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Hiring Valuation Engineers

CITY councils sometimes do foolish things but we hope the Salem city council will spare this city the humiliation of having employed Carey & Harlan to serve as engineers for water plant valuation work. Harlan is a self-starter whose sole asset is his ability to sell himself. He is without standing in Oregon as a professional engineer; and was unable to qualify as a witness in the hearings in Washington in the Hoquiam suit. With a pair of leeches like this fastened on the city, the treasury would be bled as they thought up new schemes of mulcting the city.

Apparently they justify their exorbitant fees by the excess they promise to wring out of the water company. That smacks too much of a dishonest basis of compensation: like dividing the spoil after a rich stranger is waylaid and robbed. We believe the citizens of Salem are willing to pay to the water company a very fair price for their plant here. The nominee for mayor, Mr. Gregory, who based his campaign on municipal ownership of the water plant, told us emphatically that he was in favor of paying the company every dollar they had invested. We are not ready to go that far, because if the company paid an excessive price for the property, then we do not see that the city is bound to pay such excess. This much is true, Salem expects to pay the company on the basis of a fair and honest valuation. We don't think Carey and Harlan could give that valuation because we don't believe they are competent for this work. They are publicity engineers, not hydraulic engineers. They would try their case in the newspapers. Carey himself is an engineer of recognized standing in Washington; but the methods of the firm discount any professional status Carey may possess.

It was brought out at the council hearing Monday night that Carey and Harlan charged the enormous fee of \$12,000 to the city of Hoquiam, while another firm which did the same work, and probably did it better, received a total of \$5900. We see no reason why Salem should pay such an excess fee just to get the undesirable advertising of having employed these utility hi-jackers. So long as there are plenty of capable, reliable experienced firms engaged in hydraulic engineering who are available we hope the council will let its choice fall in this group.

The Banking Invasion

THE impending entrance of the Transamerica corporation into Oregon banking has created a big stir in financial and business circles of the state. This great financial and investment company founded by A. P. Giannini and embracing the Bank of Italy with its many branches in California and the Bank of America in New York City, is negotiating to purchase the First National Bank of Portland and its affiliated institutions.

For years there have been rumors and forecasts of the invasion of the Bank of Italy in the northwestern banking field. Branch banking has been confined to state lines, and holding companies have been created to operate banks in several states. This move of the Transamerica corporation is probably an initial move in which the financial octopus will seek to gain control of banking institutions in key cities. Bankers predict that Seattle may next be invaded, possibly Tacoma and Spokane.

The question arises whether this concern will start out to buy up banks in the smaller cities of Oregon. This seems rather doubtful at least until banking law is modified making group banking or branch banking easier. Just how the entrance of the Transamerica corporation into Oregon banking will work out remains to be seen. Will it mean that the vast resources of this concern will be more readily available for Oregon development? Or will it mean that Oregon deposits already diverted all too much in Wall Street call loans, outside commercial paper and foreign bonds, will be sucked up all the more into the great financial centers?

The situation is full of interest except to the poor devil who is hurrying to scrape up enough money to meet yesterday's checks.

A Woman on the Schoolboard

THOSE who think this is still a man's world will say that the city school board should be composed of all men. Those who think that way are out of date. Even the old Presbyterian church has at last voted to admit women to the position of ruling elder; and that is just about the last line of defense.

This is a woman's world as well as a man's world; and in the field of education men have pretty largely deserted and left women to carry on the work of instruction. Women do most of the teaching; they serve as heads of departments, as principals, sometimes as superintendents. And the right kind of woman would make a valuable contribution to the school board.

The board has more to handle than mere problems of business and finance. Much of its work is in handling the human relations and settling the human problems which arise. In these the feminine viewpoint is well worthy of representation. We do not propose a woman for the schoolboard merely to do honor to the sex; but because we feel that an intelligent, sympathetic woman could render service of great value in such a position.

A Step Ahead

OREGON takes a step ahead when the state becomes an independent operating unit of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. Previously Portland and the remainder of the state had been just the appendage of Seattle. Now Oregon has full autonomy, subject only to the control of the company headquarters in San Francisco. This brings to the state an enlarged official personnel together with a complement of highly skilled technicians in telephony. Not only will this bring to the state many who formerly resided elsewhere, which will help Oregon business, but from the operating standpoint Oregon will be benefited because action on questions that arise will receive much quicker decision and with less company red tape than where the matters had to be relayed to Seattle for settlement.

The Salem Capital Journal ridicules Hoover for having failed to live up to the advance notices as a "great engineer." The trouble with Hoover is that he is a great engineer; what he should have been was a cowboy to ride out the stampede of the senate.

There is more to acting Governor Hamilton's self-control than just smoking a pipe. He used to pitch in organized baseball. That ought to be good training for the governorship.

HEALTH

Today's Talk

By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

Fresher nutrition is the most important problem confronting the young mother. It means a constant battle to carry out a program that shall assure nutrition for the normal growth and development of her child.

Unless a child learns the habit of eating properly very early in life, it may mean that he will be weakly, sickly, flat chested and undernourished generally. But this is not all, for all sorts of troubles are apt to go with them—poor teeth, poor resistance, catarrhs, colds, and a low resistance to disease.

This matter of nutrition for the growing child is so important that it should be shouted from the housetops! People are so busy they do not want to be bothered. Well, there is just one thing to think about, this precious health of your child.

Every mother should inform herself about food values and all the simple rules of hygiene which have to do with the health of a young child. Study a good book on the care of a child. There are myriads of them. Consult your family doctor about the best combinations of foods for your child and follow his directions.

Up to the time for weaning a child, about a year old, the diet will have been carefully directed. Before the teeth are formed, the child can be given cereals, properly cooked and strained, so that no indigestible hard lumps or even small particles are left in it.

To cook cereals for so young a child they should be steamed in a double boiler for two or three hours. This should be done, no matter if your cereal is advertised as a quickly cooked variety. It is after long cooking that the cereals grains are made soft and nutritious.

After weaning, a child should still have plenty of milk to drink, but the amount will be reduced somewhat to afford an appetite for some of the solid foods. Cereals with whole milk, several varieties of strained vegetables and fruits may be given.

Cream soups and strained vegetable soups are excellent. Lamb, beef and chicken broths with rice or tapioca are excellent for the child's luncheon.

Introduce all the new food gradually and in very small amounts. Follow your doctor's orders as to what these foods shall be.

Most children from the time they are a few weeks old are given orange and tomato juice. The child up to two years should follow this rule.

Youngsters cannot have strong bones, pure blood and healthy tissues without painstaking care by the parents in their proper feeding. Regular hours for food, plenty of food, and the fresh air and sunshine make for their perfect health.

Let the emphasis be on the necessity of sunshine for every child. That radiant energy comes not from the visible rays of the sun but the ultra-violet rays of short wave length. These rays are most intense from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. in the summer months and more intense than in the winter. Now is the time of year for the children to be out in the sun to get its beneficial effects.

There can be no danger from rickets or other degenerative diseases when your child has the proper food and sunshine and fresh air. A proper study of this nutrition business and strict adherence to it, covers the whole problem of health for the young child.

Yesterdays

... Of Old Oregon
Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

June 6, 1905
The Oregon Library commission has elected its permanent secretary in the person of Miss Cornelia Marwin, of Madras, Wis. In accepting, Miss Marwin declared the Oregon position to offer the best opportunities in library work of which she knows.

The resignation of Miss Grace Miller was received and accepted at the regular school board meeting last night. Bids were received for supplies for the coming year.

The city board of health has renewed its efforts to secure a house of detention or pesthouse. It proposes to have the Salem hospital erect a separate building and dedicate it to pest house purposes and take charge of all infectious cases.

A small party of pleasure seekers, S. O. Burkhardt, Mr. and Mrs. O. Neeland, Mr. and Mrs. William Parker and Miss Ada Swartz drove to Silver creek falls Sunday morning.

A Problem

For You For Today

Smith can unload a load of coal in 2 hours. Smith and Jones working together can unload it in 1 1/2 hours. How long will it take Jones alone?

Answer to Yesterday's Problem
Boat 10 miles per hour, stream 5 miles per hour. Explanation—Divide 25 by 7; divide 60 by 4; result 25 x 3 = 75; subtract 60; divide by 7; result 15 minutes per mile or 5 miles per hour, speed upstream. Subtract 5 from 15, giving speed of boat.

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"WHERE'S EMILY?"

by CAROLYN WELLS

CHAPTER XLVII
And so, when Fleming Stone came into the room, he saw a pretty girl with a sweet but troubled face sitting up against the pillows waiting for him.
"Let me do the talking," he suggested. "We want to cover all the ground we can with the least possible exertion on your part. I'll tell you what I know and what I think, and you can set me right if I go astray."
"And so expeditious was the detective's procedure, and so true his deductions and conclusions, that Emily had little to do but acquiesce and tell him a few points that he had no other way of learning."
"Now," he said, as they finished their confab, "I wonder if you would be willing to put this all out of your mind for twenty-four hours. Forget it utterly and leave it all to me. In the meantime, you get thoroughly rested, eat, and your aunt, too, if you feel equal to it, and then, tomorrow, if you're up to it tell the story to us all."
"That would just suit me," Emily smiled at him. "This talk with you is about all I can stand for one day, but tomorrow I'll be ready to face the whole world."
"I believe you will be," and Stone realized that, severe though the shock had been this young, healthy constitution was going to throw off the effects with astonishing rapidity.
At the nurse's orders, Emily had a long rest, and after luncheon Rodney was allowed to visit her.

Warned not to be too emotional, he just took her into a strong, silent embrace, and then, laying her back on the pillows, he said: "Not much, talky-talky, my lady. You're just to be still and look at me and let me look at you for the space of twenty minutes, and then it's good-by until tomorrow."
"We'll have our twenty minutes," Emily assured him, "and something tells me we won't wait till tomorrow for another typhoon. If I wheedle the nurse, I'm sure she'll let you come in and say good night to me, and oh, Rodney, darling, in a day or two, I'll be absolutely right again. Won't that be fine?"
She fully agreed with this, and then the twenty minutes flew by as if on wings.
Aunt Judy was allowed a short interview and Betty and Gibby a peep, and then Emily was ordered to rest up for the interview of the morrow.
It was an important affair. Emily, dressed in her right mind, and fairly strong and well, sat on the sofa in the lounge, with Rodney beside her.
She was about to tell her story to those most concerned to hear it, and her audience included Chief Jennings and Detective Lawler, as well as Fleming Stone and the two young housemaids.
"Emily began, in a low, clear voice, 'I shall make it as short as I can, and I can fill in details later. For I don't want to give out before I finish.'
"As you all know, I left home about half past five last night, to run over to the hospital to kiss Mrs. Laurence's new baby. A foolish notion, perhaps, but I don't think that's what I started out to do. I had on my diamond necklace and I caught up my sash and put it on with a vague thought of covering up the necklace. Not that I feared robbery, but it seemed a sensible thing to do.
"I went straight down our path, and along the road toward the creek-lots cut to the hospital. The Penningtons had left here about ten minutes before I did, and as-

day and all he said was to ask me if I had reconsidered and if I would promise not to tell on him until he had time to make his getaway. I refused to do this, naturally, and he went away every time. Rosa brought me meals three times a day and I just stayed there. I didn't know what to do, but I did know that I was not going to promise to shield that murderer! Of that I was positive, no matter what else happened."
"You obstinate little piece!" Abel Collins murmured beneath his breath.
"So the days went by. Of course, I was perfectly comfortable, physically. The nursery has a lovely nurse's bed and all the bathroom appointments are perfect, and there were books about and magazine. And Rosa brought me lovely things to eat."
"Rosa knew all about it, then?" asked Lawler, who was eagerly listening.
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