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#### Constructive Legislation

COST of the publicity dealing with the legislative session Most of the publicity dealing with the legislative school had to do with revenue measures, appropriation bills, and motor license fees, with beer and basic science coming in for their share of attention. Aside from these major measures the legislature enacted a great deal of subsidiary legislation, much of which is of a constructive character. Little known as yet is the extent of the fiscal reform which has been accomplished, the purpose of which is to get the government units of the state on a firmer financial basis to prevent in the future the bond defaults such as have occurred in recent months; and to limit the bond flotations of municipal corporations.

Most of these bills were worked out in the office of State Treasurer Holman and are the product of long experience in handling the financial problems of communities. The chief deputy Fred H. Paulus has done a great deal of work in this connection and his experience proved of great value to Mr. Holman and to the legislators in their revision of laws. In the list are the following:

Senate Bill 221: Limits the bond issues of any city or town to 5% of the assessed valuation. Former limit was 10%. Senate Bill 254; Makes Bancroft (local improvement) bonds serial in form with definite maturity dates; and holds total to not over 5% of the assessed valuation of the munici-

House Bill 557: Enables school districts and municipalities to fund outstanding warrants, on vote of people, not in excess of 2% of assessed valuation. This may be helpful to Salem school district, enabling it to retire outstanding warrant indebtedness by bonds drawing a lower rate of interest.

Senate Bill 62 and House Bill 87: These bills govern refunding of maturing indebtedness of cities and counties, making

Senate Joint Resolution 22: Submits a constitutional amendment at the election July 21 which would require a twothirds vote of qualified electors voting to authorize an issue of

Senate Bill 242: Modifies law governing investment of sinking funds. In connection with immediate financial problems of taxing districts certain laws were passed, including:

Senate Bill 33: Provides for appointment of "municipal administrators" to supervise finances of cities in default on bond Senate Bill 240: Making state treasurer intermediary in

compromises between cities in default and holders of their Senate Bill 88: Permits sale of tax anticipation warrants

in order to meet bond maturities for which taxes have been levied but not collected.

Senate Bill 320; Requires security for deposits of all public funds in banking institutions.

One bill which was vetoed was Senate bill 341 which appropriated \$1250 for expenses of representative of the state treasurer's office to visit communities and assist them championship boxing match here in revising their financing. This was unfortunate; because last night. Burns knocked Roche many cities and towns are in need of this expert advice. The out in the first minute. work has been done gratuitously to them, but it has been of great value to the state and to the credit of its taxing districts. The one thing which Oregon now needs is some strong bureau of audit to check books of all municipal cor- cels of land and two buckets of porations and keep them from getting into such messes as many of them have worked themselves into.

Government units from the federal government down are groaning under burdens of debt assumed jauntily in happier times. The lesson of the last few years is the danger of overbonding. Many cities are unable to reduce tax rates now because the debt service is fixed and heavy. The measures passed by the past legislature represent the profit of the state from the trying experience of the past.

Good times will come again and the booster boys will be eager to pave the back alleys of the suburbs. When they do some of these new laws will put a brake on their zeal.

### A Study in Decimals

THE Oregon City Enterprise commenting on the difficulty I in determining the decimal point for intoxication, remarks that "altitude" is one of the variables: "A little alcohol goes a long way in high altitudes".

That suggests the idea that the proper solution of the percentage question is to devise a gauge which will combine barometric readings with physiological variations including blood pressure and bacteria count, put one end in the stein of beer and the other in the patient's mouth; and then let the tube suck air just as the indicator reaches the intoxica-

Soon men would go about comparing their percentage figures just as they now compare golf scores.

Senator Fred Steiwer has a difficult role in walking the tight wire in Washington. Between trying to live up to his campaign promises made so recently and still keeping up with the shifts in public sentiment he is under much embarrassment. His vote against the economy measure was merely delivery under his pledge to service men to keep the sluice-way of the treasury open. For the last four years Steiwer has been training with the hounds and running with the hares, as his votes indicate.

The American Red Cross is appealing for \$500,000 for relief work in the Southern California earthquake zone. We who have contributed generously to relief work in foreign lands, and who have ourselves been spared such calamity, should respond to this appeal. Money may be left at any of the local banks for the Red Cross fund.

The Portland Journal denies that Roosevelt is a dictator; says is a "leader". Granted; but if a republican president had asked for the power what would the Journal have called him?

The way the administration is starting off it will only be a few aks until Will Woodin will be the "greatest secretary of the treasury since Alex Hamilton."

Even the Oregonian has added a column of Washington "keyhole" stuff. Most every out-of-work reporter in Washington must be manufacturing a gossip column to be sold out in the sticks,

Nobedy wants any more bank holidays; but if we ever have to have them, we hope they're spotted in the fishing season.

The fellows who are spending \$2.50 for a motor license are The fellows who are spending \$2.50 for a motor license are quezzy passes from one institution to this danger, pungling up about \$25.00 for repairs, tires, et cetera.

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### We're Around That Corner!



### Yesterdays

. . . Of Old Salem

Town Talks from The Statesman of Earlier Days

March 19, 1908 The United States senate yeserday confirmed the nomination of John McCourt to be federal district attorney for Ore-

People who have been wading in the mud on Commercial street since the beginning of Salem, are rejoicing over the city council's action last night. It was voted to proceed at once with paving the street with bitulithic between Center street and the north bank of South Mill creek.

DUBLIN - Tommy Burns, American heavyweight champion made short work of Jem Roche Irish champion, in the world's

March 19, 1923 SEATTLE - Seeking a plan by which they might obtain "pargold" they asserted are due them ington territory, 300 Indians met

WASHINGTON- Senator Fess, Rep., Ohio, has informed Governor Smith of New York that he cannot comply with the petition Mama's invitation, very informalof the New York legislature for ly. In fact, the first that I knew support of the proposal to legal- about it was when I came back ize light wines and beer.

University high school of Eu-

New York City

avelids" is not a common disease. I

um writing about it because several

of my readers have written for in-

Japan, Egypt and Russia. In Amer-

ies, it is frequently encountered among the American Indians and certain natives of the southern and

where hygiene, sanitation, fresh sir, sunlight, proper food and personal cleanliness are neglected. In former

imes it was common in orphen asy-zons, poorhouses and other custodial

local, state and federal health inspec-tion has reduced the prevalence of this highly centagious disease.

Too often tractions is confused with simple eye inflammation. Home remedies are tried without success

tions. I am glad to say that

"TRACHOMA" OR "granulated

## BITS for BREAKFAST

would be.

on the ground. Well, you know

"Then I went into the house,

And then I saw the tender

wistful smile on her face, the look

that comes only to mothers who

their own strong boys; and so

ets and put it back on the settee.

Then I spent an hour hunting

found also a package of 'Camels'

Eddie had left when he went on

"Our guest started away, late

that last, long journey.

where the young man was seated

The funeral services for Ella McMunn's mother: what a person's first impression

Ella McMunn has probably reported more funerals and written a greater number of columns of news on the passing of people in in my Father's leather chair read-the vicinity of Salem than any ing the Country Gentleman, but living person. This was in her before I could grasp the details long service as a worker on The of the general 'ensemble,' I saw Statesman, during which time Mama writhing and twisting in that branch of the daily round of anxiety to have a private word duties came as one of her assign- with me in the kitchen. ments, a customary practice in conducting newspapers. \* \* \*

Some years ago, when she contributed a sketch entitled, "Thoughts for Mother's Day, by Ella McNunn," appropriate in time to the thought in the general mind on the date of publication, she could not have had a premonition that the skit might form a part of the text for the funeral sermon of her own beloved and devoted mother. That article fol-

"We had company for dinner yesterday, and Mama got out the white tablecloth (there being just one, it is known as 'the' tablecloth), and we had the table set under treaties made with Wash- in the dining room, although we generally eat in the kitchen, and with an attorney here yesterday. the 'attractive centerpiece' was a large bowl of most delicious rhubarb that made you think of plum blossoms and Paradise.

"Our guest dined with us at from the mail box and saw his neat bundle of blankets on the 'settee' in the front yard. (It isn't gene last night won the state really a 'settee,' but a pew out of basketball championship by de- the church at Hayesville.) I lifted feating Astoria high 28 to 25, the blankets off the seat the mo-Astoria led 15 to 13 at half time. ment I saw them, and cast them

plains at first of mild itching and

sunshine, bright lights or wind

causes intense pain in the eyes. At

parative if the eyesight is to be saved.

In due time some form in the inner lining of the lids. Then the lids are

It is a grave mistake to neglect trackoma of any other assistion of the eyes. Bear is used that many came of hindness can be traced to neglect. If you have any discon-fort in the eyes consult with your physician. Imprediate care is neces-

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fiverything I sat causes gas. Have been told that I have hyperacidity.

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described health authority who had just refrom China. He told me that ma has been very prevalent in that the discharge from the infected

trachoma has been very prevalent in the contains the germs which are China and is of great concern to the eyes contains the germs which are officials. The disease is common in handkerchiefs, towels and solled

remedies are tried without success and in the meantime the disease is quickly passed from one individual to another. In addition to this danger, ticulars sand a self-addressed.

ter this country if they have it.

Recently I dined with a

burning of the eyes. As the dis progresses, the eyes water and the systids become red. Exposure to

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.

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in the afternoon-Mama walked with him to the gate and watched him sadly out of sight, while in his worn pocket he carried one of her dollars, although she had just two before he came. 'He is somebody's dear boy, she said. Yes, one of the wandering boys whose mothers sit at the window and listen for their step at the door. A boy who will come back when his mother's tir-

ed hands are folded forever on her breast and a wreath of white lilies is on the fresh earth above

By request, Rev. B. Earle Parker of the First Methodist church of Salem, conducting the funeral services for Ella McNunn's mother, read the above lines, at the Clough-Barrick mortuary on Friday afternoon, in the presence of sorrowing relatives and neighbors and townspeople who knew the good woman in life and have known of the attachment between her talented daughter and the parent that has been so intimate and mutually interdependent through the long years, especially the past four, during which time Mrs. McNunn had been for the most part bedfast, and Ella herself suffering afflictions sapping her physical strength almost to the breaking point.

Rev. Parker had preceded the reading of the Mother's Day sketch with the verses from the 25th chapter of Matthew, in which, two days before Gethsemene, the Master delivered to His distracted disciples almost His final message before the last supper and the Calvary crucifixion. in part:

"For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty. and ye gaye me drink: I was a stranger, and yet took me in:

"Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. . . . Verily, I say unto you. inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto

### New Views

Spring in the air. Statesman reorters yesterday asked: "What is our favorite flower? Why?"

Mrs. H. E. Spencer, carpet weaver: "I think the rose, because it is the queen of flowers."

T. W. Creech, druggiste " think a red rose."

Thompson, police pa-"Poison ivy, provided Sips for Supper could be com-pelled to wear it for a bouquet." The Challenge of Love" By Warwick Deeping

Navestock was black tinder to se first rad spark of pestilence. he sinuous, glowing fever-patters

Everywhere Wolfe had been baffled by the incredible apathy of those whom he had tried to forewarn and help. They would not close up polluted wells, or take emergency measures to limit the disease. The tradesmen on the Board of Guardians sniggered over his proposal that they should arrange for a temporary supply of water to be brought into the town. Then came the deluge.

On August 4th there were nine new cases; on August 5th, thirteen:

new cases; on August 5th, thirteen; on August 5th, seven; on August 7th, thirty-three. Some of the early cases were running towards their critical periods. Deaths began to mount up. August 10th gave three, August 16th, eight. Fresh centres of infection cropped up like fungi in every hole and corner.

On August 18th there were thirteen deaths. The disease had been wallowing in the river alleys, but about the middle of the month it came out of the slough and climbed the higher ground. Sporadic cases tropped up even at High Elms and Mulberry Green. The middle-class houses began to be attacked. The moral intelligent selfishness of the ligion."
town was touched. Then the panie

Wolfe, hurrying out of the little white house at Eve's Corner at seven o'clock in the morning, nearly ran into a big man who was coming up the path. It was Robert Flemming, heavy-eyed and anxious a man who had been sleeping badly. "I have just caught you."

"I'm sorry, sir, but—"
"Oh, I'll not waste your time. I'll

walk the way you're going." They went out by the green gate, Wolfe's figure, the figure of an ath- and yet it is different. I can't com- fice Jess for such a place as Navelete, strung for the uttermost en- promise with those gentry of yours, stocki" durance, Robert Flemming ponder- but why shouldn't you and I work ous and sad.

"What are we to do?" "Are your men willing to do anything?

"It is too late, as far as the pres-

ent attack is concerned. We can special services." only make rescues here and there." The town's getting in a panie. Something must be done."

night. He's knocking up; he can't be relied on. Will you join us as our adviser?"

He just looked round into Robert Flemming's eyes. "No; not unless these gentlemen only common sense to get cowards came into his eyes. His knees pressof yours bind themselves to carry out of the fighting line. I'm riding out reforms, to arrange for the layover this morning to 'Pardons.'

This slim figure, moving in a faint

compulsory closing over of most the surface wella." have watched the grave close over thetie shrug of the shoulders. walked around the house and gathered up the bundle of blankobstinate and prejudiced."

"I can't compromise." "Not for the moment?" some socks for his wet feet, and "No. I know what would happen. When we had fought this thing through and the scare had subsided your good friends would whittle away their good intentions. A little judicious patching would be done. The devil was sick' - that is my

view." Flemming caught Wolfe by the

"Man, you've no heart." "I am being hard to you for the

you who is the hardest man in Navestock! Jesiah Crabbe?" "Perhaps." "And we have not had one case ret on Peachy Hill. We have had

all our water and our milk brought m daily from the country. Josiah an hour." Crabbe has kept his hands and his property clean. His people are not



Flemming caught Wolfe by the arm. "Man, you've no hear.

suffering. That is what I call re-

Flemming reddened. "Then you won't help us?"
"Well, I have been working from "Well, I have been working from the garden gate, and Mary Mascall five in the morning till twelve at had come down the path to speak night. And I am not alone."

"Mrs. Brandon is showing the real woman. We are going to do what we can to save the youngsters. Josiah Crabbe has put down a hundred pounds."

"No?"

He paused in his stride.

together?" Flemming was silent a moment. The fine humility of the man came to the surface.

"Why not? Tell me what I can

"Whom do you mean?" "The people who can pack up

their boxes and run away to the Wolfe did not slacken his stride. seaside. The old women." "But that's mean."

ing down of a proper sewage sys- Mrs. Brandon is getting marquees haze of sunlit dust, drew him irretem, for waterworks, and for the and tents together, and we are go- sistibly. of ing to improvise a hospital in one of the Wraith meadows. The young- wistfulness. Her eyes half pleaded Robert Flemming gave a pa-sters will have a better chance there, and we are getting volun-"Can't you be conciliatory, even teers as nurses. We can do someat a crisis? I know these men are thing for the children. The grownups are too obstinate. In nine cases out of ten they'd refuse to be

moved." Robert Flemming straightened out his shoulders. "Look here, Wolfe, I'm with you.

There's the cricket club tent." "We've got it." "And Turrell has a marquee." "I might leave that to you." They smiled grimly at each other "All right. We ought to have a

ommittee."

"For heaven's sake, don't start the committee idea. All talk and nothsake of the future. And I'll ask ing done. We want a tyranny of

two in a crisis." "I believe you are right, I'll go off and see Turrell about that tent."

"Didn't you meet her, John? She has not been gone more than half

"Along the Navestock road?" "Yes, to see Mrs. Brandon at Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc

"And you let her go!"
"Yes, I let her go, John."
Wolfe had drawn Turpin close to

"You can't go against such a spirit, John; it wouldn't be human.

"It's inhuman." "I should never have thought you would have taken it like this."

"It is because I care so much. I have seen thirty deaths in a fost-"Why don't you join us, Mr. night, and Threadgold had seen Flemming? It is the same thing, more. Do you think I would sacri-

Wolfe rode back towards Navestock, and turned a side by the clump of larches where the road branched off to "Pardons." Men were setting up a marquee in one of the meadows, and a loaded van do. I have been thinking of holding was bumping towards it over the baked turf. Ursula Brandon had "Preach to them on cleanliness. thrown aside her lethargy. She had Give them orders; tell them what come down from the high places of "Everything or nothing."

"I went to see Threadgold last the town."

to do and what not to do. And if her scorn, and little people were you could, get the cowards out of running to and fro, urged on by a capable and debenair imperiousness capable and debenair imperiousness that never condescended to explain.

Half a mile from "Pardons" where the road ran between pollard willows, Wolfe caught sight of a slim figure moving towards the dis-"Selfishness is cowardice, and it's tant cedars. A quick, bright light

Jess glanced up at him with some with and half defied him.

"Are you coming to 'Pardons'?" Wolfe felt ashamed. He dismounted and walked at her side. looking at her very dearly.

"Jesa, I surrender." "John, you mean it?" She flushed, and her eyes kindled "Of course I mean it."

"You don't know how I want to "I can guess at that." "John, you are a dear."

One of his big hands gripped her arm above the elbow. "No, I was a coward. You know, little woman, Navestock's just a dirty little town in a valley, and

you-well, you are you." She smiled up at him, the smile of a girl who is loved. "I love your selfishness, dear, But you are not selfish, really. It would have been my fault."

"I think we are getting rather

subtle," he said.

The simple true story of the brink of the grave. kindness in the humble McNunn home to the wayfaring guest, "somebody's dear boy," coupled with the near final interpretation feet was the more moving. So out Franklin county, Mo., June 28, of the core of Christianity by the of the ordinary was it as to stamp lowly Nazarene, in the clear and the recollection of it indelibly on eloquent words of Rev. Parker as he portrayed the analogy, made a picture that all who heard him

the tablets of memory.

will carry with them up to the such news have noted, Mrs. Susan

McNunn passed away at the home of her daughter near Quinaby. So apparent was the impromp- seven miles north of Salem, on tu character of it all that the ef- Wednesday evening last. Born in 1847, she was nearly 86. She was married to George Stewart Me-Munn in Denevr. Colo., December 9, 1869, and they came to As most readers who follow Oregon in 1892, where he died, (Turn to Page 9)



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