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### The Hydro-Electric Commission Bill

I introduced by Sam Brown of this county as drafted by Col. A. E. Clark at the request of Gov. Meier. In its vital provisions it conforms closely to existing state and federal power laws, thus verifying the position taken by The Statesman in the late campaign that the public interest was well causing general poisoning of the conserved under existing legislation with no need for polit-system. ical hysteria over imagined dangers.

This bill, however, as friends and foes agree, challow to make the bill a futile gesture. The law of congress is the supreme law of the land; and no Oregon enactment is going talking. Drinking cups or other to take precedence. The net result will be to paralyze future utensils used by an infected perdevelopment for a considerable term of years until either congress or the state recedes from its claim to authority. When Secretary Wilbur suggested handing control of water tion by the germs of this disease back to the states there arose a great cry that the utilities is particularly great in crowded would gobble quick control. But this new bill, without wait- and congested communities. ing for congress to act, asserts powers which it is doubtful Moreover there are persons who

Comparing the old law with the Clark bill, it is found that the length of tenure, 50 years, is the same; the requirements for investigating and starting construction practically the same—a maximum of seven years. Both the our disposal the knowledge of present law and the new bill carry right of recapture to the diphtheria "anti-toxin." This is state or a municipality, the former at the end of the license widely used in the treatment and period, and the latter at any time. Both permit condemnation at any time.

The terms of recapture are quite similar: fair value in" injections. When this treatplus severance damages, but the new bill would add the ment is given, it enables chilwords "not exceeding net investment" after "fair value." dren to go through life without The annual fees to licensees are greatly increased. This is an advantage to state revenues—but a loss to consumers

of electricity who will have to pay the increase. The essential difference of the new bill is that it calls for strict accounting as to investment, provides for amorti-zation of the investment, and controls security issues against dure is simple and may be apfederal power commission already has very strict rules regarding accounting, amortization and restriction of investment credits. The bill as drawn by Clark calls for amortization of the investment out of surplus earnings "in excess of a reasonable rate of return" Rut how under our system.

Died by any physician or by the local health bureau. If all our people would cooption is cast on mary hero-worship to the boy who saw him march debonairly down Main that h the project. These gains are more apparent than real. The plied by any physician or by the of a reasonable rate of return." But how under our system of strict regulation of earnings will there be any considerable surplus of earnings?

The federal power act makes requirements for determining the net earnings of a plant even if it is part of a one time this was an exceedingly large system; the Clark bill does not. How then can the common disease and caused many state find out what the earnings would be of particular deaths. Since the rigid insistence plants in a system like Pepco or California-Oregon Power

company? The apparent control of securities issuance impresses us as largely persiflage in view of the confession of Col. Clark in the hearing on the Lawrence bill of the difficulty of exercising genuine control over companies not domiciled in Oregon, whose capital secured from security sales may be scattered over many states. The same objections would apply to control of financing of individual plants, and the result would be that the commission would have to give virtually prefunctory approval of whatever securities the corporation issued.

The Clark bill considered in and of itself represents some gain over the present law, though slight, because the people's interest was already well safeguarded. Considered with the federal power act it is a useless challenge of authority which threatens to make the Oregon act abortive. In our judgment the good attempted by the Clark bill the demand for surrender was er to Millicent, since everybody Walter drove on, casting about

could be better secured by two moves: First, amend the present law to give state or municipality recapture privilege "at any time" at fair value "not him. Collins and Edmund Louis- dened by the calamity of illness, his eyes full of pity as he surveyexceeding net investment" plus severance damages.

Second, recognize the accounting and amortization sys- road gang on June 6, 1995, Loutems covering investment and earnings of the federal power isignot was captured at the Lewcommission, and legalize them for purposes of rate-making is and Clark fair after a desper-

This latter provision would avoid the conflict, make for great economy both to the state and to the utility, and permit rather than paralyze development. Meantime Oregon in coin banquet, which promises to of one who takes the blows of fate happen. company with other states could ask the federal government to give the states with proper control laws jurisdiction over their own water power.

## High Cost of Dying

NO, this is not a comment on the cost of a first-class burial in these times. It is a reference to the burden which the recent outburst of self-caused funerals has thrown upon insurance companies. In the annual report of one of the great insurance companies we note this comment cov-

ering its 1930 business: When we turn to the record of the mortality experience, however, we find a material reflection of 'bad times' in a very high rate of claim for both suicides and casualties. The claims from these two items alone amounted to no less than \$3,219,000, or 20% of the total claims paid-a most unusual amount even if a somewhat natural consequence of the financial conditions of the year."

Financial depression has its reaction on the minds of men and those who buckle under the strain bump themselves off. This was particularly true among the speculators on a large scale who usually carry heavy life insurance policies. When they saw their pyramid of profits transformed to a mountain of liabilities they did the fade-out themselves business pertaining to assessment via the suicide route-leaving the insurance companies to and so-called legal reserve mempay heavy death losses.

It is of course a sad commentary on the morals of those call this convention in order that who legally rob from the insurance companies. It carries its we all might get together and own moral as to the tragedy of failure under the tense com- agree on some concrete plan that mercialism of modern life.

Representatives Mott and Anderson are proposing a constitutional amendment to guarantee everyone a job. Like Mott's bill to abolish state property taxes, it stops too quick. .The amendment should provide that no one would have to work. If we are to legislate heaven to earth, let's do it all at once.

Raiph Hamilton complains because people and organizations send in two sets of resolutions to the legislature, one calling for tax reductions and the other for more government expense. Yet the poor legislature gets the cussing for failure to some this lesoluble problem in arithmetic.

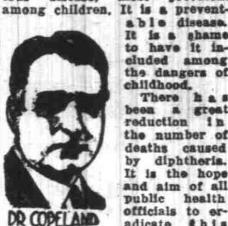
The Scattle jury concluded Ruts derricon was now safe to be as, so don't let them at large. A murderess and husband-rebber, she probably is safe to children.

DAN KEL yampire is now pretty well cramped.

Chairman of prote

Today's Talk By R. S. Copeland, M. D. Diphtheria is a highly contag-

disease, most prevalent



the dangers of childhoo There ha been a great reduction in the number of deaths caused by diphtheria. It is the hope and aim of all public health officials to er adicate this

to have it in-

dangerous ailment entirely. This can be accomplished only when there is complete cooperation of the pub-

This disease is caused by the diphtheria germ which finds its vay to the nose or throat. There it multiplies in number. Its presence is shown by a greyish mem-THE second of the canonical power bills is senate bill 62, brane which may interfere with

Kissing Transfers Germs The germs produce a toxin, powerful poison. This is quickly

The germs of diphtheria may

carry these germs without knowing they have them. Such persons are spoken of as "carriers."

How can we combat this disease? Fortunately, we have at

Diphtheria may be prevented by the use of the "toxin-anti-toxcontracting the disease, even though exposed to it.

Test for Possible Victims By means of the "Schick test" we can determine whether a per-

We rarely hear of cases of smallpox. It is, indeed, a rarity. Nowadays most students go through medical school without upon vaccination against smallpox, this disease has become exremely rare.

Diphtheria is another disease which will disappear when we all

# Y esterdays

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

February 6, 1906 Chico, Calif .- An attempt was made here today to arrest Fred Collins, said to have escaped from the Oregon penitentiary. Collins was on horseback when gallop. Officers, following in a ate struggle.

be one of the biggest events here standing, banners unfurled.

Farmers' and Shippers' congress, to be held there the middle of the month for two days.

John L. Rand of Baker City filed petition for congressman from the second district.

# he Safety

Letters from Statesman Readers

head camp protest committee, will hold a convention in the Portland council chamber, city hall, on February 9 at 9 a. m. Important bers will be taken up.

would be beneficial to 'he old members who have been forced out and to the so-called legal reserve members who have been inveigled into taking out these new policies that give them the right to raise the rates practically whenever they feel like it.

cided to include women and children, the old assessment members should remain in the fight to prevent the head camp officers from automatically robbing them of ev-orything they put into the organ-ization. That is what they did to

DAN KELLAHER. Chairman of protest committee. MISTAKEN IDENTITIES



# "Murder at Eagle's Nest" By WINIFRED VAN DUZER

assistant chief of police is in young newspaper reporter. A he shook his head regretfully. note, written by the Baroness, is found near the body. Bim re- as long as he could remember, man, the Baroness. Impossible. "It would have taken you about calls seeing the Baroness slip the Back in the World war days the Upstart. She insulted my wife." butler a piece of paper, which he older man had been an object of turned late for the shawl, Complications arise when it is learned that Laura Alian had borrowed have been better for Bob Trent sweetness swept his expression. the shawl. Emily Hardy's maid and for the girl he married just ever seeing a case of smallpor. At heard the Baroness quarrel with before he sailed, Walter was ed half proudly, half pleadingly, her maid. Bim wonders about the thinking, if Bob had been among "That everybody should feel wounds on the head and arm of those who now slept the eternal the Baroness' maid. The jewels of sleep in a far away land. the Baroness have been stolen. Laura says she saw Mary enterring on the Summer house path.

> ing a lady in his bungalow. CHAPTER XV After Bob Trent had helped his for it." wife out of their creaking old car, mechanism, sputtering and com-

Bim learns from the gardener

Yet he needn't have bothered, stand it." Bim considered as she hurried ovmade, and lashed his horse to a knew that the car was on a par as he was for the least startling with everything else about the way of imparting the news. His buggy, were unable to capture Trent menage-a household burignot escaped from the prison getting by on hope and makeshift. ed his old friend. Millicent looked unusually with two much laundering, and a you see. painfully mended sweater. Yet The Young Men's republican there was a certain gallantry about | don't you? Murdered?" club is getting ready for the Lin- her. The fierce, unbending pride

Bim felt a thrill of admiration for the woman, born butterfly and Silverton is preparing for the turned grub for the sake of the man she loved. She pressed a kiss upon a cheek still smooth and childlike, in spite of hardship, and saw that Millicent had been cry-

> "Bim," wailed Millicent, clinging to the girl, "it-it just can't be! I've been telling myself and telling myself that it's nothing but a had dream, a terrible nightmare. There must be a mistake. isn't there? Oh, I'm sure it's all

"You know, then, dear?" "Mary Frost stopped by. Bob doesn't know yet." She sent a frightened look toward the gaunt man who was trying clumsily to back the eld car into lace. "I'm afraid-I'm so desperately afraid

"But why, darling? There'll be just a few questions about last night and then you can go. I'll tell Walter to make it easy as he "But don't you see, Bim? The

and managed a shaky smile for her husband. Bim gave the sturdy little shoulder a pat and went with them into the house. There was nothing to be done. Millicent had told the truth; what Bob soon would learn easily might send him

way Bob is-any little excitement

oh-" She choked back a sob

in another of the periods of semidelirium when the Trent finances, Now that the head camp has de- already strained to the breaking point, would be forced to stretch

LIQUID or TABLETS 6 6 6 SALVE CURES BABY'S COLD

The murder of Baroness von still further to provide for night Wiese at Eagle's Nest stirred the and day nurses and daily medical a ghastly way but there was no through the look Millicent flicked town of Kingeliffe. Walter Vance: attention.

Walter had known Bob Trent went on. "A disagreeable wo- hours."

never returned. It peraps, would loyal little face and a strange He was very gentle as he spoke ged of Walter, of Reynolds, of

to the sick man; very gentle with Em. ing the garden wearing her shawl. the fluttering, woebegone little Bim finds a stone from a man's woman who watched him with woman who watched him with huskily. Em wiped away a tear wide, scared eyes. "There's been a bit of a mix-up | 'It's all right," Walter continued, that Bunny Baird was entertain- old fellow, and we're trying to smiling at Bob. "Don't think any straighten it out. Nothing that more about it. If you'll just tell

to be a bother, but there's no help left here and what you did after-Trent's face broke into a drawn | that." he climbed back under the wheel smile but his eyes were glassy. and drove the rattle-trap piece of "Trying to let me down easy, are tion. "It must have been a little of her. you, Wally? Don't then: I know plaining, around to the west and when the police are around someparked it behind a tulip tree as if thing's broke loose. What is itwishing to conceal its decrepi- robbery, divorce, assault, may-

> But moments passed before Drive. own face looked rather drawn and

"Someone was hurt last night, dowdy in a three-year-old sports Bob; the Baroness it was. We're dress, whose white had yellowed running down the - the trouble,

"You mean she was killed, 'Easy, old man. Such things went home.'

after eleven, Walter. Mary and Ted had gone and Laura Allan was just going; I think she was waiting for Bunny Baird. Wehem? Drive on, Wally; I can heard their car coming behind when we turned into Lowland "You went right home, did

"You do understand?"

We have to go into all

Millicent answered the ques-

ing which Millicent glanced at her

husband who did not appear to be listening. "We drove through the village first," she said then, Bob had a headache and I thought a little air might do him good. We weren't out long-it didn't seem a great while - and then we came back up Pine Hill and

"See anyone in the village?"



We all catch colds and they can make us miserable; but yours needn't last long if you will do this: Take two or three tablets of Bayer Aspirin just as soon as possible after a cold starts. Stay in the house if you can-keep warm. Repeat with another tablet or two of Bayer Aspirin every three or four hours, if those symptoms of cold persist. Take a good laxative when you retire, and keep bowels open. If throat is sore, dissolve three tablets in a quarter-glassful of water and gargle. This soothes inflammation and reduces infection. There is nothing like Bayer Aspirin for a cold, or sore throat. And it relieves aches and pains almost instantly. The genuine tablets, marked Bayer, are absolutely harmless to the heart.

## BITS for BREAKFAST

Two great bishops:

(Continuing from yesterday:)

"In a tender, gentle tone, and in a somewhat pathetic manner, the hishop; and he desired me, whenever I should have the opbishop said, 'Do you think your portunity, to tell the bishop that mother knows what kind of a his faithful seed sowing of more life you are leading?' The young than 10 years before had brought prodigal here quite broke down, its harvest in due time. burst into tears, and said, 'I would not have her know it for the world; it would break her

"The bishop followed this up with other kindl- words. Reaching Dog river, on the Oregon side, at dusk, the young man the bishop saw him no more. We stayed in the Indian's tepes for ing his sheaves with him. the night. We went to bedour bed on the sand—supperless. The dried salmon which the Indian offered us, after he had er, we embarked the next day in toasted it upon a stick, smelled the same canoe for The Dalles, too rank, and we could not eat The wind was blowing a stiff

ber, 1864, I was going down to them 10 knots an hour. The bi-The Dalles from Umatilla, on a shop became nervous, and we large river steamer on the Co- went ashore. There was no shellumbia. There were many pas- ter, and the March (April) wind sengers returning from the Sal- was bleak and cold. mon river mines. One of them inquired my name, and, after I gave it to him, he recalled the reached The Dailes in an hour's canoe ride from the Cascades to sailing. After transacting our Dog river, and he asked me if I business at The Dalles military remembered it. He said he was post, we secured Indian ponies, one of those two passengers; and rode up the river four or five that the other one, whom he had then called 'Sandy,' had been for several years in the state prison; ies, he said that that day had been a day of destiny for him; the questions of the bishop had to his reformation,

"He had ceased his drink haband left off swearing, and had begun a life of prayer. God had converted him. He was a happy man. He had a wife and three children, a half section of land, and money in the bank, and he was on his way to heaven, and

"No-o;; no, we didn't see any one I can remember." "You retired at once?"

Again the pause and Bim "Yes." Trent smiled again in thought a sharp anxiety struck Before the session in the li- his eyes. The others sent out a answered in a firm, rather loud charge of the investigation aided brary Bim managed to whisper breath of relief when they realig- tone that they had retired immeby his flancee, "Bim" Martin, something of this to Walter, and ed he was taking it so easily. diately. "Beb needs his sleep, "Yes, such things happen," he you see. We don't keep late

Millicent's protest caught on a the vilage and back; that must denies. Suspicion is cast on Mary hero-worship to the boy who saw sob. "Beb! Bob, darling! Why, have made it near midnight that

> "You, Millicent?" He turned a didn't look. Still, if there'd been wondering gaze upon the stricken, anything unusual-"

> Walter let them go then. He walked out to the car with Bob "He thinks," Millicent explain-Trent, talking earnestly, and Bim assumed he was trying to soften whatever shock had been dealt about me just as he does. You the sick man. And Millicent cried understand, don't you?" she bega little in Bim's arms and said she meant to be brave. "It's only that I love him so and I can't see him hurt. He depends on me "Of course we do," Walter said, like a child. Why, I'd die if anything happened to him!" and even Reynolds was moved.

"Hush, dear; nothing Trust Walter for that. And, Millicent, if you need me-day or concerns you or Millicent. Sorry a thing or two - what time you night-I'll come any time. Remember that, won't you?" Millicent was a little comfort-

ed, but it was evident that a

that Bunny Baird had no tele-(To be continued)

"In June, 1868, on the summit of the Rockies, I told the bishop the story of his success that wayside seed sowing which he did on the Indian's cance 14 years before. It was a notable fulfillment of the promise, 'He that crossed over the river to what is now Washington state, and goeth forth and weepeth, bearing

"After our first day's canoe sailing and our night at Dog rivgale up the river. The river being in freshet, the wind caused high "This occurred in March 1854. Waves to roll across the river: (It was April 3, 1854.) In Octo- but we were plowing through

"We relaunched our craft, and miles to see the Grand coulee, where the river had once flowed. and to see the Grand Dalles, or narrow passage of waters.

"We had to ascend a canon to find safe crossing of a small but swollen, unfordable stream. We crossed on a log and descended the canon; we saw the wonderful passage of the great Columbia, which carries nearly as much water as the Mississippi, Returning up the canon for our logbridge crossing, we encountered a large, gray wolf, who for a time refused to give us the right of way. By dint of bold riding and loud hallooing and swinging our lariats, we started his wolfship, and proceeded on our way.

"Emerging later from the canon into the open, we encountered a large cavalcade of Indians, some 200, all mounted and armed. There was a general unrest among all the Indian tribes of Oregon. Several murders by the Indians had occurred, and an Indian war broke out a few months after this. The procession halted. We were in deadly

"The bishop said, 'Are we not n great danger?' I told him that if the Indians should find us, or I could convince them that we were Methodist preachers, I believed we would not be harmed. We boldly rode up to the head of the column. I addressed one of the chiefs in the Chinook jargon, 'Claihaiam six,' which is 'How are you, chief?'

"He answered me in English. 'I do not talk jargon.' 'Where did you learn to talk English?' 'In Ithaca, N. Y.' 'How did you go there?' 'With Commissioner Parker?' (Rev. Samuel Parker, who came in 1835 and picked out the American Board mission stations at Waitlatpu and Lapwai, deadly fear had taken possession of Dr. Whitman and Rev. Spalding, respectively.) I introduced When the dilapidated old car Bishop Simpson to him, and, had rattled away Em explained through him, to the Indians present, as a great ministerial 'Tyee' phone; acordingly Reynolds and or chief; and Bishop Simpson in-Walter and Bim set out for a troduced me as a great Oregon visit to the artist's bungalow. chief, or minister of the gospel. (Continued on page 5)



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