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Deflating Education?

TF the educational leaders of Oregon are too stiff-necked they will be bowled over just as the good roads boosters were. We notice an attitude on the part of some sincere advocates of education to hang on to all they have in apparent anticipation of coming back to get something more when the sun may be shining a little more brightly. Our advice them is to bend their backs somewhat to the hurricane if they do not want to be laid prone on the ground. School superintendents and p-t-a groups may as well know now as any time, that if skies do not brighten this year their budgets are in for drastic downward revision. We sincerely hope such necessity may not eventuate. But education, sacred though it is in the eyes of the American people, is by no means immune from the storms of the business world.

Consider the growth of costs of elementary and high schools in Oregon in the past decade. The total property taxes for such purposes on the 1921 roll was \$13,242,983.37. The amount increased to \$19,479,748.30 on the 1931 roll. This is an increase of 47%. During this decade all costs of supplies, fuel, materials and repairs were declining. The enrollment during the period increased from 164,460 for the year ending June, 1922 to 204,792 in 1932, an increase of

Not only has the school cost grown compared with previous years, but it is consuming a larger proportion of the tax budget. The amount of property taxes raised for school purposes on the 1921 roll was only 33% of the total, while schools absorbed 45.324% of the property taxes raised on the 1931 tax rolls.

There is great and growing pressure for tax reduction; and a drive is made to wipe out all state property tax. But a study of the figures will reveal at once that the only place for any substantial savings in property taxes must come in the educational budgets which now absorb nearly 50% of the total.

We are opposed to legislative bills which will wreck the schools or make blind slashes at expenditures. The Stockdale bill however, which proposes a vote on the county unit plan is worthy of careful consideration. The real issue however will come in the local school districts at budget-making time. Much will depend on the course of general conditions in the next six months. If signs of improvement appear, then the schools may escape much cutting. But if the present difficulties grow more serious, then school costs will have to be aligned more closely to current incomes. Even this year uncashable warrants and probability of shortened school terms are reported.

The times call for wise counsel among the school leaders of the state, a willingness to share burdens rather than a disposition to make no concessions to necessity. Our schools are our first love; but they cannot hope to remain permanently on false plateaus of cost.

Business Ethics

S we listened the other day to senators exorciate the A utilities for their sins we wondered if the senators reflected at all on the fact that utilities are no more wicked than other business agencies, large and small. In fact we are inclined to the opinion that on the whole the ethical standard of utilities is higher than average, that the companies have been more just in their relations to patrons, employes and stockholders than ordinary business concerns. And the question crossed our mind: will legislators after a while be limiting profits and 'putting harness' on other forms of industrial enterprise?

For the activities of the utilities are part and parcel of the general business mileu. The same instincts for acquisition of large profits rule industrial enterprises as well as those performing so-called public services. Thus far the state has applied regulation only to concerns supplying certain essential public services, which tend to become monopolies. The state depends on free competition to restrain the excesses in other lines of enterprise. But the harsh competitive system is more cruel to wage-earners, and in season, more costly to consumers, than the utilities operating under public regulation, feeble as that has been.

We are not here proposing solutions, nor advocating revolutions from the present "economic system". We are seeking merely to stimulate thought. Why single out the utilities alone for social control when excesses abound in many other fields of corporate and private enterprise? Will social control extend farther afield in the direction of limitation of profits and regulation of business practices? If it does will business become so enmeshed in harness that initiative will be dulled and costs increased? Or will the future develop a trend in the opposite direction, toward greater freedom of competition and less interference on the

part of the state? Take three gears: label one Economic Efficiency, another Personal and Social Ethics, the third Political control. In the past the small gear of Ethics has had a hard time meshing with the big, whirling gear of Economic Efficiency. The present tendency is to gear Ethics into Political Control and the latter into Economic Efficiency. Will they mesh together? Or will they scrape and grind? Or will the two act as such a brake on Economic Efficiency that it will slow down to greatly reduced productivity?

At any rate the subject is one which invites speculative

thinking on a wintry Sunday.

Unbalancing Religions

A Kentuckian is in jail charged with the murder of his own mother as the climax of a mountain cult ritual. He goes of alloy in the religions of modern times. through jazzy motions in his prison cell, or did until he was handcuffed to the bars. Others of the family, men and women, charged with complicity in the office, are reported

just another case of where religion drove people insane. Religion deals with the emotions of men and women. Some preachers base their whole appeal to the feelings of their auditors, working them up to a state of intoxication. to rational ideas which modern education should supply. Such preachers exercise almost mesmeric powers over their Such preachers exercise almost mesmeric powers over their listeners. There are plenty of people with unstable emotions people will outgrow the vestigial superstitions that hang on.

Sometimes we think that progress is being made and for the ultimate utilisation of the people will outgrow the vestigial superstitions that hang on.

Watchful Waiting



By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

HOW MANY hours of sleep should I have? That is a question I am often asked. There can be no set answer. It all depends on certain factors, such as heredity, age, occu-pation and the general physical con-

Under normal circumstances, most well nourished and healthy individlais require six to eight hours of sleep. Some seem to require more sleep, while others get along very well on much less.

than food. We can get along without sleep for a certain number of hours, but cannot exist for an indefinite time without it.

During sleep the fatigued cells of the body have a chance to rest. They have their strength renewed. Proper growth and development of the body are impossible without sufficient sleep. It is for this reason that the infant and growing child require

more sleep than the adult. Children should never be permitted to stay up late. Late hours are handicap to proper physical and mea-

Late Hours Harmful

Of course the same advice applies to adults. Unfortunately, too many adults keep late hours. This is mistake because many minor allments can be traced to a lack of sleep. Late hours or too little sleep. places a severe strain upon the hu man system. Such a practice, habitually followed, is detrimental to health, and lowers the resistance of the body to infectious diseases.

Sleep restores the energy and strength of the body. It replaces what is used during the day. Restful sleep is a tonic the body requires to continue its work. But sleep is only beneficial when it is sound and

Let me warn you against the dapgers of irregular sleeping hours and inability to sleep. Altogether too many persons suffer from insomnis. failure to sleep. In many instances this can be

traced to neglect or lack of sleep in youth. Good sleeping habits can be and should be taught in early Whatever its cause, insomnia is dreaded and often difficult trouble to

overcome. It may result from fear, worry, mental and severe emotional A long walk taken before bedtime helps insure a good night's rest. Do not eat heavy food before bedtime. If you have difficulty in falling aslesp.

drink a glass of warm milk or other warm beverage. Make sure the windows of your bedroom are wide open and that you have sufficient blankets. A warm bath taken just before retiring is seething, relaxing and often induces

Answers to Health Queries M. J. Q.-How much should a girl

ged 18, 5 feet 8 inches tall weigh? A.—She should weigh about 112 pounds. This is about the average weight for one of this age and height as determined by examination of a large number of persons. A faw pounds above or below the average is a matter of little or no signifi-

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HEALTH BITS for BREAKFAST

(Continuing from yesterday:) John Knight followed the trade of blacksmith in Salem until 1892. 4 4 4

He married Miss Angle (Angeline) Snyder of Salem August 20, 1874. There were three children. Claud S. Knight, son, resides at The Dalles: was long employed in one of the banks there. Edna A. is Mrs. Harvey O. Taylor, their home at 1885 South Commercial street. Mr. Taylor, member of the well known pioneer family of that name, has a farm in the Waldo hills. There was another son, Benfamin ("Bennie"), who lost his life in a toboggan slide accident on the Fry hill, South High street, Salem, on January 14, 1888. (Then called the Hughes hill.)

Yesterdays . . . Of Old Salem

Town Talks from The Statesman of Earlier Days

February 12, 1908

Salem people who have money ied up in the Merchants' National Bank of Portland will be pleased to learn that the institution is to reopen next week. Controller of the currency William B. Ridgeley has authorized Bank Examinor Wilson at Portland to permit the bank's opening.

President C. H. Gram, Portland, of the State Federation of Labor, will be the principal speaker at the federation convention to be held here this week.

Mr. Swift of the Swift Packing company announced yesterday that his corporation plans to build \$ \$4,000,000 plant at Portland.

February 12, 1928

Final passage of the revised administrative code of the World war veterans' state aid commission will make unnecessary the \$120,000 appropriation requested by the commission. The new code sets December 31, 1927, as the final date of application for the state loan and sets interest at six instead of four per cent.

Relief legislation for Astoria was approved by the ways and means committee last night providing that the state purchase Astoria bonds in the sum of \$250,-000 without interest requirements for a certain period of years.

Through the indefinite postponement route, the house dethe teaching of architecture, commerce, journalism, law or medicine by the University of Oregon or Oregon Agricultural college.

religion has compounded in it a lot of superstition, irration-

There is no law which can keep people from going daft on religion; and many of the low-brow cults are merely propagating grounds for candidates for insane hospitals. While as chanting and praying while in the jail. Evidently this is the spread of knowledge does much to minimize the evils of intemperate religions, it is amazing the persistence of superstitions in the face of universal education. The cultist puts on a protective insulation which renders him immune

whose reason swings on loose hinges. They become unbalan- Then there will be some outbreak like the "hexing" in Pennced when gripped by the fervor of unrestrained evangelism.

In its finest phases religion inspires, enobles, fills the individual with highest ideals of sacrifice and service. But

John Knight, pioneer:

John Knight was a member of the Salem city council, and in 1882, in that capacity, bought the first modern fire engine for the when he was elected sheriff of capital city. He was assistant Marion county, and reelected two chief of the fire department, when "Frosty" Price, of fond old memories, was the driver of the team that furnished the traction power for the fire engine.

5 5 5 For 20 years, John Knight was a Salem fire fighter, a member of the old Tiger engine company that manned the ropes in calls for help in putting out blazes in the glorious, glamorous days before there was a paid fire depart-

He was a charter member of the Salem Odd Fellows' lodge, and went through all the chairs. After serving out his last term as sheriff, the Knight family moved to his farm in the Lake Labish district, five miles north of Sa-

In 1910, Mr. Knight was made bailiff of the United States court at Portland, and he served in that capacity and as crier for 20 years, until December, 1930, when on account of failing health he retired, and moved back to Salem, where he and Mrs. Knight resided in the South Commercial street home of the Taylors, where he died, and where Mrs. Knight continues to live. Old friends will be pleased with the information that she carries her years like the average woman of middle age.

The Salem Elklet, weekly news heet of Salem Lodge No. 336, order of Elks, in its February 2 issue, devoted large space to the news of the passing of John Knight. One gleans the following therefrom:

"He was a charter member of 000 maximum. In comparison Salem Lodge No. 336. He was the with these figures, Muscle Shoals only charter member who was an has 184,000 K. W. now installed, Elk at the time of the institution and will ultimately be developed of our lodge. It was primarily due to 340,000 K. W. This is nearly to his efforts that an Elks lodge four times the ultimate at Ariel was established in Salem. He has and twice the ultimate at Rock Isalways attended on Past Exalted Rulers night, and has always retained his interest in 336. "His son, Claud S. Knight, is a

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The Safety Letters from

Statesman Readers

To the Editor: In your editorial in this morn-

feated a house bill prohibiting ing's Statesman, I do not feel that you give a proper perspective of the Muscle Shoals plant. While it is small compared with our own Columbia river possibilities, it is now much larger than any plant we have in the northwest, although but partially developed. My data is from the U. S. Engineers report, H. D. 328, 71st Cong. 2nd Session.

The term "primary power" means generally the minimum power developed at the lowest stage of river flow, and running 24 hours per day at uniform rate. (100% load factor). We know that southern streams are more flashy, subject to high and low think it's really good, myself. It flows, than our own, and to off- gives good, clean amusement, set this much storage is planned keeps people home, and keeps time is 66,000 K. W. In addition, however, requiring only additional machinery for the lower blocks, there is:

"The Challenge of Love" By Warwick Deeping

Dr. John Wolfe, young and capable assistant of the inefficient old. Dr. If on tage of Threedgold, to shocked at the pollution he finds overywhere in the little town of Navestock. The young dector's greatest obstacle in trying to better conditions to the population be the payment about five yards in front of him. The man's usual attitude was one of serems and erect soliditions to the populations will be payment about five yards in front of him. The man's usual attitude was one of serems and erect solidity. He marched through Navestock looking people in the face interested in humoring his patients and fattening his perse than be is one-siousness, fresh-coloured, smiling, and country proparations will de. Wolfe against using necessary "expensive" modiciace when the "erdinary" proparations will de. Wolfe would be tempted to give up if it were not for levely, young Joss Mascall, whose sincertity and country as to hew Welfe spends his time. He had been overshadowed the wind attending his different to this younger man. His own useless mass had troubled him. Moreover, and autumn this diminutive dell this younger man. His own useless mass had troubled him. Moreover, some voice within him had echoed the will expend his time. Mere the propared of the motherless delicating and finds a map he has propared the will cay of the motherless delicating and finds a map he has propared the will cay of the motherless delicating and finds a map he has propared the carloady and finds a map he has propared the carloady and finds a map he has propared the will cay of the motherless delicating and finds a map he has propared the carloady and finds a map he has propared the carloady and find cay.

A sad case." and finds a map he has prepared showing Navestock's polinted areas. She informs her husband of what she calls Welfo's "gross disloyalty and underhand spying" and sug-gests that her husband either make him discontinue his researches or discharge him, Jasper Turrell, the brewer, whose camity Welfe had incurred for complaining of the condition of the former's property calls on the Rev. Robert Flamming. The genial rector is indifferent to Turrell's ranting about Welfe. The clergyman cares little for Turrell, accepting him as part of Navestock. Flemming had long age learned to take evil as a part of life. Flemming wonders what type of man Welfe is. He has the opportunity to meet him at the bedside of a dy-

CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

Robert Flemming had a glimpse of the young doctor's face, and a queer shock of awe went through him. He remained on his knees, silent, motionless, his hands resting on the edge of the bed. He saw Wolfe go to an old sofa at one end of the room and sit down there with view of things." the boy in his arms.

"There, there, sonny." The child broke into wild wailing, such an outery as can never be for- curred to him, but somehow things of the bank. gotten by one who has once heard fell away from the figure of the "I wonder if there are any mes it. Wolfe rocked him to and fro, his man who had held that walling now like Ivanhoe? I am sure there long arms holding the boy close to child in his arms. his own body. The man's attitude was almost as pathetic as the

agony of the child. Robert Flemming's head bowed granted." itself. He was unable to pray, but listened to Wolfe talking like a woman to the boy in his arms.

"There, there, old chap, mother's gone to sleep. She was tired, sonny, so tired. She'd got pain, bad pain, but the bad pain's gone now. That's right; ery it out. Hold on to mehold on tight."

doorway. Robert Flemming rose clumsily, and stood staring at it." Wolfe and the boy. He brushed a ed at the figure on the bed.

square, frowsy woman with a red Flemming held out a hand. face. She was crying. And she looked at Wolfe and the child. "Can you take him, Mrs. Budge?" that."

His voice was soft, and solemnly tender. "Dear Lord, sir! Poor things!

Come, lovie dear, you come along with me."

She held out her fat, red forearms. "Now, sonny."

The boy clung to him a little, but

ting the boy's back.

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"I'll take "im next door, sir." "Yea, it's better." And all the while Robert Flemming stood in the dark little room

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rears below base (dump power)

Oak Grove are not primary pow-

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has 15,000 K. W. installed capa-

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current actually generated at

Muscle Shoals. Pending final dis-

position by congress, the power

has been sold on a "forced sale"

basis to the only possible custom-

er, the Alabama Power Co. at an

average price of 2.09 mills per

kilowatt hour. This is even a low-

er price than it would be in the

northwest because our power is

inherently cheaper than power in

the south. Under these conditions

the Alabama Power Co. takes

current from the plant only if, as

and when they need it, and it is operated at far from the maxi-

mum output. Nevertheless, in

1927 the plant produced \$65,000,-

New Views

"Are you a jig-saw fan? If so,

or if not, what do you think of the jig-saw craze?" These ques-

tions were asked by Statesman

M. D. Pilkenton, linotype opera-

Mrs. P. H. Holmes, homemaker;

We've been trying them. Well, I

Harold Kletzing, school bog: "Yes, I like 'em. Dad got me one

with 300 pieces when I was sick.
It was fun. I tried to saw out some
myself, but the paper sticks."

your mental faculties alert."

tor: "No, I'm not. I don't know;

I haven't heard a great deal about

reporters Saturday.

land (near Wenatchee).

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"A sad case." He raised his head, and his eyes orchard and planted them in the

was grave, and a little grim. "Very." "One of the inevitable, I sup-

"Inevitable?" Wolfe's ayes caught Flemming's as one foll presses upon and feels another.

"Yes, perhaps here." You mean? "Such things are inevitable in sertain places."

than the man at his side. He hesitated, and then forced himself to follow the subject fur-

ther. "You mean to say that local con ditions may be held accountable?"

"How - in Navestock? I have lived in the town for twenty years."

of his face. Turrell's words re- fern fronds that fringed the edge

"That's fairly frank of you."

mean to say that you believetion has its ideas."

Then he said:

They had come to a point where hand over his eyes, and then glanc- their paths diverged. This parting myself." of the ways may have had some The neighbor came in, a big, symbolism for both of them. Robert turesque and ingenuous dreams,

"I'm sorry that we haven't met before. I hope we shall remedy were iridescent cobwebs spun by

Wolfe's hand went out frankly. "I hope so." And they parted with neeting of the eyes.

Robert Flemming walked on slowly, his hands behind his back, Now and again he glanced up to acknowledge the salutations of those who passed him. Yet his mood the woman took the child, and was one of detachment. He was smothered him against her bosom, lifted up out of Navestock, and out one great hand spread out and pat- of his own familiar, easy-going

a furze bush with a romance under want her." like a stranger who had no share her chin may be a more interesting in the things that were passing.

(To Be Continued)

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had brought Lent lilles from the came round half-timidly to scan the banks. In the centre was a black face of the man at his side. Wolfe circle and the ashes of a fire, for seemed to be thinking. His profile Jess had her gipsy moods and would brew her tea in a pot slung upon a tripod of sticks.

Jess lay in a patch of shade with masses of yellow flowers spread like golden rays about her, Ivanhoe had just overthrown Bols Guilbert and rescued Rebecca from death by fire,

Jess put the book aside-she had read it twice in the last two months -and lay on her back with a feeling of delightful languor. Romanes was so splendidly satisfying on (Robert Flemming's eyes fell. He summer day when the white slouds was a bigger man than Wolfs, both went drifting, and the furse pods in actual bulk and in reputation, cracked in the sun. Moreover, Miss but he felt smaller and slighter Jess had her head and body packed with romance. She was at the age when heroism is a necessity, and adventure part of the sap of life, Her own vitality was remance itself. She dreamed through all these strenuous happenings, and comcerity.

"I think Rowens was rather # "I know. That complicates one's fool. I'm not sure I don't like Rebecca better. But then, you see-Her thoughts fled off on a side Flemming felt a slight flushing issue, and she lay and stared at the

must be. Only he was fair, and I don't think I like fair men. I like "I meant to imply that all of us them tall and dark and sinewy, are apt to take familiar things for though I suppose I oughtn't to, because I'm dark myself. Fair men "Like the stains on our old often look such sops. There's young clothes. Quite true. But do you Turrell, too, only he's sandy; I should like to see someone give him "I believe what I have been a thrashing; I should like to have taught to be the truth. These things seen Ivanhoe smash him into the have been proved. The best of our dust. John Wolfe would look fine in younger men-well, every genera- armour. He's so strong, and he'd never be afraid. I believe he would Flemming was silent a moment. do all sorts of wonderful things. But then Navestock's a dull place. "We need young blood. I know Fancy a man finding a dragon to fight down there! Old Plimley might do. But I have beaten her

> She drifted away into more piethoughts that were too quaintly sacred to be thought out loud. They fairies before the eyes of a young girl. Jess lay and traced in imagination their glistening and tremulous patterns. She forgot that she existed, in the glamour of her dreams.

> "Jess, Jess!" Someone was calling her. She sai up, shaking her black hair with the slightest flash of irritation,

> "Jess, are you there?" The voice was a thin and useful voice, suggesting something with an edge to it. Jess knew the sound. She stood up and waited.

"It's Edith Wilks! What does she A girl lying under the shade of want to come here for? I don't

sold 489,000,000 K. W: H. No would more than take care of all statement is made of the annual the present requirements of the capacity of the Muscle Shoals hystate of Oregon. dro plant alone, but when devel-Yours very truly, JOHN W. CUNNINGHAM. oped to the ultimate hydro-steam

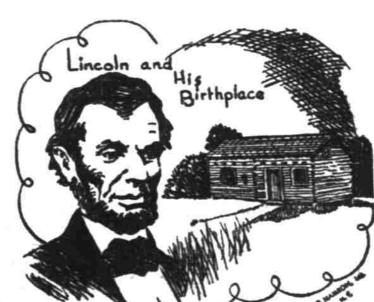
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Visitors admired the granite temple built over the log cabin in which Lincoln was born. It was presented to the Nation by the Lincoln Farm Association last November 9th.

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