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**The Safety Valve**  
 Letters from Statesman Readers

TAXES UNDERSTATED  
 May 6, 1932

To the Editor:  
 You undoubtedly believe in "giving the devil his dues," and there is a "slight" error of \$760,000.00 in the statement made in the amount of taxes paid by our company in Oregon in this morning's Statesman.

The statement is that we pay \$560,000.00, whereas, the correct figure is \$1,320,000.00, which is equivalent to the payment of \$3,620.00 per day every day in the year, and is also equivalent to 11% of the total amount collected by the company from its customers.

The 1931 taxes for Marion county only of \$60,238.10 is equivalent to \$165.00 per day for each day in the year.

Very few people realize what a large share of the tax burden of the state is carried by public utilities, and that 11% of each \$1.00 which they pay to us for service is returned to them in the form of taxes paid by us.

Yours truly,  
 W. M. HAMILTON,  
 Division Manager Portland General Electric Co.

**HERE'S HOW**  
 GOLD TEETH BANNED

By EDSON



NO STAR WITH GOLD IN CHEST! BE EMPLOYED IN HOLLYWOOD—AS LIGHT REFLECTED FROM THE METAL RINGS!

PROXY GUNS SCOURING ATOMIZED INK ARE USED BY THE GOVT. TO RE-INK TYPEWRITER RIBBONS—MAKING THEM GOOD AS NEW!

14-HOUR PAY! THE AVERAGE MAN NEEDS TO DO HER BEST WORK—BUT BRITISH GOVT. SAYS!

**"EMBERS of LOVE"** By HAZEL LIVINGSTON

SYNOPSIS  
 Lily Lou Lansing, young and pretty telephone operator, gives up her opportunity for an operatic career to marry wealthy Ken Sargent. Ken's mother wanted him to marry the socially prominent Peggy Sage and threatens to have the marriage annulled. Ken and Lily Lou are stranded, but he assures her she will stick by him regardless of what happens. Ken loses his position with his father but secures a better one. The young couple take a small apartment and are ideally happy. Then, one night, Lily Lou awakens to hear Ken sobbing. Next day, Lily Lou meets Peggy Sage, and is stunned to learn from her that Ken lost his job. Later, she is relieved when Ken explains he did not take her into his confidence because he wanted her to be proud of him. After Ken leaves the next morning, his father visits Lily Lou. He asks her to give up Ken and informs her their marriage was annulled. Feeling that Ken no longer cares, Lily Lou leaves San Francisco for New York.

CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR  
 She sank into her place, turned her face to the darkening window. Slowly she looked down at her dress. It was her black crepe de chine, with the cape. The one she got last spring. . . .

**Out in the Open**

It is time the whispering campaign of Judge McMahan's against other occupants of public office was brought into the open. For years he has been attacking his colleagues in the court house as "grafters". He brands as illegal payments made to the former justice of peace, payments made out of the prohibition fund to the deputy district attorney as a portion of his salary, the allowance for stenographer in the office of the district attorney; also in effect charges the two county commissioners with grafting on the county in the number of days they put in and the car allowance they have charged the county; and charges the sheriff with grafting in the amounts he has collected for the board of prisoners.

Sunday: "Illuminated Menus"

**BITS for BREAKFAST**  
 By R. J. HENDRICKS

Now these are serious charges, even though made by Judge McMahan. He has passed them along by word of mouth for months; now he has come out in the open with them. If these charges are true they are proper subjects for grand jury investigation. While the original grand jury making the investigation was discharged, another has been sitting and no doubt had all the material before it. If any law has been violated the grand jury should bring in indictments.

Fighting Joe Hooker  
 (Continuing from yesterday):  
 "And to the gallant man of the First Oregon cavalry the word of the great president was final. They accepted the task he set before them to complete, and although to them the pomp and circumstance of war were missing, although no patriotic millions stood by to applaud their gallant feats, and the eye of government was not upon them, yet for three long weary years they did their duty faithfully and well, and by that faithfulness preserved their beautiful state for the Union and the wonderful future that has come to it."

The point the public should keep in mind is that in branding these payments as "graft" Judge McMahan says the law prohibits such payments. Others hold these payments are perfectly legal and proper. The question then is chiefly one of interpretation of the law; and in that respect the opinion of a judge off the bench is worth no more than that of any other lawyer.

Miss Alice Richards, the popular and well-liked teacher of English and literature in the Salem high school, has resigned her position. She will go to her home in California and probably take summer work at Stanford from which she was graduated in 1935.

The frosty mornings have proven injurious to the strawberry crop. T. J. Clark, well-known grower who lives four miles north of Salem on the river road, yesterday deplored the condition of his strawberry acreage, because of frost damage.

"Some there were of Oregon blood and Oregon soil, however, who could not remain away from the greater theater of war, where the more dramatic destiny of the nation was being wrought out in havoc of blood and treasure. Col. Joseph Hooker, fighting Joe Hooker, living at Salem when the war broke out, went east, and became a brigadier-general, and Bancroft speaks of others as follows: 'Volney Smith, son of Delazon Smith, was for a short time lieutenant in a New York regiment, James W. Linn, formerly residing at Jacksonville, was made captain of a volunteer company, and killed at Fort Monroe October 3, 1861; John L. Bohn (of Salem), son of the state treasurer, who had been a student at Wesleyan university, Delaware, Ohio, was at the battles of Shiloh and Gettysburg, losing a foot at Gettysburg; Frank W. Thompson of Linn county was colonel of the Third Virginia volunteers in 1863; Henry Butler of Oakland was a member of the 86th Illinois volunteers; Charles Harker was a lieutenant; Roswell C. Lampson, still living in Portland, was the first naval cadet from Oregon and served with conspicuous gallantry and fidelity throughout the war; Capt. W. L. Dall of the steamship Columbia was appointed a lieutenant of the navy; and many army officers, whose northwestern service is indissolubly connected with its history, rose to great eminence during the

The feud, long brewing, is out in the open. Let the charges be sifted by grand juries or tried out in open court. Any taxpayer can start suit to recover on these alleged wrongful payments. It's time to put up or shut up.

"Should a southern states succeed in withdrawing from the Union and setting up a southern confederacy without war, then with a continuous line of slave territory from Texas to the Pacific, the Pacific coast should combine with the south; but if war ensued between the north and south, then the coast should be captured, and the Venetian republic be inaugurated separately, and slaves imported from the isles of the sea."

**The Hoover "Boom"**

ROB RUHL of the Medford Mail-Tribune is on the wing again. Back he has breezed to Southern California; and true to his habits he is writing most entertainingly of his observations in the southland.

"Bancroft, the historian, asserts that but for the strong restraining advice of Jesse Apple- ston against him, the sentiment against him from the Union there is no doubt but Lane would have embarked in the enterprise, and that the boxes of arms and ammunition which accomplished his return were intended for that purpose."

A few months ago Ruhl was one of those who thought the republican cause with Hoover utterly hopeless. Now he finds a growing reversal of sentiment. This is what he writes on this topic from Pasadena:

"In 1862 it became known ALL THROUGH THE PACIFIC COAST that an oath bound secret organization of confederate sympathizers were holding ALMOST NIGHTLY MEETINGS at many places; and self-appointed Union detectives, from points of vantage could hear THE TREAD OF MARTIAL FEET and the hoarse notes of command."

"But to return to Hoover for a moment. Everyone with whom we have talked, not only in newspaper offices but out of them, has an entirely different slant on the situation than was true a couple of months ago. Then the idea was the Democrats could win with anyone—now the idea is the Democrats can't win unless they nominate someone stronger than the present leading candidates, Smith and Roosevelt."

"High authority has asserted that Gwin of California, Lane of Oregon, and a man named Tilden of Washington, were the instigators and advisors of this SECOND MOVEMENT to steal the Pacific coast from the federal union and hold it for the forces of disunion and secession. They chose for a title the quaint and striking name of Knights of the Golden Circle."

**Borah and Silver**

BORAH thinks that one way to restore prosperity is to bring back silver to its 1925 value. That would help. So would it to restore wheat, rubber, tin, copper, strawberries, cotton, wool, beef to their 1925 levels. But how is it to be done? An "international conference" such as he proposes for silver would be impotent.

"One of the best posted historical authorities on the Pacific coast told me a few days ago that he had in his possession cipher documents of that strange disloyal order, which some day experts should decipher and give to the world, but as yet it was too early for history to record anything but the things that were notorious."

The only plausible explanation of the report that Mrs. Edward B. McLean gave Gaston B. Means a hundred thousand dollars for the return of the Lindbergh child is that "it takes a crook to catch a crook." On that basis Means would surely be the one to pick out, for he is probably the most dishonest performer that was ever turned loose in Washington.

"The same authority told me of how one night in San Francisco 300 Knights of the Golden Circle, armed to the teeth, had met to make the initial outbreak, capture the Benicia arsenal and arm all rebel sympathizers of San Francisco therefrom and carry out the long cherished plan of seizing the Pacific coast for disunion. At the last moment, realizing the awful, momentous responsibility of their projected attack they clamored for a leader whom they could follow as one man. In a moment one name was on every lip, an old hero of the Vigilante days—in haste he was sent for (he was not a member of their order) and their plan revealed to one whom they thought disloyal like themselves, but they

"I'm Mrs. Sargent," she said. "It's for me!"

had just turned her out, with \$500 and a railway ticket, like a cheap adventuress. . . .

Lily Lou was ill when the train pulled in at Chicago. "Traveling does one up, doesn't it?" the voluble lady in the dressing room said.

Leland Gould, university student: "I spend about three or four times as much time reading the papers. I like the paper best, I guess."

**STAYTON WOMEN ELECT OFFICERS**

STAYTON, May 6.—Officers for the ensuing year for the Woman's club were elected on Thursday afternoon, and are as follows:

**MORE ON HONOR ROLL**

HUBBARD, May 6.—From the honor roll list announced earlier this week, the names of a straight one student, Dorothy McKee, and of two "two plus" students, Lucille Sauer and Leah Kromling, were inadvertently omitted.

**PAYS HONOR**

University of Oregon, Eugene—Pioneers, mothers of students and the mother of Burt Brown Barker, vice-president of the University of Oregon, will be honored here on May 7, when the statue of the "Pioneer Mother," sculptured by A. Plimster Procter, will be unveiled.

**W. W. Dibble Dies; Interment Held in Aurora Cemetery**

AURORA, May 6.—Funeral services for William Wallace Dibble, aged 55 years, were held at Miller's parlors at 2 o'clock Tuesday, Rev. L. Gratiot officiating. Death occurred April 30 at an Oregon City hospital, where he had been moved following a stroke from which he did not rally. The deceased had lived at Meridian for 25 years, the last 15 of which he had lived alone. Surviving him are two sons, Mrs. Alma Renner and Mrs. Saunders of this state, and three sisters living in Michigan. Interment was in the Aurora cemetery.

**New Views**

Statesman reporters yesterday asked this question: "Which takes most of your time daily: reading the papers or listening to the radio programs? Which do you enjoy most and why?"

**Burt Brown Barker**

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