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BONDED DEBT; OREGON AND LOS ANGELES

Hon. T. B. Kay, just home in Salem from a visit to California points, comes back with a greater vision for the future of Oregon and of the Salem district.

Mr. Kay as a visitor any where is more than an ordinary observer of the sights and scenery—

He looks behind the scenes and finds out what makes the thing go. He looked into the bonded debt of the city of Los Angeles, and he found that it is now about \$75,000,000.

That is about what the bonded debt of Oregon will be when the rest of the bonds are issued for state highways and for the soldier loans. Los Angeles has a population slightly in excess of the population of Oregon; she is now claiming 900,000 people. Her assessed valuation is about the same as Oregon's.

But Oregon's bonded debt does not theoretically call for a cent of direct taxation to pay either the interest on the bonds or for their retirement. The highway bonds will be wiped out by the gasoline taxes and the license fees on automobiles. The soldier loan bonds represent loans on real estate, to be kept up by interest on the loans and to be wiped out by principal payments on the amortization plan. The land credit bonds are issued for money to loan on real estate. The irrigation bonds are backed by land values in the districts, and the state will make a small profit on these—if colonization is worked out as it should be.

Some \$35,000,000 of the city bonds of Los Angeles represent the cost of bringing water from the mountains hundreds of miles away, and distributing it to the people of that city—and this is a good investment. It pays; gives the city a profit, directly through the water rates, and indirectly by reason of the advertising and other values of pure water. The rest of the bonded indebtedness of Los Angeles, or most of it, represents a direct charge upon the property holders—for the various municipal requirements of a city that has grown so fast that some of the charges must be passed on to coming generations.

Comparing the state of Oregon with the city of Los Angeles, with respect to bonded indebtedness, the state of Oregon makes a good showing. The big difference is the spirit. The people of Los Angeles are proud of all they have to show for their bonded indebtedness—and they are not afraid of the future—

In fact, they expect to have a city of five millions—and then some; and they expect to boast of a bonded indebtedness five times as large as they now have. And the fact is, they are going blithely forward with the absolute assurance that they are going to succeed—in getting the other four million and more people and in piling up four times as large a bonded indebtedness as the one they now have.

Los Angeles is growing faster than any other city of her size in the world; faster than any other city in the United States excepting New York. And who is going to say she is a boom town—and get away with it?

If the people of the Salem district had the faith of the people of Los Angeles, and worked according to that faith as the people of Los Angeles do, Oregon's capital city would very soon have 100,000 people—and be only started towards a half million population; and the Salem district would in due course have ten million people. We have a greater diversity of products in which we excel than Los Angeles county has. Ours is naturally a country of greater opportunity than theirs. We merely lack the faith; the assurance of the future; the spirit of welcome and growth.

In the Chinese bandit matter, it is another case of watchful waiting.

California is to have a 3 cent gasoline tax. Oregon makes it 3. Our state set the example, and sets the pace.

If that ransom is to be paid the Chinese bandits who are holding Americans in captivity make it in German marks.

Senator Stanley of Kentucky says that "the crying need of the hour is more business in politics." That was the idea of the late Senator Hanna on the subject.

Appropriating the historic remark of Abraham Lincoln and paraphrasing it, this nation can not survive half wet and half dry. The Constitution itself is on trial.

A new nebulous star, 100 light years away, has been discovered by an Iowa professor of astronomy. Of course, it may be a few less years away than that, but that should put no figure between friends.

It was a false alarm. Employees of the public in Oregon who are not citizens will not necessarily

FUTURE DATES

May 20, Saturday—Non-observance of day school, meet at McMillanville.
 May 20, Saturday—May Festival, Hay-Go's arena, "The Four Seasons."
 May 20, 20, 20 and 31—Oregon Jockey Club.
 May 30, Wednesday—Memorial day.
 June 8, Friday—Daily Bible School exhibition.
 June 14, Thursday—Flag day.
 June 16—Saturday, Marion county Jubilee.
 June 18, Monday—Opening, Daily Vocational Bible school.
 June 18 to 24—Chautauqua at Dallas.
 June 21, Thursday—Regional Red Cross conference in Salem.
 June 19 to 25—Salem Chautauqua season.
 September 24 to 29—Oregon state fair.

for many years. It was celebrated with much eclat in our little village. Everything was primitive in those days, yet the celebration was a grand success and the people enjoyed the day as much or better than they do now. There were fewer attractions and a unanimity of sentiment which does not prevail at this time. There were no cliques or clans to interfere with the even tenor of our way.

Mr. Wright was a participant in the Indian Wars of 1855 and '56. He was a member of the Oregon legislature, mayor of our city, and a school director for a number of years. He held many positions of prominence, socially and politically.

One of the special characteristics of his life was his loyalty to his friends. He possessed in a marked degree the sterling qualities which gather men around him. His friendships were warm and lasting. There was in his nature a deep and true fidelity.

His death is a reminder that the pioneers are fast passing from the stage of action and people with different ideas and thoughts are taking their place.

Mr. Wright was kindly disposed and had much of the milk of human kindness to commend him to our people. His spirit of generosity caused him to lose thousands of dollars, when he was engaged in business, by relying on the integrity and honesty of those who did not appreciate the kindness of their benefactor.

In his death our community has lost a personage of more than ordinary character, and we join with his many friends in giving him the full respect and affection which he deserves. There is a true and sincere sadness prevalent

ing in our city in the passing away of Mr. Wright. There is no merchant that was a contemporary of Mr. Wright at the time he established his business in Salem in 1857, living now. They are all dead. He was the last to yield to the decree of nature and the changes of time. Life's shores are shifting. Every year, And we are seaward drifting. Every year, Old places, changing, fret us; The living more forget us; There are fewer to regret us. Every year; But the truer life grows nigher. Every year; Earth's hold on us grows slighter And the heavy burden lighter. And the dawn immortal brighter, Every year.

CALLING A HALT

Nearly \$100,000,000 worth of building projects in New York City have been suspended because of increased cost of materials and prospective labor troubles. One of the enterprises upon which work was halted was the new \$12,000,000 structure for the telephone company, which was to occupy a full block and rise to a height of twenty-nine stories. If the market settles and the skies clear work will be resumed, but for the moment contractors have themselves hung out the stop signal. When prices are too high a buyer's strike is always possible.

THE STAR REPORTER

The Pulitzer prize of \$1000 for the best job of newspaper reporting in America last year went to a New York worker. It was not

awarded for a scoop nor did it go to a word-monger dallying with sex stuff. On the contrary, it was awarded an intelligent and cogent writer who reported the sessions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This is like finding a sunbeam at the bottom of a coal mine. Excellence may achieve recognition even when it is divorced from the sensational.

THE TRANSIENT

It is admitted by Gotham amusement purveyors that 60 per cent of the theater tickets sold in New York are bought by transients. After all, it is the tourist who keeps the old town on the map and yet the Knickerbockers used to jest about the principal crop of Los Angeles. Now 60 per cent of the tickets sold in Los Angeles are bought by folks who own their own homes within the city's borders. Can any big town match that?—Los Angeles Times.

EVERYBODY HANGING ON

Secretary Hoover tells us to hold on to our prosperity. That is one way of saying that a man mustn't lose his grip because contact with prosperity is only to be preserved by the strength of the grip. Even with Lady Luck running wild it is a matter of hanging on.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Here is something constructive— George W. Hug, superintendent of the public schools, proposes to

have the children of this city learn the outstanding advantages of Salem and the Salem district. He proposes to have them pursue studies along this line, and to hold contests in essay writing concerning the things in which we excel or can excel.

Mr. Hug is promised the cooperation of the Salem Chamber of Commerce in this matter—and the amount of good that will be accomplished will be great beyond computation.

Let the boys and girls of Salem, as they grow up, get a thorough understanding of the advantages of their city and section, and there will be developed a generation of boosters and builders; a generation having knowledge of and therefore faith in their city and country.

They will impart this spirit to all comers, and they will thus insure the full development of our great resources. They will force it. It will come about naturally, as a matter of course.

SALEM GAS PLANT LOSES MONEY, IS ALLEGATION

(Continued from page 1) February, \$295.44 loss; March \$518.81 loss; April \$136.70 profit. This makes the net loss for the first four months of this year \$1956.05.

A letter to the public service commission accompanying the proposed new schedule of rates says:

"Because of losses sustained in the operation of its Salem gas plant the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in February 28, 1921, made application to the commission for an increase in gas rates. There were submitted at that time statistical data for the purpose of informing the commission on the operations of the gas plant.

No Hearing Held "The commission held no hearing to consider this application. In the meanwhile, the company has continued the operation of the plant accumulating as a result additional losses and the further operation of the plant will result in further losses unless relief can be secured.

"In spite of the losses in operation the company has been under the necessity, in order to meet the demands for additional service and to fulfil its obligations as a public utility, of expending in plant additions and betterments during the five-year period—1918 to 1922—a total of \$26,000.

"In order to supplement the above mentioned data, we attach hereto additional tabulations which give information down to April 30, 1923. These figures indicate clearly the losses sustained and show the rate of return on the commission's valuation of the property plus additions and betterments to be 4 per cent for the five-year period in question, a return entire-

THE BOYS AND GIRLS NEWSPAPER

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Society News From Nuttown



A little lady from Japan is the latest friend of Miss Hazel Nut of Nuttown, who is touring the west with her brother Phil. When she reached the west coast she was invited to a tea at which she met Miss Lotus Flower, daughter of a Japanese merchant.

"Lotus Flower wears her Japanese costume," writes Miss Nut. She has a lovely pink crepe paper kimono trimmed with bands of black, and a black sash. She has a flowered one she wears sometimes, too.

"This afternoon we are going riding together, and she has promised to take me to a tea house where they serve real Japanese rice cakes."

(This is the seventh of a series of twelve nut dolls which you can make of nuts, millinery wire No. 7, and crepe paper. The feathers are put on the nut faces with black and red crayon. To make the body of the doll cut one piece of wire 7 inches long, another 3 inches, and another 6 inches. Bend one end of the 7-inch and also of the 3-inch wire into a loop, about an inch long. Bend each end of the 6-inch wire into a loop, 1-2 inch long.

Cut a long strip of crepe paper 3-4 inch wide. Cover the wires by moistening one loop end with paste, covering it, and then winding along the wire. Leave about 1-2 inch unwound at the straight end of the 7-inch wire. The end of this wire is to be forced into the end of the nut which forms the head.

Fasten the 3-inch wire about two inches from the loop end of the 7-inch wire by twisting. Find the middle of the 6-inch wire and wind around the 7-inch piece close to the nut to form arms. Bend the bottom loops over so that they form feet. Fill out the body by winding a 1-inch strip of crepe paper around many times, pasting in place.

Lotus Flower's head is an almond. Her hair is of black crushed crepe paper pasted in place, with two black-headed pins for ornaments. The wires are wound with tan paper.

Her fan is made of three short wires covered with black crepe paper and twisted together to form a handle. They are bent to fan shape and covered with pink crepe paper.)

Puzzle Answer Mary put the teapot on top of the stove.

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

INBAD, THE SAILOR Jack thought himself pretty smart. He felt that he'd made a fine start. "Being nurse," shouted he, "Seems quite easy to me; I seem so at home in the part."

Jack had promised to take care of his little cousins for the evening. He curled up in the big chair before the fire and proceeded to enjoy a book. It was all nonsense saying that children were hard to entertain. Why didn't their mothers let them entertain themselves as he was doing? Suddenly a succession of loud howls arose from the dining room. Throwing down his book he rushed out to see who had been killed.

"Bobby hit me," wailed Betty. "She bit me," howled Bobby. Jack wondered what you did

CLEAN KIDNEYS BY DRINKING LOTS OF WATER

Take Salts to Flush Kidneys if Bladder Bothers or Back Hurts.

Eating too much rich food may produce kidney trouble in some form, says a well known authority, because the acids created excite the kidneys. Then they become overworked, get sluggish, clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region, rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, begin drinking lots of good water and also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; 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 flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity; also to neutralize the acids in the system so that they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder disorders.

Jad Salts cannot injure anyone; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to help keep the kidneys and urinary organs clean, thus often avoiding serious kidney disorders. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.—Adv.

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