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NO BONDED GENERAL STATE DEBT

Up to only a few years ago, it was the proud boast that Oregon had no bonded state debt—
And Oregon still has no bonded general state debt.
There are the highway bonds, guaranteed by the state; but they will never cost the general taxpayer a cent, if the present system of licenses and fees is kept up.
There are the soldier bonus bonds; but they are backed by real estate loans; and it is conceivable that they will leave the state a profit—in case the transfers of the mortgaged property are sufficiently numerous.
There are the irrigation bonds. If they are all issued on sound projects, and if colonization measures are properly carried out, they will cost the general taxpayer nothing. It is a question of administration; of good business methods and vigorous pushing of settlement and development projects.
There are the state rural credit bonds. But they are backed by good real estate mortgages. They will cost the state nothing; they will yield a profit.
The state school fund now has about \$7,000,000 in loans. There was a time, several years ago, when there was a howl over prospective losses on account of numerous foreclosures. But a checking up showed them, after a time, and will show now, that this fund is intact; a little more than intact. The losses were overshadowed by the gains.
So let us all cheer up. Oregon has no bonded general state debt, and never did have—and on all the bonds which the state has guaranteed, many millions of them, there will be few losses. Perhaps no losses at all, with careful administration practices and good business handling, and as rapid a growth of the state as its great undeveloped resources justify.

EDITORIAL INFLUENCE

A great circulation is not always necessary for a paper to have great editorial influence, according to Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Portland Oregonian. "Some of our papers, with comparatively small circulations," he says, "have wide influence. So comprehensive and complete are their editorial pages and so sincere their editorial expressions, that their influence often exceeds that of papers with ten to twenty times their circulation. It is my view that the editorial has not declined in importance. Rather, other departments of the newspapers have received more emphasis than in Gray's day, giving the appearance of a decline of the editorial and its influence."

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON ON SOCIALISM

"Four reformers met under a bramble bush. They were

all agreed the world must be changed. 'We must abolish property,' said one.
'We must abolish marriage,' said the second.
'We must abolish God,' said the third.
'I wish we could abolish work,' said the fourth.
'Do not let us get beyond practical politics,' said the first.
'The first thing is to reduce men to a common level,' 'The first thing,' said the second, 'is to give freedom to the sexes.'
'The first thing,' said the third, 'is to find out how to do it.'
'The first step,' said the first, 'is to abolish the Bible.'
'The first thing,' said the second, 'is to abolish the laws.'
'The first thing,' said the third, 'is to abolish mankind.'
—Robert Louis Stevenson on Socialism.

ON THE SCAFFOLD

The biggest county in Texas has just had its first legal execution. Probably there have been lynchings from time to time, but they do not count.

THIRSTY ISLANDERS

The dwellers in Hawaii are insisting on the right to drink wine and beer. If they cannot have these beverages they will continue to drink themselves to death on something they call *okolehao*. This sounds like a ukelele, but it is said that it is bad stuff for the system. Can't the 18th amendment be stretched enough to cover *okolehao*?

GETTING ACQUAINTED

Speaking of this sudden passion for continuous dancing, there is a Cleveland couple who danced together without halt for 57 hours. They should be pretty well acquainted by this time. After a man has held a girl in his arms for two days running he should be ready to talk matrimony.

THIS DRAMATIC AGE

Nearly all the ingredients for a sensational fiction story will be found in the adventures of the time men and one woman leeward side last November on Fox island in Lake Michigan.

FUTURE DATES

April 27, Friday—State peace intercollegiate oratorical contest, Waller hall.
April 28, Saturday—Whitney Boys chorus at Astor.
May 5, Saturday—Pioneer Celebration at Champeau.
May 5, Saturday—Al Kader temple Shrine ceremonial in Salem.
May 6, Sunday—Blossom Day.
May 7, Monday—Twilight baseball league season opens.
May 9, Wednesday—Monthly membership meeting Chamber of Commerce.
May 11, Friday—"Come Out of the Kitchen" presented by Junior class of Willamette University at the Grand.
May 12, Saturday—North Marion and South Clackamas county school districts to vote on consolidation.
May 26, Saturday—May Festival, Harde's auditorium, "The Four Seasons."
May 28, 29, 30 and 31—Oregon Jersey Jubilee.
June 13 to 24—Chautauqua at Dallas.
June 16—Saturday, Marion county Sunday school picnic.

Herolam, suffering, suspense, hope, atmosphere and—since there was a woman there—possibly love interest; and for a climax scene, represented by a 350-horse power De Havilland plane, flying to the rescue, as the unhappy group was drawing lots for the last cold potato. Truly in this century of roar and rush modern realism is far more exciting than ancient romance.

MAKING MATRIMONY SAFE

The Wisconsin assembly is re-repealing its so-called eugenics law which sought to place fresh safeguards around the matrimonial adventuring of the citizens of the state. The law required certain formalities in obtaining licenses and also called for medical certification on both sides. Now it is declared that the law does not to any degree accomplish the purpose for which it was designed, and is something of a nuisance in other directions. That appears to be the difficulty with most of the faddist measures. They do not live up to their expectations. They are not practical. They fail to deliver the goods. Hasty legislation by zealots and enthusiasts frequently must be canceled. A simple standardization of the marriage and divorce laws of all the states would be the great accomplishment in this direction. Divorce and marriage should be neither too hard nor too easy. In neither case should it be possible without a certain elapsed time and a degree of responsibility. Los Angeles Times.

THE ONE WAY OUT

Moving in its orbit above the tumult in Europe the League of Nations is growing daily more clearly visible from this distance like a planet whose reflected rays are growing in intensity. And the light this planet reflects is the aspiration of the courageous, God-fearing people of the world to bring about an international association which will make future wars not only highly hazardous for the aggressors, but unnecessary. Those who thought that the failure of this country to join the League in 1920 would cause its

abandonment by the other nations read the future badly. The League continues to function. It grows in strength and prestige as the months pass, and it is now apparent that the League issue will play a prominent, perhaps a dominant part in the national elections next year.
Lord Robert Cecil, by his American tour, has focused the attention of the country on the League and its accomplishments. He has told nothing new to those who have followed his course; but he has awakened the interest of millions who still believed in the League idea, but who were not aware of how much it had actually accomplished.
Commenting on Lord Cecil's tour and upon the misrepresentation of some of his critics, the New York World recently said editorially:
The decision (1920) which was supposed to be against the League has been followed by a constant though timid approach nearer and nearer to the League. Senator Pepper, who devoted all his abilities to keeping America out of the League in 1920, is now promising to enter it. Senator Borah, who in 1919 was so fearfully worried about American sovereignty, is in 1923 demanding a World Court, with compulsory jurisdiction.

There must be some extraordinary incident in an institution that not only survives attack, but continues calmly to win the support of its enemies. That virtue is plain to see. * * * The League stands out as the one and only hope of permanent peace. When every criticism has been made, when every weakness and defect has been emphasized the League still stands in the midst of Europe the one best bet of the human race.
There has been no weakening in the ranks of the ardent supporters of the League in this country who desired our government to become one of the signatories, with or without reservations, three years ago. As the Times then pointed out, the 1920 election was not a "solemn referendum" on the question whether this country should become a member of an association to promote and preserve peace. The people made the issue in that campaign. It revolved about the question of Democratic incompetence and extravagance. The people wanted a business administration that should reduce taxes and set the country on the high road to recovery from the exhaustion and confusion of the war.

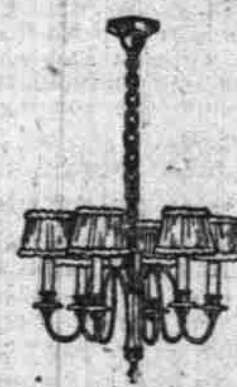
In that they were successful. Our government is functioning well internally and the country is again prosperous. But, while we have been setting our own house in order, all has not been going well in Europe. Our withdrawal caused a feeling of disappointment and depression which finally found expression in the French occupation of the Ruhr. Europe threatens to drift back to the old diplomacy that brought about the world tragedy of 1914. The League of Nations, however, has accomplished about the only things worth while that have been done during that period. It has proceeded cautiously, acting only where it was called upon by all the parties at interest. And its findings have been uniformly accepted. It settled the question of the Silesian boundaries. It caused the smaller nations in eastern Europe to settle their boundary disputes in conference. It brought about the partial rehabilitation of Austria when con-

ditions there looked hopeless. Its humanitarian labors are beginning to bear fruit.
Wherever it has acted its influence has been for harmony and for peace. The new Ottoman government has signified its willingness to enter the League and to abide by its decisions. And the Turkish chieftains have expressed the hope that this country will also accept membership. They desire our voice to be heard in conference; for they have faith in our disinterestedness.
Not the least of its accomplishments has been the establishment of an international Court of Justice on so fair and equitable a basis that President Harding and Secretary Hughes have advocated our government's accepting membership.

It has become apparent that the League functions in the interests of peace, that it is possible for the League to do what cannot be accomplished under the old system of balances of power. In three years the League has grown from a theoretical experiment to a liberal institution.
Three years ago the friends of Irish freedom in this country were bitterly opposed to the League. The Irish Free State has now applied for membership. That is an indication of the trend of thought throughout the world.
The Times favored an association of nations to promote and preserve peace prior to 1914. It favored the formation of such an association at the peace conference. It favored America's accepting membership in the League in 1919, with or without reservations; for it believed that any defects in the covenant would be remedied by amendment later, just as the American constitution was improved by the early amendments. It favored accepting membership in the International Court; and it believes that we should not hold ourselves aloof from those who seek to have us unite with other free peoples in an international association, along the lines of that formed to guard the peace of the Pacific, that would embrace the whole of the earth.

NEW CORPORATIONS

A permit to operate in Oregon has been issued by the state corporation department to the Reserve Deposit company, a Colorado corporation with headquarters at Denver, and capital-



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ized at \$250,000. F. S. Becher of Portland is named attorney-in-fact for Oregon. The following articles of incorporation were filed yesterday:
L. C. Thomas company, Portland; incorporators, L. C. Thomas, Alfred P. Dobson, Bess G. Kleinmiff; capitalization \$40,000; boilers.
Steel Equipment & Stationery company, Portland; capitalization \$5000.
Taylor Brothers & Paquet, Auto Trucking company, Portland; incorporators, William Taylor, F. G. Paquet, Fred Taylor; capitalization \$48,000.
Western Underwriters company, Portland; incorporators, E. M. Richardson, H. M. Isaacs, E. J. Bergstrom; capitalization \$1000.
A permit to sell stock in the sum of \$9000 was issued to the

Deer Beverage company of Portland, and a permit to sell rate at selling stock was issued to Morris Brothers of Portland.
Knights of Columbus To Have Strong Team
When the Salem Senators meet the Knights of Columbus team from Portland at Oxford field next Sunday they will be playing the team that last Sunday defeated Woodburn by a score of 2 to 2. The clever Heim, who pitched out with the Portland Beavers at the beginning of the season, will pitch for the Knights. He is said to be one of the best semi-professional twirlers in the state. Carson and Frink will pitch for Salem.

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Downstairs Store Attractions

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The Junior Statesman

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For Boys and Girls

THE FUN BOX

Naturally "That's my impression," said the seal as it was pressed into the wax.



Miss Have Been Insured Friend: "You have never, advertising a fire safe. Where was the fire?"
Storekeeper: "Right here—in the store. I fired two salesmen last week."

Anything to Please Warden: "What's your name and occupation?"
Prisoner: "My name is Spark. I'm an electrician and I was sent here for assault and battery."
Warden: "Hey, Gerard, give this man a nice dry cell."

Try This One "Willie."
"Yes, Pop."
"Can you carry a tune?"
"Certainly I can carry a tune, Pop."

Well, carry that one you're whistling out in the back yard and bury it."

Been Chasing 'Em Ever Since "Saw were Adam and Eve provoked from gambling? Their pair of dice was taken away from them."

Training Counts Employer: "Yes, I advertised for a good, strong boy. Think you can fill the bill?"
Applicant: "Well, I just finished picking 15 other applicants outside the door."

Progressing Judge: "Look here, Rastus, what you tell me the last time you were up for stealing chickens that if I let you off you would do better in the future?"
Rastus: "Surely, Judge, surely. Do this time it's turkey."

Pleasant Fellow A student entered a hygienic lecture room when the class was half over. The professor did not recognize him, and thinking that he was in the wrong room questioned him.
"Hygiene?"
"Howdy, professor," retorted the delinquent one.

To Those Who Talk To those who talk and talk and talk This proverb should appeal; The steam that blows the whistle Will never turn the wheel.

Two of a Kind Fresh: "How do you suppose a fellow with two wooden legs can walk?"
Soph: "He probably just manages to lumber along."

Dumbells Some people are so dumb they think Nova Scotia is an opera singer, that BVD is a radio station, that Marion, Ohio, is a toe dancer, and that Manual Labor is a Spanish toreador.



So That's It? Bruce: "Who is that fellow with the long hair?"
Fifty: "He's a fellow from Yale."

Bruce: "Oh, I've often heard of those Yale locks."
(Jokes for "The Fun Box" are collected from high school newspapers all over North America.)

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

NIGHT-SEEING ON HIS OWN

When Bruce came to town all alone He was glad for a day of his own; What he liked, he could see;

Where he wished, he could be; He was proud as a king on his throne.

"Seattle!" called the conductor, Seattle. Next stop is Seattle. Bruce quickly grabbed up his traveling bag and was the first one to the door. He was off the train almost before it stopped. "I'll have to hurry," he thought, "if I see all I want to before the day is over."

This was Bruce's first trip to Seattle, in fact it was his first trip to any city alone. He expected to have the most wonderful time of his life. The whole day was his. He could sight-see to his heart's content. "And, all alone, too," he beamed to himself as he hurried up the platform with the crowd. "It's so much fun to go around alone. You can do just exactly what you want to. Mother said dad always want to go on when I want to stay, and to stay when I want to go on. Then they always get tired long before I do, too. I'll just check my bag and start out right away. I'll get it when I come down to meet mother and dad this evening."

Bruce had been visiting some cousins out on a ranch while his parents were touring the state of Washington. They were to meet in Seattle that evening, spend the following day there, and leave for California the next night. Bruce had come on early in order to have more time to see the city. "Well, where shall I go first?" he mused, consulting a little piece of paper. "These are all the things I want to see." He had made up a list. "Let's see. The Curiosity Shop, the L. C. Smith building."

"Why, Bruce Williams!" Bruce jumped and nearly dropped his paper at the sound of his name. Turning he discovered his cousin, Jane, at his side. "Why, you poor boy! Are you all alone? What a lucky thing that I should find you. You didn't know that I was teaching out here, did you? I just had a letter saying that your mother would get here tonight and I happened to be going by here, so I stopped in to see what time the train is due. It was lucky that I did. I don't know what you would have done if I hadn't found you. It would have been terrible for you to have been here alone all day. But now I'll just take charge of you. Was



there anything special you wanted to do?"
Bruce murmured that he would like to go up on the L. C. Smith building and see the view, and he wanted to see the Old Curiosity Shop.

"Oh dear," Cousin Jane objected, "I wouldn't do that if I were you. You know it is pretty high and you may not have a very good heart. I remember your father had a poor heart when he was your age. And the Old Curiosity Shop! It's all dirty and smelly down there so near the docks. I know what we'll do."



I'm going shopping and you can just come with me and see the stores. Then we'll have lunch at the YW and spend the afternoon at the public library. Won't that be nice?"

PICTURE PUZZLE

FORM A WORD-CHAIN OF THE 5 WORDS PICTURED HERE, THE LAST LETTER OF EACH WORD BEING THE FIRST OF THE NEXT. BEGIN WITH 'PONY'.



Answer to yesterday's—Model, opera, decay, erase, layer.

IF BACK HURTS BEGIN ON SALTS

Flush Your Kidneys Occasionally by Drinking Quarts of Good Water.

No man or woman can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well known authority. Too much rich food creates acids which clog the kidney pores so that they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood. Then you get sick. Rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders often come from sluggish kidneys. The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage, or attended by a sensation of scalding, begin to drink soft water in quantities; also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine.

This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity; also to help neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer cause irritation, thus often relieving bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink, which everyone can take now and then to help keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby often preventing serious kidney complications. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.—Adv.