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Oregon Observations

Roseburg.—The extremely cool weather of December in Douglas county is blamed by brocoli growers for their inability to ship only about half the usual tonnage to eastern markets this year.

Woodburn.—An attempt to rob the C. C. store in this city Friday night was frustrated by Captain Grover Todd, who was returning home from his place of business.

Hend.—To change the government of Bend from the present councilmanic system to the commission form, is the object of a movement started here by the Central Labor Council of this city.

Albany.—W. W. Poland, a prominent farmer residing near Shedd and president of the Linn county farm bureau, will probably be a candidate for county commissioner of Linn county at the coming election, according to reports here today.

Eugene.—Professor Joseph Schaffer, member of the faculty of the University of Oregon for the past 20 years and who has accepted the position as head of the department of history at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, left Saturday for his new post. He was accompanied by his family.

Portland.—Thomas A. Sweeney has joined Representative McArthur and E. E. Smith in the race for the republican nomination for representative of the third congressional district. Mr. Sweeney's slogan is "Americanism Without Compromise."

Lebanon.—The stockholders of the Lebanon cannery, now a part of the A. Rupert Canning company, today received a 10 per cent cash dividend and a stock dividend of 25 per cent, which makes the earning of the plant for last year to the stockholders 35 per cent.

Gold Hill.—The old Gold Hill Lumber & Railway company's sawmill plant on Sardine creek, six miles out from Gold Hill has been sold to C. O. Wolfbro, E. C. Goetz and A. C. Stewart of Seattle, who will remove the equipment to Jump Off Joe creek in Josephine county.

Portland.—Creation of an automobile theft bureau in an effort to curb the old war emergency squad and enlarging of the district now patrolled from the St. Johns police substation are among the important changes in the policing of the city announced by an order issued by Chief of Police Jenkins.

Albany.—Members of the First Presbyterian church of Albany favor giving women the same rights as men in all of the councils of the church, even to ordination to the ministry. A vote of the members of the church was taken recently on three questions: First, as to whether women should be permitted to serve as elders; second, as to whether women should be ordained as ministers; and third, as to whether women should have the same rights as men in all of the assemblies of the church.

Eugene.—Two new sawmills will be erected in the upper Willamette country southeast of Eugene at once, according to announcement made in this city.

Eugene.—That he has been compelled to pay an allotment to a woman not his wife is the complaint of a soldier friend of Robert Hanby, a grocer of this city, who has been called upon to make affidavit that this friend, who has been in the army for two years or more, is a single man.

Roseburg.—Work on the Tiller-Center lake cutoff road will be resumed this season, it is believed, as the forestry service has advertised for bids on the bridge to be constructed as well. This road is considered a very important one and is being built by the county, state and federal government, each co-operating equally.

Abe Martin



Little Horace Wade, the child author ought to be glad of one thing—nobody'll accuse his wife of writin' his stuff. 'Tm' alius glad when a millinery man, 'an' come' cause his wife's as pleasant

THE SCHOOL CRISIS

Marion county and Salem are direct beneficiaries of the bulk of state taxation. Namely all of the money contributed as taxes by the people of Oregon is spent in Marion county in support of state institutions and state officials. It therefore comes with rather poor grace for Marion county to take the lead in opposing taxation that means the expenditure of state money in support of the few state institutions outside Marion county.

Upon the ballot to be voted in the May primaries are a number of referendum measures designed to afford relief to the educational institutions, all of which face a financial crisis as the result of increased cost of operation, and stationary income.

Schools of the nation, as well as of Oregon, face a crisis. This is a country wide shortage of teachers, due to inadequate pay. There is even a shortage of normal school pupils, due to the fact that educational work is so poorly paid, that young men and women refuse to devote the time necessary to training for instructors when they can command so much more money in other vocations. As a result, many public schools have had to be closed for lack of teachers and unless measures are taken to relieve the situation, the welfare of education, the most important and vital feature of a nation's life, is threatened.

To remedy the situation in Oregon and insure the welfare of the schools a referendum measure has been placed on the ballot providing for a two mill levy for support of the elementary public schools, which will relieve the various districts and enable payment of adequate salaries to teachers. The measure is not retroactive and while it entails a tax of two mills on the dollar of assessed valuation, is not burdensome and not inequitable.

The tax is to be upon all the taxable property of the state. The only general tax now levied for the public elementary schools is the tax which the law requires each county to levy for a county school fund. This tax produces on the average only about one-fourth of the money required by the public schools. Last year it was twenty-six and five-tenths per cent. Nearly seventy per cent of the school funds are raised by local district tax. This means that all of the property not organized into school districts does practically nothing in support of the public schools. All one-teacher districts that have a high valuation need to levy only one-fourth to one-half mill for maintenance, while the districts of low valuation are paying from a five to fifteen mill tax. The main purpose of this tax is to equalize the burden of taxation so that all parts of the county will pay, as nearly as possible their just share of school taxes.

It is a matter of regret that the only organized opposition to the school measure essential for preservation of the grade schools of the state comes from the local taxpayers league, which blankets all millage measures on the ballot indiscriminately with its disapproval.

There are those so lacking in vision, that as a matter of principle they vote against every kind of a tax, regardless of its merits and necessity, counting only the loss of pennies and failing to appreciate the profit resulting. Marion county has more than its share of this reactionary element. If the people of Oregon took the same view, they would close every state institution, to save the taxes. The people cannot afford to place the dollar above the child any more than they can place the dollar above the welfare of state institutions. Such a policy is fatal to progress.

More time and talk and energy are spent in opposing taxation by some individuals than in productive effort. If this energy could be diverted to constructive channels, it would realize to individual and community many times the cost of taxation. Where excessive taxation only breeds waste, it should be opposed, but there has been no waste in the schools and the future of the state depends upon school welfare.

Every progressive and far-sighted citizen should not only vote for the school millage bill, but take off his coat to work for it and see that our public schools are sufficiently provided for, our teachers adequately paid and the future generation receive the primary education necessary for citizenship.

FOR PURITY OF PRIMARIES. Published charges that a syndicate of millionaires and big business magnates are putting up a huge campaign fund for Leonard Wood, and charges in the senate by Senators Borah and Johnson of the lavish use of money in Woods' behalf, emphasize the need of a law to curb presidential primary campaign expenses as well as those of presidential elections. At present there is no statute restricting the unlimited use of money to capture a nomination.

Under present conditions, syndicates seeking special privileges can raise a huge jack-pot and virtually put over any candidate they want—for money is apt to control the politicians and political organizations, and pack the convention with pledged candidates. The candidate without financial resources, who has no millionaire friends and is not aligned with the "interests" is hopelessly handicapped.

Syndicates do not advance millions from candidates without the expectations of getting it back after the candidate's election. There may be a definite agreement, as the tariff barons had in the old days, or there may be simply a "gentleman's agreement"—but reciprocity is expected as the price of support. The candidate may be ignorant of the nature of the agreement—may be "in the hands of his friends," but the understanding is there or the money wouldn't be forthcoming.

The cure for primary scandal is a law limiting expenditures, and full publicity concerning contributors. Such a law enlightens the public not only as to expenditures, but as to the character of the candidate's financial supporters and enables a clear analysis of the motives.

Rippling Rhymes

BACK TO NORMAL. We won't get back to normal ways until we've had some rainy days. So long as roubles grow on trees, and greenbacks wave in every breeze, we'll hit high places and repeat, and scorch the length of Easy street. We can't be prudent while the rest are blowing money galley west. It's epidemic, like the flu, this gorgeous spendthrift howdydo. Some day a panic, large and pale, with four white feet and braided tail, will land upon us while we spend, and to our orgy put a end. Then you will see men out of jobs, and you will hear the housewives' sobs; and you will mark the loan sharks thrive, while others scarce can keep alive. Then we'll quit blowing useful coin for canvasback and tenderloin, and thank our gods if we've the price of wholesome liver off the ice. And we'll cut out the silk attire, the pricey tips, the chauffeur's hire, and all the costly pomp and vain, and demonstrate that we are sane. Then every sad and chastened gent will ponder ere he spends a cent, and figure for a weary time before he cuts loose from a dime.

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE

By the Noted Author IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON. WHITE VIOLETS. As I felt that I could not keep up the futile conversation with my husband any longer, I made an excuse to go into the other room and see about the packing. The doctor had sent my old nurse, as he had promised, and she was with rare good sense and kindness, getting my clothes ready for my departure. I reacted to people very strongly. Some I dislike intensely, while a mere look at others rests and comforts me. This last type is usually composed of people who do not talk much, but make 'em feel that they are staunch and steady. Something upon which to lean, 'an' come' cause his wife's as pleasant

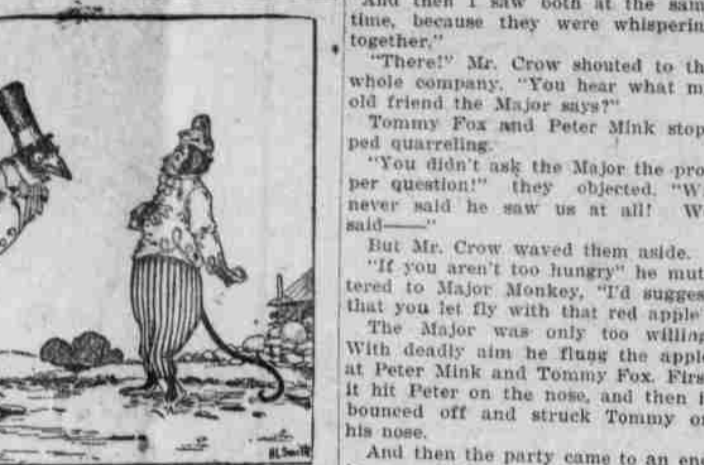
SLEEPY-TIME TALES



THE TALE OF MAJOR MONKEY

BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

TOO MANY DISPUTES. CHAPTER VI. On the whole, Mr. Crow's party would have been a great success if it hadn't been for Peter Mink and Tommy Fox. As soon as Major Monkey showed himself, after throwing the apple at slyly together. And when the Major climbed a tree and hung from a limb by his tail they both jumped up and said to Mr. Crow: "We saw Major Monkey before you did!" Mr. Monkey promptly flew into a rage. "You did not!" he snarled. "Yes, we did!" they declared. "We



"I'm not sure," Major Monkey replied. told people several days ago that we had seen a stranger hanging by his tail; and nobody believed us because you said it wasn't possible. You said nobody but a 'possum could do that, and that no 'possum ever came as far north as Pleasant Valley." Old Mr. Crow was very angry. Although he knew that Tommy and Peter were speaking the truth, he did not care to hear it. Certainly there was no use of his denying what they said. But an idea popped into his head. "Which of you saw Major Monkey first?" he asked.

husband was coming, or she would have come with him." The moment I said the last words, I was covered with confusion, for I had acknowledged to a stranger that I could harbor the idea that possibly my husband might not have come to me in this trouble. However, my nurse with infinite tact gave no sign that she realized the significance of my words. "Mrs. Gaylord," she said, "asked me to tell you that she would like you to come to her suite, if you were able. She suggests her suite as you can have more privacy, but she will come here if you prefer." "All right, I'll go down immediately. What number is her room?" "Wonderful Flowers There. "I think you will be comforted, Mrs. Gordon, by the wonderful flowers that have come to you. Mrs. Gaylord kept them all in her room, so that you could dispose of them as you pleased."

"I wonder how Karl knew of my trouble?" I said to myself, as I stepped into the elevator. And then I took myself to task for even thinking that any of these flowers should be from him. However, when I opened the door of Helen's sitting room and saw it literally filled with white violets, I knew that Karl had in some way learned of my sorrow. "White violets. All my life I shall associate them with Karl Shepard. He has sent them to me in commemoration of my joyous times; but oftener he has sent them as a gift of sympathy. I have sometimes marveled how he managed to get them, in and out of season. Since that night when he sent them to me as a bridal gift on my return home from my honeymoon—that night in which I saw and inhaled the delicious fragrance of white violets for the first time—they have been my special message of his ever tender interest in me any my affairs. Not Ready Yet. As Alice had told me that Karl had gone to South America, his flowers doubly surprised me and I hoped he was not in Atlantic City, because I was sure if John should catch sight of him he might think that Karl was here to see me—might think that his generous attentions meant more than just a wonderful friendship. I was not ready yet to show John the letter that Karl had written me, and which Karl told me I was to show John some day when I felt like it. I was a little ashamed (although I told myself I had no reason to be) that the message sent me by that profusion of white violets, brought more comfort than my husband's presence. I wondered if John would call me a light woman. (To be continued.)

Directors Of Big Projects To Join Hands Is Report. The directors of the various irrigation districts included in the big Deschutes project will coordinate their efforts in the development of the project according to Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, who returned Saturday from Redmond where he had been conferring with members of the various boards of directors of the districts affected. It is now proposed to organize a new unit to be known as the West Unit Irrigation district or to include this land in the Tumalo district. Cupper states. While away Cupper also visited the

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