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## The School Budget Hearing

AS an observer of the meeting of the school budget committee meeting Tuesday night it seemed to us that board members Olinger and Neer displayed ill temper and bad taste in rebuking those who raised questions as to possibilities of reducing items on the school budget. John Hunt and Ted Chambers, who were members of the committee representing taxpayers, were by no means rambunctious or abusive. They disclaimed any personal feeling in the matter and displayed none; but they did manifest a sense of responsibility in seeking to hold down school costs.

Director Olinger appeared to resent scrutiny of the budget with a view to reductions as a reflection on the past management of the school board. This was entirely the wrong slant. It was not the past which was on trial; it was a study of what the district could afford for its educational budget for next year. The Salem school board has rendered good stewardship in holding down per pupil costs, but with a steadily mounting indebtedness and prospect of further tax delinquency assuredly it was the duty of the budget committee to weigh carefully every item submitted as a prospective cost for the ensuing year.

Director Neer said that since the board had worked in preparing the budget he felt called upon to defend it. If the board is to prepare the preliminary budget, fight off any criticism at the time the budget committee meets, and then pass upon the work of its hands and declare it good at the final meeting, of what avail other than mere publicity is the holding of the hearings and the calling in of non-board member taxpayers?

There were issues involved which properly called for an expression of opinion from the general public. The matter of scale of wages, of continuance of special departments, etc. are questions on which the board should welcome the views of other members of the budget committee and citizens generally without being caustic or abusive of those who decently express their opinions.

The significant facts about the school budget as adopted are that while the total shows a reduction of 4.7%, the amount to be raised by taxation is practically 6% more. Moreover while allowances are made in the estimates for indirect receipts for tax delinquencies no allowance is made for any delinquency in the direct tax which would be similarly affected.

The board in the past has succeeded in holding its operating costs at a low level. It has reduced outstanding bonds from a peak of \$430,900 in June, 1927 to \$205,000 in June, 1931 and to \$158,000 at the present time. At the same time the floating note or warrant debt has increased from \$46,500 in June 1927 to \$128,000 in June, 1931 and to \$182,420, at the present time.

It is this current debt which if it continues increasing may cause embarrassment. When banks get all the school warrants they want and stop taking them the warrants have to be hawked about and sold at a discount. Many districts are having just this trouble at the present time. Salem would be in this position too were it not for the strong condition of local financial institutions.

If one could tell the trend of business in the next year or two he could tell quickly whether the city could continue to pay out over \$400,000 a year on its school system. We do not like to say "cut teachers' salaries" when they have been low in comparison with other cities and states. It is perfectly clear however that there can be no marked reduction unless wages are reduced, when over 65% of the total budget goes for personal services. But we think board members take a wrong attitude when they get their dander up when budget members of their own choosing courteously raise that question at a meeting presumably called for that purpose.

## "Here's Your Bag"

SO Coach "Doc" Spears is going to Wisconsin after all. Twice he renounced the temptation, audibly so the people of Oregon might hear. The third call from Madison was accepted. Perhaps it was a matter of etiquette, like the custom of the Chinese in rejecting the tender of the crown. Maybe it was mere jockeying for a better deal from Wisconsin. Maybe it was just final yielding to importunities or to "opportunities". Whatever the cause for the vacillation, it is all settled now and Coach Spears is going.

We could never understand why he haggled so and delayed accepting the tender. Spears was just out of place in Oregon, and threatened with submergence as a big-time luminary in the field of sport. He suffered the handicap of being overrated and overouted. And his enormous salary left a sour taste in the mouths of dollar-wise Oregonians.

His treatment of university sport fans has been rather shabby, after all they have done to make his residence here agreeable, and after he had twice given assurances that Wisconsin could not lure him from his new Oregon love. The dig Spears gives at the board of higher education is a poor "out" because his contract has three years to run, and no changes were in sight to affect his status under that contract.

Spears will be more at home in the middle west where he is well known, where he knows his way about, where he has a large school and probably a larger athletic fund to work with. He will be where his competition is more nearly in his class. That Oregon's hiring of Spears was a bit lip-sided is revealed by the report that the university will not seek to engage another big-time coach but probably will promote either Bill Reinhart or Prink Callison.

So considering the matter, large and by, Oregon may say to the famed Spears, "Here's your bag; what's your hurry?"

LaGuardia resented as a slur on himself the assertion of General Martin, Portland's fighting representative in congress, that he was socialist. He certainly is; and if he were being a socialist is not personally creditable. We recall a similar episode in the Washington legislature when one senator called another a socialist and a third arose and asked that the "epithet" be expunged from the record.

With only one football coach left, now the way is certainly clear for consolidating the university and the state college.

The New Jersey state police look on new clues on the whereabouts of the Lindbergh child like doctors do on a new cancer cure.

Chinese rebels in Manchuria threaten the stability of the new zone set up there by Japan. They want to put the ki-ri on Fu-Yi.

## Yesterdays

... Of Old Salem

Town Talks from The Statesman of Earlier Days

March 31, 1907  
Salem business men will be canvassed this week to ascertain how many will take the business men's excursion through eastern Oregon. On the committee from the Salem Board of Trade are Fred W. Stausloff, E. T. Barnes, George W. Johnson, H. D. Patton and John W. Roland.

PORTLAND.—Late last night the committee of a hundred citizens which for the past week has been canvassing for the \$350,000 Y. M. Y. W. C. A. building fund announced that it had topped its goal by \$5800.

John Doe is circulating a petition for his installation as fair-ground postmaster in the place of H. H. Craig, who has sold his store. Strange to state, this candidate is not a myth, but a real live man.

March 31, 1923  
Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, former state senator and member of the tax investigating committee, announced at Portland yesterday that he would be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor at the coming primary election.

Coach "Bill" Reinhart is looking for a new home, and estimating his chances to make Salem high school baseball team the state champion. "We shall be better able to tell what Salem has, after the first tryout against Chemawa," he said.

DALLAS.—Unless something unforeseen happens, Polk county will have another stretch of hard surfaced road. The county court is considering construction of a mile and a half of concrete road north from Independence, one of the most used roads in the county.

Joseph A. Herman, hotel manager: "I think it was a good thing Spears went. His salary was too high. Now we may be able to get into games for less money."

Willard Marshall, Salem Clinic: "I feel that the board had effected changes which would render his work ineffectual there certainly is no blame to be called upon him for looking out for his own interests. I am an Oregon man, and I hate very much to see the change made, but I cannot blame Spears."

"Frosty" Olson, florist: "I think he acted correctly. He was not thinking about immediate dollars and cents, but of securing a place of reputed standing in the athletic field. While the present standing of Oregon is not second rate, it undoubtedly will be under the present plan."

James A. Byers, office manager, T. A. Lavenley company: "Yes, I do. Because of the changes made by the board of higher education."

Earl Reinwald, manager Clatsop, high school newspaper: "I guess anyone of Spears' intelligence would be justified. I think he had a good reason."

J. M. Moore, auditor: "Yes, it's going to simplify matters for the board of higher education in the consolidation of athletics in the two schools."

Charles Gill, solarium operator: "I think he was. The athletic situation at the University of Oregon is doubtful. A man would be foolish to take a chance when things may flop in a year or two."

## Daily Health Talks

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.

ONE of the common ailments is preferred to as hardening of the arteries. The doctors call it arteriosclerosis. This is a chronic condition of the arteries in which the walls of the vessels become less elastic and thicker than normal. Although most common in advanced life, especially after the sixtieth year, such changes are by no means unknown in middle age.

This trouble is sometimes an inherited defect. It occurs, too, where great mental strain is undergone. The chief exciting cause of the disease is chronic poisoning of the body tissues. This is found in gout, diabetes, inflammation of the kidneys, abnormal substance in the blood may injure the blood vessels directly, or, by contracting the vessels, raise the blood pressure. Acute infections may produce conditions that later develop into arteriosclerosis.

In advanced cases of arterial change, the affected vessels become hardened tubes. As a result, there is an interference with the free circulation of the blood. The symptoms of arteriosclerosis are dependent upon the vessels involved. In some cases general failure of health, pallor of the skin and loss of energy are the first symptoms noted.

Where the blood pressure is high, nervous symptoms are usual. There are dizziness, sleeplessness, mental irritability, mental depression or impairment of memory.

The well regulated life of a healthful person is the best means of avoiding arteriosclerosis. Regular exercise or massage, regulated diet and freedom from stress of home life in general, are most important. Drugs are of less value than hygienic measures. It is important to avoid constipation.

The treatment must be suited to the general health, the habits of the patient and his financial circumstances. The most important thing is moderation in every particular. There should be no overexertion, no alcoholic beverages and very little, if any, tobacco.

The diet should be unstimulating, largely vegetable and cereal. Tea and coffee are not prohibited when taken in moderation, but most patients will do better if milk, fresh or fermented, is substituted for these liquid beverages.

A life of keen excitement and worry will do much toward ensuring a comfortable and useful existence. Drugs are of less value than hygienic measures. It is important to avoid constipation.

Answers to Health Queries  
L. E. Q.—I am a girl of 18 and want to reduce. What should I do?  
A.—For full particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question.  
R. V. D. Q.—What do you advise for albumin in the urine?  
A.—You should be under the care of your doctor.  
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## HERE'S HOW



Tomorrow: "Electric Cradle for Baby"

## BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Why the pioneers came:  
(Continuing from yesterday.)  
I cannot touch for the truth of this, but it sounds like Mr. Applegate, though he, himself, was always for peaceful methods. If the object could be so obtained, (Bancroft mentioned this incident.)  
A strong indication that this man who raises 30 different kinds in a scientific nursery.

There was probably no leader in the settlement at that time who more certainly would have been ready to take the field for the American side than Cornelius Gilliam. As a leader of the largest following of the immigration of 1844, Gilliam was by nature and prejudice most intensely opposed to British rule in Oregon. To settle Oregon as citizens of the United States was a prevailing sentiment among those who came before the year of the Whitman massacre. To say that to save Oregon as rightful territory of the United States is too high a motive to be ascribed to the early pioneer home builders who crossed the plains and mountains to Oregon between 1842 and 1847 is unjust.

"As Daniel Clark, my traveling companion into western Oregon, testified in answer to the question of a British ship captain who had reached Vancouver with a cargo of goods for the Hudson's Bay company, of where he came from and his purpose in coming here, replied:  
"We've come from Missouri across the Rocky mountains; we've come to make our homes in Oregon and rule this country."

"The writer was struck by this reply, received from Clark the evening of the day after it was made, as a concise statement of the general objective of the companies of the 1844 movement.  
"This was the first motive given in the writer's hearing by R. W. Morrison before leaving his Missouri residence, which kept me to his service on the way to Oregon with his family and his effects. He was the first of Gilliam's captains chosen by election.

"His sentiments pervaded Gilliam's following, those of Colonel Ford and Major Thorp, and to deny them that motive as one of the most important of their lives is to pronounce them irrational men, which they certainly were not." (Meaning Nathaniel Ford and John Thorp, two wagon train captains in the Gilliam following.)

Mr. Minto, in his concluding sentences, referred to "the home builders of 1843 (of the Applegate trail), who to reach the Columbia with their wagons (which were, in fact, their traveling homes), cutting their way through the dense timber growth in the Burnt River canyon, and through that of the Blue mountains of Oregon—part in boats and canoes and on rafts, and so reach western Oregon; this was when the change in domination over Oregon began—"

"And the finish was initiated by a small portion of the immigration of 1844 descending the lower Columbia late in 1845, and 13 men cutting a wagon road through the 15 miles of heavy Oregon forest to reach Budd's Inlet of Puget sound.

"The would-be historian who claims that Oregon was won by a simple movement of a restlessness, unreflecting, adventurous people has the rather hard fact ignored of the leader of the Crockett family (Samuel B. Crockett) was present, and a most effective arm and hunter in cutting out this last 15 miles of American family road to the tide wash of the Pacific.

"He has got to find a rational reason for the names of Jefferson, Lewis, Clark, Russell, Fleming, Crockett, Boone and many others appearing not only as family names among early Oregon pioneers, but the names and those of Floyd, Linn and Benton were often bestowed on boy babies born

## "THE LOVE TRAP" By ROBERT SHANNON

SYNOPSIS  
Pretty Mary Kennedy breaks her engagement to the elderly but wealthy sports promoter, Buck Landers when she falls in love with his young ward, Steve Moore. Landers kidnaps Steve and threatens to frame him unless Mary marries Landers. Mary flirts with Landers' henchman, Pat, to gain his confidence. She learns of Steve's whereabouts and goes there alone. In a dubious situation she is confronted by Steve who denies all knowledge of Steve. They hold her and phone Landers. Landers arrives and orders his men out. When Landers refuses to leave, Mary shoots at him, but misses. He flees. Steve confesses to Mary that he is engaged, but he loves her. Mary has misgivings when Steve plans a visit to Eileen Calvert, fiancée, to explain the situation. Steve writes that he has not had an opportunity to speak with Eileen. Mary replies, pouring out her heart to him. She is waiting for a response when a telegram arrives. Bill Calvert, Eileen's brother, calls on Mary. Mary realizes his motive is to prevent her marriage. He suggests that she visit his home so Steve may see her and Eileen together and make his choice. Considering Bill's request unfair, Mary flees from him.

CHAPTER XXXV  
BILL CALVERT, in surprise, had watched Mary flee from him, but before she had gone a block he followed her, his face serious and perplexed. And now he caught up with her as she sat huddled and disconsolate on the stoop. He stood there some time before she was aware of his presence.  
"Well, I'm afraid I've made you hate me," he said awkwardly.

"I don't hate you. I suppose it's right for you to stand up for your sister, and try to get Steve back for her."  
"If it's wrong for her to have Steve, then I'm against her having him," he returned pacifically. "And really you're wrong about something else; I didn't want to get you up there to show you in a poor light beside Eileen. As a matter of fact, you could stand up beside any girl without suffering. But if I tried to put over on you a scheme that you thought I did, why, I ought to be taken out and shot! Of course, I can see that it looked like a low-down deal to you—but it wasn't meant that way. I want you to believe me, Miss Kennedy."

"It doesn't matter," she said. "I'm not in a mood for understanding anything at all tonight."  
"You don't realize what a delicate position I am in," Bill Calvert went on earnestly. "Everything I said to you tonight was well meant. Of course, I'll admit now that I didn't see things—in the light you put them. Perhaps you are right; you might appear to some disadvantage in Eileen's home. But it was all my own idea—not Eileen's. I simply thought it was a sporting sort of notion, but I didn't think far enough ahead to get your angle."

"Oh, I don't think you actually meant to be unfair," she told him miserably. "But it would have given your sister a beautiful chance to show me up."  
"Not at all," he protested. "You see, you didn't let me finish everything I started to say. I think you wouldn't be at any particular disadvantage at all because—because I don't think Steve would notice such matters very much. The truth is—Steve keeps asking for you all the time." Bill stopped, a frown furrowed his brow.  
"Is there anything—the matter?"

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The freshness of the country air was strange and sweet; the house, as she alighted from the car, was larger than she had expected; it was long and white, built of stone and wood and set in the midst of a green lawn that resembled a park with its trees and shrubbery. She entered a wide hall with Bill, and a servant took her bags. On either side she glimpsed spacious rooms. The luxury of thick rug and mahogany and rich shaded lamps.

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## Silverton Graduates Vote for Cap, Gowns

SILVERTON, March 30.—For the first time in a great many years the boys and girls graduation class will wear a cap and gown at the graduation exercises this month. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Roy Baidorf April 7.

## NO MEETING

HALESVILLE, March 30.—The Hayesville Woman's club which has been meeting every two weeks will not meet this Thursday, as that would make three meetings this month. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Roy Baidorf April 7.

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