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TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.

Senator Joseph's Power Bill.

State Senator George W. Joseph will renew at the coming session of the legislature his effort of four years ago to obtain submission to vote of the people of an amendment authorizing the state to engage in hydro-electric power development and distribution and to levy a tax for the purpose.

In setting out this latter state premise, Senator Joseph apparently was anticipating and endeavoring to offset a fact which has been variously and authoritatively stated of late. This is that more hydro-electric power is now being developed in Oregon than there is demand for.

Your own familiarity with the local situation will enable you to judge as to the demand, existing and potential, for these proposed uses. I may say, however, that it is my understanding that the public utility corporations now operating in this region have ample reserves of power beyond any demand that may be anticipated in the near future and that steam power for industrial purposes is now produced very cheaply from lumber wastes or nearby coal supplies.

Irrigation pumping provides a seasonal load at best, and its development is likely to be slow. Railway electrification would provide an attractive load when carried out, but even the ultimate demands of this market would require only a comparatively small part of the total output.

This view was fully borne out by that of Frank Silliman, vice-president of the Electric bond and share company, of New York, which controls the Pacific power and light company, who said, after making a two weeks tour of Oregon recently that in his opinion substantial new markets for power must be created before there can be any further power development in Oregon.

In announcing his purpose to introduce his state power development measure in the legislature, Senator Joseph said: "I do not wish to have it believed that I am in favor of public ownership generally. But the development of water power, on account of its being a perpetual resource and its distribution being simple, is in a class by itself and is not subject to the vicissitudes of any other class of business."

Nevertheless, what Senator Joseph proposes is to put the state of Oregon in business—the business of developing and vending hydro-electric power. And it would put the state in competition with private concerns which already are developing more power than there is a market for. It is hard to see, under these conditions, how the Joseph project, if carried through, could do otherwise than bring losses to the state.

Senator Joseph has asked a number of newspapers of the state for criticisms and suggestions regarding his plan. Thus far we have seen no responses. This newspaper's criticism has been set out in the foregoing. Its suggestion is, Go slow.

A Survey And Its Results.

Industrial, agricultural and general employment prospects for 1925 are bright in nearly all states of the union, according to a bulletin just issued by the United States employment service, covering the results of a survey made by its federal-state directors. Skilled labor everywhere will be rather fully employed, and improvement over last year is expected in the demand for unskilled labor. There is still some part-time employment in New England, but this is expected to be increased to full time by late spring.

Farmers generally are more optimistic than they were a year ago. In the three Pacific coast states, according to the bulletin report, there will be expansion of agriculture in various lines, with some considerable increase of acreage to be planted.

Many states report prospects for building operations on a larger scale during 1925 than in 1924. This indicates an increased demand for lumber for domestic consumption, which is, of course, a favorable indication for Oregon. On the building outlook in Oregon the bulletin says:

It is predicted that building construction will be greater in 1925 than in 1924 and that building craftsmen will have increased opportunities for employment. However, there will be sufficient mechanics within the state to take care of the demands.

And on the subject of the farming outlook for Oregon, there is this:

Many farmers in Oregon are departing from general farming, undertaking the cultivation of special crops for which there is a ready market and to which the soil and climate of the state are peculiarly adapted, such as walnuts, celery, and other products. Fall wheat planting acreage increased 5 per cent over that of last year, and it is figured that the spring planting of wheat and most other crops will bear at least the same proportionate increase.

With the appearance of every new report on conditions over the country, evidence multiplies that the outlook is for a good year. Here at home one hears now and then a note of pessimism. There is no occasion for it in conditions generally. They justify confidence.

Now comes the always excellent Corvallis Gazette-Times with a demonstration of super-excellence in the shape of a New Year's edition of five sections with a total of 42 pages concerning the greatness and the accomplishments of Corvallis and Benton county. It is a fine edition.

A contemporary, commenting upon the large increase in the number of telephones in use in Portland, says the Rose city may love her flowers and her port, but most of all she loves to talk. Perhaps Portland's love of her port leads her to the love of talk. It worked that way before prohibition.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Business and Croakers. (Oakridge Review) For the next two months every community in the country will experience a slack-up in trade such as we know to be customary during the spring months. In every town we

other foolish things. When you see such a one give him to understand you don't want to hear his line.

For Home Rule at Home. (Corvallis Gazette-Times) We are strong for Mayor Baker's to organize the cities of Oregon against encroachment of the home rule privilege by the legislature. We would organize the states against the vicious and ever growing encroachment of the national government.

Ye Ed Is Plumb Sane. (Benton County Independent) The editor is gone this week. Plumb gone! He is taking the most important step in history. He doesn't realize it now, but some day he will. He's getting married.

Mr. Bryan Joins the Scientists.

William Jennings Bryan, well known commoner, grammarian, and fundamentalist, has applied for membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This association has very Darwinistic leanings; it is, in fact, preparing to hear a debate "Darwin and Bryan" within a few days. Mr. Bryan, explaining his action, said he wanted to keep in touch with the association's work in regard to evolution.

Now, considering all that Mr. Bryan has said in the past few years, we had thought he knew all about evolution that he needed to know. We thought, also, that if there were anything about evolution that he didn't know there are only two places where his convictions would allow him to seek knowledge: Holy Writ or chautauqua. We hate to state this horrible thought, but can it be that the old-time religion has fallen down on William Jennings? Can it be that doubts begin to assail him—that maybe there is something he doesn't know about evolution? Can it be that after a period of enlightenment he might change his mind?

In Lighter Vein

Charitable. (Christiania Vikingen) Artist—I have decided to present my latest work to some charitable institution. Which do you suggest? Friend—The asylum for the blind."

Realism. (The Progressive Grocer) "I say, cook," said five-year-old Marjorie, who was feeling hungry. "Let's play I'm an awful-looking tramp. I'll ask you to give me a nice piece of pie, and you get frightened and give it to me."

Easy. (Fillegene's Blatter) I wish I could find a way to stop my wife from spending so much on gloves. Buy her a diamond ring.

Two Looks. (Paris Le Rire) Did you notice that insolent conductor looking at you as if you hadn't paid your fare? Yes, and did you notice me looking at him as if I had?

Bound to Work. (Progressive Grocer) "Why do you want himburger cheese packed in your lunch?" asked the grocer. "Because, papa," answered his truthful little son, "I want the teacher to send me home."

Common Disease. (The Widow) "Why do you call your flivver 'Pyrrhic'?" "Because four out of every five have one."

Perfect—Almost. (Bristol Press) Imagine the comfort that the fond parents got out of the announcement of their son who was attending a high school on Long Island, that he had been sent to the state school, 50 in algebra and 50 in Latin.

Oregon Briefs

A. F. Marcus, for many years a member of the Salem city council, has submitted his resignation and will be succeeded by Paul V. Johnson.

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ABE MARTIN



"Money ain't ever 'thin'," said the Solex 'dny, belonging to his success. "Way past fifty." Mrs. Tipton Bud took down sick tryin' t' find a Christmas present for an ole-fashioned girl.

\$480,000 will be open to the public early next summer.

Thieves broke into J. J. Denison's elevator at Carlton and made away with nearly two tons of clover seed, valued at more than \$700.

A log raft containing 750,000 feet of lumber belonging to the Multnomah Lumber and Box company, broke adrift in Yaquina bay and was carried out to sea.

M. H. Nickelsen, who died recently in Hood River, had held the post of school clerk longer than any other man in Oregon, having been elected to the position 27 years ago.

Arlington will soon have a two-story modern hotel, the chamber of commerce having appointed a committee to make arrangements for the erection of a 50-room structure.

Van Parker, a farmer residing near Yamhill, was found dead in his barn, having suffered a heart attack. When discovered the body had been badly mutilated by hogs.

Whether the pecan tree of the southern states will flourish in the Willamette valley is to be tested by Everett Earle Stannard of Brownsville, who recently received and planted some young trees from Alabama.

Henry Rokey of Grizzly in Jefferson county, missing for some time, was found by a neighbor standing in a fence corner suffering with frozen feet and severe burns on his back. He is unable to tell how he was injured.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Sturgis and Faith are the two principal towns in Meade county, South Dakota. At the election November 4 the residents of both towns voted on the same candidates for sheriff, auditor and other county officials down to coroner.

Yet the two cities are 115 miles apart as the crow flies. Sturgis, the county seat, is in the eastern fringe of South Dakota's Black Hills, and is tributary by rail to Sioux City, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb. Faith, its sister city, is in the heart of the cattle country, and is tributary by rail to the Twin Cities.

Meade county contains 3,491 square miles of territory. Armstrong county reports having done its mite in the statewide get-out-the-vote campaign, and anticipated a record ballot, although all it had to do was return 19 votes from its single precinct.

Prior to this year the county had never mustered more than 18 votes and these were culled from an ungrateful population which numbered 64 persons in the last census. The county is unorganized. Practically the entire extent of its thirteen odd townships is given over to the cattle

France suggests to Britain an arrangement for paying her debt, about as follows: Ten years of moratorium, no paying during that time. Then, some "sealing down," taking into consideration all circumstances which of course, include the fact that the French army held back the first rush of German tanks and gave Britain time to prepare.

France talks to Britain first, because the latter demands that France pay Britain, before paying America.

This country will discover that money in war is quickly spent or lent, and recovered very slowly.

Let the poor grocer that buy European hogs, bearing enormous rates of interest, with a first class Shrook rakoff on the principal, bear this in mind.

This government can bring pressure to bear on Europe. The private banker cannot do that. A big war in Europe might, and probably would, make those bonds worthless. When you buy European bonds, you are betting your principal that there won't be any more European wars. That's a dangerous bet.

And when the time comes to settle those private debts, for which Uncle Sam takes no responsibility whatever, and which American financiers are too wise to buy for themselves, European debtors will say: "You European debtors will say: 'You can play at that kind of game.' European borrowers are not coming to the U. S. A. Shylock, meeting his unscrupulous demands with any idea of paying in full.

And what's more, the victims of usury will be morally justified in their repudiation. Mark what happens.

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Armstrong county is without a post office address. No politician was ever known to set foot within its borders.

Eugene 25 Years Ago.

(From The Guard Jan. 8, 1900)

J. W. Shumate, the well known Waltherite merchant and postmaster is in the city. He informs us that the loggers up the McKenzie river are now rushing work.

The Congressional Endeavor society will hold its monthly business meeting at the home of Miss Lizzie Griffin on Wednesday evening, January 10.

Moses S. Gum and Susy M. Smith were given a marriage license today at the county clerk's office.

R. M. Pratt is building a 20 by 20 foot warehouse on the rear of his Ninth street property.

The city council meets this evening.

The University of Oregon glee club arrived home yesterday from its successful tour of eastern Oregon. Everywhere the boys were greeted by large crowds who gave them much praise.

Professor McAlister will give a lecture before the Societas Quinquagesima in the Lauren hall. Ready building, tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. George Wall is in the city from Cottage Grove.

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NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

Special Correspondence To The Guard From Various Live Districts In Its Field.

COTTAGE GROVE

COTTAGE GROVE, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Miss Virginia Bosley left Saturday morning for Palo Alto, Cal., where she will spend three weeks with her people in Cottage Grove. Miss Bosley had charge of Frederic and Ann Proctor as far as Medford, where their father, George Proctor met them. They have been staying with Mrs. C. C. Gruson while their mother, Mrs. George Proctor, has had their baby brother, Robert, in a San Francisco hospital for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurnie Howard came Friday from Shasta, Cal., and are with Mr. Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howard. Gurnie and wife will locate in Cottage Grove.

At the meeting of the Community club Saturday, Mrs. L. McAbey reported for the month of December. There were 1500 visitors at the restaurant, she reported. Substantial aid was given 25 needy families by the rest room Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Houser had New Year's dinner with the J. E. Hinesy family of Anlauf.

Mrs. Arch Proctor left Sunday for Tillamook to finish her school term in that city.

The Community club will hold open house January 17, in the afternoon. Miss Elise Price from Sifton, Wash. has been visiting at the home of Elbert Bede during holiday week. Miss Price will be godmother and Worth Harvey godfather for little Flora Elise Bede who was christened into the Episcopal church at Eugene Sunday, Jan. 4.

Jack Beager left Friday for Corvallis to attend O. A. C. this term. He will take the electrical engineering course.

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N. E. Edwards who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Clara Edwards at the home of his brother, Prof. J. E. Edwards, left Monday for Hornbrook, Cal., to visit his sister, before returning to his home in Eugene. Marian Harpole from Elmira has been visiting her uncle, Z. L. Cox, who is quite ill.

Andrew Jackson Turner, who died Saturday at his home in Falls City, was a brother of Frank Turner of Divide, and lived at Cottage Grove several years ago. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Anna Cain, Mrs. Edna Ames and Mrs. Mabel McFarland of Salfit. The funeral will be today from the Mills chapel, Rev. Walden officiating. Burial will be in the Hawley cemetery.

The primary department of the Christian Sunday school will entertain the congregational meeting in the church Tuesday night.

John McCornick and family from Medford attended the quarterly meeting Sunday in the Free Methodist church.

Mrs. A. M. Crowe and son James returned to their home in Tacoma, on Monday after visiting Miss Luella Hurley.

J. H. Safley went to Albany Monday.

Jack Klotenstein, J. R. Smith and Ed Jenks came down from Bohemia last week.

Miss Dorothy Hankins of Creswell visited her sister, Mrs. H. A. Mason, returning home Monday.