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THE OREGONIAN AND TAXES

"We believe," declares the democratic state central committee, in the near-platform adopted at its recent meeting, "that the one leading and paramount question in Oregon is taxation."

From the politicians will come, of course, solemn talk about cutting down expenses. They have been doing it for years—particularly during the amazing period of mounting taxes, in the past decade.

Every one knows that in his private concerns the way to economize is to live on less. But in our public affairs we babble about economy and pass bills to raise more money.

But what is the Oregonian doing to promote tax reduction? Between campaigns it wails and sheds copious tears over the waste of public money and the woes of the taxpayer.

Even now the Oregonian is awaiting the outcome of the contest over the nomination for governor, ready to accept Hall and religious and race intolerance and un-American disregard of constitutional rights, or Oieett and incompetency and extravagance.

The Oregonian wants to know the answer; there you have it.

THE MIDDLE GROUND By MARION RUBICAM

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"It was Amy after all, and not Mrs. Talbot who persuaded Luther to see Claire. Amy came home from her visit to her sister-in-law in a deep study. Something was going on inside her frigid little mind."

"It was not one of her busy nights, she should have been in the opera house studying the methods of the girls who sang minor parts. She told Adam, in fact, that she would be there, and that she might leave early so he was not to call for her."

"She used this to appeal to Luther. 'There's just one aria in the first act that I want to hear,' she said. 'Come along with me, dear, and we'll have a scintilla of music afterward and walk home.'

"Luther good-naturedly put his book down, and they went off. At midnight they were walking home toward Fifth avenue. 'Something's happened to Claire,' she began, and told him all about the afternoon."

"She's changed, Luther. I don't know whether she's in love with you or not. It doesn't matter. She's in a funny little in-between stage, she'll fall in love with you if you try. If you don't, she's quite apt to go to bed with someone else. She'll do it out of pique."

"Out of pique! That's a complimentary reason!" "Yes, now stand on your dignity as you come did; you told Jane Claire had to come to you and tell you her story for all the wrong she'd done. Luther, don't you see that's just the way to keep this wretched separation going?"

"I know she liked Clark a lot. But she wasn't in love with him, she was just flattered and liked to have people think she was in love with her. Now she's to marry another girl—she told me, she tells me everything—and it's not out yet, but will be in a week or so."

"Those gossips at the theatre will say she's flattered. She's afraid of that. If she had an excuse—well, don't you see, if she told them tomorrow she was going back to you."

"Well? They know the trouble was mostly about Clark. They'd think she threw him over—anyway, her pride would be saved."

"Nice reason for her to make up," Luther said bitterly. "She's been carrying on with another man."

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PARAGRAPHS By Robert Sullivan

Correct this sentence: "The man's stenographer was beautiful, and his wife was not jealous."

A widow with money to burn seems to have a peculiar attraction for her old flames.

Still, a Ford rides very well when loaded with five people and \$18.00 worth of accessories.

Nearly all people are fair and decent if they have some assurance that the other fellow will be.

The boll weevil is an ardent prohibitionist. He seems determined to rid America of the cotton gin, also.

Of course profanity is wicked but what is one to do when a fly skids over one's head spot at 5 a. m.?



The modern man thinks he is roughing it when he wears a soft collar and drives the open car.

The people who haven't time to vote always find time during the ensuing year to curse the man elected.

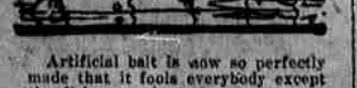
At twenty, her love is all fire and dreams; at thirty it is all common sense and a desire to get settled.

Those who condemn the sinner most bitterly are but endeavoring to still their own troublesome consciences.

It's funny to see a crook elude the cops in a movie, but it isn't so funny when the crook has your automobile.

Most of the articles condemning the feminine sex are written by men who know their wives don't read their stuff.

With so many men searching diligently for employment, it is strange that some of those on the pay roll don't try it.



Artificial bait is so perfectly made that it fools everybody except the fish.

The consumer wonders at times if it wouldn't be a good plan to nationalize the tin snipers and mine owners, at least.

Love is the quality that makes a young man think his sweetest beautiful even while filling her face with a hot dog.

There are probably large parts of Europe that wonders even yet if America is really a country or just manna from Heaven.

If there is any virtue in reciprocity, there is no reason why the people should not have a profound contempt for politicians.

When you tell the garage mechanic to fill over the car thoroughly, you can always find grease spots on the cushions where he went over them.

RIPLINGHYMES By Walt Mason

JANE'S CAREER When Jane was young and flappy, the belle of all the town, she made young men unhappy, because she turned them down. And many wished to wed her, with wreaths upon her brow, but no one ever led her to make the solemn vow.

She wished to be a lawyer, and practice in the courts; said wife was the destroyer of love for many sports. "In this brief momentary journey," she said, "I wish to shine, so I'll be an attorney—the well-dressed dame in mine. A girl can't be a winner if she sews patches weird, and distorts a dinner for some one with a beard."

She did as she expected, she saw her father increase, and now she's been elected a Justice of the peace. With honore she is laden, her roll has bulks grown, but she's a wintry maiden, all loveless and alone. No lighted window greets her when homeward she returns. No loving husband beats her or borrows what she earns. Her presence was a mistake, but ever and anon I see her sadly gazing at though some prize were gone. It's when we're old and lonely, and tired and sad and gray, that loving comrades only seem worth the price we pay.

BAWS LIE DETECTING MACHINE Washington, July 21.—Use of the sub-machine gun, or lie detecting device, was barred by Chief Justice Mc Coy in criminal court today in the trial of James A. Frazee, charged with murder.

The machine, Mc Coy said, based on the theory that blood pressure becomes great as when one tells an untruth, has not reached a sufficient degree of perfection to warrant its use.

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THE GUTENBERG BIBLE

The invention of the art of printing had more to do with shaping the destiny of mankind than any other event in modern history. A Washington correspondent describes the "Gutenberg Bible," a copy of which is now exhibited in the National Museum in Washington through the courtesy of Mr. Gabriel Wells, of New York, and naturally it is attracting much attention.

Gutenberg invented the art of printing from movable type. Prior to his time printing was done from carved wooden blocks, on which was everything which appeared on a page. Gutenberg invented the three essentials of modern printing, changed only in details since his day in the early part of the fifteenth century.

These three things, type, mold from which the type is cast, and matrix, from which the mold is made, have had a more powerful influence upon the world than any other invention or discovery ever made. Through them all knowledge is spread; through printing the Bible has become the world's book.

Through printing has education of the masses been accomplished; through printing has civilization displaced barbarism, and knowledge taken the place of ignorance and superstition. It is printing which has caused the downfall of tyranny, material and spiritual; printing which brought the ideals of liberty, fraternity, equality, toleration, education, and freedom to a world once divided between oppressors and oppressed.

Gutenberg printed the first Bible ever formed, except by hand or, in abbreviated form, from carved wooden blocks. The Gutenberg Bible, now valued at from fifty to a hundred thousand dollars a copy, is far more than a Bible. Today most beautiful Bibles can be bought for a few cents; today we have penny newspapers and ten-cent magazines, books for half a dollar, and libraries of them free to millions of people. They are all children of the Gutenberg Bible; all fruit of the mind of the humble mechanic of five hundred years ago, whose influence has changed a world to its betterment as no other, save the Man of Galilee, has ever changed it.

Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, has introduced an amendment to the pending tariff bill, providing for a non-partisan commission to prepare all tariff legislation in the future. This commission is to consist of ten members, not more than five of whom may belong to a single political party. The plan looks feasible and fair but there is the danger that a president imbued with certain tariff ideas might appoint men he knew to be in harmony with his views and thus defeat the intent of the law. Still, any plan should be better than the present one of thrashing out a multitude of schedules on the floor of congress, every time an administration changes, and making a political football of business and industry.

The Hague conference has ended in failure because the Russians insisted on a large cash loan and the other nations lacked the cash, and wouldn't have loaned it if they possessed it. Printing press money has lost its power to allure when people with bales of rubles find themselves unable to buy food from their own people.

The street railway company of Tacoma still clings to a ten-cent fare despite the efforts of Mayor Fawcett to reduce it. That seems to be the way with all the big corporations; they want wages and everything else to come down, while they continue to charge war-time prices.

R. B. Howell, nominated for senator by Nebraska republicans, is a so-called progressive, formerly a Bull Moose, and, in fact, a non-partisan leaguer like Brookhart of Iowa, Ladd and Frazier of North Dakota, and LaFollette of Wisconsin.

Brother Charlie has butted into politics at last, and if he is elected governor of Nebraska we may expect a "Bryan for president" movement in which W. J. B. will not be the central figure. Strange things happen in politics.

Germany is willing to allow the allies to supervise their finances. They will probably set scientists at work trying to discover the value of the mark.

There is an occasional gleam of hope for the masses in the trend of prices. The cost of radium has decreased from 15 to 20 per cent.

Cost of living is going up steadily, and it may become a question before long if it is worth what it costs.

Belated Honor Is Given Major Rowan Washington, July 21.—Belated recognition of the man who carried a "message to Garcia" was accorded by the war department today when it announced the award of a Distinguished Service Cross to Major Andrew S. R. Rowan of San Francisco, retired, the hero of the incident.

NEVADA STILL MOURNS MRS. BUTLER'S DEATH

Topopah, Nev., July 19 (United Press)—The state of Nevada is still mourning the recent death of Mrs. James J. Butler, known as "The Mother of Nevada."

Mrs. Butler died in San Jose recently. She was the wife of James J. Butler, who made a fortune out of the Nevada mine, and started the rush which brought fortune to many others in the surrounding district.

For many years Mrs. Butler had tramped about the state with her husband, a miner and business man. Through long years of hardship and loneliness in the Nevada desert she battled the elements with him, and shared with him both his misfortunes and good fortunes.

In 1900 she and her husband had left their home in Modesto valley and were enroute to the Kentucky district. They started out with two burros, hitched to a buckboard, and camped at what is now known as Topopah Wells, four miles north of here.

The burros strayed away, and Mr. and Mrs. Butler sat in four days in a futile search for them. Butler had started the last day from what is now the main street of Topopah and sarched along the road leading to Divide.

His wife walked from the Topopah Wells a distance of over four miles, and over what is at present known as Mountain iddle, where she became exhausted.

Sitting on a great boulder, she picked off with her hands what looked like a mineral-bearing rock. Her husband finally came into view, and she called to him. "Jim, she said, 'what do you think of this rock?'" He examined it carefully.

"It is the greatest mineral rock in the world," he replied. They immediately struck a claim, and she chose to call it "The Mother of Nevada."

After attaining fortune, Mrs. Butler became known for her works of charity throughout the state. She was a friend of rich and poor alike, and despite her fortune never forgot the humble friends of the days when she and her husband roamed the Nevada deserts looking for pay ore, and many friends with the current of prospects who were doing likewise.

She died in San Jose at the age of 61, at the home of her mother. Her husband, a son and daughter, and her mother survive her. Butler always gave all credit for the discovery to his wife.

"Victor Dog" Is New Concoction San Francisco, July 20.—The gentleman who conceived the happy idea of putting a dog in a confectionery and calling it "Eskimo Pie" have realized considerable sheekles therefrom. In fact it is said, they developed such savvy when counting their money that they hired a flock of counting specialists to count it for them.

Now come a group of San Franciscans, overcast on that popular old standby, the hot dog. The idea came first to Marion Sainzan, sporting editor of a San Francisco newspaper, who carried it half shamefully to Oscar Ingels, city editor, and George L. North, the news editor. They laughed at first, then grew serious. The idea was consigned to the Eskimo Pie divisions of wealth almost overcast them. But the idea had to be worked out by a cook, for of course newspapermen know nothing about cooking, despite the cooking page in the paper. They thereupon enlisted Victor, famous chef of the Hotel St. Francis. And Victor, working overtime for weeks, finally volved the overcast for the hotdog. The coating is a luscious confectionery crust, similar to the outside of a corn fritter or the cruller that mother used to make. The article was named the "Victor Dog," in honor of the famous chef, and it was then patented, like the "Eskimo Pie."

The "Victor Dog" has created a sensation in the gastronomic world. Within a year, the dog is estimated to produce it will have supplanted the old fashioned hot dog in amusement parks, circuses, baseball fields, and bathing beaches all over the United States. And these happy newspapermen in San Francisco are getting ready to quit printing and take up the hot dog business, something very few newspapermen ever find it necessary to do.

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19,656,903 feet, of which 13,149,411 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 6,507,492 feet for overseas shipment. New business for delivery by rail amounted to 1,830 cars. Unfilled domestic cargo orders total 103,823,546 feet. Unfilled export orders 56,802,781 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders 7,023 cars. In twenty-eight weeks production has been 2,248,217,079 feet; new business 2,267,257 feet; shipments 2,227,000 feet.

New York—Charley White, Chicago, light heavyweight, has posted a challenge to the state boxing commission to meet the state boxing champion, winner of the Leonard-Tender fight.

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