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A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY

FLYING TO BOHEMIA

HAVE you ever been to Bohemia? No, not Czechoslovakia, nor yet the Bohemia of romance and musical comedy, but our Bohemia, out in the high hills east of Cottage Grove.

You can start up Sharp's creek (in midsummer) and if your car is in good shape you can make it to the top of the 5600 foot elevation in about an hour—if you give 'er the gun and keep 'er in LOW. Or you can find a bit easier grade up Brice creek past the old Champion mines.

"Thar's gold in them there hills"—mountains of it. Millions have been taken out in "free-milling gold" in years past. Millions more in gold and silver and lead and copper will be taken out some day when we get low tonnage rates to a smelter or a process which will separate base ores inexpensively.

It's a marvelous country up there. You can't blame the miners working their claims year in and year out, prodding away at their developments, always believing that they will soon achieve fortune because it's probably the lure of the country as much as the chance of getting rich that takes them up there.

Hence the six people who have just been saved from possible starvation while snowbound at the Evening Star. Oh, they might have come out on skis or shoes, maybe, but that's not so easy. One of the Bartels boys tumbled half way down to Sharp's creek when his skis got out of control a few years back, and they were months putting his bones back in their accustomed order.

It's much simpler these days to take a plane and drop a few provisions. Herman Hobi and Harold Sander did a mighty nice job boring through the fog to the rescue. An hour or two and the whole trip was over. Time was when it would have taken days to get help up into those mountains.

It was quite a feat at that. If you don't believe it, drive up there sometime next summer and look the place over. They've got a loop completed now from the Brice creek road to the Sharps creek road so you can go up one side and down the other, and they've got a few turnouts so that if you meet somebody you won't have to back down the mountain.

It is a trip that is well worth anybody's time because it uncovers some of the most beautiful country in Oregon and some of Lane county's most fascinating history.

POLICY OF MAYOR LARGE

IN his first statement of policy as mayor of Eugene, Mayor Elieha Large declares that his administration will be dedicated to the task of chiseling down as much as possible of the city's warrant and bonded debt. Mayor Large could not make a more timely or more practical promise to the people.

In the last few years, much has been done to check the evils of expanding debt and to get rid of part of it. The program of debt retrenchment began under Williamson, was carried on by Wilder and will now be enforced by Mayor Large. City Recorder R. S. Bryson deserves a great deal of credit for the help he has given with details of this program.

Nevertheless, we still have a general bonded debt of \$1,076,340; a general warrant debt of \$84,782.53; and we have a special debt of \$108,660.15 in warrants which the city has had to issue to cover interest on special paving and sewerage bonds where property owners have fallen behind in their payments.

Debt is the most serious problem the city has at present. The revenue that is consumed to meet interest charges and principal payments makes it impossible to maintain more than a skeleton operation of such important services as the police and fire departments, the engineering department, the street repair and street cleaning services, the parks.

Not until debts are materially reduced will there be any chance of expanding any services and not until debts are virtually wiped out will it be possible to lower city tax rates.

Mayor Large deserves wholehearted support in his program. It is going to mean that all of us will have to get used to hearing him say "NO" to a good many things that would be very nice.

Eugene is lucky only that it is tackling the debt problem in time. We have only to look at New York and Chicago to realize that no city, no matter how vast its resources, can afford pyramiding debts. The pyramid falls with a boom sometime.

RESPONSE TO MR. KEENEY

OUR good friend, Ben F. Keeney, county assessor, and free lance critic of all public operations, writes to state that he objects to recent references in these columns to his policies regarding the warrant debts of the Eugene school district. In particular the statement that his policies are designed to "kid the public."

In retaliation, Mr. Keeney calls to mind that time four years ago when this paper supported Superintendent Gould in his request for a budget which would have exceeded the six per cent limitations by some \$73,700 had it passed, and for his part in helping to defeat this excess appropriation. Mr. Keeney claims much credit for the school economies which have been effected since.

It might be well to remind Mr. Keeney that a large part of the requested extra appropriation was for the purpose of retiring warrant debt at once. The extra levy was defeated. Mr. Gould took the verdict of the voters like a good sport and proceeded to do all that could be done by operating economies to save money to get rid of the burdensome debt. The fact that he has pulled it down from some \$140,000 a year to an average of approximately \$50,000 a year testifies to good work and good faith.

Nevertheless in those four years we have had to go on paying out \$6000 to \$11,000 for interest on that debt. We have paid out well over \$25,000 in interest charges which we might have saved and

used for productive work or to reduce tax levies, had the original program passed.

For defending that proposed levy we have no apologies. On the contrary, if it were practical today to ask for levies to wipe out the entire warrant debt of the school district, the city or any other department where it exists, the plan would have our support. You can't get away from the fact that any plan which compels a city or school district to operate on borrowed money is "Bad Business." You said so, yourself, Mr. Keeney, once.

Of course, if we have been unfair in saying that you have "kidded the public," we apologize, humbly, but we will say this, if you believe that warrant debt is sound policy you are kidding yourself.

WHAT! WHAT! A DUEL!

OUT of dear old Vienna comes a delightful little story via the worthy United Press. The Archduke Leopold of Hapsburg, a member of the royal house which ruled in Austria till the late war proved a flop, has been challenged to a duel by a number of petty ex-noblemen.

It seems that the irrepressible Leopold appeared in a place known as "Charlie's Bar" wearing the medals of the ex-royal house along with an outlandish rig consisting of green shorts and one of those dinky little feathered hunting hats they wear in the Alps. To the little fellows, brooding on the good old days of monarchy in Austria, the garb of the Archduke was a terrible insult to the ex-ruling house. So they invited him to fight, swords, pistols, forty paces and all that sort of rot.

If the fight ever comes off, we want it known that out here in Eugene, Oregon, we are pulling for the Archduke. He must be a human sort of cuss.

Possibly it is because he knew the ex-royal family so very well, so much better than the little toadies could ever hope to know them, that he is now inclined to treat their medals and emblems and foflerols as a lark. Possibly only a person who had been a member of the House of Hapsburg could appreciate how utterly dumb the false front of majesty was. Possibly only a genuine Austrian archduke could appreciate the freedom of the republic.

Anyhow, a man who would parade the royal badges and a hunting setup together in "Charlie's Bar" must understand the fundamentals of a joke. Or should Charlie's Bar be given all the credit?

The bill authorizing the survey of the Willamette river from Springfield and Eugene to Salem for canalization has been passed by the senate. Canalization is not a thing which will be achieved this year or next year, but it belongs in the long run program for a community which as time goes on will move enormous tonnage of ores and lumber and agricultural products to tidewater.

The Anti-Saloon League warns both parties to keep clear of the liquor issue in the coming election. If the Anti-Saloon League will now just tell both parties how this can be done, it will find itself extremely popular with many politicians.

An eastern mayor says chambers of commerce ought to be abolished, which says Ajax McGurk is quite an idea, but the only trouble is that a good many people think the same thing about mayors.

Safest topic of the moment: the weather! Who wants to argue?

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

A POOR RULE

PERHAPS State Treasurer Barfus Holman won a victory when he got the state board of control to issue an edict governing the hours in which state employees may operate state-owned cars, but the victory appears to be hollow, as it handicaps some state departments in carrying forward their work.

To a person not a state employe, it appears that the board of control edict is poor business. We say this realizing full well that many state employes have used the state cars extravagantly and possibly for their own pleasure and private business.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The reconstruction finance corporation is generally expected to save certain threatened banks, railroads and other corporations whose collapse would be likely to plunge the country deeper into depression.

Whether, by causing a release of frozen credits and hoarded funds, it will actually solve the situation (the flip required to place the bottom of the slump definitely behind is a matter of debate between the optimists and the pessimists. There seems to be a real chance that it may.

Throwing the government into business as it never was before, the administration and congress have adopted the most drastic of several measures yet used to meet the crisis. Although designed for both its psychological and material effect as were the \$100,000,000 tax reduction, the moratorium and the Hoover-sponsored national credit corporation—none of which halted, even if they retarded, the downward trend—it has greater possibilities than any of them.

It is called a two-billion dollar corporation because it will have \$500,000,000 from the treasury for emergency loans to banks, railroads, insurance companies and other corporations and may raise \$1,500,000,000 more for the same purpose by issuing its own bonds or debentures.

Many banks, congress found, were not in a position to liquidate their holdings or take care of their depositors. Last year 2200 banks failed, with deposits of \$1,750,000,000 on which it is believed the average depositor's loss will be about 50 per cent. Surviving banks threatened by frozen assets may now turn to the corporation for loans.

The corporation will thus serve as a place of refuge and, in a sense, as a guarantee of deposits. The fact that it has stop-gap money available is expected to give the business and credit structure, as well as depositors, the confidence they so badly need. No one expects that the whole of the two billions will ever be borrowed, but the measure's sponsors think it should keep the deflation process and most of the uncertainty about how much worse things may get in certain directions.

Railroads have had serious difficulty in financing themselves since the security market went tobogganing in their earnings and under the general business decline. They have \$700,000,000 in obligations maturing in the first quarter of this year and in the six months ending with April will have required from \$85,000,000 to \$115,000,000 above their available cash and receipts in hand. Some roads have been forced with obvious distress, but now when they can't get loans from banking channels or the public they can depend on the federal government. The theory is that the new bailout will inspire confidence in new railroad financing so that the roads can get most of the needed money elsewhere.

Insurance companies have had to sell securities at a loss in order to meet unprecedented demands for loans to policyholders and their position will likewise be strengthened, although it has not been as serious as that in which certain banks and railroads have found themselves.

Credit, vitally essential to maintenance of business enterprise, has been dried up and a dominant factor in the current depression has been fear. "Not the weak fearing the strong, but the strong fearing the weak," according to Governor Eugene Meyer of the federal reserve board. Strong banks fear the effects of failure of weak banks and restrict credit. If that fear can be dispelled by federal support of the weaker banks, a return to normal credit operations becomes likely. A strengthened credit structure and increased confidence, it is hoped, will be accompanied by a return to circulation of money now hoarded.

SIDE GLANCES



"Of course, I'll drive you wherever you say, lady, but that play you've picked is just getting by on the author's reputation."

PURE AIR IS HEALTH REQUISITE

GERMS OF RESPIRATORY DISEASES SPREAD IN CROWDS AND IN DENSENESS OF CITY

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEN (Editor, Journal of American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine)

STUDENTS of the public health are placing increasing emphasis on the importance of pure air in relationship to health. Whenever crowds of human beings assemble there exists the increasing possibility of transmission of the germs that cause respiratory diseases. There is furthermore the fact that these germs are more likely to seize on mucous membranes that are below par than on a healthy mucous membrane. Finally, air that is too dry, that is full of dust, or otherwise unsuitable, is likely to bring about a lowered resistance of the mucous membranes of the breathing tract.

Various cities of our country differ in the amount of industrial smoke that is present in the air. Furthermore, considerable amounts of smoke in the air interfere with the passage of sunlight, which is known to have a definite effect in promoting health and in limiting the development of bacterial organisms. Observations made in several great industrial centers have shown that the amount of sunlight received in the center of the town is 30 per cent less than that received at the edge of town. Observations made in Manchester, England, revealed that 15 per cent less sunlight was secured in the center of the city than at a spot 10 miles away.

Of particular interest is the question of ventilation in places where many people are assembled, as, for instance, in music halls, lecture rooms and motion picture theaters. It is not safe to rely for fresh air, in places which must be kept darkened, on entrance, exit and more permanent openings. Usually permanent air inlets are rare in such places and it is not possible to flush the air thoroughly between performances. It is therefore necessary to employ mechanical ventilation, using exterior fans which draw out the air constantly and perhaps agitator fans to stir up the air in dead corners, beneath balconies and in similar places. If possible, means should be developed for completely flushing the air of

Home Treatment for Head Colds, Catarrh, Bad Throat & Coughs

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Use Opex for 20 days with spray or dropper—then if you can truthfully say it isn't the finest remedy for nostrils and throat you ever used—get your money back.

With clean, healthy nostrils and throat all winter long think of how much money you will save by not having to dose your system.

Look at the picture—when you inhale as you spray the cleansing, soothing steam like smoke covers the entire membrane—right to the bottom of the lungs—you see it coming thru the mouth.

If you haven't an atomizer, get an Opex atomizer (see illustration)—strong, sturdy, nickel-plated and as good as any produced—85 cents—and a toy but a real atomizer that will last for years.

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woman in its employ for over two years, and they were here then only as extra help, thus complying with public demand.

We would suggest that "Mrs. T. G." first investigate conditions before condemning people. H. L. BOWN.

ABOUT ORTHODOXY

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—May I suggest the question, Is the Bible unscientific?

I believe any scientist will admit that the Bible has some value as an historical collection, but no scientist can consider it to be the infallible word of God. Since when did science start to base its conclusions upon myths and miracles? Science and orthodox religion are about as harmonious as hawks and chickens, orthodox has been the dark shroud of a blighted past-science the hope of a brighter future, orthodox is the tomb of progress-science the avenue of freedom.

It is science and reason that leads us safely through the dark valley of myth and miracle past the drought of the ape man, past the cathedrals of orthodox ignorance with their altars of incense, and their blood of goats, past the fiery serpent and the golden calf, past the crime of war and the pit of hell, past the crime of slavery and the bondage of women, past human sacrifice and the burning of witches to the present dawn of the age of reason.

Science is a finder of facts—orthodoxy the cemetery of reason, orthodox thrives on mystery—science explains it, orthodox is built upon myth and miracle—science proves itself by law, orthodox asks you to believe—science demands a logical proof, orthodox creeds are a relic of the past—science the only enlightenment of the present.

Bible texts have been used for thousands of years to uphold slavery, war, polygamy, woman subordination and the "divine" rights of exploitation. "Christian" soldiers have butchered unnumbered millions in the name of the "Prince of Peace," and with a prayer on their lips when they have thrust their bayonets through the quivering flesh of their "Christian" brothers, and all in the name of the "Lord" and at the sanction of orthodox religion.

Orthodoxy expects to hold by falsehood all it has gained by deceit and cruelty, orthodox is blighter of intellect—the muzzle of freedom, and the grave yard of reason, and if orthodox could control the world to-day it would again drive its fiery chariot of ignorance and tyranny through the ranks of humanity, and hold mankind in bondage by its threat of hell, and its sword of cruelty. Orthodox is that "great fixed gulf" between man and civilization, between man and freedom, and between man and God.

Orthodoxy does not make the false true even if it is uttered as a prayer. Orthodox is that "great fixed gulf" error is not sacred though it live ten thousand years, and error can never be made to fit a fact even if it is told in a church, and written in a book "blessed Holy" and one who love the Bible better than "Truth" will pro-

EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

ANSWERING MRS. "T. G."

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—"Mrs. T. G." stated "it is too bad the sheriff here and the Eugene water board have not the nerve which Sheriff Mass of Oregon City has." She further states that Sheriff Mass of Oregon City relieved his daughter and two other married women of their jobs, replacing them with men who were unemployed. This office has not had a married

ced by loving their own sect better than Christianity, and end up by loving themselves better than all else. As "Man made Gods" have always depended upon priests to pass out information, one can hardly be astonished at the credulity of the people, orthodox has never advocated or won a victory for the rights of man, we have advanced in spite of orthodox—not because of it. Orthodox always twists its neck backward, the only progress the world has ever known has been the result of science and reason. V. W. Shaffer.

Local Building Work Boosts State Total

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The seven westernmost states' building permits for December fell below November and the Dec. 1933 levels by 10.5 per cent and 64.8 per cent respectively. The Dec. total was \$7,497,949, compared with \$8,404,802 in November and \$21,180,155 in Dec. 1933.

In Oregon, Portland, Eugene and Corvallis showed good gains over the preceding month. These cities lifted the total for their state above the November mark.

REV. HOUSE DEAD

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Rev. Elwin L. House, of Hood River, nationally known lecturer, who lived here, died Tuesday at Scotts Bluff, Neb., from pneumonia. Mrs. House, who was with him, left with the body for Hood River today. Dr. House preached in Massachusetts, Maine, Washington, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Oregon before turning in 1913 to writing and lecturing on the psychology of religion.

Maynard Coming In New Western

Several "Joshua Trees," the best specimen of cactus found in America, will be seen in Ken Maynard's new western, "The Pistolero," which will be on the bill at the Theater Friday and Saturday. These huge cacti grow in grotesque forms, usually resembling a grotesque short, stubby branches as they rise from the trunk. They have no leaves, are covered with very sharp spines, sometimes three or four inches long, where their silhouettes shape out of a thirty feet or more.

They grow in clumps on the desert seen for miles. They reach a large size. How they manage to survive in the waterless desert is a mystery of nature. Their roots absorb water from the seemingly arid soil and store it in the barrel like and store "tree" where it resists the evaporating rays of the torrid desert sun.

Easterners, touring the desert, are impressed with the sight of them. Joshua trees and express amazement when told they are cactus.

Districts to Send Many Here Feb. 13

Eleven county school districts have reported there will be 21 students from these districts attending the annual marketing achievement show at Eugene Feb. 13, according to the county club agent's office. Cards have been sent out to all districts from the county club office here that day. Several hundred are expected to come to Eugene to see the leading industrial show as a reward for their work in the marketing course during the past year.

For Hard Coughs That Call For Super-Help

Creomulsion is made for coughs and colds that hang on. For coughs and colds, others, nobody can tell to which help your cough will soonest yield.

But careful people use it for coughs which seem milder—use it to do the utmost and be safe. For nobody knows where a cough may lead.

Creomulsion combines seven major helps in one. Some coughs yield best to one help, some to another. Creomulsion is not alike. So here, Doctors offer often on the best help, we combine all the best—to be sure.

Creosote stands first. Here it is blended, emulsified and made palatable. For soothing membranes and combating germs, it is considered the supreme help in this type of cough.

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New Union 76 has the greatest uniform anti-knock rating (Octane value) of any non-premium fuel ever offered.

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A New Aroma and Color Identifies the Quality

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Watch for the 76!

Turn in for this new fuel where you see the big orange banners with the 76—the trade name of this New Union Gasoline. Be sure that the pump where you fill has a big 76 on the side. Every pump that dispenses the genuine New Union 76 gasoline is labeled for your protection.

Advertisement for New Union 76 Gasoline featuring a diagram of a car's engine and a graph showing performance metrics. Text includes: 'Sensational New Radio Show "Zitz" Black & "Mort" Harris', 'KHO-KOMO-KGW-WPO-KFI-KFSD-Every Friday Night-9 to 9:45 (KTAR 10 to 10:45)', 'MORE HORSEPOWER With increased anti-knock extra horsepower. This extra horsepower comes from extra high compression car using New Union 76 as average non-premium fuel.', 'UNION OIL COMPANY'

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