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Western Oregon Irrigation.

For many years the idea prevailed that there was no need for irrigation in Western Oregon and that farming could be as well carried on without as with it. We are at the dawn of a new day in this as in other things. Irrigation has demonstrated its value in Western Oregon. The awakening to this fact is becoming general. Unquestionably there is to be more and more resort to irrigation on Western Oregon farms favorably located for it, as there is to more and more resort to drainage, to intensive cultivation and to soil renewal.

The turning of water into the irrigation ditches on the L. C. Ables farm near Springfield marks a milestone in irrigation progress for this district. It is the first realization here of the actual bringing of water to the land by artificial means. This project will afford a field for demonstration to Lane county farmers of what irrigation will do. Such a demonstration cannot but have the effect of making resort to the watering of the land more commonly practiced than it has been. Results attained in irrigation districts elsewhere make valuable results here certain.

Potentially irrigation is an influence toward intensification and toward subdivision of farms. Under irrigation the farmer will be able to harvest crops as large from a restricted area as he has been doing on a larger area unirrigated. This leads again to a more compact farmer population and a larger one.

In the Grants Pass district irrigation has become a demonstrated success—so much so that farmers on contiguous lands are endeavoring to come in under it. At Salem there is being pointed out the benefits of irrigation to the flax fields, where it prolongs the harvesting season and enables each flax pulling machine to cover a larger acreage than otherwise. Irrigation is a subject which it will be well worth the while of Lane county farmers to investigate well. It points a road to their increased prosperity.

Was it a High Price?

No other transfer of real estate in Eugene has caused so much comment as the recent sale of 28 feet frontage on Willamette street, just south of Eighth avenue, including a one-story brick building. The cash consideration in the deal was \$44,900. By some this was considered a large figure. But was the price high?

Real estate located in the heart of the business district of as substantial a city as Eugene is in some respects in the nature of a monopoly. The locations cannot be duplicated. This is what gives such property its high value. A fair method of arriving at a valuation on such a piece of property, according to investment men, is to consider its net annual income as seven per cent of its value. Millions of dollars of six per cent bonds are eagerly bought in the United States yearly. None of them are more sound as an investment than Eugene business property. By that test then a price for Eugene business property which will net seven per cent is a fair price.

Competent rental authorities estimate that the particular property under discussion should easily net \$3500 a year in rentals. On this basis the value of the property is nearer \$50,000 than the figure paid. Thus the answer to our question appears to be that the price was not high. Rather it was low.

Marriage and Divorce at Home.

In Lane county in 1923 there were 417 couples married and only 85 couples divorced. In 1922 there were 353 couples married and 72 couples divorced. The figures are from a department of commerce bulletin just released. They show that the Lane county percentage of increase in marriages in 1923 over 1922 was 8.5 per cent, while the increase in divorce for the same period was 8.1 per cent. Thus domestic felicity appears to have a shade the best of it.

The report denotes a wholesome condition of affairs in this county as compared with a few other counties of Oregon. In Clackamas, for instance, during 1923 there were only 279 marriages as against 319 divorces. In Clatsop there were 146 marriages and 203 divorces. The Clackamas county seat has long been known to fame as a local Reno, but one wonders what is the matter down in Clatsop county.

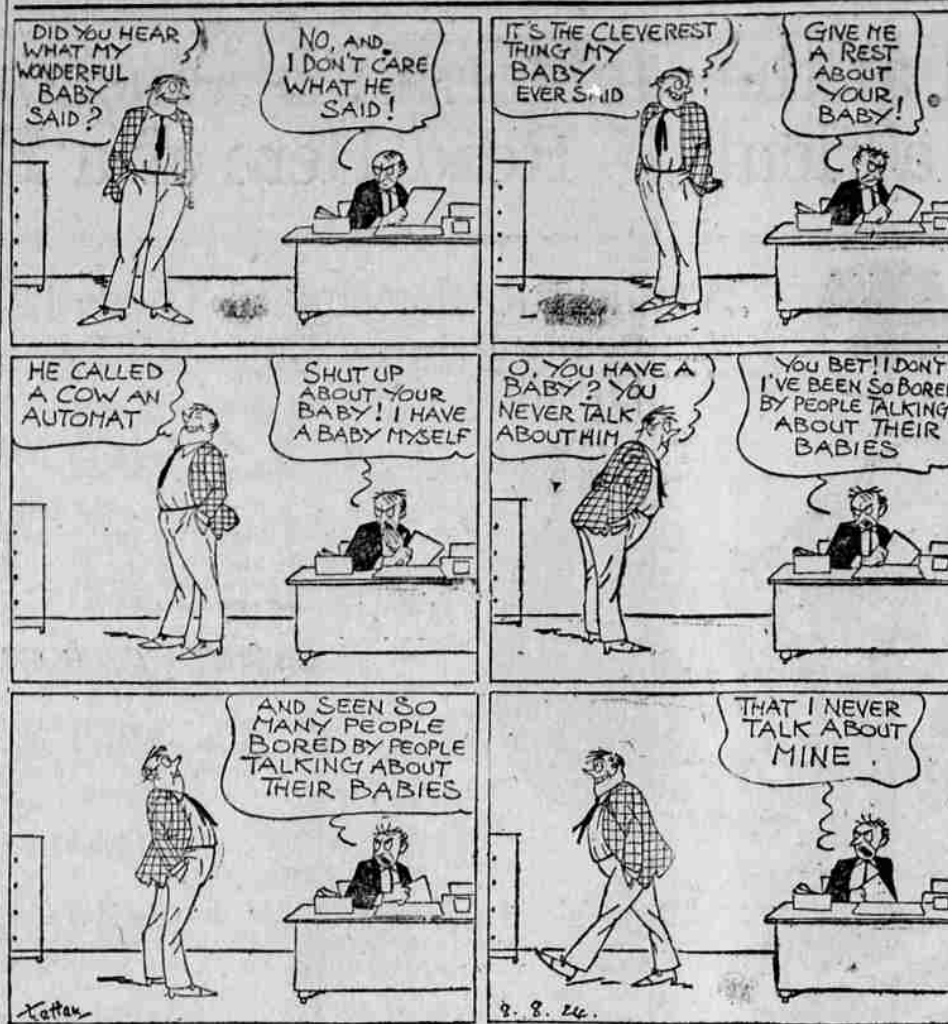
In the entire state during 1923 there were 7,132 marriages and 2,894 divorces. In the state as a whole divorce is increasing at a more rapid rate than marriage. For 1923 the increase as to marriage over 1922 was 9.1 per cent for the state, as against Lane county's rate of 8.5 per cent. For 1923 the state's increase in divorce over 1922 was 14.8 per cent as against Lane county's 8.1 per cent. In Lane county, it therefore appears, the fashion of matrimony is not spreading quite so fast as throughout Oregon as a whole, and the fashion of divorce is not spreading nearly so fast as in the rest of the state.

Do not forget and do not fail to tell our visitors that Eugene is the fastest growing city on the Pacific coast. Have the figures ready. Here they are: Eugene's 1924 building gain over 1923 is 169 per cent; over 1922 it is 185 per cent. The gain of Salem, the next fastest growing town, over 1923 is 129 per cent; over 1922 it is 136 per cent. Remember, too, that 79 leading Pacific coast cities are included in the tabulation from which the figures come, and that it is the authoritative report of S. W. Strauss & Co., not in any respect a local concern.

Can You Beat It!

By Maurice Ketten

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EUGENE A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO

From the Guard of August 3, 1899.

A number of stores closed for a time today in honor of Henry Villard and several flags are floating in the city during his visit.

B. F. Dorris, Clem Hoden, A. V. Peters and John Brown left for the Blue River mines yesterday to visit their mining properties.

Mrs. L. A. Bradley and family have returned from Junction City.

Miss Cora Rotan, of the Postal Telegraph, went to Salem today for a month's vacation.

Probably 500 people assembled at Villard hall this morning to do honor to Henry Villard, the school's benefactor, who is spending a few hours here looking over the campus.

Plans for the reception of the

homecoming soldier boys are progressing rapidly. Everyone in town, including business men and citizens in requested to decorate homes and buildings elaborately for the return. The boys leave San Francisco August 9.

L. Simon yesterday sold his team, a bay and gray, to a Seattle man for \$300.

The bridge carpenters have returned from Long Tom, having finished their work.

Sunday night there was at one time 20 carloads of lumber passing through Eugene to points north and Monday evening there were 15. This is a surprisingly large number.

Misses Amanda Marchessault and Belle Keeney, of Jasper, are attending the teachers' institute.

Oregon Briefs

Klamath Falls, during the past month, showed an increase of 43 per cent in postal receipts, the highest gain of any city in the state.

A fire started on the Elmer Moore ranch near Pendleton, Friday evening, did damage estimated at \$5000. The fire burned about 100 acres of wheat that had been harvested and sacked.

Rev. Albert Ross Stilton, for many years pastor of the First Baptist church at La Grande, who recently resigned, will take the pulpit in the church at North Bend.

Ned Smith, born in Benton county died suddenly last week of apoplexy. He was 64 years old and a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith who came to Oregon in early pioneer times.

A woman who refused to give her name was taken to a hospital in Astoria, Friday, after she had leaped from the dock at the foot of West Bond street into the Columbia river.

In spite of the dry weather and long continued drought, farmers of Washington county report good grain yields, some of the farms averaging 25 to 40 bushels to the acre.

Wool shipments during the past month from Prineville exceeded 150,000 pounds, the highest average in the history of the City of Prineville railway.

Most of the stock for the new Alpine Paper Manufacturing company at Coquille has been subscribed.

ABE MARTIN



Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

SPEED

Now and then I meet disaster as I drive my chugging scow, and the surgeon's sticking plaster may be seen upon my brow—the result of going faster than the traffic laws allow. Now and then my speed increases as I scorch along the lanes, and the laws are shot to pieces, with their penalties and pains, and my loving aunt and nieces gather up my torn remains. Nothing happens when I safely travel at a lawful gait, when my chugmobile is plainly keeping the commandments straight.

There's trouble when I vainly bust the statutes of the state. When I send the old bus rolling fifty-seven miles an hour, I can hear the deathbells tolling in the ivy-mantled tower, and the pharmacist, condoling, rubs me with his ointment sour. I go splashing in the ditches when so merrily I spin, and the surgeon sews some stitches in my forehead and my chin, and the undertaker itches for a chance to cop some tin. If we all would drive sedately where the stream of traffic flows, going forward, slow and stately, as the truly wise man goes, it would surely lessen greatly heavy tasks the sexton knows. But the long white road's before us, we have gasoline galore, and the speed's laws only bore us, weary us and make us sore; and the mourners sing in chorus, "They're not lost, but gone before."

Work on the big cut at the east end of the lava beds on the McKenzie highway is expected to be completed by August 15. When finished one of the worst hills on the highway will have been eliminated.

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Portland Theatre Wage Scale Issued

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 2.—The annual set of rules governing wage scales and working conditions in Portland theatres and amusement centers was issued by the Theatrical federation of Portland and vicinity and embodies among a series of wage increases a clause demanding minimum orchestras in the theatres. Theatre managers said they had not yet decided their attitude in regard to the wage increases, but that the orchestra demand would be refused.

Gompers Termed As An "Arch Betrayer"

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 2.—Joseph Manley, campaign manager of the workers' party of America, whose presidential candidate is William Z.

Foster, who had bitterly opposed the labor policies of Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L. sent a telegram to Mr. Gompers terming him the "arch betrayer of the American worker class." The telegram was in reply to the criticism of Foster and his party voiced by the labor leader in a statement yesterday. The message advised Mr. Gompers to repudiate both the major parties and "the backward looking LaFollette movement" and to "fight for a workers' and farmers' government."

Inky Thinks

As we understand it, the voice of the people is saying "Blah!"

At any rate balloon tires are easier for a revenue officer to hit.

Well, if religion gets into politics, some of it may get into politicians.

One good way to lay the foundation of a family fortune is to lay brick.

A wife is a person you can teach to drive a car without hugging her.

The fear of unemployment probably affects everybody except the rich and the reformers.

A true believer is one who continues to support a preacher who lambasts his pet sin.

So many, many laws; and yet most of us can look a cop in the eye without flinching.

The pitcher that went too often to the well lasted longer than the one that hits the bottle too often.

As a general thing the best table manners are found where there is least on the table.

Every alien should be required to take out naturalization papers before causing America.

Love isn't everything. Power girls would take the fatal step if brides wore hideous costumes.

Our guess is that Adam nagged at Eve about that apple incident every time the plover handles made a new blister on his hands.

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the high tide mark while walking with his mother and two sisters. It was in a tightly corked bottle. The note follows: "Forty miles off Columbia, June 20, 1924. Good-bye everybody. Boat is sinking. Engine dead."

CONFESSES TO SLAYING
LA PEER, Mich., Aug. 2.—Lewis Johnson, an inmate of the Michigan Home and Training school, an institution for the feeble minded, has confessed, according to state police, to having killed Mrs. Blanche Burke, 25 years, widow employed at the institution whose nude body was found early Sunday morning.

In Lighter Vein

Natural Enough.
(Philadelphia Inquirer)
The old fashioned man who used to blow out the gas now has a grandson who starts up his engine in a closed garage.

On Record.
(Washington Star)
"This radio is a wonderful means of reaching the public."
"It has its disadvantages," commented Senator Coughlin. "If you happen to say something you want to take back next day there isn't a chance to come out and say the interview was garbled."

Price-Fixing.
(Country Gentleman)
Stranger—Brother, at what price do you value the cow with the white face I saw yesterday in the field by the railroad?
Farmer—Are you the tax assessor, or has he been killed by the cars?

Headlight in the Rear.
(Hartford City, Ind., News)
Lightning bugs are not so different from some men. A lightning bug can see where he has been but not where he is going.

It Helps.
(Buffalo Enquirer)
Ancient history is a great comfort. It shows there were fools in those days, too.

Where Progress Limp.
(Ohio State Journal)
Our progress, remarkable as it is, is unfortunately along scientific and mechanical rather than moral lines, and we imagine more swearing has been done since the automobile was invented than in any previous period of similar duration in the world's history.

Why, Gene, You Little Tomboy!
(Orlando, Fla., Reporter-Star)
The Golf club expects to have Miss Gene Sarazen and Mr. Walter Hagan for an exhibition match either the 21st or 22d of this month.

At the Top of the Ladder.
(American Legion Weekly)
Farmer: "I believe you're the very same identical Wild Man o' Borneo I seen more'n 25 years ago."
Wild Man: "Musta been mee, boss, considerin' Ah'm now known in circus circles as de dean o' de wild men."

A Miss.
(American Legion Weekly)
Now this is a fact:
Don't call it folly;
A miss in a motor's
Worth two in a trolley.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?

By E. R. WAITE, SECRETARY, Shawnee, Okla., Bd. of Commerce

THAT every corporation requires an annual or semi-annual audit of its books.

THAT every well-managed city should have an audit of its books made every year.

THAT a statement of the condition of the city's finances, showing receipts and disbursements and amount on hand should be published in the local newspapers annually.

THAT is what the taxpayers should know, that is the way to inform them.

THAT the government of a city is never better than the people of that city want it to be.

THAT if the people are satisfied, they pay their taxes and go on.

THAT when they can see no statement of the condition of their city, they are not satisfied.

THAT laws are made for both the public officials and the private citizens to obey.

THAT when the private citizens alone obey the law, a city is in a sorry way indeed.

THAT often public officials violate the laws at the expense of the private citizens.

Too often public officials laugh at the laws regulating their duties and go ahead and break them.

PLANE CRASH FATAL

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 2.—Three persons were killed in an airplane crash near Crawfordsville, Ark., late Thursday according to a report received here by an undertaker. An ambulance was sent to the scene.

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The Girl Who Did Not Care

By KATHARINE MOORE

Author of "Love," "The Woman-Hater Husband," Etc.

BASKING IN PETER'S DEVOTION.

CHAPTER 30

Leah reigned supreme in her tiny kingdom. Peter was her slave, and Peter had a way of paying homage which could hardly fail to gladden any woman's heart. Leah was so warmed by Peter's comforting companionship that she persuaded herself she did love Peter, after all. She refused to think otherwise. What she felt for Peter seemed sufficient for their happiness and she did not delve deeper into her dormant emotions.

The thrill and inspiring newness of their marital broom was sweeping all the cobwebs of incompatibility and unhappiness before it. Peter was exquisitely happy, and Leah had every intention of enjoying herself to the fullest. The combination was surprisingly successful. It was just a question of how long the new broom would keep from getting worn on the corners and jaggedly broken and uneven along the edges.

Not that such thoughts or possibilities ever entered Leah's head for a brief second. She had rushed into marriage with Peter because she honestly believed for the moment that it was what she wanted. It was a sudden relief, but she had not grasped the thing as a fleeting joy of the moment which would fade and leave her unsatisfied and miserable. She dashed into marriage with Peter as a refuge for her bleeding heart and she had given little thought to the outcome, either for Peter or herself. She had been honest in this.

Leah had not meant to be cruel or basely unjust to Peter. She liked Peter; liked him just as a little child loves the devotion of a big Newfoundland dog. And if Peter wanted her, and was happy, and satisfied with the kind of love she gave him, she did not think it necessary to question deeper. In fact, Leah was not thinking or worrying about the future. How few of us do, and what cowards it would make out of us if we always did!

Also there was another strange, deep truth which Leah could not realize, and she would not have believed it if the gods of fate themselves had come down and whispered it to her. And that truth was that if Leah had married Guy Winton instead of Peter, she would have tasted the cup of regret and bitterness even before she did as Peter's wife. Peter's love for Leah was a masterpiece, and Peter took infinite pains to make their life together a beautiful thing. But life held strange, illuminating experiences for Leah, and her nature drew them down upon herself with the relentless force of an unwavering destiny.

Then he said goodbye and he tried out.

Even after the door had closed behind him, his smile lingered sweetly through the room, force of an unwavering destiny.

(Continued Monday)

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