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Rural Electrification

President of the national electric light association, R. F. Pack, emphasized the fact that in order to bring about rural electrification on any appreciable scale, both the power companies and the farmer will have to look on the farm as a factory and apply electricity in a multiplicity of ways to increase output and cut labor costs the same as it has been done in the city factories.

He pointed out that it is an economic impossibility to deliver small amounts of electric energy to scattered farms at a reasonable price and that failure of most rural lines in the past has been due to farmers limiting use of electricity to lighting.

"It is up to agricultural colleges, manufacturers of both electrical equipment and farm implements and last, but most important of all, the farmers themselves, to cooperate with the power companies in bringing about rural electrification," he said.

"Experimental lines in twenty states built by power companies have shown that there are more than a hundred practical ways for use of electricity on the farm.

"Nine-tenths of the cost of bringing electricity to the farm is in distribution and farmers should not be fooled by those who talk about developing water power as an aid to bringing electricity to the farm. If electricity could be produced for nothing it would have little effect on the cost of service to the farmer, for the costs of distribution greatly outweigh those incurred by generation of electric energy."

More Hokum

Congress, in response to a noisy appeal, has passed an act barring pistols from the mails. There is now no way in which they can be shipped except by express, automobile, airplane, ship or other conveyance not employed by the United States post-office. Thus the heinous mail order traffic in revolvers has been stopped and sellers of these firearms are compelled to adopt the more innocent method of express, automobile, airplane, ship, etc., delivery.

There are a few exceptions noted in the bill, however. Revolvers can still be sent by mail to manufacturers of firearms who are thus able to repair them and return them to their owners by express, airplane, etc., etc. They can also be sent through the mails to bona fide dealers, who can sell them over the counter to anyone who has a permit to carry a gun. Thus the terrible business of selling revolvers to all but about 110,000,000 of our citizens has received a check.

Congress had before it a bill introduced by Rep. McLeod of Detroit which aimed to prevent shipment of revolvers to interstate traffic. This measure might have had a sad effect on gunmen in states that possessed no plant capable of assembling a revolver, but the bill was not considered.

The bill which congress did pass does not go into effect until ninety days have expired. Gunmen are notoriously thrifless and will probably make no effort to stock up during this period. Perhaps, however, they figure there are various ways of getting weapons in spite of the act. They will find, however, except by express, automobile, airplane, ship, etc., etc., or by purchase from a bona fide dealer.

Penalizing Fire Carelessness

The United States has done little regarding personal responsibility for damages done to others by fires caused by carelessness. In Indiana, however, an owner of property may be held liable for damage done by fire to another's property, provided this damage was occasioned by failure to comply with an order of the state fire marshal.

Authority of the state fire marshal includes making and issuing orders for abatement or removal of fire hazards and includes ordering of repairs to or the complete removal of buildings found to come within the purview of the act, as well as enforcement of regulations pertaining to storage, use, manufacture, sale, handling and transportation of all classes of combustibles and explosives.

The owner of property, condemned as a fire hazard, who persists in maintaining it in such a condition despite the order of the state fire marshal, may be held liable in damages to others whose property is reduced in rental value or otherwise by reason of condition of condemned property or whose insurance upon their own property are increased by reason of such condition.

If other states would follow the lead of Indiana and adopt such a law, it would do much to lessen fire hazards and reduce fire losses in our country.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



Crater Lake In Winter Time

BY JOHN MABIN Caretaker, at Crater Lake Lodge

Tuesday, December 29, 1925

They missed it again. I mean the fellows that order the weather. They were going to have it rain today; that is twice this month they have guessed wrong.

The storm may come before 12 o'clock at that. I was over on the hill where I could see the coast range at sunset and it sure looked like storm over there.

I would hate to live down in a hole like you folks of the valleys, with a vision limit of thirty miles. Tonight I wasn't a half mile from the Lodge and I could see the coast range for a hundred miles north and south. As I watched the sun go down behind the clouds it seemed as if the unseen brush of an artist was at work in the west. The soft blue-black of the valleys and canyons that lay before me made a fitting foreground for those somber, billowing clouds above; where great streamers of soft golden light were flooding through the long narrow rifts. No shadow so dense, no color so brilliant, that it clashed with the composition of the whole.

And you are content with a movie.

Work—Painted beds, inspected buildings.

Weather—Day cloudy; wind southwest; snowfall since last observation 0.0 in.; precipitation 0.00; snow on the ground 69 in.; Temp. H. 30, L. 15, R. 15, M. 23.5

December 27, 1925.

Well, I got the snow all out of the building at last. The telephone is working and I finished two other jobs that have been hanging fire for days.

There has been a fog and light snow blowing most of the day. The trees are loading up again with ice, if it keeps on I will be able to get some ice pictures before I go out.

I have a very disagreeable thing to do tomorrow. A party called up from Klamath Falls and wanted to stay in the Lodge tomorrow night. I told them nothing doing, but still they are coming. They are going to try and make it to the rim and back to Government Camp or A n n a Springs the same day. Too bad!

Never make your plans below the snow line, wait until you are at least ten miles above it and

then you have some idea what you are going to do, even then you will miss it at times. The man that talked to me said that they were going to have an expert along. I wonder if he expects to carry the rest of them. Poor devils! But then they wouldn't listen and they will have to take their medicine, and what a howl there is going to be. How glad I am that I have a chance to pass the buck. I am going to dig up that letter and frame it and hang it on the door.

LOCAL BANKER EXPLAINS NEW BANK LAW

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The bill also clarifies the law with reference to handling the savings department. But as a measure of precaution it limits the amount banks may pay upon time deposits so that no national bank can pay a higher rate than is authorized by the laws of the state, for state banks.

The provisions as to the ownership of stock by directors, the par value of stock and the residence of directors are also clarified.

Attached to the bill, during the recent session, was a provision for the extension of the charter of the Federal Reserve Bank. This is a matter that has not been heretofore considered, and it is thought by some that Congress is somewhat premature in granting this extension at such an early date. However, we must consider the fact that these banks have been operating for a number of years; that they constitute the very foundation of our national banking system, and that they are believed by most authorities to be essential to a proper financial structure in the United States.

Our Federal Reserve law is regarded in many foreign countries as the most complete and satisfactory of any governmental financial system. It therefore seems necessary that assurance be given, well in advance, that these banks are to continue to operate, so that their plans may be laid for the future in such a manner that there will be no interruption to the financial business of the country and the fiscal activities of the Government.

It has been stated that this bill includes a section which permits the Treasury Department to issue gold certificates on a basis of double the amount of gold actually in the hands of the Treasury Department. No such provision appears in this bill, nor do we believe it has been proposed to Congress to attach to this bill any measure which would so fundamentally affect the operations of the Treasury Department.

The branch banking feature

HOW DOES HE REMOVE HIS SHIRT?

The person under discussion is "Happy" Edwards, the handcuffed traveller, who is visiting in Ashland at present. Here is the explanation he gave us this afternoon.

"First I pull my shirt over my head, just like anyone else. Then I pull one sleeve down inside the cuff until my hand is clear of the arm-pit. After pulling it back up through the cuff again that side is clear. I repeat the operation on the other side and it's off."

"To put it on I just reverse the process, doing the same thing, vice versa. It is quite simple."

Try that on your Ukelele!

D. H. Stallamith, a salesman for the People's Electric store in Medford, was a business visitor in this city today.

previously referred to is very largely misunderstood. Instead of being a law which will have the effect of increasing branch banking, it really has the effect of limiting branch banking to a very large extent for the reason that, under this law, branches can only be established in cities of a population of 25,000 or over and the number of branches any bank may have. In addition to this limitation, no branches can be established by a national bank in a state that does not permit branch banking under state authority. The fight which occurred in Congress was over this particular provision.

The proponents of the so-called Hull Amendments wished to limit the authority so that branch banking would be prohibited in any state which does not now permit state banks to have branches. This is obviously unfair to national banks located in states that may later permit branch banking, and, while we are opposed to branch banking in principle, we feel that the rights of national banks should be safe guarded so that in cities where branch banks appear to be desirable, national banks may have the same rights as state banks.

We believe this law is one that will be more beneficial to small cities and rural communities than to larger cities and, therefore, feel that it is a step in the direction of strengthening and up-building the national system, and is practically essential to the entire banking fraternity and the financial position of the United States in the world.

What Others Say

At present price the advice of an apple a day was not a windfall. — Vernonia Eagle.

The man who stepped on a banana peel the other day said he set (led) down too fast for his comfort. We would step on a banana peel if it would cause them to settle up. — Scio Tribune.

(LaGrande Observer)

The ways and means committees of the legislature have approved the \$175,000 appropriation for the eastern Oregon normal school. Such action, viewed in the light of previous legislative precedent, is equivalent to passage of the appropriation bill. It is good news for all those interested in the community's development, but it is better news for the young people in the Blue mountain region who have been denied better educational opportunity. It will mean much to them and therefore much to all eastern Oregon.

It's a funny thing about lip sticks, when a girl learns to use them real well, she hates to have anything to do with a broom stick. — Elgin Recorder.



Running Expenses: What a man has to pay out when he elopes.

Swimming: An act that requires but two things—water and courage.

Blunder: A mistake that fails to teach you something you ought to know.

Headache: A handicap that keeps women from church, but not from a bridge party.

Government: An arrangement formed to punish the bad and tax those who behave themselves.

Argument: A discussion that contains 49 per cent of praise, 49 per cent of abuse and only 2 percent of truth.

Her Heck says: "If you don't let Human Nature hev her way, she won't let you hev yours."

Isn't It Odd?

PALM BEACH — In the lead for a trophy donated by Benito Mussolini for the biggest catch of the Anglers club is W. M. Smith of Cleveland with a 101-inch sail fish.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Babe Ruth has to undergo hardships for the sake of his art. Storms prevented his morning road work and he tried a little exercise in his room. Awakened from sleep other guests objected so much that Babe had to take his 229 pounds to the basement.

WASHINGTON — President Coolidge presumably thinks there is more hot air in the house than in the senate. He has submitted an estimate of \$245,000 for ventilation for the house and \$185,000 for the senate.

Postal growth is good index to a city's progress. Postmaster Yoran, just nominated for reappointment, has seen Eugene's postal receipts grow during four years at an average rate of \$12,000 a year. Here's hoping the postmaster may witness at least as great a growth during his next four years in office—Eugene Guard.

TURNING THE PAGES BACK

ASHLAND 10 Years Ago

Miss Bernice Myer went to Jacksonville this morning to attend a party at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gall, in honor of the birthday of their daughter Ekron.

Attorney C. B. Watson attended a meeting in Gold Hill today, and will return this evening.

W. L. Northland came up from Rogue River yesterday and will spend the week-end in this city with his family.

Miss Fay Carter of Phoenix visited friends in this city yesterday.

ASHLAND 20 Years Ago

F. M. DuBois, secretary of the Ashland Commercial Club, accompanied Tom Richardson to Medford and Grants Pass yesterday.

Chester Wright and family arrived in Ashland this week from Julesburg, Colo., to make this their home. Mr. Wright was here last fall and bought the Hansen place of twenty acres of orchard on Walker Ave., which he comes to take charge of.

Murray Wilsoncroft and family are recent arrivals in Ashland from Missouri and have decided to locate here. Mr. Wilsoncroft's mother has been a resident of this city for some time.

ASHLAND 30 Years Ago

Z. A. Moody of the Golden Fleece, has moved his family from Williams to the Kilgore farm residence near the mine.

Vaupel, Norris & Drake have been at work renovating their store, adding to their shelving and counter room and brightening up generally getting ready to receive their spring and summer stock.

Wm. A. Wilshtre, just appointed register of the land office at Lakeview by Cleveland, is an old Ashlander, and has many friends here who will congratulate him.

The Sheriff Means Business

