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THE SPAN OF LIFE

"This life's too short," said the bearded sage, who pondered over the mystic page; "if a man lived longer, methinks I'd wrest a lot of secrets from Nature's breast; alas! I'm feeble, my eyes are dim, and Death's preparing to douse my glim, and all the triumphs that I have planned, and all my visions will soon be canned. If I could live for two hundred years, I'd make the universe prick its ears." "This life's too long," said, in languid tones, the slothful man with a heap of bones, whose highest aim, as he went his way, was just to murder another day. "One year's the same as the year before, and the whole blamed thing is a beastly bore." "This life's just right," said the Cheerful Jay, "and I wouldn't alter it by a day; the man who works as a man should do, enjoys his task till the day is through, and then he's glad that his task is sped, and gladder still when he goes to bed. And what is life," asks the Cheerful Jay, "but a longer sort of a summer day? All day we hustle and do our best, and when evening comes we are glad of rest."

WALT MASON.

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The morning paper seems to attack the legality of the proposed issue of refunding bonds, in the following editorial paragraph:

There is, however, another question that arises, and that is the matter of the payment of the refunding bonds. In the case of the water improvement bonds, the amendment proposed to the city charter provides that the council may levy a special tax to provide for payment of interest and a sinking fund. In the case of the refunding bonds, the council may levy a special tax to raise money for the payment of interest only. A sinking fund is provided to be created from all moneys received for paving streets and alleys. That means that assessments due the city for sewers or for streets graded and graveled cannot be applied to the payment of these refunding bonds. There are due the city during the next eight or nine years $99,000 in assessments for paving done. This will lack $51,000 of being sufficient to pay off the refunding bonds. While the refunding bonds are a general obligation of the city, the general funds cannot be expected to take up this balance, for they are already pressed to the limit—ten mills—and the revenues are barely sufficient for the general needs of the city. It follows, therefore, that if these refunding bonds carry, the council must at some future date either come again before the people of Eugene and ask permission to make provision for a further sinking fund, or else they must induce property owners to have paving done to the extent of at least $51,000.

There is simply nothing to this—a quibble raised by one who is totally ignorant of law. It is not necessary to make provision for a special tax with which to pay off a bond issue, because the authority to create an indebtedness always carries with it the implied power to pay the debt by taxation in excess of the limit, if necessary. This is the law as laid down by the highest court, and there is no dissenting opinion among courts or lawyers. The legality of these bonds, which would be a matter for buyers to decide, is unquestioned.

The morning paper can only find that the floating warrant indebtedness of the city has been increased some forty odd thousand dollars in the past three years. That is pretty near the truth; but it is careful not to say how such indebtedness was incurred. As a matter of fact it represents mainly the money paid out for paving street intersections, and had it not been done Eugene would probably be today without the six miles of splendid hard surface pavement which is the pride of every resident of the city. It would have been hardly fair to have added this expense to the burden borne by the property owners, since paving is in the nature of a public improvement, beneficial to all, and such a course would have made the expense so heavy that it is likely the paved district would at least have been very much smaller than it is. Is it fair to boast about our paved streets and then berate the city administration for spending the money necessary to make the improvement? Such public improvements cost money, and if we want them they will have to be paid for—you cant' build a city with hot air. It costs money, and lots of it, but the returns are sure; if you don't think so be honest enough to join the mossback element and let it go at that. It is contemptible to talk in favor of public improvements and then kick like a Missouri mule when the bills have to be paid.

The opening of the new Osburn Hotel in this city marks a new era in Eugene's growth. It puts us in the real city class with a hostelry equal to any in the Northwest in all its appointments for the comfort and convenience of guests. It will help the growth of the city by the advertising the traveling public will give it throughout the country, and because of this fact the hotel should be regarded in the nature of a public institution, and be accorded all possible support from home people. Mr. and Mrs. Osburn are to be commended for taking hold of the enterprise as they have, showing as they do in the most substantial way, their faith in the future of Eugene. They are imbued with the spirit which builds up great and prosperous cities.

Real estate agents, can you, under the present conditions, where water cannot be supplied to your sub-divisions in this city, guarantee your purchasers of lots water? How many lots have you sold with the promise that water would be brought there in a short interval? Now do you realize what it will mean to you if the water bonds fail to carry? Who will purchase outside lots if they cannot be supplied with water? With the present pumps, which only have a capacity of fifty per cent of the water required by the needs of our city, new pumps we must have, as it is well known that our water system has run away from us in the past three years, and to meet the present requirements we must have new pumps and new mains. Why not vote in favor of a filtration system, insuring pure water, which will only cost one-third of the bonds to be voted on? The doubling of the pumping capacity of the water plant should in turn mean lower water rents, and plentiful supply, meaning also greener, better-kept lawns, and a more beautiful and healthful city.

A brief statement is printed in the Guard today concerning the financial condition of the local company which erected the new Osburn Hotel. It seems the building has cost considerably more than originally estimated, and that in round figures there is an indebtedness of $13,000 to be met. Since this is to a large extent a public enterprise, one of the most important ever consummated in Eugene, the directors of the company are asking local people to subscribe stock sufficient to meet the deficiency. This, it seems to The Guard, should be quickly done in small amounts by the people who appreciate the enterprising efforts of the company to fill a long-felt want in the community. It will not be a donation, but instead an investment which seems to have every guarantee of safety that can be reasonably expected, and assuring a fair interest to the investor. Let us hops that fifty or a hundred of our people will come to the assistance of the company at once, thus wiping out the debt and placing our splendid new hotel on a sound financial basis at the start.

Eugene ought to look especially attractive next week, while the open river convention and the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are here. All that is necessary to insure this is to mow the lawns, cut the grass and weeds along the streets and clean up the streets and alleys. Are you doing your part in this work?

Read the letter of Hon. Chas. H. Caufield, of Oregon City, in today's Guard. It ought to convince you, if you have any doubts on the subject, that Eugene should vote unanimously for a filtering plant next Monday.

The Lane County Asset Company is making an honest, earnest effort to build a railroad to the coast, and it will succeed if the people of Eugene do their duty by extending the proper moral and financial support at this time.

Leave your work or business long enough Monday to vote for pure water and plenty of it. Good citieznship demands your interest to that extent, at least.

Louis W. Hill says his interests will build a railroad across Oregon. Will it cross the McKenzie divide and terminate on Coos Bay?

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK MEET TOMORROW

Tomorrow afternoon at the University track an athletic meet will be held between the Eugene and Corvallis High schools. The entries for Eugene are as follows:

High jump—Oswald, Chase, Abshire.
Mile—Randall, Young, Svarverud.
Shot put—Simms, Chase, Noland.
50-yd dash—Abshire, F. Hendricks, Gray.
120 yd. hurdles—Abshire, Svarverud and Vickers.
Half mile—C. Hendricks, Miller and Sheldon.
100 yd. dash—Abshire, Skipworth, Gray.
220-yd dash—Gray, Oswald, Harlow.
440-yd dash—Davidson, Clubb and Pengra.
Pole vault—Prosser and Abshire.
50-yd high hurdles—Abshire, Vickers and Clubb.

PROGRAM FOR MUSICAL FESTIVAL

Following is tonight's program of the May musical festival at Villard Hall:

Lohengrin (excerpts) ...... Wagner
Festival Orchestra
Cecile .... Richard Strauss
Mr. Irvin M. Glen
Trio (for piano, violin and cello), ap. 21 ....Anton Dvorak
1.—Allegro Molto
2.—Adagio Molto e Mesto
3.—Allegretto Scherzando.
Klingenberg-Bettman-Konrad Trio
Serenade .... Schubert
Mrs. W. F. Gaskins
(Violin Obligato by Mr. Bettman)
HIAWATHA'S WEDDING FEAST.
For tenor, solo, chorus and orchestra
.... S. Coleridge-Taylor
Introduction—Preparation for The Feast—The Feast—Entertainment after the Feast—Description of Pan-Puk-Keewis—The Dance of Pan-Puk-Keewis—Chibiabis is asked to sing—He consents, "Onaway! Awake, Beloved," tenor solo—Iagoo tells Tales—The Banquet Ends.

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F. M. WILKINS WRITES LETTER FROM THE EAST

Tells of Crowded Condition of Cities—Says Eugene Is Well Known

Manager D. Curtis Freeman, of the promotion department of the Commercial Club, this morning received a long and interesting letter from Hon. F. M. Wilkins, president of the board of governors of the club, who with his family is making a tour of the East. He has visited all of the large cities of the East and is now westward bound, the letter having been written at Sault Ste. Marie Mich. He gives a glowing account of the beauty of some of the country passed through, of the sights in the cities, especially at Washington, D. C., and makes some interesting observations. He says that at Sault Ste. Marie, the trees are just now trying to bud out and the lawns just starting; after a while the people are expecting a short summer. Note the difference in Western Oregon, where the leaves on the trees have been out for two months. In closing Mr. Wilkins says:

"People everywhere know of Oregon and many of our own city. The keynote was sounded by an old Pennsylvania railroad engineer when he said almost every eastern city was shrouded in gloom with coal dust, smoke, dirt and noise, that the human family were so tired of it that they wanted to find a clean place to be buried. A man said he would rather half starve and live in Washington, D. C., because it was clean. Just think of it. Sixty thousand foreigners, mostly Italians, hovered around Old North church in Boston on all sorts of streets and alleys, doing business of every kind. The stench is something to remember. Mothers in rags and children in filth and dirt are hanging out of every window and fill every doorway.

"My hope and wish for Eugene's future is that we squander no more money on visionary dreams but unite all our efforts in making our home city the cleanest and most beautiful in the Northwest. Let's save our trees, beautify our lawns and yards, take care of our parks and keep our streets well lighted, thereby making the city so attractive that the family hunting a home will not pass it by."

UNIVERSITY APPEALS TO VOTERS OF EUGENE

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proposition on Monday, followed by immediate steps in the construction of the plant, will it be possible to have pure water in Eugene at the opening of the next school year in September.

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AT FOLLY THEATRE

Beginning Friday night, May 13, Harington Dupuy and company will appear at the Folly theatre for two nights, presenting the screaming farce, "The Lunatics," and introducing Miss Marjorie Mandeville, in new singing and dancing specialties. Miss Mandeville is known all over the West for her famous dancing.

Saturday matinee and night Mr. Dupuy will present his sketch, "The Dyspeptic." Mr. Dupuy has appeared in this act for several years, and is known from coast to coast for his character impersonations.

Also on Saturday afternoon and evening the genuine "Roosevelt in Africa" pictures will be shown. This promises to be one of the best bills the Folly has ever had.

NEW TRACT O[F] GARDE[N] ON

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