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"DEAD HORSES"

We have frequently called attention to the matter of sinking funds in connection with local bond issues. Now the Oregonian has taken the subject up in connection with a "dead horse" that Portland has just realized she is paying for. The Portland bonds that have started the discussion were issued for a bridge that has been replaced for some years, but the bonds (and the interest), like John Brown's body, go marching on.

Bend's dead horse is the old high school building, torn down last fall with the bond issue still unpaid. We told its story at the time. Now we would press the point home again by reference to the Portland case and with the following from the Oregonian:

"It is not so common nowadays to authorize bond issues for public improvements without requiring that a levy shall be made annually for a fund to pay the principal. Good judgment would require that bond issues should be paid off by the sinking fund method whether it is required or not. But it is easy to refund, and tax-levying and tax-disbursing bodies are besieged with demands that exceed visible revenues. Sinking fund levies are therefore often put off from year to year in the expectation of the easier times in the public treasury which never come.

The practice of letting bond obligations outlive the improvements constructed from the proceeds works in devious ways against public betterment.

"It is the plainest sort of good business policy to pay off indebtedness at least during the life of the improvement for which it was incurred, but vigilance is required to see that sinking funds are not diverted or levies for sinking fund purposes are not postponed from time to time."



The Sorehead

For years I went to Grocer Gregg's to buy my prunes and cheese and eggs; I went ten thousand times, or more, and wore a path around his store, till every board I could recall, and every nailhead in the wall. And when each month of trade was done, I always paid him hand made mon, and never said "Please chalk it down until my goat comes back to town." Then, for a change, I bought my goods, my prunes and cheese, at Grocer Wood's. I thought I'd trade there for a while, since change of base is all the style, and then return to Gregg's once more as in the festive days of yore. But meeting Gregg upon the street, and giving him a greeting sweet, he handed me a frozen stare, as grouchy as a grizzly bear. Oh, he was sore and full of bile because I left him for a while; he seemed to think he owned my soul and had a mortgage on my roll. The good old years will roll away, and whiskers red will change to gray, and dynasties will rise and burst and bow-wows turn to wiener-wurst before I go to Gregg's again to blow my hard-earned iron men. The merchants in this world of ours should always speak their thoughts with flowers; if they express their thoughts with bricks they drive off patrons by such tricks.

The Oregonian guesses that Celeste Aida is as well known in Bend as on Nob Hill. Question now is, how well is it known on Nob Hill?

The child is father to the man, according to the proverb, but in the case of that eight-year-old Chicago girl who is talking incessantly we'd say she was mother to the woman.

Polish Melodies.
 The Poles have remained singularly free from eastern influence. Their melodic invention is sometimes rather limited, but their tunes are always wonderfully embellished, and they often make use of difficult intervals which would seem to be more suitable for an instrument than for the voice. The effect of these songs is sad but full of interest and in hearing them it is easy to realize that Chopin was a thoroughly "national" composer.

Why Buried Glass Disintegrates.
 The bureau of standards says that glass would slowly disintegrate when buried in moist soil. The action on the glass would be due primarily to water and alkali. The disintegrating action would vary with the composition or character of the glass and the conditions that obtained in the soil. This action would probably be extremely slow with any glass, and it would probably be centuries before some glass would be completely disintegrated.

Put it in The Bulletin.

ALL WELCOME IN LUXEMBURG

Little State Cosmopolitan in the Extreme, but Second to None in Patriotic Spirit.

We live at the crossroads of the nations, remarks the Luxemburg Zeitung. We are of all the peoples of the world those most cosmopolitan in spirit. On July 14 there was a French evening on the parade grounds, and everyone was enthusiastic for France. On July 20 we had a Belgian evening in the same place and again everyone was inspired with enthusiasm. Should there be an American, Italian, Czech-Slovak or Polish evening any pleasant summer night, the throng would greet it with the same enthusiasm. We like to have people of other nations as our guests. We wish them to feel at home in our midst.

A stranger who does not know us—and many who have lived among us fall to know us—might fancy that we lack national sentiment.

But precisely the reverse is true. Our national sentiment is so deep that we are like a tree whose trunk stands unshaken when its crown is rustled by the wind of sympathy for other countries.

Last Wednesday, after our French and Belgian evenings, we had a Luxemburg evening. The parade ground was too small and the firmament was too low to contain the enthusiasm of the multitude. We were at home among ourselves. The leader had provided a program of old, modern, and very

Recent Luxemburg music. During the choruses the thousands surrounding the platform stood as reverently as if they were in church. When applause was called for it was so thunderous as to be almost intimidating. The depth and sincerity of a nation's patriotism is not measured by the area of its territory.

FEAR EPIDEMIC OF TYPHUS

British Authority Tells of Danger to the World Because of Bad Conditions in Russia.

Dr. L. Haden Guest of London, who has been investigating conditions in Russia, reports to the Lancet (London) that the whole of that country has been swept by typhus and relapsing fever, and that all indications point unmistakably to a formidable epidemic in the coming winter. Cholera also has made its appearance and smallpox is widely prevalent.

The Lancet warns the world at large that, unless immediate and effective steps be taken these frightful diseases will spread through the border states to other countries, and before long will appear all over the world. "The council of the League of Nations has thoroughly studied the situation, with the aid of some of the best-known epidemiologists in the world; they have a reasonable and economical program, and have appointed commissioners, but the actual work cannot proceed until they have obtained money guarantees from the different nations, which so far have not materialized, except in the case of a few countries, including Great Britain and Canada. The future of the matter may well prove, in the parlance of the day, an 'acid test' of the reality of the league as a family of nations, ready to act for the common good and to protect members of the family who are threatened by disaster."

Modern Lover Practical.

"Harry," exclaimed the blushing maiden, "this declaration of love is so sudden that I hardly know what to say. I was unprepared for it. It unnerves me."

"I was afraid it might," said the young chemist, rising with alacrity from his knees, "and I brought with me a bottle of my unrivaled nerve tonic. This preparation, my darling," he added, soothingly, as he took the bottle from his pocket, quickly extracted the cork and poured a quantity of the medicine into a spoon he had also brought with him, "will allay any undue excitement, quiet the nerves, aid digestion and restore lost appetite. I sell it at 50 cents a bottle. This is a dose for an adult. Take it, dearest."

Influential Utterances.

"The trouble with a smart man," said Jud Tunkins, "is that he's liable to spend more time showin' off than he does workin'."—Washington Post.

If you are on the waiting list for one of the Automatic Recording Home Safes you will be glad to know that they have arrived. —The First National Bank of Bend, Oregon.

Question of Etiquette.
 No, Roger, in bowing to the inevitable it is not necessary for one to lift one's hat.—Boston Transcript.

Wrongly Named.
 The blindworm is not blind; neither is it a worm, but a kind of lizard.

Londoners Fond of Tea.
 Something like 500,000 gallons of tea are consumed by Londoners every day.

Viewpoint.
 It takes the eyes of the rich to see the blessings of poverty.—Boston Transcript.

"Friends, the taxes are indeed very heavy, and if those laid on by the government were the only ones we had to pay we might more easily discharge them; but we have many others, and much more grievous to some of us. We are taxed twice as much by our idleness, three times as much by our pride, and four times as much by our folly; and from these taxes the commissioners cannot ease or deliver us by allowing an abatement."—Benjamin Franklin.

The Shevlin-Hixon Company.

Would You Like to be a VIOLINIST?

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ROBERT A. HANEY

Recently of the American Conservatory of Music, of Portland, has opened a Studio in the O'Donnell Building. The instructions are of the best, the price is reasonable; two lessons each week, terms \$8.00 per month.

ROOM 6 : : : O'DONNELL BLDG.

Let's Watch Our Step

The next few months will be a quiet period in most industries. We have all been gauging our spending on the prosperous times just past. Let us all start the New Year cutting down on the unnecessary expenses.

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WHY THE



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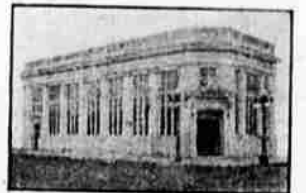
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BEND, OREGON



To The Residents of Deschutes County:--

Business men everywhere agree that the lowest point in the period of depression has been safely passed. In the near future we may expect an even greater prosperity than that of 1919 and the early part of 1920.

Although largely an industrial city, Bend has weathered the storm and is in better condition to take advantage of the coming opportunities than is the average city. A majority of the people of Bend learned the lesson of thrift, we believe, and had a reserve to fall back on when hard times came. As a result, Bend has known little or no suffering, and business failures were practically unknown.

Those who have practised thrift realize fully its value. There may be others who do not. It is to them that we want to emphasize this fact, again and again—The habit of saving, with a constantly growing account in the bank, constitutes one of the very biggest assets of which the individual and the community can boast.

The Central Oregon Bank is thoroughly sold to this idea, and stands ready to help every individual in Bend and Deschutes county to start on the path of thrift. Come in and let us show you how easily the habit of saving grows. A dollar will start an account.

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