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The Problem of Garbage Disposal.

AMONG the bond proposals to be placed before the voters of Eugene at the coming April election is an item of \$25,000 for establishment of a municipal garbage incinerator. It offers one intended means to the solution of a problem that which none other is more in need of being solved here. Eugene has grown too large to go on dumping its garbage out of doors in a manner more or less haphazard. The system—or lack of system—now in vogue will before long raise a menace against the public health. Already it constitutes a definite nuisance.

A proper incinerator of the scope contemplated under the proposed bond issue would take care of this city's animal and vegetable refuse for a considerable period of years to come. There would still remain the problem of collection and hauling of garbage to the incinerator and the further problem of inorganic refuse disposal. If the first named of these two were provided for, the one last named would become reduced to the finding of a suitable dumping ground, with provision that the dumping be done in an orderly manner, so as to make a proper permanent fill.

As an alternative to the establishment of a municipal incinerator there is a proposal by a private company to finance and erect its own incinerator. The condition to this is that all householders and business places be required by ordinance to pay the company for collecting their garbage and hauling it to the incinerator. This alternative offers the distinct advantage of relieving the city from the expense of collection and disposal of garbage. Its outstanding disadvantage is that many residents would undoubtedly object to being compelled to pay for having their garbage removed from their premises.

To the proposal for the city to set up its own incinerator there is another practical alternative. This is the establishment of a sanitary fill. This system has been successfully operated in Portland for disposal of part of its garbage in recent years. Its initial requirement is that a dumping ground be found whose natural lie is such as to lend itself to the purpose. Its second is that the fill be made and covered scientifically along established lines which have been proved elsewhere to be efficient. An advantage of this system is that it takes care of both organic and inorganic refuse. In Portland the site for a public playground was filled in this way.

A woman was heard to remark a few days ago that she would vote against the incinerator bonds, because she understood that if the bond issue failed an incinerator would be established anyway by private enterprise. It might, but it would all depend upon the solution of the problem of universal garbage collection as set forth above. There should be no misunderstanding on this point.

Between now and the date of the coming bond election there might be complete investigation by a committee of councilmen, or one specially named, of various methods of garbage disposal in neighboring cities. A part of this work could be done by correspondence. Visits could be made by the committee to nearby cities and first-hand observations taken. The public could then be informed of the committee's findings and recommendations. It seems that this would be a thing well worth while to do. Our garbage problem is pressing for disposition. City officials and the public alike want it to have the best disposition practicable. This suggestion points a way.

There is no better reason for censoring motion pictures than for censoring spoken plays and newspapers and magazines and books. There is ample law already to punish indecency in any of these. In passing a bill for motion picture censorship the lower house of the Oregon legislature has merely voted to inflict another useless commission on the state, besides creating a potential cause of constant strife. It is to be hoped the senate will show better judgment.

It doesn't require a movie scenario writer to put romance in a logging camp. It flowers there naturally. Witness the statement of William Blackburn, superintendent of a camp near Monroe, who cites that six loggers there have married girls who had come to the camp to cook. And the last part of his account is the best. "They stay married," he declared.

A bill has passed the senate to take enforcement of the law against unprivileged sale of narcotics away from the state prohibition commissioner and place it in the hands of the state board of pharmacy. One wonders what argument can be brought in favor of such a change. There is too much division already of the law enforcing power.

There were no saloons, so whenever young Mr. Buchtel, of Portland, got to thinking about his domestic troubles he just had to go out and assuage his grief by burning down a building or two. This we gather from his own confessions to the police as the dispatches quote them.

Here's a real harbinger of the out-of-doors season: Nelson Macduff is already talking about forest fire prevention.

A crying need of the day is an automobile horn that will sound more like "Please" and less like "Beat it."

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Its Ideal Achieved
(Salem Capital Journal)
"Saw the taxpayer who can't hide his property—that's the idea. Sook him. Sook the timber owners. Sook the farmer. Sook the home-owners. They can't hide their land and buildings. Sook em. Sook everything in sight" exclaims our uplift contemporary the Portland Journal referring to the proposed bill submitting a referendum against any more income tax legislation for 15 years. The Journal will never recover from the blow dealt by the dear people in re-pealing the income tax bill. Yet the present system of placing the burden of taxation upon reality property is merely carrying out the policy so consistently advocated for many years by the Journal in its efforts to establish the single tax—to

abolish all taxes save those upon land. Although the people rejected repeatedly the single tax idea of the Journal by defeating numerous referendums, the Journal has tried to see a modified form of single tax in effect that would work the same. It is therefore championing a tax upon industry and profit, both opposed to single tax fundamentals. The Journal around smile instead of rage, at the success of its single tax propaganda, for it has unwittingly achieved its purpose of soaking the land-owners.

The Ways of Development
(Albany Herald)
For years and years Central Oregon couldn't get railroads. Now it can't keep them out. That's just the way with this development problem—when you work the hardest, you seem to accomplish the least. When development really starts, you can't beat it back with a club.

The Parking Problem
(Salem Statesman)
If a way can be worked out to solve the parking problem for the downtown streets of Salem, without either doing violence to the precepts of fair play or driving away business and making enemies for the city, it should be done. Certainly the people of Salem as a whole do not want to appear mean or even provincial to any visitor or customer or prospective customer. We want all the trade we can get. We want every guest to feel free in coming, at home while here, and a sense of longing for another visit after having departed.

Proud of Hall
(Coos Bay Harbor)
The people of Coos county in particular and those of the state should feel proud of Senator Hall. He has made a fine record in the legislature and accomplished a great deal that will be better appreciated as time passes. Senator Hall has given measures of a constructive nature his whole-hearted support and did not waste time with trifles. His measures creating ways and means for the completion of the Roosevelt highway is one of the really big pieces of legislation he put over, and the benefits are to be enjoyed by all when the road is finally completed and inaugurated. It is little wonder that newspapers all over the state are constantly reminding the people that Senator Hall would be a fine executive for our state.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of Feb. 24, 1906)
John Davies, the tailor, will build a two-story brick building on the lot occupied by his tailor shop on Ninth street, this spring. It will be 20 by 100 feet in size. H. Gordon has leased it. W. T. Campbell is drawing the plans and specifications.

Carey Thompson, Clarence Thompson, and George D. Ward, of Gate Creek, have made arrangements to go to the Cape Nome gold fields this summer.

Sheriff Withers has appointed Harry L. Rowen of Elmira second deputy sheriff. He is well qualified for the position and has already gone to work.

The Lane County Fruit Growers' association held an interesting meeting in the courthouse room this afternoon.

J. M. Miller and C. M. Henderer, both of Cottage Grove are in the city today on business.

The Corvallis college has an enrollment of 401.

Workmen on the University of Oregon science hall yesterday presented W. D. Bugh, one of the contractors who has had charge of construction, a diamond ring as a token of pleasant relations with employer and employee.

The new science hall on the campus was practically accepted today from the contractors, Pugh and Gray by Regents R. S. Bean, G. A. Dolph and S. H. Friendly, although formal acceptance will not be filed for a few days.

In Lighter Vein

Unbearable.
(Vancouver Province)
The applicant for evok was untidy and insolent in appearance. "Don't live here," whispered Jones to his wife. "I don't like her looks."

"But," remonstrated his wife, "just consider the reputation for cooking she bears."

"That doesn't matter," said Jones testily. "We don't want any she bears cooked. We don't like them."

Last and Hardest.
(Vancouver Province)
Teacher—"What were the different ages in history?"
Willie—"The stone age, bronze age, iron age."

Teacher—"What age are we living in now?"
Willie—"The hard-boiled age."

Misplaced.
(London Answers)
Mother had to leave little sister and the new baby in charge of big sister for the first time.
Baby was crying lustily.
Big Sister—"Oh, dear, why doesn't she stop crying? I don't know what to do with her."
Little Sister—"Why? Didn't the directions come with her?"

A Last Resort.
(Albion Tribune)
Abendine says: "Speaking Tourist Crashes Through Billboard." His only chance to get a glimpse of the scenery.

Ultimate in Shades.
(New York World)
Frank J. Wiltschko's "A Dictionary of Shades" is incomplete. It fails to include Kim Hubbard's "Little Golden Moustache" in the grocery "day shiverer" like a Ford fender."

Confidences.
(Savoy Bulletin)
Barber—"Your hair is very harsh and dry, sir."
Voice-Culture Expert—"So is your voice, but I didn't like to mention it."

Poland is raising funds for a national memorial to Marie Curie, in the form of a radium institute in Warsaw.

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La Grande Pioneer Dies at age of 88

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Mr. and Mrs. Conley celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary last month. Conley was sheriff of Union county at one time. He is survived by his aged wife, three children, 23 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held today.

California Plans For air Service
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—An attempt will be made here next Sunday to launch a regular daily cabin passenger service between Los Angeles and San Diego, using three planes of four passenger capacity each.

If the venture proves financially successful, the promoters plan, they announced yesterday, to make San Diego and San Francisco the two terminal points of the line, with headquarters in Los Angeles.

The expression "not worth his salt" dates back to the time when salt was used as a medium of exchange or money.

LADIES SHOPPE
Dressmaking, hats, lingerie and novelty fancy work, 760 Willamette, upstairs, Phone 881.

Geo. N. McLean, Insurance, 890 Willamette St., Phone 617.

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