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## The State's Financial Problem

TWO governors in one day urged legislators to apply the provisions of section 6 of article IX of the state constitution, which reads as follows:

"Whenever the expenses of any fiscal year shall exceed the income, the legislative assembly shall provide for levying a tax for the ensuing fiscal year, sufficient with other sources of income to pay the deficiency, as well as the estimated expense of the ensuing fiscal year."

Governor Norblad in his message and Governor Meier in his inaugural called this to the attention of the legislature. There is a serious question whether this section of the original constitution is nullified through the adoption of the six per cent limitation amendment, and only the courts could decide that.

But the legislature must study the fiscal needs of the state treasury. The purported deficit on Dec. 31 last in the state general fund was \$3,091,175.10. If the budget is voted as recommended by the governor and nothing more is added, then the deficit two years hence will be \$4,082,046.27. Thus we seem to be going backwards in our state finances.

There are two solutions, one to curtail expenditures, the other to levy some special tax under the section quoted, a general property tax it would need to be, to put the state on its feet again.

This continuing deficit works to impair the credit of the state. The modern test of sound practice in public financing is to have the budget balance, with ample income to meet all expense. Oregon cannot afford to spend without stint and without regard to a day of reckoning.

The duty of the legislature is plain: either cut expenses to come within estimated receipts; or provide some method of raising the sums required.

## Old Names That Persist

THE steady march of railway consolidation has done away with many of the old names of roads which once played a prominent part in our national development. Recently the Chicago & Alton road, known familiarly as the "Alton," was knocked down at sheriff's sale to the Baltimore & Ohio. Before long it will probably be made a division of the B. & O., and the historic "Alton" road will lose its individuality.

The name "Alton" had meaning in those days when roads were being built out from Chicago. Alton was a thriving city on the Mississippi above St. Louis, and the natural goal for a road thrust southwest from Chicago. It passed through Springfield, Lincoln was its counsel, road over it to Washington, and came back, a corpse, in the famous funeral train. Though the city of Alton lost its relative importance in the more rapid rise of other mid-western cities, the name stuck to the railroad.

Other common names of railroads date from the period of railroad expansion in the middle of the last century. Thus "Rock Island," "Burlington," "St. Paul," "Santa Fe" are names now better known as applied to railroads than to the cities, save St. Paul. The first three were like Alton, river cities of some importance and the rails reached out toward them from Chicago in the 50's.

Who now would name a 12,000 mile system the "Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe"? Yet Atchison was once a very important point on the Missouri opposite St. Joseph and Santa Fe was the name of the old southwest trail and city. The names persist though Atchison and Santa Fe are now of comparatively little importance to the system which stretches from Chicago to San Francisco.

## Minnesota's Gag Law

THE state which needs "freedom of speech" education is Minnesota. A recent legislature gave to judges arbitrary powers of preventing publications of newspapers if they contained or might contain what the judge was free to brand as libelous or defamatory matter. The statute has provoked an uprising among newspaper people because of the opportunities for its abuse.

The new farmer-labor governor, Floyd B. Olson (who wouldn't win in Minnesota with a name like that?) urges repeal of the law and said in his inaugural:

"The freedom of speech and the press should remain inviolate, and any law which constitutes an entering wedge into that inviolability is unsafe."  
In Oregon no one urges any new laws on the subject or repeal of offensive ones. The constitution provides for free speech as a right of man, but that the individual is "responsible for the abuse of that right." Freedom of speech and abuse of the right of freedom of speech are distinct things, though judges, officials and the public sometimes confuse the two.

What gets our goat is to read some big banker bank east say in commenting upon a number of bank failures that "now the situation is improved. The uncertainty may be ended for a few banks, and that a disastrous ending; but the uncertainty abides and grows among thousands of small depositors."

Some of these "convertible" bonds issued last year turned out like last year's converts at the mourner's bench: too many "back-sliders" among them.

Legislatures everywhere are starting in to live up to their promises of ECONOMY. At Olympia the initial budget calls for an INCREASE of nearly two million dollars!

## SCOTT'S MILLS ROYAL NEIGHBORS INSTALL

SCOTT'S MILLS, Jan. 16.—The Royal Neighbors held their installation of officers Wednesday evening, with Mrs. Sarah Peterson, district deputy, of Salem, as installing officer, and Mrs. Rena Moberg as ceremonial marshal.  
After the installation lunch was served to about 40.  
Mrs. Carrie Bunn of Salem camp, Mrs. Josie Hartman and Miss Edith Lamb of Silverton camp were present.  
The following officers were installed: orator, Nellie Amundson; vice orator, Bessie Shepherd; past orator, Mary Groshing; chancellor, Ada Green; recorder, Edith Hogg; receiver, Vina Los-

inger; marshal, Dortha Shepherd, assistant marshal, Della Syron; inner sentinel, Edith Kollis; outer sentinel, Mary Critter; manager, Nellie Haynes; flag bearer, Annette Hicks; captain, Pauline Swartout; Faith, Ella Carpenter; modesty, Nora Littlepage; endurance, Mayme Wooster; endurance, Ethel Brown; courage, Amanda Moberg; musician, Sylvia Shitts.

## HEALTH IMPROVING

BRUSH COLLEGE, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Ed McDonald of Salem, who is making her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarter of Brush College, has been ill for over a month. At last reports her condition was in nearly improved. Mrs. McDonald is well known here and in nearby communities where she has scores of friends who are anxious for her speedy recovery.

# HEALTH

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

Every parent knows that the growing child needs milk. But many mothers are nearly in despair because their children refuse to drink it.



DR. COPELAND

What can be done to entice the youngsters to drink their quart of milk? Well, dear mothers, you have many problems, but you can always find some tactics that will work. Perhaps you agree with me it is wise to meet the child's peculiarities in taste, if it is possible. The desired end will be brought about in a more comfortable way than by nagging him, or trying to force him into doing something he does not want to.

The ideal way to get sufficient of this most nearly perfect food is by taking it in its natural state, as a beverage. But if a child or an adult, takes a dislike for milk as a drink, there are many ways in which the required amount can be given. It may be used in preparing dishes which make up a varied and delightful diet.

There is nothing more appealing in cold weather than delicious hot soups made with milk. Almost all vegetables can be used, first cooking them and saving the water in which they are boiled. Then they are diced and chopped finely, with milk as the real foundation. Make up soups from your child's favorite vegetables and see what effect they will have.

Oyster soup, made with milk; clam or fish chowder made with it, are most nutritious and appealing to the palate. Corn chowder is delicious when made with milk, a bit of onion, butter and salt. If you make these soups with whole milk, you are giving your family a short cut to health. You are giving your boy and girl the valuable proteins, vitamins and minerals found in the milk, vegetables and sea food.

Right here let me say that the best milk is not too good for every member of your family. No matter what its price, good milk is never an extravagance. Buying one quart of Grade A milk for each child and one pint for each adult in your family every day, sounds like an expensive program perhaps. But milk maintains health. By giving it to your child, you are giving doctors' bills. It is a program that will help you to come out ahead on the expense side.

There are many delicious milk drinks, too—cocoa, malted milk and milk shakes, flavored to the child's taste. By adding chocolate they are made more nutritious. Most children adore ice cream. Why not have your own ice cream freezer and make your own delicious ice cream desserts at home? You are sure of the best ingredients and made with custard of whole milk nothing is more nutritious for a desert.

It is necessary that we have a varied diet. It must be one in which are included all the proper food elements necessary for growth and development. There is no better way to secure it than to make milk the foundation of your meals. Grown-ups, as well as the children, need it, and it should never be absent from the table, even for a day.

Answers to Health Queries  
E.A.N. Q.—How can I reduce? A.—Eat very sparingly of sugars and fats. Get regular systematic exercise. A gradual reduction in the amount of food consumed with the regular exercise will work wonders in most any case.

V.J.S. Q.—What do you advise for an oily skin? A.—Try using hot and cold compresses alternately for fifteen minutes night and morning.

MISS M. Q.—What will remove blackheads? A.—Correct the diet by cutting down on sugar, starches and coffee. Eat simple food.

M.M.K. Q.—What causes white spots to appear on the hands? A.—White spots on the skin are due to loss of pigment or coloring matter. The exact cause is not known.

## Yesterdays

Of Old Oregon  
Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

January 17, 1906  
Total amount of expenses for Marion county for the year 1905 were \$4,752.27, according to the annual statement of County Clerk Roland.

Police officers picked up a female hobo last night. She looked to be about 30 years old and was as dirty as any of her male class is credited with being.

C. M. Charlton and A. L. McFarland have purchased the Northwestern Collection agency.

Persons interested in the new mutual cannery concern will meet at the police courtroom January 23.

E. V. Carter, senator from Jackson county and ex-speaker of the house, was in the city from Ashland, where he is a prominent banker.

Fred Erixon, contractor and builder, has begun to work on the new septic tank for Yew Park school house and will push it to completion.

St. Louis, Mo., society women have taken up skating as a past-time this winter.

# WILL IT COME TO THIS?



## "FOREST LOVE" By HAZEL LIVINGSTON

CHAPTER LII  
Pete said: "I've had about all I can stand of that!" But Roger shook his head. "Let her cry, poor soul," he said. "She's up against a pretty tough proposition." His own voice shook.

"Decatur, this is too much for you," MacKimmions cried. "No, I'm all right. Just tired. I'll take back that statement now. No use having a scandal for nothing."

"Dara her and her scandal. What's that to you? I want to get you to a doctor!" Roger Decatur smiled bitterly in the dark. He did not answer. Presently Anita's sobs ceased. She said in a small, strangled voice "I'm sorry I thought . . . what I did . . . hysterical . . . I must have been crazy to say . . . to say . . ."

"Well, don't start in all over again then," Pete advised. "Let's go . . . Ready, Mr. Decatur?" "Ready," Roger echoed.

But when they tried to help him to the horse they realized how useless it was. His heavy body slipped through their supporting arms. He had collapsed again.

So Slim and Pete went on with the woman and MacKimmions sat down to wait in the dark with his friend. He telephoned his report. He did it seriously and carefully. A visitor to Yosemite National park had met his death on a trail above the valley. Another had been seriously injured. And a ranger, coming to their rescue, had been hurt, perhaps fatally. He took care to say that warnings had been posted, and the trail marked impassable. He didn't want anyone to get in wrong.

When that was done, and a doctor summoned, he began to feel pleasantly excited. After all, there wasn't much excitement up there in the mountains. He foresaw that this would give him something to talk about for months.

A sleepy telegraph operator thumped out the news. Jack Beamer, of San Francisco, killed in the High Sierras. . . Mrs. Beamer, whom he was attempting to rescue, also injured in fall. . .

The news services had it. . . Millionaire's clubman died in forest. . . just too late for the last editions. . . what a break for the afternoon papers!

It was smeared on every front page, papers sold like hotcakes. Jack Beamer. . . everybody knew Jack Beamer. Better than a second rate murder.

With her newspaper in her hand, Kitty Hollenbeck hurried home from Aunt Ellie's.

It was good to be coming home with news. She had a paper. She wanted to be the one to tell it. As she turned in at the gate she thought complacently, "I'm glad I made Nancy break off with him. It was perfectly innocent, of course, but I'd hate to have him die with a hole from her in his pocket, or anything like that—a young girl can't be too careful!"

Mama took off her hat, and fluffed her hair mechanically. There was a hint of excitement in her faded eyes.

"Well, Ellie is about the same as usual," she began, when she had unfolded her napkin and taken her place at the table. She was going to lead up to the news gradually.

And then she saw their faces. All bright and self-conscious. They had news. . . something had happened. . . they hadn't told her. "Peter! What's happened?" she cried, angrily, forgetting all about Jack Beamer, dead in the mountains, and his poor, bereaved wife.

Papa stirred his soup in that vulgar way of which she had never been able to break him. He smiled at his mother. Her face was wreathed in smiles. Nancy giggled hysterically.

"Well, really . . . am I to be kept in suspense?" "Oh, mummy darling—such good news!" Papa and his mother exchanged meaningful glances.

Papa cleared his throat. "Well, your humble servant has just turned a little deal, that's all. 'No, but I've turned my oil stock into money.'"

"Peter! You've sold it! It's gone up!" He cleared his throat importantly. "I always knew that there was money in oil. The Giant California and Southwestern. He used the channels at his disposal to run this thing down, and we discovered that they hadn't found the oil on mother's land."

"It's wonderful, Peter, but how did you find out?" "Oh, business men are prepared for trickery of that sort. I had known earlier that they have been even simpler. But as it was, Burkhardt and I did all that was necessary." He beamed at his mother. At all his women, A large, expansive smile.

"And Mrs. Hollenbeck owns an oil well," Kitty quivered. "No, no—how could mother finance such a thing? But as I say, Burkhardt and I, with our influence in banking and financial circles, discovered the truth and you might say called the bluff. For a consideration, my good friend Oliver Lachman, cleared the indebtedness and saw to it that the property was legally in mother's name. We then closed with a reputable concern, a very reputable concern whose name you all know, and will recognize, as soon as I am at liberty to disclose it."

# BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

History of our library:  
The Salem public library had small beginnings. It was started and mothered and nursed by the Salem Woman's club, and the success of the project makes the outstanding accomplishment of the devoted women belonging to that organization.

The writing of the historical sketch of which this is the opening of the series was suggested by a member of the library board in considering, at the meeting on Wednesday evening last, the 20th annual report of the Salem public library recording the work for the year ending December 31, 1930.

The suggestion of that member, A. A. Lee, was that it would be appropriate to send a copy of the report to United States Senator Charles L. McNary. In view of the fact that he had a large part in securing the present home of the institution, at the meeting of the first board and of the building committee of that board, and in other ways was most helpful in getting matters shaped in the directions that have led to the great growth and the present success.

In the files of the institution there is a paper, entitled, "History of the Salem Public Library," by Mrs. P. H. Raymond. The home of Mrs. Raymond is now Crisotol, Canal Zone, where she is living with her daughter, Ethel, whose husband is Archibald Boyd, who has charge of one of the federal electric plants in connection with the Panama canal. Mrs. Raymond was for many years a resident of Salem, where her husband, Perry H. Raymond, several years since deceased, had many important places in business and official life. The paper reads as follows:

"Although the securing of a public library was one of the aims of the Salem Woman's club when it was first organized, it was not until October 10th, 1903, when

dead . . . Oh, Nancy, Nancy, you ARE a bad one—you're not even a good sport any more—not even good enough for Jack!

Angry she winked back a tear, gripped the paper again, went on reading. . . Turn to page five, volume two. Why don't they have it all on one page?

"It is thought that the millionaire clubman, who was sojourning in the Sierras with Mrs. Beamer, was riding for help when the fatal accident occurred. The adventurous pair had ridden over the dangerous Three Lakes Trail which had been closed for more than a year.

"Employees at the High Sierra camp where the Beamers were guests, state positively that danger signs had been posted and that Beamer who had made inquiries about it, had been specifically warned against it.

"Mrs. Beamer, who has been removed to the hospital at Merced, narrowly missed death when she fell higher on the trail. She is in a hysterical condition and can not be interviewed at the present time.

"R. E. Decatur, a ranger coming in from Gales Flat, was the only witness to the dual tragedy. Decatur, in an attempt to rescue Mrs. Beamer, lost his footing and was critically injured."

(To be continued)

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IN 1774 AND 1775 HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST AND SECOND PROVINCIAL CONGRESSES AND A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE REVOLUTION.

HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AND FIRST SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. HE BECAME MAJOR-GENERAL IN 1776.

HE BECAME FIRST GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS, SERVING FROM 1780 TO 1785 AND FROM 1787 UNTIL HIS DEATH.