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Light from Over the Range

THE Statesman has found one supporter in its blasts against plunging the state into more road debt to the amount of some fifteen millions of dollars, on top of the heavy burden of twenty-eight millions of dollars the state now owes, the total to exceed the four per cent limit set in the state constitution. Robert W. Sawyer, editor of the Bend Bulletin, former member of the highway commission, has been throwing grenades at the deal from the other side of the range. Sawyer figures that the interest the state will pay on the loan from the government will be four million dollars more than the amount of the grant which the government is making.

In an editorial headed "Not So Hot" Judge Sawyer writes:

Announcement has been made that on the plan of amortization of the debt created by the PWA borrowing proposed to finance the coast bridges and an enlarged highway program the total interest charge will amount to $10,614,878. For the highway borrowing alone the annual interest charge would be over half a million.

The total amount of interest to be paid is a figure of especial concern when set up against the total amount of the federal grant that is expected. One of the reasons urged on behalf of the program is the fact that this grant is available and the argument is made that its receipt justifies the borrowing of the balance. The total of the grant, however, is only $6,030,000 and the interest charge, as already stated, $10,614,878.

The interest will be paid, of course, for the use of the borrowed money but the justification is found in the grant feature and that works out to the tune of over $4,500,000 less than the interest charge.

That does not look so hot.

Chairman Scott of the highway commission, says that if the deal goes through close management will be necessary, no new bond debt can be created and revenues must be carefully maintained.

That means that whatever the emergency hereafter there can be no bonds issued. For our immediate purposes we plan to tie up the future so that it cannot act. Its unemployment problem may be even more acute than that of the present, it may need money to spend on a short road to somewhere but there will be none to be had. We shall have used it.

That means, too, that there can be no gas tax reduction. Every cent that comes in will be needed for the bonds. And if some tax reducer of 1945 initiates a measure to cut the tax what shall be done with him? Give the people a situation such as that they have labored under for the past few years and they will vote for his bill and give him a medal. The bondholders can wait.

These possibilities do not look so hot either.

Dam Land Gamble

WASHINGTON authorities are going after the land speculators who are swarming to Bonneville and are warning the public against buying lots there, pointing to the sad experience of the speculators at Muscle Shoals. The government shouldn't be too hard on these gentry who translate options into cash. They can do a better job of getting money out of socks than the government's own gold-upping deal.

Whatever has become of the gents who sold oil stock, Florida land, interests in pig farms and fox farms, Tacoma tide flats and Hermiston orchard tracts? Where are they now? It has been a long wait for them. Now that the government is helping out other classes why shouldn't they be permitted to cash in on a little government work up the river? There is no swifter way to get action on money than to buy a lot at a place like Bonneville. There the hands will be quicker than the eyes.

Why not stage a real boom at Bonneville, with lecture tours from Portland, and lunch in a big tent, and blue prints and signs marked "Sold" between the rocks? The only difference between buying a lot at Bonneville and a bond from New York is that you find out quicker you've been suckered if you make the investment close to home. Then if a person buys a lot for $100 he can at least go up there later on, and maybe figure the government was a bigger sucker than he was in putting $31,000,000 in the dam,—if it can't find any market for its juice after the dam is built. It is not always easy to tell who is going to be the sucker,—not by a dam site.

Some one said the Chase National was dipping in to prevent Salem getting a loan from PWA to buy the water plant. From what we see by the papers Chase National's influence is not very strong at Washington just now. Perhaps the way to get the money quickly is to whisper that the Chase outfit is fighting it.

A Portland city commissioner scolds about variation in time on street clocks there. He wants them regulated. A public official would propose more regulation. Why not create a new bureau for regulating clocks, and hire a chief, two inspectors, a stenographer and put them all under civil service? "In Portland, we do!"

The new rule seems to be that those "involved in controversy" must be fired from the system of higher education. If applied, wouldn't that mean quite a general exodus of deans and directors, and board members, and newspaper editors, and college students?

Back from a fishing trip, former President Hoover said: "I had good luck, better than ever before." Hoover played in miserable luck both in politics and in fishing. The country is glad he got a break at last.

Sunday the Germans are to have an election. Only one ticket is to be voted on, the Hitler slate. And the subservient voters will also endorse the foreign policy of the nazi government. There is no liberty even of thinking in Germany today.

Some people are afraid there will not be enough whiskey to go round after repeal is ratified. They needn't worry. The former sources of supply will still remain open.

Now Oregon understands why France and Germany cannot live together in peace and harmony.

GOSS TO PRESENT OWN LIQUOR PLAN

Operation of bottle liquor stores, under license, with all licensees to be approved by the state and the local authorities, will be proposed as a solution of the liquor control problem by Senator John Goss of Marshfield, he announced Thursday. Goss said the proposal was now being drafted but he was not at liberty to divulge its details.

Under the Goss plan the state would fix the price of liquors, regulate the conduct of the bottle stores, and receive at least 40 per cent of the profits. Goss said he was opposed to the state liquor store plan as proposed by Governor Meiers' committee.

The Goss proposal will be presented on the first day of the special legislative session so there will be no delay in having it referred to the proper committee.

VISITOR AT KEIZER

KEIZER, Nov. 9—Mrs. J. F. Mohney, formerly Margaret Claggett, and her little daughter, Margaret of Portland, spent the past week visiting with relatives here.

"THATS MY BOY" By FRANCIS WALLACE

CHAPTER FIFTY-SEVEN

"That's what I call a swell job," observed Pop to Tom as Uncle Louie looked on admiringly.

Then things began to happen so fast — new things — that before Mom knew it everything was over.

The first was the piece in the paper about Tom's job. It looked so natural to see his picture again with his football suit and the hat on, looking out at Mom so brave and kind of fierce-like. Uncle Louie saw it first and came from downtown with the news. He showed it to Tommy and then gave it to Mom. It said that Big Jeff Randolph had been appointed backfield coach at Thorndyke for the next year and his duties would begin in September. It said that Thorndyke was calling him back to help the head coach because the Pilgrim backfield had lacked punch since Tom had left and it was thought he could teach the young fellows how to do things as he had done.

Uncle Louie stayed for supper and when Pop came in from the factory he hurried up to tell him but Pop went right on taking his shoes off; and when he took off his shirt and started to wash, he told Uncle Louie he was four hours late —that the news had been all over the factory all afternoon; and Uncle Louie said the paper had only been out two hours but Pop just looked at him and said:

"And what did I tell you about them not getting along without him?" Then Pop looked at Tom as if to say that he had a tough time with old codgers like Uncle Louie who didn't know anything about football. Then Pop said: "What's it pay?" And Tom said $3,000 a year; and Pop said, "and you don't have to play—just teach 'em?" and Uncle Louie stepped in and said, "sure, can't you read?" but Pop paid no attention to him; he just said, "that's what I call a job."

That was what Mom called a job, too—particularly because he was going to be a coach and didn't have to play anymore; and it was sure funny to see the people around town, the ones who had razzed him and looked down on him and all—they were the very ones who came around shaking his hand and asking him about what kind of a team they were going to have; but Tommy didn't bother much with them, Mom noticed; and it did Mom's heart good to see the ones along the street trying to pretend that they had never said anything against him.

But most of all it did Mom's heart good because it proved that Tommy was great, after all; and now that it was all over she was proud of him for the sensible way he had acted when everybody was down on him. Even after the news was broken he didn't seem excited —he seemed to be studying more than ever about things; and when he got Mom alone one night and she thought he was going to talk about it, she could hardly believe her ears. He was going to stand up for Pete, naturally, and he was asking who was going to be Steve's bridesmaid.

Mom really didn't know; Cousin Emmy had done a lot of talking but Steve hadn't really asked her; but on account of Steve meeting Pete so soon after she came to town and spending most of her spare time with him, Mom didn't know whether she really had any close young girl friend.

"I figured it might be something like that, Mom; suppose you sound her out as carefully as you can—and if you think she'd really like it, Dorothy will be home by that time."

Mom thought it was sure grand for Tommy to take such an interest and she could see Pete appreciated it, too, and was almost as surprised as Mom—to say nothing of Steve; Mom could see she had been worrying a little, not wanting Cousin Emmy because a young bride wanted a young bridesmaid and not an old scrawny chatterbox who would like as not try to act like they did in the movies and act more important than the bride and ball things up generally. Steve was tickled pink and so Tommy said he'd ask Dot and she wrote right back and said she'd be greatly honored; and she said when she'd be home and just to let her know the date.

That was another thing that was bothering everybody—including the gossips along the street. Of course it had leaked out—trust Cousin Emmy for that, Mom thought—and the first time Mom went to the store after that, the three of them were right after her and although Mrs. Farrell didn't say anything Mom could see she had her ears open to catch anything that was said. So Mom said she didn't know the date yet because that depended some on Dorothy.

"Dorothy who?" Mrs. Johnson said. So Mom said Dorothy Whitney and the three of them almost popped the eyes out of their head. "Is it gonna be a double wedding?" Mrs. Flannigan asked quickly; but Mom just smiled and said no, nothing like that but it was natural Dorothy should be the bridesmaid.

"Oh, she's going to stand up with them," Mrs. Johnson said. "I thought maybe since Tommy had a job they might be going to do it, too." But Mom said Dorothy was still in college and anyhow Tom's job had nothing to do with it anyhow because he had known it all along, the only difference being that he didn't know everybody else was so worried about him or he would have told them.

Then they began to throw out hints about getting invited but Mom put them off. Mrs. Flannigan said she supposed they'd be having a big time but Mom said both Steve and Pete was the plain kind and didn't want any fuss; then Mrs. Johnson said, yes, but they'd be having a big meal, anyhow and Mom said she didn't know yet as that would depend on the plans; and Mrs. Flannigan said it was sure to be a lot of work one way or another and for Mom not to be bashful about calling on them to help. So Mom thanked them, knowing all they wanted was to get their nose in some way and not miss anything.

Then Butcher Brown said to be sure and get her stuff from him; and Mrs. Flannigan asked Butcher why he never got married and he said he had a hard time fighting the girls off but he didn't want to make the rest of them sore so that when the ones who got left married somebody else they would be sure to deal with him as a man in business had to be careful; he said he was like Albert, he loved them all; and Albert opened his mouth and yawned and Butcher said if all the men were as smart as Albert they'd all have less trouble—and Mrs. Johnson didn't like it very well as everybody said her man was henpecked and never left the house he didn't have to give excuses.

(To Be Continued)

Yesterdays

... Of Old Salem

Town Talks from the Statesman of Earlier Days

November 10, 1908

Absence of light near North Mill creek bridge on Front street, which is still strewn with timbers left by contractor, causes fear serious injury may result to teams or cyclists.

W. H. Burghardt Jr., in business here eight years, purchases business of late L. M. Kirk; will have agency for eight lines of insurance.

Albany college wins from Willamette on gridiron 11 to 4.

Illahee club elects officers: L. F. Griffith, president; A. N. Gilbert, vice-president; Frank Meredith, secretary; Joseph Baumgartner, treasurer; C. L. McNary, M. L. Meyers, C. C. Juney, W. S. Smith and Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, trustees.

November 10, 1923

Hundreds of Ku Klux Klansmen parade streets here in celebration of receipt of charter by Salem Klan No. 29, Realm of Oregon.

MUNICH, Bavaria—Adolph Hitler and General Erich Ludendorff surrender from barricade in war ministry offices after attempted coup d'etat engineered by Hitler last night; Berlin officialdom says Hitler's tragic-comic "putsch" scarcely got beyond rathskeller where fascisti leader proclaimed himself dictator of all Germany.

New Willamette university dedicated; talks given by President Carl G. Doney, Dr. B. L. Steeves, board president; R. A. Booth, trustee; C. P. Bishop and Ward Southworth.

Gym Boys at Y.M. Say Beavers Win

Three-fourths of the membership of the cadet and prep gym classes at the Y. M. C. A. picked the regon State Beavers as winners in Saturday's fracas with the Webfeet when the question was put to them yesterday by Gus Moore, boys' work secretary. In one class of 20 boys 19 were ready to back the Beavers.

BITS for BREAKFAST

—By R. J. HENDRICKS—

Have you a bath brick?

Mission site fencing fund:

C. (Cy) B. Woodworth, Salem boy of the old days, long employed in banks in the capital city and the metropolis, his address now 1236 S. W. Fourth avenue, Portland, sends these lines:

"Have any of the old timers a bath brick? If so, it should be sent to the Oregon Historical Society.

"Now what is a bath brick? Every one would ask that question. It is a brick made of abrasive material, the size of a common brickbat. It was about the color of ochre. It was used for polishing knives. In the early days every household had a bath brick. There was usually a piece of sole leather alongside of it. The blade of the knife was put on the brick, with the leather on top of it, and the knife, pulled back and forth, gave the steel a very fine polish.

"The Oregon bound covered wagon immigrants always had bath bricks with them. Sometimes the lady of the house would scrape off parts of it for polishing pots and pans, and when hog killing time came around, after the hog was placed in hot water and the hair removed, the carcass was polished with this bath brick; and it has been said that sometimes the old man would use it for polishing himself when he took his Saturday night bath in the family wash tub.

"It was also used as a missile for defense. It was always handy, and many a one has been hurled at a stray dog, the cow — and sometimes the old man dodged it.

"The name 'bath' is misleading. As a matter of fact, it has nothing to do with the bath. This abrasive material was found in a mine in England near the city of Bath, hence the name. It has been supplanted by the well known nationally advertised articles, and it is doubtful if there is one in existence today."

Reporting on the fencing fund for the Lee mission site: R. P. Boise gave $5. This leaves $15 yet to be given. There are some prospects. But money will be needed for the 1934 centenary celebration fund.

So, if you will pledge money for the fence fund, and there is something over the $50 now being raised, the overplus will go to the celebration fund.

Salem will have to contribute $700 or $800, and perhaps twice $800, or more, if she is to do her part toward the 1934 centenary celebration fund.

The Jason Lee mission site belongs to the people of Oregon. It is as much the property of any citizen as any other citizen. The deed runs to the Willamette university, in trust for the people of the state of Oregon.

The university has been keeping up the property; having the weeds mowed, etc., and the bulk of the land is to be seeded, in order to finally make it like a lawn. The expense has been paid by the university, for two years.

The road to the mission site is a dedicated county road, running from the main river highway just west of the old Alec LaFollett house.

The time will come when scores of thousands of people will visit that spot every year. It is the highest historic point west of the Rocky mountains, as related to American history, old Oregon country history, and the history of the state of Oregon.

No American citizen has a right to overlook the 1934 centenary celebration; more especially no Oregon citizen, and still more especially no citizen of Salem or her trade territory.

Leave your subscription with Jos. J. Albert at Ladd & Bush bank, or at The Statesman office, to be deposited there. Or mail it to either.

WILL RESIDE HERE

LIBERTY, Nov. 9—Mrs. Myrtle Sheldon who has spent some time visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ray Cleveland and other relatives, has disposed of her property in Shasta City, Calif., and will make her home in Salem.

DEATH VERDICT IS UPHELD BY COURT

Theodore Jordan Appeal is Denied Though Two of Justices Disagree

The Oregon supreme court Thursday affirmed Judge Duncan of the Klamath county circuit court in the case of Theodore Jordan, negro, who is under death sentence for the slaying of F. T. Sullivan, Southern Pacific Pullman conductor at Klamath Falls on June 3, 1932. The opinion was written by Justice Bean.

Jordan originally was sentenced to be hanged early in June and has been at the state penitentiary for several months. It will be necessary to return Jordan to Klamath Falls for resentencing.

Appeal to the supreme court was based on the contention of counsel for the defendant that a substantial error was committed by the trial court in not excluding the jury at the time testimony in regard to the competency of Jordan's confession was being heard. The defendant made no request to have the jury excluded from hearing the testimony although the district attorney suggested that the testimony be taken outside of the hearing of the jury.

"While we do not commend the procedure, in the present case we fail to see how the rights of the defendant were prejudiced," the predominating opinion read.

Justice Kelly, in a dissenting opinion, declared that before the hanging of a man may be legally justified such man must be given a trial at all points in conformity with the law. "The writer is unable to convince himself that such a trial was accorded this defendant," Justice Kelly continued.

"Knowing the loquacious temperament of the defendant, the very efficient and experienced district attorney, who prosecuted the case, quite properly requested that the jury be excused when the question of the admissibility of defendant's confession was being heard by the judge. It is no answer to say that approved procedure was disregarded in reference to the showing addressed to the judge of the court upon the admissibility of defendant's purported confession, and hence, it was proper further to disregard it in reference to impeaching a defendant who does not testify as a witness upon the issues joined."

Justice Rossman concurred in the Kelly opinion.

In another opinion the court affirmed Judge Tucker of the Multnomah county circuit court in a suit brought by Rose Barde and others to recover rentals from the Portland News Publishing company which was alleged to have assumed a lease on Washington street property formerly held by the Telegram Publishing company. The lower court awarded a judgment of $13,699.52 in favor of the plaintiffs.

In an oral opinion the court authorized a reargument in the case of the Salmon River Highway Improvement district to compel the state highway commission to assume its bonded indebtedness for the construction of the Salmon River Cutoff highway. The reargruments have been set for Monday. The indebtedness involved in the suit aggregates $177,565.

MUNICIPAL DOCK IS FAVORED BY LIONS

Salem Lions club turned utility minded at its luncheon at the Gray Belle Thursday noon and placed its approval on the movements to secure a municipal water system and a port district dock.

O. D. "Frosty" Olson, president, following a unanimous vote of the club favoring the new dock proposal, announced the entire membership would constitute the committee to circulate the petitions calling for a special election to create a port district of Salem.

The club acted on the request of B. E. Sisson, chamber of commerce president, who attended the meeting with William P. Ellis to outline the plan.

With but one dissenting vote, the club passed a motion proffered by Stanford Sparks placing it back of the city council in the water deal.

Lesson to Hubby Found Boomerang By Smart Spouse

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Nov. 9. (AP)—A Klamath Falls housewife hit upon a plan to "cure" her husband of leaving his automobile parked unlocked on downtown streets. She decided to teach him a lesson by opening the door of the car she found parked downtown last night and removing all loose articles, which included a paint brush and automobile tools.

The next day, red-faced, she appeared at the police station and asked the officers to find the owners of the articles. She explained that upon arriving home she found their car in their own garage, where it had been all evening.

STATE CONVENTION OF C. E. DISCUSSED

Plans for the next state Christian Endeavor convention, tentative dates of which are April 19-22, 1934, were made at the Marion county C. E. executive committee meeting here this week, at which state officers also attended. General chairman for the state convention will be selected shortly.

About 3,000 delegates will be received, according to present plans. This will be the largest gathering ever of the state group, and will mark the 50th anniversary of the organization in Oregon. The golden jubilee convention will be held in the gymnasium at Willamette university.

Salem has been host to two former state gatherings, in 1922 and 1929. State officers present at the executive committee meeting were Helen McClay, Oregon City; Viola Ogden, Portland; and James C. Henderson, Portland.