's friends went out to meet the homecomers. Marco was all ready to rush up and hug his father. When the two travelers came toward him, however, he stopped. He didn't know his father. Then the older one took him in his arms and called him "my son Marco."

## THE SHORT STORY, JR.

### LINCOLN'S WAY

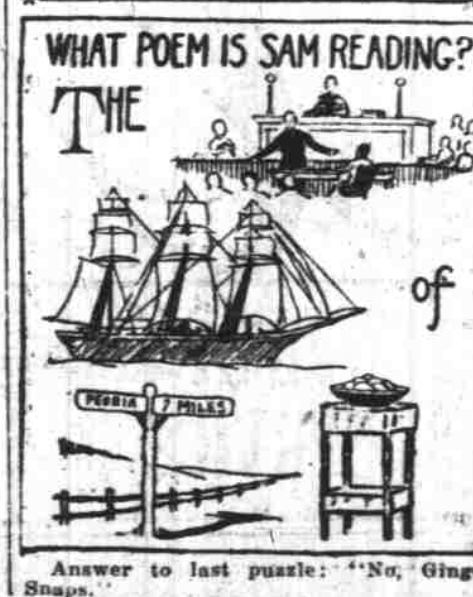
It was the fall of 1863. On the street corner of one of the largest southern cities stood a tiny colored boy. He was a little slave boy belonging to old Colonel Hall. Colonel Hall was a poor, but very, very proud, old plantation owner. Through a series of bad cotton crops he had lost nearly all he owned. But he still hung on to his big plantation and a few of his best slaves, among whom were Goliath, his father and mother. But since Colonel Hall was very poor, his slaves were correspondingly poorer. Goliath had seldom in his life known what it was to have enough to eat. He was small and undernourished. A large, ragged old shirt, which in better days had graced the back of the Colonel himself, hung loosely from his spare shoulders. His tiny frayed and patched trousers were much too short. His stubby little brown toes kicked impatiently at the rough cobbles. He looked longingly out of the corner of his eye at the fruit stand near by. Being only a little slave boy, no one noticed him. There were the largest and finest orange Goliath had ever seen on the fruit stand. How he should love to sink his little white teeth into one. He could never remember tasting an orange, but his Mammy had often told him of the good old days when there were oranges on the Colonel's table for every meal and the slaves had all they wanted. How badly he wanted one now—that big fat one right on the edge. If the old woman behind the stand would only turn her back for a minute! He edged over nearer the fruit to be ready in case she did. Down the street came a tall man in a high hat and a long, black cape. He looked at Goliath and smiled. He seemed to take the situation in at a glance. Stopping before the fruit stand



he selected the three largest and brightest oranges. Goliath's big fat one on the edge was one of them. He tossed the old woman a coin and then, stooping down, he placed his big hand on little Goliath's shoulder. "My boy," he said, "Always remember that it never pays to steal. Here, these are yours." He gave Goliath the oranges and passed on down the street. "Do you know who that was?" gasped the old fruit vendor when he was gone. "That was Abraham Lincoln, the president of the United States."



### PICTURE PUZZLE



Answer to last puzzle: "No, Ginger Snaps."

## METHODISM'S CHALLENGE TO SALEM

All Methodist Forces in Salem Are United in Conducting a

# Great Evangelistic Crusade

Special meetings began in every Methodist Church in Salem last Sunday morning and will be held every night excepting Saturday for the next two weeks

A Cordial Invitation Is Extended To You

Preaching with a real spiritual message, good music, special solo singing. The hour is 7:30 p. m. at the following churches.

- FIRST METHODIST State and Church St.
- JASON LEE METHODIST Jefferson Ave. and Winter St.
- WEST SALEM METHODIST West Salem
- LESLIE METHODIST South Commercial and Myers
- SCANDINAVIAN METHODIST Fifteenth and Mill Street
- CENTER STREET METHODIST Center and 13th St. (Services Sunday and Thursday night only.)

COME TONIGHT 7:30 P. M.