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Power Propaganda Cost TTOW much should a power company pay for political ex-II penses 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 state engineer appears to take the attitude that these costs should not enter into operating expenses which are part of the charge against rate-payers, but should be paid by the stockholders as part of their "fair return". Power company counsel claim that it is fair to include in operating expenses because some of the foolish legislation the companies fight might make for higher costs to rate-payers.

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. Among the items included were attorney's fees, cost of furnishing a news sheet or "propaganda" sheet weekly to newspapers, etc. The sum of \$2656.25 was listed as hotel expenses in Salem during the 1931 session of the legislature. This amount seems rather small. We recall one session of the Washington legislature where a power company representative was said to have spent some \$25,000. Such expenses in times past have included "entertainment". Lobbyists have been baited by legislators to provide liquid refreshments and many who took their liquor voted against their bills. Apparently the entertainment feature was not very hot at the last session of the legislature if \$2656.25 included everything.

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. More straightforward dealing nowadays will get them farther. The day of easy money in the utility game is over with, and the day of easy spending is gone too.

It doesn't matter greatly how the commissioner decides this point, although the state's contention would seem sound, crossing. No modern advertising ary was going to happen. In to keep the expenses out of the rate structure unless the specific items are justifiable. Publicity as to the sums may be settlers in the adjacent locality nia besides earthquakes and othdepended on to hold them down to very reasonable levels.

The socialist 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. Every sort of political trickery has been tried. It's worse than Tammany." Must have been run just like the republican and democratic conventions then.

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; and what assurance would there be that greed for profits would not still tempt bootleggers and rum-runners

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. That is what is needed for all commodities: prices on a basis not of 1929 but on present day costs of operating, which will still leave a margin of profit.

"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. As it was The Statesman was kept busy for hours telling the people they could quit craning their necks and go in and go to bed. The Akron took the ocean route back to California.

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. The Tammany tiger still has his stripes. The difference now is that the public is calloused.

A new baby planet has been discovered over in Germany. Not in Germany exactly, because it is seven million kilos away from the earth, but a Heidelburg observatory spotted it. It must be discouraging to be a planet afloat for so many cons 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 drouth 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!

p er i mentally Dr. Copeland produced by the pollen of certain grasses. But even though the disease is not properly named, undoubtedly the term will persist.

Rose fever is known by other names, particularly hay fever, while often it is called spring fever. The disease may continue into August, so it might as well be called summer fever.

Let one has a tendency to hay fever it is well to consult the doctor before the regular time of at-We got our dividend Tuesday merning; that is, we got a Hay fever and other similar allments are found to run in families. Although not definitely
proved, the tendency may actually
be hereditary.

Perhaps the most characteristic
symptom is a sensation of heat and
fullness in the eyes, with redness
and discharge of tears. The smarting and itching are intense. Soon 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

dren received health buttons the and Massaye Nakamura. last day of school. They were:

Raymond Elzy, Henrietta Porter, Lois Lick, Robert and Donald Clement, Robert McCormack, Max-To Rural Students ine Coonse, Ruth Eby, Marjorie and Charles and Robert Winkerworder, Kenneth Buchannan, Vir-CLEAR LAKE, May 25-Quite gil Puncel, Millard Lepper, Philnumber of the Clear Lake chil- lip, Max and Julia Hackenburg

r. and Mrs. Fred Hammock Carmon Elzy, Rex Dutoit, Grace entertained some little folks Tues-Petchel, Ada Mae, Loretta and day afternoon in hour of their M. S. Q.—Can you advise me Estelene Smith, Elste Pitchel, little son's fifth birthday. Those what causes now bleeds? Ross Marie Scheirman, Effte and present were Estelene Smith, Oscar Bair, Marion, Harry and Mary Tompasse, Mary Hammond, Jack Robertson, Christians, and Delbert Garner and the bestess Havenkemp, Chlos and Jimmis.

While Rome Burns



BITS for BREAKFAS

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Another pioneer grist mill: 8 5 5

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 inturned into flour.

"This brings us to the year groups of men without families, so, there were only very sparse schools or other organized civiling brought with them some necand a few horses, cattle and other farm animals, and things were very primitive indeed.

necessary to get the machinery, which must come from New York. "On account of the new coun- making business. try, settled by newcomers, he

early part of June, as well

as a good part of July, "rose

fever" is a common complaint.

This period corresponds approxi-

mately with the

time the roses

are in bloom.

Largely because of this coinci-

dence, the dis-

ease has been

given its name.

The fact is, however, that the attacks are not produced by

not produced by the rose or by rose dust. Sim-ilar symptoms

have been experimentally Dr. Copeland

Q.—Is diabetes contagious?

A .- Nose bleeds are usually due to some growth in the nose, ulcer or

enough cash to capitalize his undertaking. How was this capital (Continuing from yesterday:) to be had? He did not know. 8 8 8

"But important happenings

something happened in Califor- this with our friends, the psywere in need of a place to get er disturbances that come along their ever increasing grain crops on regular schedule. Gold was discovered, and most of the new settlers in Oregon went there to make their fortune. Many did 1848. Previous to this year no make a good start in financing larger companies had come to themselves, so they were helped Oregon, those who were here be- very much in getting their new fore 1847 being usually small homesteads improved, and in a build it. way to produce crops, which would have come to them very settlements; no roads, towns, slowly had it not been for the 'Breaking out of the gold mines ization, the settlers usually hav- in California.' This dreamer of dreams, and would be builder of essary farming implements, seed a gristmill, went with the others to the golden gate state in September, 1849, and returned to his family and claim the following 'So after locating a place to May, having with him when he build his grist-mill," it was not an arrived home a little over \$2000 easy thing to think out a plan to in gold dust. This was the amount put in operation that would in he had estimated to be necessary reasonable time bring in to start his gristmill enterprise, \$2,000 in real money, the amount | though it would take a considerable larger sum to complete it and make it a productive, money

"Here the reader may wonder, could not go to work for some al- if in so short a period of time he ready existing corporation, or bus- could and did make \$2000 in the iness concern, that could pay him | gold mines of California, why did good wages so that in a compar- he quit and go back to his famatively short time he could earn lily and claim just then? His fam-

charge more and more freely.

With many the most annoying

mined, a vaccine is made from it,

and this vaccine is then given to the patient by hypodermic injec-

A.-With the proper treatment

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.

URING the last of May and the eyes become inflamed and dis-

Answers to Health Queries

ily could take care of themselves. Why did he not stay a while longer and go home with a much larger sum, which it would seem just then was quite possible?

chose to go home just at that time. Possibly because his mind had concentrated along one line of thought and towards certain achievements he had dreamed of for so long, that maybe his fate and destiny were fixed by an overruling power under whose he was to go on. We leave chologists. They know.

"After all these years of working at various things, which in themselves did not seem to be anything connected with the planning or building of a gristmill, he now had the place to build his mill and the cash with which to

"The matter of getting the machinery from New York was something requiring some thought

ture justified?" Walter Means, paper mill

R. J. Livingstone, painter: "I don't know why the government put five millions in that piece of machinery. A battleship would have been worth more. They should have used the money for

Edwin Thomas, advertising so-

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. was justified."

L. Williams, laborer: "I don't On other occasions I have told you about the sensitivity tests. know a great deal about it, but would think the government knew what it was doing before t put that much money in it."

Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman of Earlier Days

May 26, 1907 Representing himself to be a city late Wednesday afternoon. Another stranger, who had the appearance of a brakebeam tourat the Ferguson restaurant.

Six thousand two hundred and

Never before has the Southern Pacific falt the pressure in all the departments as at present, Yesterday one freight train consisting of 40 cars and another of 30 there is no need to further development.

"EMBERS of LOVE" BY HAZEL

CHAPTER FORTY "A boy!" Nita Nahlman eried. bending over the bed in which Lily Lou and the little swaddled red thing lay. "And what have you named it?"

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 bear it than to try to talk.

Could slip back to forgetfulness.

"Don't you know that you have anyone after baby boy?"

Didn't she know? How could she forget? They wouldn't let her formother, I adore motherhood."

The madame Nahlman to please not could slip back to forgetfulness.

"Don't you know that you have anyone after baby boy?"

Didn't she know? How could she forgetfulness.

"Think of it, a son! I myself have desired a son, I want to be a mother, I adore motherhood." ever try to talk again. Not even to would go away again, and she tell Madame Nahlman to please not could slip back to forgetfulness.

ter to get a better look. Lily Lou shut her eyes. She was aprens like butchers wear. . . . se tired.

When she opened them again Madame Nahlman was gone. The her breast. -

baby. She hoped it wasn't in the hind thick lenses. . . . room. When she saw it she wanted to cry, she couldn't remember why.

straighten the sheets and plump sisters with their trays and their the fat feather pillows. And they medicines, the spectacled Herr Doccouldn't do a thing without talk-ing. Talk! Talk! To her— Madame N

aproned. One was rosy and wore

The pale sister brought trays of she had turned into. . . . food, and made clucking noises with She put the letters down unher tongue also. Sometimes she opened. Tears welled under her became quite cross because Lily tightly closed lids, rolled down her Lou wouldn't eat, and the word cheeks. "Professor" was used to the accompaniment of a wagging fore- nurse was right at her side with finger. Professor seemed to be an- a big white handkerchief. They other name for Herr Doctor, wouldn't even let her cry. Lily Rather than risk the Professor's Lou bit her lip, lay silent, pretenddispleasure and further argument ing to sleep. she always opened her mouth and Bustling. Creaking of the rosy swallowed what was offered. Then sister's starched skirts. More cluckthe sister would smile and nobody ing noises. Bubchen! The rosy would bother her for a little while. sister was bringing the baby, to

ways the fussing of the sisters, funny! Their guttural whispers. Pain that gnawed so that she the wall. The little head was dark tossed and twisted in a frensy of and silky, but there was something feverish discomfort. Then the sharp about it, about the ears. thrust of a needle in her arm. Then sleep. Sleep that never lasted begged. "Please take it away, long enough. Sleep that began to Schwester!"
elude her long before she wanted The sister

shine of the window, and she knew "Hello," she said, making the ef-it was day. Sometimes he was a fort because it was Susanne's first

shadow in the light of the lamp, visit, trying not to mind when Su-and she knew that it was night. sanne kissed her on both cheeks. bending 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
quickly as she could, so that he
quickly as she could, so that he
"The sweet baby. Do let me hold
him, Schwester. Oh, the darling!
How lucky you are!"

Lily Lou cast a suspicious glance
from under her lashes . . Lucky?
She?

"How happy you will be now!"

The nursing sister made cluck-ing noises as she rocked the babe she had taken from Lily Lou's un-across the street. ment . . . one of the servants bring- trick of pretending to sleep.

"He is a sweet, adorable, dar-ling thing!" the fur-coated prima donna crooned, leaning over the sis-that transcended time. . . Sisters Her own voice begging, begging

for something. . . . Broken, wracked, all her pride sweet faced night sister sat dozing gone, crying out like a little animal by the window, her head sunk on that is terribly hurt. The spectacled face of Herr Doctor Sanders, Lily Lou looked furtively for the the pupils of his eyes immense be-

And then the thing over her face, So she closed her eyes again. It dark into which she was to bits. Susanne Coin stood with the inoblivion . . . blessed oblivion . . . fant in her arms, rocking him They were always waking her. But they wouldn't let her have it, Always wanting to move her and they kept calling her back, the gently.

Madame Nahlman, too. Lily Lou though she couldn't understand a saw her, beaming from the foot of word-to each other-to the doc- the bed, sometimes. Saw her bringing flowers that smelled too sweet, There were two day sisters who dainties she couldn't possibly eat, came in and out, white-coiffed and letters that she didn't want to read.

Sometimes she picked up the letglasses. And one was pale and did ters, and set them down again listnot wear glasses. The rosy one lessly. What could anyone have to sanne Coin with eyes that were brought the baby to her, Lily Lou say that would matter to her now? already glazed and sightless. let it lie there in the crook of her She fingered two thick envelopes arm, and kept her eyes shut. This, from Woodlake, addressed in her it seemed, was not pleasing to the mother's pedagogic hand. . . . What rosy sister. She made clucking did her mother have to do with her noises with her tongue, and talked now? Her mother was writing to a

"Tech! Tech!" The rosy day

Lily Lou turned her face toward

"Take it away, please," she

The sister bustled forward, and to wake. Sleep that cast out pain. right at her heels came Susanne Sleep that was forgetfulness. . . . Coin who had probably been in the Into her forgetfulness the doctor room right along. Nobody ever forced himself, at intervals that asked if they might come in, nohad no time. Sometimes he was a body cared whether she wanted to dark silhouette against the sun- see them or not, they just came.

"Madame Nahlman sent the flowers. Do you like them? Now tell me what you have named the baby?"

"I haven't named it yet." "It! You're the first mother I with blue dresses and thick white ever heard call her child it! Really, Miss Lansing-

"Robin, I think. Yes, I'll call ithim-Robin." "Weil! That's better! After

"After no one. I always liked the name, that's all. Robin - Robin Lansing-"

That settled she dropped her eyes again. Lay there motionless, her and the sharp, sudden fear of the pallid face, dark lashes mercifully black hair a somber frame for her

> "Would you like to have him adopted? By a good rich Swiss family? They could give him a good home. Perhaps better than

> you, who will soon be singing again-" She broke off, as the sister, with a little cry, elbowed past her to the

> this time. Her jaw had dropped. She was staring straight at Su-

told the rosy sister who was trying at great length in German. Evidently all about the baby's charm. opera star, not to this sick woman of a glass tube, "if it weren't for his ears are like Ken's I saw that the first thing. That's why I didn't want to look at him. That was why. You didn't understand, did you?"

She beat her thin, veined hands together with a hopeless gesture. They didn't speak English here. That was the trouble. She used to know some German, but she couldn't remember any today. She tried again, speaking very slowly and distinctly:

"I could give him away to Susanne Coin if he weren't like Ken It was so good to be let alone.

They let her alone so seldom. AlThey let her alone so seldom. AlThought the sisters funny!

How funny!

How terribly, ghastly to keep him. I can't give him away given away too much. I let them take Ken away from me, and it was wrong. I shouldn't have let them, I should have kept Ken, and my wedding ring. I left it on the table in the hall. It was made of diamonds, but on the inside it said 'Ken to Lily Lou, forever and ever.' Do you understand? Forever and ever, but I let his father tell

"Shh! Schlafen sie-" Sleep! When she wanted to they wouldn't let her, and now . . .

New Views

Yesterday Statesman reporters asked people about town this question: "The Akron cost more than five million dollars Do you think the government's expendi-

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 un-

roads for jobs.'

G. C. Solterbeck, 1710 North Capitol: "If I had seen it, maybe could answer the question better. No, really, I think that sum

These tests are made by scratching the skin and applying some of the pollen extract. One test after another is made to determine what grass or pollen or other substance produces a reaction. Once the offending substance has been determined a vaccina is made from it

. . . Of Old Salem

Elsie. Q.—What causes the blood to rush to my head when nervous?

trains were hauled by the new oil-burning locomotives recently placed in service. May 26, 1922

July 4, 1922, must be a firecrackerless Fourth of July throughout the state of Oregon. The legislature passed a law which becomes effective last January prohibiting the sale and shooting of all kinds of fireworks except in the case of approved public displays. Nearly complete returns from

W. Olcott a lead of 373 over Charles Hall for the Republican nomination for governor. Patterson is third, White fourth, Bean fifth and Lee sixth. Bicycle thievery and other pet-

last Friday's election give Ben

ty stealing has burst out in such licitor: (Smiling) "See you next an epidemic among Salem boys that Chief of Police Moffitt yesterday gave out a request to parents to come to his aid in handling the situation.

The Safety Valve - -Letters from

Statesman Readers

To the Editor: I was very much interested in your recent editorial on "Definations and Observations" and take this opportunity to reply if you will publish this which I very much doubt. You have made some brother of Governor George E. very eronious statements for the Chamberlain, a well dressed purpose of misleading the public young men succeeded in passing such as "the weakness of socialism several worthless checks in this lies in reducing men to a dead level and putting a premium on lazinesa". Private ownership of capital is doing that very thing today ist, passed a worthless \$10 bill by reducing the mass of people to at the Ferguson restaurant. plenty, through taking away from them their opportunity to earn ninety-two signatures were on a their living. Another thing capitalroll of petitions filed yesterday ism deadens the incentive to invent with the secretary of state ask- new methods and machines by ing that the measure passed by taking away from the inventor the the last legislature appropriating results and benefits of his ideas. \$125,000 annually, for mainten- All large corporations employ a ance of the University of Oregon be submitted to the people for approval. The petitions were filed by George J. Pearce of this city and Eugene Palmer of Albany.

All large corporations employ a corps of inventors on wages who develop and test new ideas, but when those ideas are worked out, the benefit goes to a few stock and bond holders who know nothing about the operation of the plants.

Salem enroute for California. The and that machinery throws the inno study of economics. Economics boiled down resolves itself to this: how to abolish poverty in a world of plenty. The Russian governaccumulated knowledge of the the industry of that country on a the dominant individual in so- progress. ciety, instead of the socially useless capitalist stock and bond

cars of lumber passed through ope machinery for human needs holders whe do no productive ventors and workers out of work bor of the workers. In doing so to starve to the dead level of they had to abolish the private corpses. Primate capitalism makes ownership of wealth as the first step. The next to make use of the skill and knowledge available in the world. The results have been staggering to the private owners ment is putting into practice the of wealth as the Russians are overcoming the deadening influence of economists of the human race, poverty while other nations are utilizing all the technical skill and sinking lower every day in the experience gained in the develop- misery of starvation and want. In ment of civilization, to organize doing this the Russians are preserving the self reliance and enerpolitical and economic basis where gy of the individual which has the socially useful worker will be been the main spring of human

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