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Initiating the Water Plant Purchase

MUNICIPAL ownership of Salem's water plant will not come through the city council and the mayor. That seems to be well demonstrated. The axe of the mayor seems always ready to block the steps toward that end; and if not the executive veto, then the council buckles under the load. Acquiring the water plant will need to be done through exercise of the initiative. Moreover it may as well be tested on the direct proposal to issue bonds in sufficient sum to pay for the plant as on the piecemeal plan of first issuing bonds to finance an appraisal. Either the people of Salem are ready to buy the plant or they are not. If they are then they will vote the bonds required to effect the purchase. If they are not, then they will defeat the bond issue.

That much said, we state very frankly that it is virtually impossible and quite unwise to try to put an initiative of such importance on the May ballot. Not only is the time so short that it would seem quite out of the question to meet the statutory requirements, but the time is really inadequate to present the issue properly to those who would vote upon the question. Voting in May on the proposition would invite almost certain defeat.

What should be done in our opinion is to have a citizens' committee of responsible, representative and earnest men, who will make a thorough study of the situation, prepare the proposals very carefully, and plan to submit them in November. By that time the eligibility of voters at bond elections should be cleared up by court ruling, the issues could be clearly defined and explained to the voters, and a considerably larger vote would be polled at the general election. Residents of the Hollywood section have been active in promoting municipal ownership; but a wider representation is desired to enlist city-wide support.

After waiting for forty or fifty years without taking over the water plant, Salem can afford to wait a few more months rather than to jeopardize the whole undertaking.

Minto Pass and Hogg Pass

R. J. HENDRICKS, editor emeritus of The Statesman, has a very fair and considerate statement of the Santiam highway situation in his column "Bits for Breakfast" in this issue. On one point he is in error, and that is in referring to the road as crossing Minto Pass. The route crosses at what was formerly known as Hogg Pass, which was on the line of the old Corvallis and Eastern railway. Actual grading was done on the summit. This pass is located to the south of Three Fingered Jack.

Minto pass is located to the north of Three Fingered Jack. The Minto trail left the north fork of the Santiam at Independence Prairie and followed Marion fork of the North Santiam to Marion lake and thence over the low divide. This trail now leads to the Jack lake road ending at the ranger station on the Metolius below Camp Sherman. The road does follow the Minto trail up the north Santiam as far as the mouth of the Marion river, and so the name of Minto naturally attaches to it.

The old Santiam wagon toll road crossed the divide near Big Lake. We understand the survey for the new Santiam highway passes to the north of this, using the old Hogg route around Hogg butte, over the divide about where the Skyline trail now crosses, and on down to Suttle Lake and thence to Sisters.

So far as the Marion county court and the Salem chamber of commerce is concerned there is no particular race as to which fork of the two west ends of the road should be built first. Linn county will spend what sums it has available on its fork, and Marion county will spend what moneys it can appropriate on the north fork. Marion county does want the north fork recognized as part of the state highway system, so that the money it expends will be matched with forest service money when the same is available. The request is reasonable, is not prejudicial to the southern route, and we believe it will be granted unless the opposition is inflamed or the highway commission antagonized. In case the Northwest power project goes through, the power company will require a road along this route as far as Independence Prairie and this would no doubt speed construction of this section of the road.

From the Farming Section

WOODBURN advertises itself as the great berry center, which in fact it is. Rich agricultural territory surrounding Woodburn makes that district one of the finest in the state. The Woodburn Independent quotes the following letter favorable to employing a county agent for Marion county:

"As you know, there are 4900 farmers in Marion county. Because of this large number of farmers, it is the opinion of many that the county should have at least two agricultural agents, one to be a horticultural specialist and devote his entire time to that industry, the other to be general agent devoting his time to dairying, crop production, poultry and rodent control. For this two-man arrangement the cost to the county would be \$4900.00, which amounts to 9¢ per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The county budgets this amount or more annually. I have noticed, for a bounty on gophers and squirrels. Marion county is one of the very few counties still paying a bounty on gophers. The practice has been in most counties to eliminate the bounty and employ a county agent and instruct him to carry on a campaign in the poisoning of both gophers and squirrels."

The Independent adds its own comment as follows: "If men connected with the Oregon State college or federal service were engaged, the government would contribute \$5500 more for experimental purposes. The information imparted in the foregoing quotation is sufficient to cause some sound appropriations made by the county that might be eliminated, but these the readers have been told of and mention would be mere repetition."

If enough of the farmers really express themselves perhaps the county court will be more considerate of the pleas for creating the office of county agent.

Somebody do something quick. Call the doctor, the police or the fire department. Just a mouth till the gubernatorial primaries and the voters are turning over for another nap.

Fish and game are the state substitute for the tariff in national politics.

Person Thursday afternoon.

JEFFERSON, April 11—Mrs. George Vall underwent a major operation at the Albany General hospital Wednesday morning and is getting along as well as can be expected. Dr. Fortmiller performed the operation.

Mrs. W. W. Warner who has been at the bedside of her sister at the hospital, returned to Jefferson Thursday afternoon.

SON TO VAN VALKENBERG

PLEASANT VIEW, April 11—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Van Valkenberg are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mother and baby are reported as doing nicely. They have named the young man James Walter.

HEALTH

Today's Talk
By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

Seeing the first robin winging northward on the breath of spring conjures up thought of other things than the approach of the warm weather.

For one thing it means more care in regulating indoor temperatures, so that a warm pervades the house for the sake of the baby or young child in the home. It means also that a child shall be warmly enough clad on the wet days when out-of-doors.

The sudden spring changes of weather bring with them the usual epidemics of colds and resulting influenza. The slight cold may grow into a chronic one of care is not taken in time.

Young children thing nothing of running out-of-doors without coats or hats. Contentment in wading in every mud-puddle available. If there is a wet place anywhere is sight there the average child wends his way. You can't change human nature!

Child's cold should not be neglected. An habitual running nose may lead to worse things if it is not cured. Some children are very susceptible to changes from a warm house to the cold out-of-doors. The slight cold hangs on for some time. Such a child should have cod-liver oil perhaps for two weeks out of every month. This builds up his resistance to colds.

A delicate child should be dressed for the weather. The clothing should be warm enough on the cold days and lighter clothing should be worn on the warm days.

A cold on the chest is one of the most common ailments of young children. Wetting the feet, exposure to cold and insufficient clothing are factors that cannot be overlooked. They are dangerous for almost any child.

There cannot be too much said about the advantages of sunlight in the early spring and summer months for the growing child. The early summer days seem long indeed to the school child. He wants to get out-of-doors. Every moment of the time possible a child should be out in the fresh air and sunshine.

On the first warm days a child may be fretful and peevish. He should be carefully watched to see if there is anything serious the matter. If underlying, your doctor should see the child and tell you what to do.

An underweight child should have plenty of nourishing food, the best of milk, cereals, fruits and vegetables. Not only do these supply food, but they give him those vitamins so necessary to growth and energy. Not only must he have plenty of fresh air and sunshine, but also plenty of rest as well.

Rickets in children is an ailment that begins with underweight. Before the trouble progresses have your doctor pass judgment on your child's diet and general health.

Extremes of weather, either hot or cold should be a time of great care to keep the children from catching cold, or from becoming overheated. Go in the warm days dress a child so he will be comfortable, and on a cold day keep him protected with plenty of warm clothes.

Answers to Health Queries
S. M. A. Q.—What would you advise to make the eyelashes grow?
A.—Apply 1 per cent yellow oxide of mercury ointment to the lashes at night.

Mrs. X.Y.Z. Q.—Is soreness in the throat due to ulcers?
A.—May be due to diseased tonsils. Have a careful examination.

F.R.S. Q.—Is eating meat three times a day too much?
A.—Is meat hard to digest?
A.—I do not advise taking it at every meal. Vary the diet.
A.—If not too fat.

M.M.T. Q.—Would pyorrhea have an ill effect on the eyes?
A.—Yes.

I.A. Q.—What would you advise for constipation?
A.—Eat simple, well-cooked food. Avoid foods unduly rich in fats and starches. Get plenty of fresh air and out-of-door exercise.

HOLDING HIS OWN



"SHEIK'S WIFE"

BY WINFRED VAN DUZER

CHAPTER LIV.

He began to keep to himself, doing about the studio, hurt and bewildered and resentful. Tomorrow he would go down to New York, see an editor chap he knew . . .

But when tomorrow came he would put it off until the next day. And so a week went by—two weeks.

And then, drawn by something he did not understand Ken went back to Barton Wade. But Wade he learned, was in Philadelphia; he would be there some time.

Ken, though he did not realize it, was dragging anchor. Through with drifting; what Eve's love could not do for him her indifference was accomplishing. Ken was developing stamina; he was growing up.

He came home all in a rush, threw garments into a bag, "going down to Philadelphia, God-head. Will be gone a while— a week, maybe."

"Very well." Her voice was lifeless. The end. Ken going to Philadelphia? Oh, no. Atlantic City. Going to Lias.

He had been faithful before; thoughtful, full of filtration. But faithful. Now he was going to Lias.

He kissed her good-bye, bending his sleek head down, looking at her with his eyes aghast. The big kid—jaunty, handsome boy. Oh, the tragedy of this, telling him goodbye. . .

ward sunny hills. Only the valley is dark. . . "Eve!" He came and sat beside her, bending over with his elbows on his knees, spoke very low with sweetness like music running through his tone. "Eve, do you like me some?"

"Why of course, Nory." "Because I love you, Eve." "Why, why?" A strange thought, that it would be pleasant to have Nory love her. Dear Nory—whimsical and gay and fine. She felt warmed and comforted; freed of the crushing loneliness.

"I haven't mentioned this, Eve. But you say you've left Ken; I suppose you will want your complete freedom? Afterward—when it's all over—I'll take you out of here, child. Out of the cheapness, the sham. Make a real home for you. I'm going soon, Eve, leaving for good. I've a camp up in Maine; we would keep Stonywall, buy the Lakewood place back if you wished. I love you so! If you could love me—"

She sat there tensely, sweet lips parted, head down. Pleasant to be loved by Nory! But she could not take this from him. His sincerity, his terrible capacity for heartbreak as well as joy—what had she to give in exchange? Nothing.

All that she had was Ken's. She could leave Ken, stop being his wife—but never could she stop loving him. Never could she stop loving Ken—not ever, to the very end of time.

Tears filled her eyes; she brushed them away, shook her head. "I'm sorry, Nory. So sorry. I don't love you enough—not that way, Oh, Nory—"

"That," he said quietly, "is that. And nothing for you to be sorry about, my dear." "But there is. I let things go on between us."

"Nonsense. I wanted things to go on. Don't worry, my dear—not about me. I don't feel a bit different about you than I did the day you came through the hedge like a little green dryad. It isn't anything you've done or could do; it's you. And you've nothing to do with that. If ever you should love differently—"

"I won't, Nory." "No," he said slowly, "I don't believe you will."

He was leaving within the week and she told him farewell. "Dear Nory—"

He pressed her hands, kissed them, but she reached up and touched his lips with hers. Her last glimpse of him was as he stood in the door, a smile in his eyes, hand raised.

She never stirred from Stonywall for the next three days. She meant to see Barton Wade, ask him to try to write something, but could not bring herself to go out.

"Oh, well—adjustment—a little while for that. The valley—I'm not going to be a weeping willow. Others have been hurt and I can stand this."

But she was not so brave at night, lying with her face pressed into that wet pillow, crying herself to sleep.

Toward evening of the fourth day a car dashed along the road, stopped with a squeal of brakes. A clatter on the veranda—surely that was Ken's step!

Ken bursting in, towering over her, face wrung by hurt, anger, jealousy. "Do you know the whole Lane is gossiping about you?" he cried. She was cool, too astonished to be upset. "The Lane is always gossiping about somebody."

BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Santiam road dispute:
The Bits man has been brought into the newspaper controversy over the proposed Santiam highway. It has been stated that, when he was offered after the program for The Statesman, he was in favor of both roads—the one in which Linn county is especially interested—and the state when sponsored particularly by Marion county.

That was and is still true. What is the row about? In very brief, and sketchily, the situation is this, as the Bits man understands it: The South Santiam road has been on the highway map from the beginning. It has been completed to Cascade, half the money of its cost having been put up by Linn county. But there is still a difficult and expensive part of it to be built, through the forest reserve; say 20 to 40 miles of it.

Marion county is a later comer. This county applied two years ago to have her road put on the forest reserve map, and lately to have this part of the proposed highway put on the state highway map. And Marion county backed her application with \$100,000 offer after the program for this year's work had been made up by the highway commission, so no more money was then available. The Linn county part of the road having been on the highway map for a long time, the state highway commission was in a quandary. So the matter was left up in the air, and the state highway commission has been accused of the offense of not letting Marion county spend her own money; her \$100,000 offered.

Now, the members of the highway commission are friendly to Marion county. The matter in dispute will be adjusted soon, to the satisfaction of all reasonable men.

Another thing: West of Sisters, the proposed highway will be a common one, to both the south highway in which Linn county is especially interested, and the north highway in which Marion county particularly. That section of the road (west of Sisters) is receiving some attention, in the way of work being performed this year. This is speeding up the program for Marion county as well as Linn county people.

The Bits man is still in favor of both highways, but he thinks the north branch, in which Marion county is interested, should be given the greatest and earliest consideration, as soon as difficulties can be ironed out. Why? Because it is the road with a greater number of people, and will be used by a larger number, than the south route.

Why again? Because more people will go to and come from the lower valley than from the upper valley. And this will be especially true in the winter season, when for several months each year the McKenzie highway is blocked by snow—and will always be, so far as any one can now predict. Because that will be the only route that will be kept open through the whole year, and at an expense that will be considered reasonable. It will be kept open when the Columbia river highway will be necessarily closed. The engineers who ought to know have

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It behooves Oregon to be ready. To hurry, to make haste quickly, not slowly.

What would a few millions of bonds be for the purposes above named, by the side of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 Los Angeles will have to issue to get 10 more second feet of water, from the Monna lake district—the drop that is or ever will be available to her, outside of her share from the Colorado river—and out side of the salt sea?

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repeatedly. The Bits man wants both Santiam highways built; the north route built first. And he wants the route, or at least the north route, including the part common to both, renamed the Minto pass highway, after John Minto, the pioneer head of the party which discovered this pass through the Cascades.

It should not be necessary to urge the great importance of this proposed highway over the Cascades, joining the central and lower Willamette valley with the great central Oregon country—and that at some time or other, and that it will be possible, or at least feasible to be kept open, for considerable periods, between the whole of the inland empire and the most populous part of the western Oregon section.

While not wishing to even conceal the fact of local pride, the contented preference does not concern the consideration of the people who ought to be urgent in having the north route, over the Minto pass, improved at the earliest feasible time.

If it were in a position of authority in this field of the state's operations, he would urge the issue of bonds if necessary, in order to have this project completed—also in order to expedite the entire completion of the Roosevelt highway, the name of which ought to be changed to the coast highway. Not because Roosevelt is not an appropriate and an honorable name, but because the name is the cause of the name is in California, and will be so in Mexican territory, and ought to be if it is not already so in Washington and British Columbia.

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REBEKAHS ATTEND CONVENTION
SCOTT'S MILLS, April 11—Fourteen members of the Irvy Rebekah lodge attended the district convention held in Hubbard Tuesday and report having a splendid time. The convention next year will be held at Gervais.

Average public school investment per white child in North Carolina in 1927-28 was as compared with \$3.34 in 1904.

Editorial Comment

From Other Papers

REVIEWS CORBETT PLATFORM
Harry L. Corbett, considered the leading candidate for governor at the present moment, has issued a platform. Briefly it is for law enforcement, and by this he means undoubtedly all laws. He believes in the State Budget, his mission, preventing waste of state expenditures, getting full value for every dollar spent, supervision of assessments and laws that will equalize tax inequalities. Except to meet federal aid, he proposes the issuance of no more road bonds if they are a burden upon real property. Senator Corbett desires a non-political game commission with a policy of preservation and propagation, state development, to be sanely taxed, cooperation and better marketing of agricultural products. He favors, contrary to Senator Joseph, continuation of the Public Service commission. He considers that the Columbia river is waiting for the development of power with public, private investment and cheap power near industries. Education should rank among the highest in the nation. He stands for liberal support of our State College and University. Corbett endorses a health, educational and welfare program. If elected he will make every appointment on the basis of merit. In short, Corbett is conservative and at the same time progressive. What he promises he will endeavor to accomplish. That is his record. No man or politician can swerve him from the performance of his duty. That is another of his characteristics.—Woodburn Independent.

buy Stonewall, Mr. Prin and Particular. What's money between folks like us? Kenneth Wilmer of Stonewall—very dashing I call it. Rotogravures of artist's colony seat—Well!

The shadow that had settled upon him lifted at once; he glanced about Stonewall with a swelling pride. "Gosh! Say, it's going to be plenty happy here . . . Love me, girl dear? Same as always?" "Just the same," she said.

THE END.

A Problem For You For Today

What is the cost of an article that was sold at an advance of 20 per cent, but if it had cost 10 per cent less and sold for \$3 less the gain would have been 30 per cent?

Answer to Yesterday's Problem
642.5 H. P. Explanation—Change 40 inches to feet; square 28; multiply by 3.1416; divide by 4. Multiply 75 by 10-3 by \$30.00. \$3 by 80 by 2; divide by 23,000. H. P. equals pressure x length x area x revolutions divided by 33,000.

PRATUM FARMERS RAISING CHICKENS

PRATUM, April 11—Peter Bischoff is building a modern chicken house. It would be easier now to raise chickens than it was in the chicken business than those who have gone into the business quite extensively. The latter would probably include about two-thirds of the population. These figures may be modified or intensified at the census report has been published, but it will be at least as near correct as the straw vote of the Literary Digest on the prohibition question.