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The Free Seed Graft

A Washington dispatch conveys the information that congress has voted to reinstate free seed distribution and appropriated several hundred thousands dollars of the peoples money for the purpose and that Congressman Hawley voted for the graft and that Congressman McArthur and Sinnott voted against it.

All of which is quite interesting as it reminds us that we really have a congressman. If it wasn't for these annual press dispatches, the semi-occasional receipt of a package of seeds and the biennial elections, no one would ever know it, for alto he has been representative for eight terms, no legislation bears Congressman Hawley's name and he is so seldom heard from or of that he has almost become a myth.

On the free seed bill, it will please his constituency to know that Congressman Hawley voted true to form and helped reinstate and perpetuate the congressional custom of securing votes through furnishing seeds at taxpayer's expense. The measure provides a convenient way for congressmen to build up their political fences at public cost and is doubtless what Mr. Hawley refers to in his platform when he says he has "no interest to serve but public interest."

Abolition of the free seed distribution was recommended by "Hell and Maria" Dodge and other experts on retrenchment who sought to reduce taxation and eliminate waste, but entrenched privilege dies hard and the majority of the House, like the barons of Runnymede, stood pat against curtailment of their ancient prerogatives and perquisites. Each year however, the ranks of the attackers grow stronger and it is only a question of time until public opinion forces even the staunchest reactionaries to bow to the inevitable and make a virtue out of necessity.

The war upon free seeds was begun in 1893 by J. Sterling Morton, secretary of Agriculture under President Cleveland. Every secretary since has urged elimination of the waste. Contrary to prevailing ideas, the seeds are not government grown and guaranteed, except those furnished for experimental purposes, but purchased from the lowest bidder. Most of the seeds are worthless, having lost their vitality. That is the reason the government buys them cheap.

People receiving these seeds are under the impression that they are getting something for nothing. But they are not. They are paying many times the worth of the seeds in increased taxation. They are wasting time with seeds that seldom germinate. So that, in reality, the free seed idea is a huge bunko game. The only way to utilize the seeds to advantage is to ask for peas and beans and use them for soup.

OPEN FORUM

Contributions to This Column must be plainly written on one side of paper, limited to 300 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor:—I stepped into the tax reduction meeting at the armory on Saturday, the 11th, to see who was there and what was said, and whom do you think I saw, and what do you suppose they were talking about? I saw men, who heretofore had worked shoulder to shoulder with the republican machine in Oregon.

I noticed some who were personally responsible for our taxes being too high. These men were advocating methods for reduction of taxes, which apparently would tend to destroy the work of their own hands, when pretending to serve the people. I left the meeting, after I heard Seymour Jones' speech, for the thought came to my mind that the chairman, if natural, had never been natural in all of his political career before. I considered it my personal privilege to judge him as no doubt

many others did. That staunch republican, Colonel Hofer, no doubt would act on the "steering committee" of the club, thereby landing everything the tax reduction club might control, to the benefit of a certain gubernatorial nominee, et cetera. These interesting, thoughtful politicians never think of taxes unless some candidate for office is hungry for sympathy and votes.

Before leaving the meeting, I saw S. M. Endicott, who is included as one of the state delegates advocating and supporting a resolution to amend our state constitution, so that no officer of the state shall receive more than \$5000 per year as a salary. Endicott knew that I knew he was a second class lawyer, and he knew that I knew he was pulling something on the public that spelled nothing, for he charges a darn

place and you don't know the chap who is giving it but Bruce Walters has a beautiful studio down on a side hill overlooking Echo park. His parties are always worth while.

"Is he in the movie profession?" "No, He is an artist who makes batik gowns and draperies for actresses and pictures. It is quite the thing to be seen at Bruce's and while he never has exceedingly wild parties yet it will be a kind of eye-opener. It will be a good thing to break you in gradually."

And then she stopped for she noticed that I had been crying. "Haven't you been at the studio today? What is the matter with you, Virgie?"

"I went over to the studio this morning and we were dismissed because Mr. Stratton is too ill to work. They said that he had caught a very bad cold and was threatened with pneumonia."

"Pneumonia your grandmother! Ted Stratton is just getting over his tooth. That's all!"

"Oh, he has been over it some time for he has written me a beautiful letter."

"Of course he has, my dear. They all do. And did you answer it?" queried sophisticated Kitty.

"No, I thought I would wait until I saw him on the set."

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slight more than \$13 per day for his services. I am aware that men and politicians can be converted. If they are in earnest, they have a right to start over again. But a public confession is good for the soul. It is always in order, for it strengthens the public faith, while changing another "go." The supporters of the subject of tax reduction must show their affiliation with either the democratic or republican parties, in order to accomplish anything at this time for the taxpayers, as one of these parties will control our taxes for some time to come.

The denial of affiliation with Towley and the non-partisan and the "single taxers" amount to nothing, no more than it would to answer those who are asking who wrote the four cornered alliance by saying that Germany didn't. To solve the reduction of taxes let the taxpayers get together and say to the republicans, "Gentlemen, you have run our state for these many years and we are not satisfied, so we will try the democrats, and give them a chance to make good, and let God have mercy on us all if they don't."

WILL E. PURDY.
Salem, Or., March 13.

To the Editor:—I wish to suggest the name "Rego," for West Salem.

This word is derived from the word Oregon, and by dropping the first and last letter you have the word "Rego."

"Rego" would be different, easily remembered and easily spelled.

This name was suggested to me by the sign on Murray Wade's door to his studio, namely—Oregon Magazine.

S. N. NEEDHAM.
Salem, Or., March 15, 1922.

Starlight

By the Noted Author
IDA M'GLONE GIBSON

Kitty's Day.

That was the first real love letter I had ever received. I cried and I laughed over it and read it and re-read it many times.

One moment I had a picture of Theodore Stratton sitting on the floor in the hall, his head leaned against the jamb of my door crying like an overgrown boy—and the next moment it was Theodore Stratton on that stone seat in the garden "set" looking like a Greek god, as he poured into my ears his own love in the language of the scenarist.

Of course I forgave him. I was almost glad it happened so that I could forgive him! What woman in all the world would not forgive a man who showed her that he depended upon her absolutely.

"Oh, I'm glad I'm young! I'm glad I'm young! I want to give him back all the youth that perhaps he has frittered away. When he looks into my eyes I want him to forget all the years between, forget that I am not his first love."

It was thus I dramatized myself in my love and I had a perfectly glorious time running up and down the gamut of emotions. When the poets have said that the sorrows occasioned by love are exquisite they spoke literal truth but no one realizes this until time has softened the sorrow and given the right perspective.

I was very undecided whether I should answer Theo's letter and send it to his hotel or whether I should wait until we went back to the studio.

While I was trying to make up my mind what to do Kitty came rushing in.

"We have an invitation to a party this evening and I think we had better go. Everybody in the moving-picture colony is going."

"Where is it, Kitty? Who is giving it?"

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Census Comparisons For Salem Set Forth

Comparison of the characteristics of the population of Salem, 1920-1910, from the final and complete reports of the 1920 census, just issued, and from the files of the 1910 census, show:

| | 1920 | 1910 | Inc. |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|------|
| Population | 17,079 | 14,094 | 3585 |
| Males | 8,937 | 7,628 | 1331 |
| Females | 8,142 | 6,466 | 2554 |
| Nativity— | | | |
| White, nat. par. | 12,228 | 9,574 | 2854 |
| White, for. or mixed par. | 3,231 | 2,601 | 780 |
| White, for. born | 1,983 | 1,811 | 172 |
| Negro | 83 | 47 | 16 |
| Other races | 124 | 161 | 37 |
| Citizenship— | | | |
| Males | 6,250 | 5,491 | 789 |
| Females | 5,938 | 5,491 | 789 |
| Illiteracy— | | | |
| Illiterates over 10 | 307 | 277 | 30 |
| Percent | 2.0 | 2.3 | |
| Dwellings | 3,743 | 2,730 | 1093 |
| Families | 4,127 | 2,937 | 1190 |
| Nativity of the foreign born whites | | | |
| Austria | 66 | 39 | |
| Belgium | 9 | 7 | |
| Canada | 353 | 296 | |
| Czecho-Slovakia | 33 | 24 | |
| Denmark | 45 | 44 | |
| England | 204 | 212 | |
| Finland | 72 | 46 | |
| France | 33 | 51 | |
| Germany | 334 | 463 | |
| Greece | 13 | 7 | |
| Holland | 23 | 15 | |
| Hungary | 14 | 7 | |
| Ireland | 81 | 134 | |
| Italy | 35 | 60 | |
| Jugo-Slavia | 7 | 7 | |
| Norway | 99 | 52 | |
| Poland | 23 | 23 | |
| Russia | 105 | 48 | |
| Scotland | 56 | 47 | |
| Sweden | 138 | 138 | |
| Switzerland | 106 | 82 | |
| Wales | 7 | 21 | |
| Other countries not specified. | | | |

Harding's Revision of the 23rd Psalm

Harding is my Shepherd. I am in want.
He maketh me to lie down on Park Benches;
He leadeth me beside the free soup houses;
He restoreth my Doubt in the Republican Party;
He leadeth me in Paths of Destruction for his Party's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the shadow of the valley of starvation,
I do fear evil for thou art against me.
Thy Policies and the Profiteers—they frighten me.
Thou preparest a reduction in wages before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou Annoinest my Income with Taxes;
My expenses runneth over my income.
Surely poverty and unemployment will follow me all the days of this Normalcy administration,
And I will dwell in a rented house forever.

—POET OF THE OZARKS.

Mexican Rebels Placed Under Arrest

El Paso, Texas, March 16.—General Ireneo Villareal and two followers today were detained at Marfa and Alberto Rojas and two others at El Paso by the department of justice in connection with investigation of what appeared to be a revolutionary movement against the Oregon government started in United States territory.

The Rojas party was apprehended at Fabens late last night by immigration officers, acting on information furnished by the department of justice. The men were in a truck in which considerable equipment was packed, including three rifles and approximately 3,000 rounds of ammunition.

Cat Mothers Two Rats With Kittens

Bloomington, Ill., March 16.—By mothering two infant rats with her new born kittens, Susie, a cat in the blacksmith shop of Jack Crawford's, breaks down all "famous suppositions as to cats."

Last Sunday morning she added four infant cats to the feline population of the world. Soon afterward, Lou White, a neighbor, thinking to give Susie a treat took her to a nest where they were five new born rats.

Instead of making a meal, Susie started to purr and lay down and played with the strangers. However, she remembered her own waiting children and carried two of the rats back to her family home.

Wireless burglar alarms are in use in London.

Diamond Lake to Be Opened to Auto Tourists

The Diamond Lake recreation area will be improved and opened to campers and tourists this year. It is the announcement just made by C. J. Buck, in charge of recreational development work in the Forest Service offices in Portland.

According to Mr. Buck a complete development plan has been prepared which calls for the completion of various road projects making the area fully accessible to motorists, as well as a new road along the shores of the lake, also the construction of a hotel building, small cottages, store, gas station and boats. Plans prepared by the Forest Service call for improvements requiring an investment of some \$12,000 to \$14,000 and private parties will be encouraged to construct such improvements this year. Under a comparatively new federal law the Forest Service is allowed to lease lands for such purposes for a period of years. Sanitary conveniences will be added by the Forest Service this year, says Mr. Buck.

The entire east side of the lake, says Mr. Buck, has been set aside as a public forest camp, with plenty of wood and water available, in addition to the ever present scenic attractions of the region.

Diamond Lake is now reached

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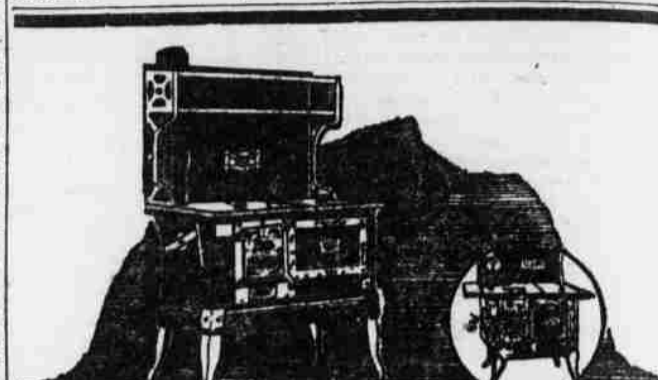
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by auto by the Crater Lake Highway over a branch road which leaves this highway at the Union Creek Forest Camp and winds up the main branch of Rogue River to the high plateau on which Diamond Lake is situated. This road was built in 1921 but the Forest Service will widen it and better the grades in places this year, says Mr. Buck. Another road is being built from Diamond Lake directly south to the Crater Lake National Park boundary, connecting with the Park road which leads to the Crater Lake rim.

Gold was recently discovered in the Austrian Alps near Grossglockner.

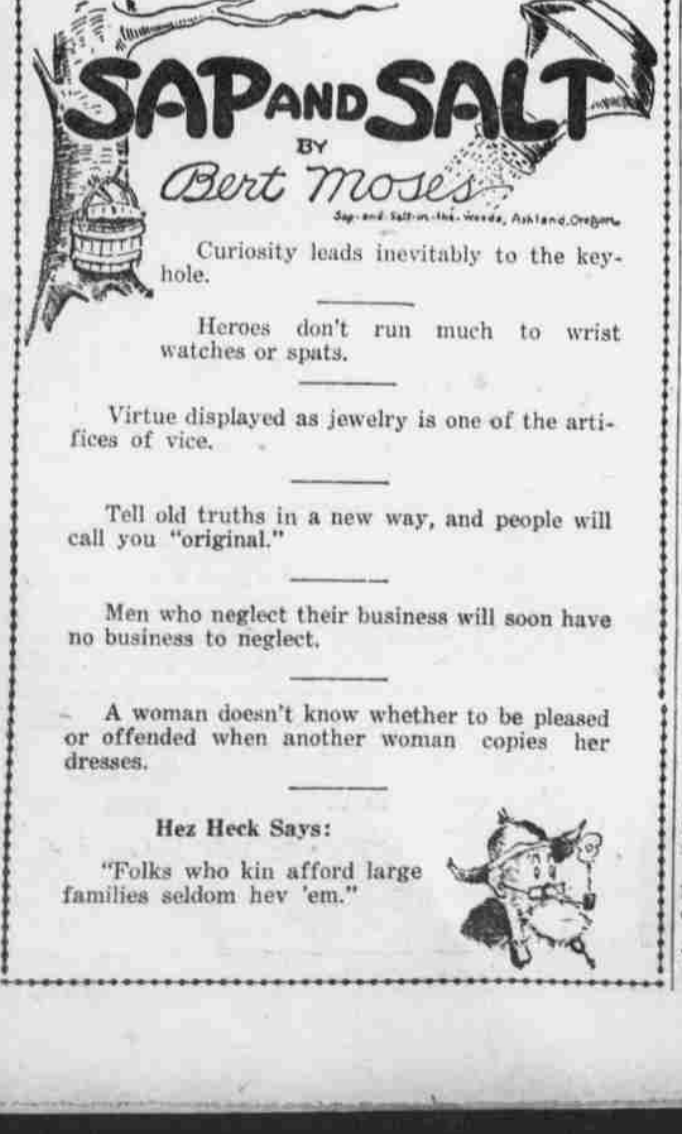


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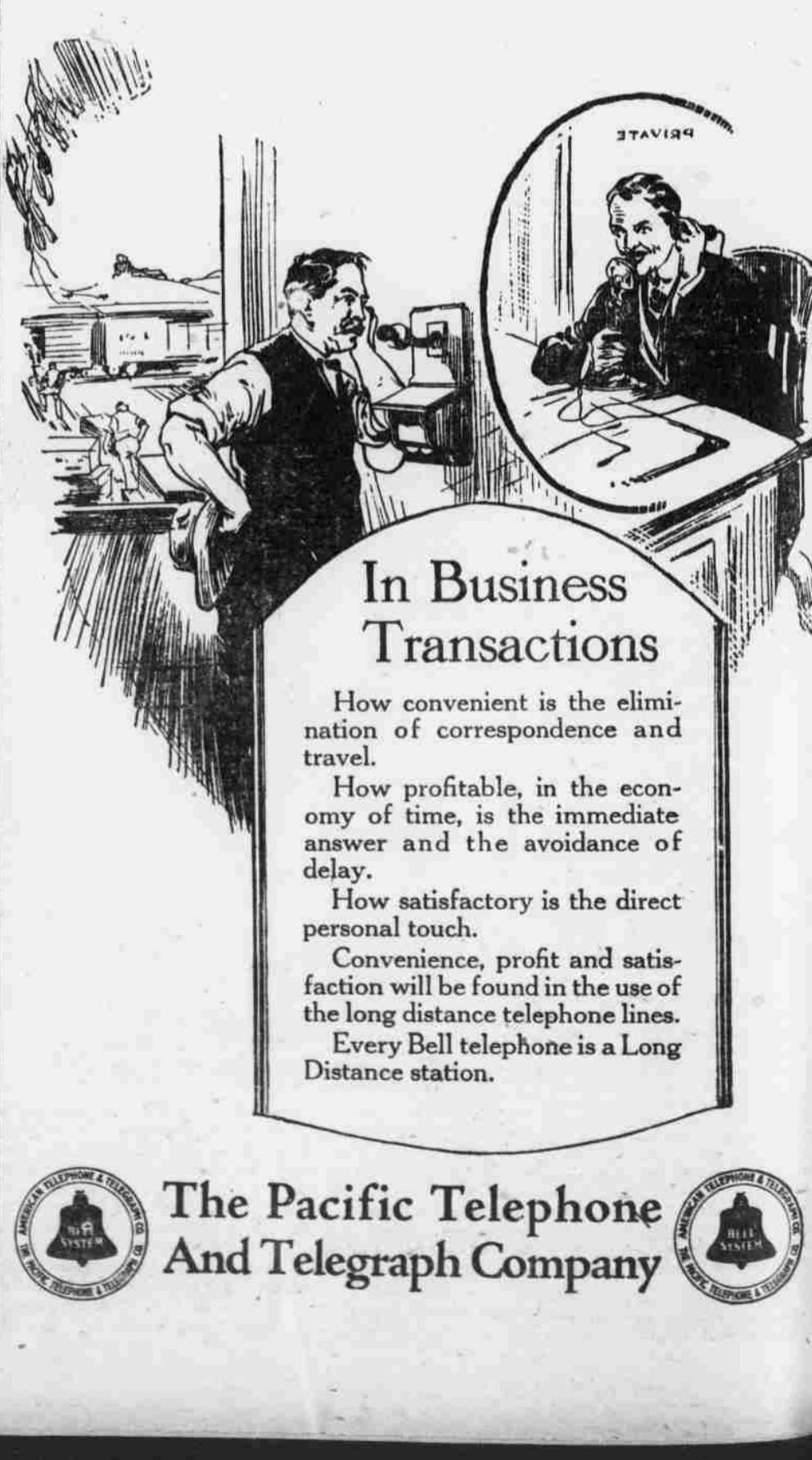
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SAP AND SALT
BY Bert Moses
Curiosity leads inevitably to the key-hole.
Heroes don't run much to wrist watches or spats.
Virtue displayed as jewelry is one of the artifices of vice.
Tell old truths in a new way, and people will call you "original."
Men who neglect their business will soon have no business to neglect.
A woman doesn't know whether to be pleased or offended when another woman copies her dresses.
Hez Heck Says:
"Folks who kin afford large families seldom hev 'em."



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