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**MAKING HASTE TO BE RICH:**—He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor. Proverbs 28:8.

## OREGON'S CLAIM

In 1863 President Lincoln made an executive order transferring Sand Island located near the mouth of the Columbia river, to the national government as a naval reserve for military purposes.

The United States general in command in 1864 stated in a letter to the governor of Oregon that this island was tide land and urged the state to cede it to the government for military use. The legislature following this date acting upon the request granted the cession, it is shown, in the faith that the government would use the island for military purposes.

But there is an omission in the wording of the legislative act. The three words "for military purposes" are left out of the act. That they were explicitly implied there is no doubt since they were contained in the correspondence of the commanding general.

The national government did nothing with the island until twenty years ago and then began leasing the fishing rights off its shores. And, during this period of time Uncle Samuel has received over \$500,000 income from this source.

But the state of Oregon recently became convinced that this great source of income is still hers; that she has never relinquished her claim to it except for a definite purpose which has never been developed; and that it is her duty to make use of it as a source of income.

Official steps were taken a few days ago to make definite reclamation of the island and a lease has been drawn and signed by Governor Pierce granting to the Columbia River Packers' association exclusive rights to the fishing privileges off its shores. By the terms of the lease Oregon will receive one-half of the difference between the cost of operating the fishing industry and the receipts from the fish caught. The operating expense is estimated at less than five cents a pound. The market price is now twelve cents a pound. The net returns to the state per annum is estimated conservatively at \$50,000.

The lessee accepts, in the lease, the obligation to bear all costs of litigation in case the government contests the state's claim in the courts. The government it is believed will press claim to this vast and valuable natural resource.

Official Oregon has done her duty in this laying claim to Sand Island. And she should defend her position here to the limit. To restore this splendid asset will be a great accomplishment for the state.

## A PATIENT CREDITOR

European nations owe the United States for war loans aggregating over \$8,000,000,000. Since the world war the taxpayers of this country have paid on this loan made to help the allies over \$1,500,000,000—in itself a tremendous sum of money and represents for the American people, real sacrifice. At this time, however, on both sides of the Atlantic there is being spread propaganda for cancellation of the debt.

Cancellation should be given no consideration. These war loans were made in response to appeals for arms, men, food and other supplies when the army of the Rhine was threatening the very gates of Paris; when their airplanes were hovering over London; and when the allied forces were in despair. And the United States required no bonus, no ironbound security. She trusted to the spirit of justice and sent, in addition to her loans, thousands of her able bodied, clear visioned, courageous young men to do or die for the Allies' safety and success. It cost this nation billions in money, thousands of her young men and saddled upon us a war debt that will require a generation or more of time to pay.

What did the United States obtain to offset her loss? She received no territory, no money—but from those nations which now hesitate to arrange for liquidation of their debts to us, seeming ingratitude.

England received from Germany in reparations 1,807,053 square miles of territory enriched with valuable natural

resources; France acquired 402,392 square miles of territory with vast coal deposits in the Saar, re-won Alsace-Lorraine and other distinct advantages.

Great Britain, Hungary, Poland, Lithuania have committed themselves to payment of their indebtedness to us. France, Italy, Belgium, Czecho-Slovakia, Greece, Roumania and others have paid little attention to their obligations.

Uncle Samuel is more than justified in insisting that arrangements for payment shall be now made.

Premier Painleve of France urges that America shall have no anxiety over the former's mission in Morocco. He assures us that it is in the interest of world peace. The success of such mission is devoutly desired. It is a propitious time also for this nation to declare her intention to lend neither means nor influence to anything but peace.

## MY HUSBAND'S LOVE

### Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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#### CHAPTER F34

#### THE CURIOUS WAY MRS DURKEE TOOK DR. FOXHAM'S DECISION

I have seen Mrs. Durkee in times of stress and have always known her to come through with colors flying, but never have I admired my little friend more than when she faced Dr. Foxham and quietly asked him if he advised an operation for the growth whose signs he had found beneath her arm.

All the nervousness, the almost hysteria, which had been hers before the physician's examination had vanished. It was as if an heroic soldier, visualizing to the full what awaited him, and summoned all his fortitude to advance into battle as befitted a man. But though a gallant little figure, she was a pitiful one, and I felt a choking sensation in my throat as I looked at her.

That Dr. Foxham's professional imperturbability was treated with compassion, I knew as I saw the look he bent upon my little friend. And his voice held infinite gentleness as he answered her.

"Yes, I advise an operation, but—it is a slight one. In all probability you can leave the hospital in a week, and you will be relieved of your pain. Isn't that worth while?"

"You Are a Relative?"

Little Mrs. Durkee caught her breath. "Oh! That pain all gone? That would be heaven!" she exclaimed and then faced him with eager questioning eyes.

"Would you operate, Dr. Foxham?"

"No, I do not do surgical work," he replied.

"Oh, dear," she said dolefully, "and I am so afraid Dr. Pringle, my physician out in Marvin—doesn't either."  
 Mentally I thanked my particular little joss for this latter certainty, and caught Dr. Foxham's quick comprehending look at my face. I must have betrayed my low opinion of elderly Dr. Pringle's ability without intending to do so.

"You are a relative of Mrs. Durkee?" he asked me suddenly. "No, only her nearest friend," I returned.

"But you have near relatives?" he turned to her.

"My son and daughter-in-law," she answered, looking frightened. "But they mustn't know about this—it would scare them to death!"

"But that is nonsense," he said with sudden sternness. "There is nothing to be frightened about, and even if there were, you cannot go through with this alone. Mrs. Graham, may I ask you to tell Mrs. Durkee's son of this visit and ask him to drop in to see me—say—tomorrow—if it is convenient for him to do so? That will save you the necessity of coming in again"—he turned back to my little friend with so charming a smile that her patent resentment at his taking things out of her hands promptly vanished.

Dr. Foxham Makes an Appointment.

"I shouldn't mind that a bit," she retorted with the swift coquettish upward lift of her eyes, which is as natural to her fluffiness as are playful tricks to a kitten. "But, still, I do get awfully tired, so I suppose it will be best for Alf to come in. Tomorrow, you said?"

"Yes, I shall have more time tomorrow than upon the following days," he said. Then for a second he looked directly at me, and I fancied I saw a signal in his eyes for no delay in Alfred's arrival at his office.

"He's terribly busy, but I'll try to see that he gets here," Mrs. Durkee promised, and across her head I signalled to Dr. Foxham the assurance that busy or not,

Alfred Durkee would keep that appointment.

"How much do I owe you, Doctor?" Her fluffiness opened her head bag.

"Never mind that now. I'll see your son when he comes in." She started to demur, but I touched her hand.

"We mustn't miss our train," I said, although I knew we had plenty of time.

"Oh, that's so!" She rose to her feet hurriedly, and I put her cloak around her. She held out her tiny hand to Dr. Foxham with her most charming smile, and he bent over it with formal courtesy. But as he raised his head I detected something in his eyes which was neither formal nor professional, the compassion which they had held when she so gallantly had asked him if he advised an operation.

## A VOTE FOR TIBBITS

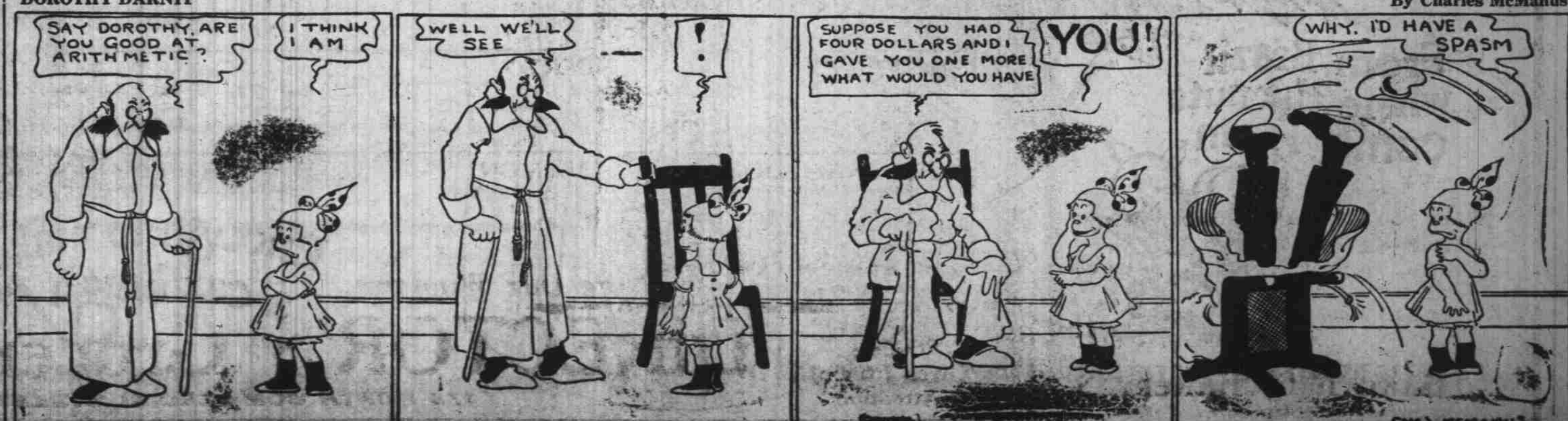
means a vote for Salem people

When the Parrish Junior High School was planned and erected, Kington & Howell, Portland architects, prepared the plans; Hansen, Hammond & Clist, Portland contractors, were awarded the contract for the construction of the building; Rushlight, Hastorf & Lord, Portland, did the plumbing; the Morrison Electric Co., Portland, did the electrical work; and while the work was going on two-thirds of the automobiles, belonging to the workmen employed, bore California license plates. Do you approve of that sort of thing? If you do not, then be sure to go to the polls sometime between 2:00 and 8:00 p. m., Monday, June 15, and vote for J. C. TIBBITS for School Director. —Adv.

## IN OUR OFFICE



## DOROTHY DARNIT



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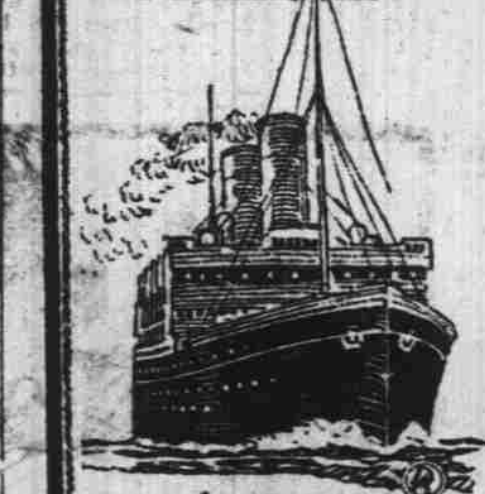
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