

How a Big Bond Burden Will Hurt The Future of Eugene

Few men would do in their private business what the City of Eugene has done in its public business with reference to a municipal power plant.

If a man had an irrigating ditch ample to water a tract of arid land, and he built another ditch alongside the first at great labor and expense, what would you think of his business methods?

Particularly, what would you think of him, if his best reason for duplication was dissatisfaction with the price of the water needed in the ditch, when he had it in his own power to compel a price of absolute fairness?

Substitute the company's electric property for the ditch, electricity for water, and the City of Eugene for the man—and think it over.

Eugene grew 178 per cent in population in the last ten years. It built many substantial and slightly buildings, improved its appearance and made rapid strides in progress.

The progress accomplished should be regarded only as a BEGINNING for far greater development.

With every prospect of a splendid future is it not the part of wisdom for the city to CONSERVE its financial resources and to GO IN DEBT for necessities and NECESSITIES ONLY?

In less than four years the bonded debt of the city—exclusive of the school district—jumped from a few thousand dollars to \$531,500—more than half a million dollars, or about \$59.00 per capita.

At the April election \$53,000 additional bonds for a street lighting system (to duplicate one already built), and for trunk sewers, were authorized.

The bonded debt of the school district is \$94,500.00.

Outstanding are approximately \$129,000.00 city warrants, bearing interest at 6 per cent.

At least \$100,000 more bonds will be required to place the city power plant in condition to compete for commercial business.

The total of all these items of MORTGAGE DEBT is \$908,000.00 or \$101.00 of DEBT for every man, woman and child in the city.

Interest on this sum will amount to \$53,070.00 annually, which amount will have to be raised BY TAXATION.

SINKING FUNDS will have to be created to pay off most of this debt, also BY TAXATION for the most part.

If the city grows there will be strong and insistent demand for further improvements calling for additional BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

Growth of the city will require more sewers, more paving, better fire equipment and fire protection, boulevards and parks, extensions of water mains, new public buildings—such as a creditable city hall, for example.

There is no limitation by law as to the extent Eugene may go in debt, but the purchasers of municipal bonds will attend to that.

When the debt has grown to unsafe proportions—as it threatens to do very shortly—the bond houses will either refuse to consider purchase, or will offer MUCH LESS THAN PAR.

In either event the result will be a serious handicap to the growth and development of the community—a ball and chain situation which will hinder progress and hurt every property owner and citizen.

Besides this, taxes already so high as to cause complaint, will become exorbitant and oppressive, and PREVENT THE LOCATION OF RESIDENTS AND INDUSTRIES.

Eastern bond buyers recently refused to bid on a proposed municipal issue in Seattle because the city bonded debt had already reached seven per cent of the assessed valuation, considering seven per cent the limit of safety beyond which a city cannot go in mortgaging itself.

All over the United States people are scrutinizing their tax statements as never before. Searching inquiries are being made into the cause for high taxes in many cities. Everywhere is an effort to KEEP TAXES DOWN.

Of the present huge debt of Eugene upwards of \$218,070 has been spent in building the municipal power plant, and on top of this a further expenditure of \$125,000 at least is proposed, merely to DUPLICATE an electric property already adequate and sufficient to meet all demands.

The right use of credit, personal or municipal, is extremely valuable. Has Eugene used its credit wisely? wisely?

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FADS AND FASHIONS

By Maude Griffin.
NEW YORK, June 10.—The pitfalls of fashion are so many that one has to know the tricks of the trade as well as the caprices of Dame Fashion not to become ensnared in their meshes. We hear so much about trimmings and materials, lines and absence of lines, shapes and lengths, that one scarcely knows what to believe, nor when the modes are viewed, what to follow.

There are a few safe rules which one might follow with perfect safety, however. One regarding materials is to select linen or a practical tub fabric.

Pertaining to decorations, eyelid embroidery or banded trimmings of the same materials as the dress are always de rigueur.

As for the skirt, have it wider than the hobbie, but not as full as a seven eared effect.

Blouses in lawn and linen are ultra-smart in ornamented simply with hand run tucks and a little hand-embroidery.

More and more it is a growing sign of independence in dress not to incorporate lace into trimming of a frock, especially if it be of fashionable material and trimmed with some simple embroidery.

Braiding is an all-round popular embellishment; use it whenever possible and cling to simple patterns.

Platted flounces and scant, flat lying ruffles make their appearance here and there, hinting at rebellion against the long continued narrow lines, though even these plaits and frills are so subdued that they give no suggestion of bouffancy.

Batiste is one of the foremost fabrics for sheer, summery dresses and comes in the loveliest of dainty, summery tints, pale greens and pinks and lavenders and blues, etc., and the dainty striped batistes are charming, too. Both the plain and the striped are combined with silk, either satin or taffeta which is gaining in favor. Dainty little frocks are made up too, in striped or dotted batiste trimmed with plain batiste.

Another sheer material that is unusually smart appearing as well as in great demand is marquisette. White lingerie frocks in linen, batiste, marquisette, etc., embroidered and inset with lace very frequently show a glimpse of bright green satin undershirt at the bottom. These greens are greatly used for relieving notes with all sorts of frocks—linens, serges, tulle—and are usually effective, particularly with white, black and white and dark blue; but the color is trying to the average skin, and not every woman should risk a collar of it, while the bright green parasols so much used will, if at all transparent, make even a pretty woman look ghastly.

The bright green hat, too, unless faced with white or black, is very trying and one of the things to be avoided by the woman who would look her best at all times. When one can wear it, however, it is extremely smart. In fine straw trimmed with fine white mouseline of satin roses, there is nothing more elegant in the way of millinery to finish a summer toilette.

Pink is one of the best summer hat colors, and beautiful hats are shown in the soft pastel tones of pink trimmed in big soft roses shading through the lavenders and purples, or in black mouseline roses and foliage, or in ostrich plumes shading through dull pinks and smoky grays. Some attractive things are done, too, with soft pink chiffon stretched plainly over fine white straw.

On the very dressy hats that accommodate one or more of the plumes of fashionable proportions must be very large to do its trimming justice.

Mitts are promised to wear with Empire frocks, taffetas and tulle, and attractive lace mitts with little frills at the top are already shown. They would be a boon for hot weather if generally worn, but it is very doubtful if the feminine majority will carry the cult of quaintness so far, and the mitts are really in the picture only with the fischeu and bonnet type of costume.

The three-quarter sleeve is popular and oddly enough the summer season has brought out a good many long sleeved models which will be far less comfortable than those with short sleeves. A plain skirted long sleeve frock with taffeta or crepe muslin, appears here and there among other elaborate models and has a definite charm.

For morning frocks inexpensive cottons and lincens are used and some of the models in the cheap cotton stripes are so chic and pretty that they might well be made to do duty



The Tenderfoot Farmer

It was one of these experimental farmers, who put green spectacles on his cow and fed her shavings. His theory was that it didn't matter what the cow ate so long as she was fed. The questions of digestion and nourishment had not entered into his calculations.

It's only a "tenderfoot" farmer that would try such an experiment with a cow. But many a farmer feeds his self regardless of digestion and nutrition. He might almost as well eat shavings for all the good he gets out of his food. The result is that the stomach grows "weak" the action of the organs of digestion and nutrition are impaired and the man suffers the miseries of dyspepsia and the agonies of nervousness.

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