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MOTHER'S SONG.

I heard a song—a song that thrilled my heart,
Though I have heard fair Patti and the rest
Of all the world's great singers,
On the breast
Of a young mother in a gypsy's cart,
There lay a black-eyed girl, without art,
Untrained as in the wild birds' song at best,
Was that sweet voice as crooned the child to rest,
And soothed my pain, cooling my heart's hot smart.

—Henry Coyle.

REISNER JUGGLES THE FIGURES

In a recent issue of the morning paper appeared the following:

From Frank Reisner, treasurer of the city of Eugene, we get a few figures that may be of interest to our readers. On March 6 he had figured up some balances and found that the outstanding warrants on the city general fund were \$143,167.96, and there are outstanding sewer warrants to the amount of \$6621.65. In addition to this, the city general fund owes the water fund, from which it was borrowed, \$42,700.14.

There are now unpaid assessments for street paving \$94,278.18, and in addition to this there is \$9510.85, which the county court has allowed for paving its share of the Park streets but the warrants for which are still in the hands of the county clerk, as he will not give them up until the court decides who is, de jure, treasurer of Eugene. The unpaid sewer assessments amount to \$3619.07, and the unpaid street assessments for grading and graveling amount to \$3944.17.

The city has still left unpaid of the old issue of sewer bonds, which bear 7 per cent interest, the sum of \$5000. There are later sewer bonds out to the amount of from \$22,000 to \$24,000, on which the city pays \$880 interest annually, and this last issue is held by local citizens. Then there is the \$300,000 water bonds, of which \$200,000 are outstanding and bearing interest. From these figures taxpayers can get some idea of the city's finances. Our readers will also notice in another column that the treasurer has just made a call for warrants which will amount to over \$10,000.

The publication of this statement has attracted the attention of the state newspapers to the extent that Eugene is being referred to as a city hopelessly in debt and over-boomed. This will not help us abroad, but little the knockers who compose the corporation party in Eugene care, so long as it serves their selfish purposes at home. It is in line with the policy pursued when the sale of the city bonds were "knocked" to the extent that nearly \$30,000 of premiums were lost to the taxpayers.

Mr. Reisner's figures are, like most of the campaign matter advanced on that side, intended to fool the ignorant and unthinking voters. He does not say specifically that the city is in debt the full amount that appears on a casual reading of the list—some \$621,142—but leaves it to be inferred, although a schoolboy of average intelligence should know that many of the items given as indebtedness are in reality assets of the city.

Going carefully over the list given by Mr. Reisner, they should be segregated substantially as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Debts and Assets. Debts include \$143,167.96, 42,700.14, 6,621.65, 5,000.00, 22,000.00. Assets include \$94,278.14, 9,510.85, 3,619.07, 3,944.17. Total Debts: \$219,499.75. Total Assets: \$123,352.23.

Balance... \$ 86,147.52

Regarding the \$300,000 water bonds, there are unsold \$100,000, and \$47,000 in the treasury, a total of \$147,000 in round numbers, represented by money in the city treasurer's hands or bonds still unsold, the city having used \$163,000 of the total bond issue of \$300,000 in the purchase of the water plant, correct, merely seeking to explain their significance.

Of the remainder of the city's debt, \$86,147.52, there should be deducted the \$47,000 in the sewer and general funds. This leaves an actual city debt of \$39,147.52, outside of the \$300,000 water, light and power bond issue.

The Guard will not vouch for the exactness of Mr. Reisner's figures, as published in the morning paper, but assumes they are correct.

For the \$163,000 in bonds which have been issued and sold the city has the present water plant, which will take care of the interest and pay dividends besides, as is already evident from the record made since it passed into the hands of the city. The remaining \$147,000 of the bonds, when sold, will be sufficient to install the municipal power plant, which will reduce the expenses of the water system, now largely increased by the exorbitant charges of the Willamette Valley Company for furnishing power to operate the pumps. It will also enable the city to light

the streets, a saving of several hundred dollars monthly, and be productive of revenue or savings to the taxpayers from many sources.

This is a plain statement of the facts in the case, and to the intelligent taxpayer and voter it should be sufficient to show that the city of Eugene is not only financially solid, but in the hands of a practical, business administration, whose only sin is that the interests of the taxpayers are placed above those of a private corporation.

If the platform of the candidates opposed to Mayor Matlock and his associates is as sincere as the professions of their newspaper organ are, it will be given little consideration by the voters. It will be remembered that the morning paper opposed the gravity water system and printed "our platform" daily, for two weeks, advocating a municipal pumping plant on the McKenzie river. This plan is now being carried out by the city administration, yet the same paper and the crowd of obstructionists it represents, are opposing it just as vindictively as they did the proposed installation of a gravity system. Therefore, the only reasonable conclusion that can be reached in the premises is that the scheme is to oppose anything and everything that tends to destroy the monopolistic hold of the Willamette Valley Company upon the city of Eugene. The promises and pledges made in each campaign by these corporation allies have the sole intent of fooling the people into voting against the men who have a definite plan for relieving the public of its burden of monopoly and are honestly endeavoring to carry it out.

Looks like the opposition candidates were trying to steal Mayor Matlock's thunder. If they really mean what they say why not let the present administration go ahead with the work?

If the weather bureau was as good at guessing the weather as it is at making explanations of its failures to do so, it would be a jim-dandy guesser.

The worst legislature is always in the next state. Even the Kansas City Star should have known that when it asked which had the worst.

If the ancient advice were to be given now, it would be revised to "Fill the public eye with good advertising and the public will fill thy purse."

The preacher who said, "Genius is eclipsed by having plenty to eat and to wear," was preaching to a lot of rich fat-heads—consoling them.

Everybody is on general principles always ready to kick on any old tax, but there's a lot of us who will never kick on an inheritance tax.

Excepting the twenty-odd "insurgents" the majority of the Republicans of the new house are all singing "Two years mo' of Old Jo'."

Maybe Fate chooses our presidents, as the Hartford Courant says, but if so, Theodore Roosevelt must be one of the aliases of Fate.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

- March 13, 1621—Magellan discovered the Philippine Islands.
1676—Indians attacked Groton, Mass.
1764—Earl Gray, prime minister of England, by whom the first reform bill was carried, born. Died July 17, 1854.
1821—Victor Emanuel of Sardinia abdicated.
1862—The Confederates evacuated their works at New Madrid, Mo.
1868—President Johnson asked forty days' time to prepare his answer to the articles of impeachment.
1874—Body of Charles Sumner lay in the capital at Washington.
1875—First issue of the Philadelphia Times.
1884—System of standard time established in America.
1895—Two Italians killed in a Denver jail by a mob.
1901—Benjamin Harrison, twenty-third President of the United States, died in Indianapolis. Born in North Bend, Ohio, Aug. 30, 1833.

"THIS IS MY 45th BIRTHDAY."

Gustav A. Andreen, president of Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois, was born in Porter, Indiana, March 13, 1864. He graduated from Augustana College in 1881 and later studied law. He abandoned his plan to become a lawyer, however, in favor of a career as an educator. In 1886 he joined the faculty of Bethany College in Kansas and remained with that institution seven years. From 1894 to 1900 he was an instructor in German at Yale University. The next two years he spent as a student in European universities. Upon his return to America he was chosen president of Augustana College. Recently he has been engaged in a movement among the Swedish Lutherans all over the country to raise the endowment fund of Augustana College to \$200,000.

It Saved His Leg

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DAYLIGHT BURGLARY AT JUNCTION CITY

Residence of J. C. Burns Robbed Last Saturday—Personal News

The home of J. C. Burns was robbed in broad daylight Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Burns came out town and was absent only about two hours and when she returned, she found the bureau drawers pulled out and rummaged and everything about the premises overhauled. The boys had two banks containing their savings of months. These were broken open and the contents taken. One contained \$8 and the other \$3. The thieves also visited the barn and discovering a tool chest locked, they broke the hasp and went through that. Nothing, however, was missed. It is presumed that the premises was visited by hobos and finding no one at home, entered in quest of money as nothing else was missed. It is difficult to identify money and they did not propose to take any chances. A gold watch was passed unobserved upon in the hospital at Portland Monday and survived the operation splendidly and is now out of danger. She has been afflicted for some time with a goller and it was found that an operation was absolutely necessary and even then the results were considered doubtful. Her many friends will be glad to know that she has found relief. Mr. Strome returned from Portland Monday evening.

Mrs. Aiton Hampton of Eugene, and Miss Lucy Vaughn, her cousin, of Seattle, were in the city Tuesday visiting Mrs. Geo. Young. Mrs. Hampton and Mrs. Young are old-time Nebraska friends and schoolmates and Miss Vaughn was formerly a pupil of Mrs. Young's in Stanton, Nebraska schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortmiller and children of Albany, and E. U. Lee and family of Eugene, were the guests of Dr. Lee and family over Sunday. It was a regular family reunion as all the members of the family were present.

We learn that John Harrison has traded his farm on the river road for 800 acres of land in Morrow county. This land, we understand, is near that owned by the Hotel company of this place.

Josie Miller and family of North Yakima, Washington, arrived here Tuesday and expect to make this place their permanent home. Mr. Miller is a son of E. J. Miller.

Browning, March 7, 1909, a daughter.—Times.

Dr. Jarvis, Optician; second floor of White Temple. Glasses fitted, satisfaction guaranteed.

COTTAGE GROVE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING

Evaporator Will Be Placed on a Paying Basis—Other Notes

The Fruit Growers' Association met Wednesday evening this week for the purpose of electing new officers and to discuss the business of that institution for the coming season. The general idea in management will be changed, and the plant will be placed upon a paying basis. The past year the plant did not materialize as was anticipated, and the financial end did not pay to operate the dryer. This year the association has a good market to look forward to and they will make an effort to secure as much fruit as can be handled by the dryer. The officers elected were: John Spray, president; Ben Lurch, treasurer; Bert Lawson, secretary; J. I. Jones, manager.

Date Changed. The Callapaola Poultry Association of Cottage Grove met Tuesday evening and in order to again secure the services of H. H. Collier of Tacoma, as judge of their forthcoming second annual poultry show, were compelled to change their date from the last week in December to the second week in January. The new dates selected are for Wednesday morning to Saturday evening, Jan. 12-13-14-15, 1910. This will enable all of the fanciers to get their birds up to full standard weight, perfect plumage and excellent show condition and should enable them to get some high scores.

Get Busy. City Marshal Snodgrass is in receipt of an anonymous letter which is spicy and sensational and suggests that if he don't take the tip and get busy he will lose his job. It alleges that a certain young man's wife has left her country abode and is conducting herself in a manner not to the credit of herself nor said city and it is suggested to the marshal that he apprehend this obstreperous young woman and send her home forthwith. The marshal is thinking it over and will get busy enough if he finds matters as related by this timid and somewhat obscure correspondent.

Baseball Team. The Cottage Grove baseball fans

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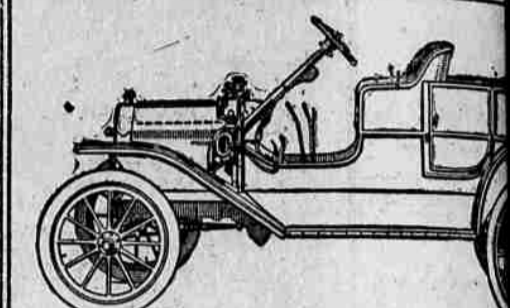
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met Wednesday night and are considering prospects for a whirlwind team this summer. There is some talk about an outside battery, but nothing definite has been determined upon. Most of the old members will play and with the new men, which have good reputations as players.



This FORD C made the trip from Eugene to Junction, via Irving in with FOUR MEN as passengers. The run was made in one hour each way. Not an accident nor an incident occurred, which came in as good as it went out. Will give the town a R. W. Veach, of nice coop of Chicago, a nice coop of guides to his farm, six mares, Grove-Thompson park them.—Western Leader. Remember this car can be bought here for \$950.00 Model T Five Passenger Touring Car Ford Runabout, 2 passenger, \$700.00 SEE CARS AT SALESROOM Phone Main 714 65 East 9th

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