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Power Propaganda Cost

HOW much should a power company pay for political expenses including campaigns against anti-utility initiative measures and lobbying at legislatures? That is a question which Commissioner Charles M. Thomas has to face in the Northwestern Electric rate hearing.

The testimony was that the Oregon utilities expended some \$30,000 a year for such political purposes. The amount would not seem to be large considering the property investment of the companies. Lumber mills have no doubt spent that much in fighting for a lumber tariff.

The companies have to protect their own interests and do so in legitimate ways. We think they have been mighty foolish in the past in the way they have squandered their money trying to gain favorable attention.

The socialists convention at Milwaukee must have been a great success. It has a big split over prohibition and one delegate went off saying: "We're going home to tell every member of the party what a dirty political machine is running this convention."

The socialists adopted a plank calling for government ownership of breweries and distilleries with state option. That might be better than indiscriminate license of liquor stores, but how would graft be kept out of government operation?

The gas price fluctuates so much it makes one dizzy. Overproduction and price-cutting have caused disastrous gas wars. If the present mark-up is due to getting better control over production and distribution and establishing a balance which will make the oil industry profitable again, it will be healthy.

"One person tells another", that seemed to be the way the story of the return trip of the Akron over Salem spread Tuesday night. The false report couldn't have spread much faster if all the whistles in town had blown.

The Seabury fire in New York city is smoking out Mayor Jimmy Walker. The debonair mayor will have a chance to explain how come he got \$25,000 in bonds one time from a concern interested in a taxicab ordinance, and how come he got \$10,000 for pin money on a European trip from other special interests.

A new baby planet has been discovered over in Germany. Not in Germany exactly, because it is seven million kilometers away from the earth, but a Heidelberg observatory spotted it. It must be discouraging to be a planet afloat for so many eons of time without getting noticed on the earth.

It's a cool spring; in fact hardly any spring at all. That is characteristic of western Oregon springs however. They are cool and cloudy and rainy until July 4th, and then the two-month drought sets in. We can't remake our climate; and not many want to.

J. E. Bennett is recommended for the vacancy on the Portland city council. That would remove him from the legislature at least. And what a city council Portland would have with Clyde and Bennett to manhandle the utilities!

We got our dividend Tuesday morning; that is, we got a look at the \$5,375,000 Akron. All those who didn't get to see it will want their money back. A good look is probably all the country will get out of it.

Heralds of Health Buttons Presented To Rural Students
CLEAR LAKE, May 25—Quite a number of the Clear Lake children received health buttons the last day of school. They were: Carmen Ely, Rex Duloff, Grace Petchel, Ada Mae, Loretta, and Estelene Smith, Elsie Petchel, Rose Marie Scheitman, Effie and Oscar Bair, Marlon, Harry and Jack Robertson, Christiana, and Lenora Havenkamp, Chloe and Raymond Ely, Henrietta Porter, Lois Lick, Robert and Donald Clement, Robert McCormack, Maxine Coomes, Ruth Ely, Marjorie and Charles and Robert Winkwarder, Kenneth Buchanan, Virgil Puncel, Millard Lepper, Philip, Max and Julia Hackenburg and Massayo Nakamura.

While Rome Burns



BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Another pioneer grist mill: (Continuing from yesterday.) "But he did not dwell on these seemingly impossible things. He had the place for his mill, after many years of waiting. The demand for its product was fast increasing. No modern advertising would be needed to sell it, as the settlers in the adjacent locality were in need of a place to get their ever increasing grain crops turned into flour.

"This brings us to the year 1848. Previous to this year no larger companies had come to Oregon, those who were here before 1847 being usually small groups of men without families, so there were only very sparse settlements, no roads, no towns, schools or other organized civilization, the settlers usually having brought with them some necessary farming implements, seed and a few horses, cattle and other farm animals, and things were very primitive indeed.

The eyes become inflamed and discharge more and more freely. With many the most annoying complaint is the severe sneezing. This is the natural result of the pronounced irritation of the nose. There is not only sneezing, but violent sneezing. The patient is made miserable—extremely uncomfortable, indeed.

On other occasions I have told you about the sensitivity test. These tests are made by scratching the skin and applying some of the pollen extract. One test after another is made to determine what grains or pollen or other substance produces a reaction. Once the offending substance has been determined, a vaccine is made from it, and this vaccine is then given to the patient by hypodermic injection.

Although a great many claim to have been benefited by this method of treatment, there remains a doubt as to its real value. Certainly it has not yet been perfected so that all cases are cured. Nevertheless, the ailment is so distressing that it is worth while to think about this treatment.

If one has a tendency to hay fever it is well to consult the doctor before the regular time of attack has arrived. It may be that nasal treatment will help to lessen the severity of the symptoms. It must not be overlooked that certain food poisonings may have something to do with the trouble. All in all, the ailment is perplexing, but patient research is likely to reveal the real cause.

Answers to Health Queries
Q.—Is diabetes contagious?
A.—No.
Q.—Can you advise me what causes nose bleeds?
A.—Nose bleeds are usually due to some growth in the nose, either a high blood pressure.
Q.—Is there a cure for sinus trouble?
A.—With the proper treatment there is a possibility of cure.
Q.—What causes the blood to rush to my head when nervous?
A.—This may be due to poor circulation.

"EMBERS of LOVE" By HAZEL LIVINGSTON

CHAPTER FORTY
"A boy!" Nina Nahlmann cried, bounding over the bed in which Lily Lou and the little swaddled red thing lay. "And what have you named it?"
Lily Lou shook her head. She couldn't talk. She didn't want to ever try to talk again. Not even to tell Madame Nahlmann to please not shake the bed. Every time anyone touched the bed a pain shot up from her temples and out through the top of her head. But it was easier to hear it than to try to talk.

There were two day sisters who came in and out, white-coiffed and aproned. One was rosy and wore glasses. The rosy one brought the baby to her, Lily Lou let it lie there in the crook of her arm, and kept her eyes shut. This, it seemed, was not pleasing to the rosy sister. She made clucking noises with her tongue, and talked at great length in German. Evidently all about the baby's charms.

Yesterday Statesman reporters asked people about town this question: "The Akron cost more than five million dollars. Do you think the government's expenditure justified?"
Walter Means, paper mill worker: "I don't know what the dickens it is worth it for. It all looks to me like it is just a show. The government should have spent the money to help the unemployed."

The Safety Valve - - Letters from Statesman Readers
To the Editor: I was very much interested in your recent editorial on "Definitions and Observations" and take this opportunity to reply if you will publish this which I very much doubt. You have made some very erroneous statements for the purpose of misleading the public such as "the weakness of socialism lies in reducing men to a dead level and putting a premium on laziness".

Daily Health Talks

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.

During the last of May and early part of June, as well as a good part of July, "rose fever" is a common complaint. This period corresponds approximately with the time the roses are in bloom. Largely because of this coincidence, the disease has been given its name. The fact is, however, that the attacks are not produced by the rose or by rose dust. Similar symptoms have been experimentally produced by the pollen of certain grasses. But even though the disease is not properly named, undoubtedly the term will persist.

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