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Eugene Rejects Scrip

SOME agitators for scrip in Eugene worked up a case for the issuance of some form of local currency. The subject was debated quite extensively in the press of that city and a committee was appointed to make an investigation.

"The so-called 'self-redeeming currency' is only another form of making contributions to public relief by a tax."

"Under economical management and cooperation between city and county governments and the Red Cross, all pressing needs for relief will be adequately cared for until spring."

"Until we are convinced that the regularly constituted agencies of relief are failing in their functions, we should avoid the issuance of scrip which is bound to involve confusion and complexities and losses to the very class that can afford least to bear them."

There are cases where local scrip is helpful. Tenino used the method successfully, when its bank closed; but novelty gave a special demand for their wooden money.

Scene Shifting in Congress

CONGRESS has a month to go, but nothing will get by except appropriation bills. This session has been devoted to scene shifting. The republicans are packing their backdrops and make-ups and will retire to change costume and become the villains of the drama after March 4th.

No beer legislation will be enacted; no prohibition repeal. The budget will go unbalanced. There will be no new tax imposed; no currency inflation; no banking bill; no slashing of expenditures; no farm relief bill.

These pending matters make a special session imperative. The new president will have to outline some specific recommendations and then get up enough steam to put his ideas over.

The election was in November; the country has just been marking time waiting for the change.

The Massie Case Again

REPORTS as yet unconfirmed indicate that the four Hawaiians still held under charges of assault on Mrs. Thomas Massie in Honolulu will be released as soon as the battle fleet sails from those waters.

People of this country worked themselves into a great hysteria over Lieut. Massie. High naval officers went as far as they dared to defend his enforcement of the unwritten law.

The affair was sorry and sordid, reflecting no credit on the white race; and the newest chapter, as yet unverified, makes the case even more depressing than before.

Our race will want to turn the page and close the book; and hide its head for a brief space.

Oregon legislators are considering the requirement of publishing the banns for three days before a marriage can occur. There ought to be no objection to that. Marry in haste and repent in leisure is an old proverb.

Another invasion of the rights of the people. Commissioner Bennett in Portland is supporting a move to cut speaking time at public hearings to five minutes and to bar personalities.

The Legion drum corps is still waiting for word to come to Washington for the inauguration of Franklin Roosevelt.

Legislation will soon approach the trading stage. Members have their pits and with so many long crosswise in the stream things are going to be in a jam.

Some states are taking action to prevent mortgages from foreclosing on mortgages, especially on farms.

What Oregon needs is General Joe Lane to head an expedition against the belligerent Rogues who are making a truce at Table Rock.



The Safety Valve -- BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Former Oregon man is "going on" 100: (Continuing from yesterday.) A. F. Brown went to Elk City and took charge of his brother's store there; to run it as long as he felt the ones that want the license fee could stay away from his family, and close it out.

They lived within their means. If they did well they spent their money liberally, and when they made only a little they lived on that little. I did not lose any money crediting them, and have had a better opinion of Ohnamen ever since.

Resuming the text: "After a few days I left Portland for home. I went by boat as far as Corvallis, where I arrived just before dark, and found the south bound stage waiting for the boat."

WASHINGTON—Senator Stone yesterday introduced a resolution authorizing the president to relinquish control of the Philippines in 1913 upon first securing a pledge from other nations to preserve the neutrality of the islands.

PITTSBURGH—With immediate work for only 3000 men in sight, the city hall was stormed today by the unemployed and 6000 application blanks were issued. The \$220,000 appropriation for public improvements to employ idle men is inadequate.

Having received the usual volume of bills and passed only 18 measures, the Oregon legislature will be obliged to carry on far into March, it appears. In the house 314 bills have been introduced and in the senate, 134.

Crane, who had bought out Lord & Peters while I had been away, to go into partnership with him in the general merchandise business. Mr. Crane at that time had three stores in different towns in the valley.

"I raised my share of the money in the stated time and as we were about to complete the co-partnership Mr. Crane was drawn on heavily by his San Francisco creditors, which took all of his money, and he made me a proposal to clerk for him two or three months until he could sell wool and bacon and raise his share of the money to carry out our agreement."

"It was while I was working in his store in the summer of 1871 that I met an agent of the Oregon & California Railroad company named into the store with C. H. Barnett. The agent was trying to arrange with Mr. Barnett for depot grounds for the railroad on his farm, where the city of Oakland now is.

"After a few weeks I saw Barnett and asked him what he would take for his ranch, and he said \$5000. He had offered it a year before for \$3000. He had only 264 acres. I told him I would take it, and also buy his hay and grain. I closed up the trade as fast as I could and also had to take a young horse before I could close with him and get a deed."

"In the fall of 1871, soon after buying the townsite, I remodeled the old farmhouse and built an addition to it. I had sold my house in the old town and moved into a house built by Binger Hermann."

Mrs. Eck Dutoit, housewife: "I don't know what kind I would want out here; if I were back home on the farm, it would be a collie. I'm very fond of them. But our boys want a police dog."

"The Challenge of Love" By Warwick Deeping

Dr. John Wolfe, old Dr. Montague Threadgold's assistant, is stumped at the unnecessary conditions he finds in the young little town of Navastock. Wolfe realizes his greatest fight is in overcoming the resentful attitude of the people themselves who seem perfectly satisfied with their mode of living.

"Twenty, sir, if you want to apologise. "It's about that stable-yard of yours at the back of George Lane."

Wolfe was in a mood of deep disgust as he rode out towards Herongate to pay a last visit to the shepherd who had been ill in his cottage on Tadding Moor.

There was the case of Mrs. Lucy Gollop, who took her babies to nurse at twopenny a day. Wolfe was called to her cottage to find five infants half-dead from overdoses of opium.

"The overflowing creature snivelled about the room. "Er, Mr. Wolfe's cordial."

It's treating us like pigs, sir. You can't get away from the smell. Now, it's in your food; it goes to bed with you, and you get up with it in the morning.

"I wanted to name the town Stratford, after my native town in New Hampshire, and was petitioning for a postoffice under that name when the U. S. postal agent came to see me, and seeing that the business was nearly all down at the new townsite he told me that if I would call the new townsite he would order the postoffice moved forthwith by James A. Sterling, the postmaster."

"The depot was completed and occupied August 8th 1873. A man named Jaynes was the first station agent. He was sent to Oakland to teach me the business, as I had no understanding of the railroad superintendent, that I should be the agent. W. W. Skinner was the telegraph operator; he was afterward agent at Salem, Oregon, and held that position until retired with a pension. During his time there he was elected and served as mayor of Salem. I was agent of the railroad for two years."

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