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More About City Bond Proposals

THE BOOKS and accounts of the city of Eugene were recently overhauled and put upon a thoroughly efficient and workable basis. In this process a general financial statement of the city's affairs was compiled and summarized, which is brought down to date each month. This summary shows the following figures, as at February 28, 1925. They are of interest now, in connection with the coming special election, at which new bond proposals in the aggregate amount of \$697,000 are to be voted on:

Warrants Outstanding

General fund	\$119,905.05
General bond interest fund	22,871.63
General bond fund	63,433.21
	\$206,209.89

General Bonded Debt

General bonds	\$501,500.00
Bond interest coupons	8,964.76
	\$510,464.76

This gives a total of general indebtedness as of March 1, 1925, of \$716,674.67. In addition to this there is a considerable amount of district improvement indebtedness, which does not fall upon the city or the general taxpayer, but is assumed by the property benefitted by the improvements.

If all the bond proposals to be on the ballot at next month's election were to be carried, Eugene's indebtedness thus would be almost doubled. From expressions of sentiment on the subject in various informed sources, one gets the impression that it is not likely the tax burdened voters will be prepared to favor all of the proposals. The question, then, would seem to resolve itself to one of concentration on the items that represent the things most vitally needed. That is why this newspaper made bold a couple of days ago to point out the items which it believes should be carried and those which it believes can be dispensed with at present, and to give an outline of the reasons for its conclusions as to each.

A valued subscriber says he thinks The Guard was pretty positive in what it said on the subject, and that as a matter of fact each of the questions is debatable. That is readily granted. Not only are they debatable, but they ought to be debated and discussed, so that the public may be duly informed about them all and the voters thus be qualified to discriminate in casting their ballots between the items that are vitally needed and those that can wait or be forgone entirely.

Now, total assets of the city of Eugene are \$1,224,561.79. Its total general debt is \$716,674.67. The tax burden is heavy. Taxpayers are in no mood to increase it unnecessarily. Will they consider it necessary to increase it by \$697,000 next month? It seems unlikely.

This newspaper believes that the items for reconstruction of sewers, payment for fire apparatus already bought, paving street intersections, new water reservoir and mains and enlargement of the fire station are vitally needed. It believes the lower McKenzie water project can wait without serious impairment of the city's interests. It believes the garbage question must soon be solved, but that the city should not vote bonds for a municipal incinerator without first investigating the whole garbage question, to make certain that when a method of garbage disposal is adopted it shall be the best method. It believes the paving project for the streets leading to the Odd Fellows cemetery is desirable, but offers no present opinion as to whether it should be financed immediately, as proposed.

If anybody has a sounder analysis of the questions presented than this, or a better segregation of the items proposed than this, The Guard will be glad to receive and publish it.

It is a stiff penalty that the new state law against driving an automobile while intoxicated provides. First offenders are to be given a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, imprisonment in the county jail not less than 60 days nor more than six months, revocation of the operator's license for one year and confiscation of the automobile for not less than 30 days nor more than six months. But although the law is already in effect, there is an easy and certain way to evade the penalty. It is to refrain from mixing hooch and gasoline.

People who live in the St. Louis district of Missouri and in Southern Illinois and Indiana can do little or nothing to guard against tornado dangers. Storms there are recurrent and always destructive when they occur. The only storm insurance for those people would be to move elsewhere—say, to Oregon for instance.

That soft drizzle we had yesterday was what in California would be called a "million-dollar rain." Here we just take it as a matter of fact.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

An Unnecessary Previso. (Albany Herald and Democrat) Those 97 Portland business men who have incorporated a \$10,000,000 company for staging a world's fair in 1930 assert in their incorporation papers that "the business of this corporation shall be conducted without profit to itself or its members." Needless provision! If it's a world's fair, there won't be any profit for anybody.

Needs of the Indians. (Wendell East Oregonian) If the Indians of the Umatilla reservation are to learn to work as Mayor Sharp wishes, the government should reopen the Indian school at the agency and train the children in the arts and crafts of their own people. If they are to be taught, they will be found responsive to the proper sort of training. They are entitled to that training for without

it their future looks dark. Pendleton folk generally advise the reopening of the school and by so doing we seek to do the right thing by our neighbors. Let the Indian bureau wake up. It is at present insisting upon a course that makes the situation very difficult.

A Victory for the Columbia. (Astoria Budget) The message from Senator McNary Saturday to the effect that the bureau of operations of the navy has changed the itinerary of the cruising midshipmen to permit of a two-day call at the Port of Astoria is a matter of distinct qualification to this community, to Portland and the state.

gies to the task of getting the navy officials to do something which they did not want to do and when they had no intention of doing, and they have been successful.

In its larger aspects the decision to make Astoria a port of call for this squadron of battleships has a much larger significance. It is a recognition of the Columbia river, a refutation of the contention that there are channel conditions which make it dangerous for big warships to enter this port and a correction of erroneous impressions concerning the Columbia river in circles where such impressions have persisted in spite of established facts and to our great detriment.

Misreading Child-Labor Sentiment (New York World) The legislatures of more than enough states to prevent its adoption have already voted against ratification of the federal child labor amendment, and that taste is dead for the time being at least. This justifies the majority republicans of the assembly at Albany in concluding not to bring the question of ratification to a vote at present. It may perhaps justify them in refusing to follow the senate in submitting the question to a popular advisory referendum at the next election.

But in deciding to slam the door against state forty-eight-hour-a-week legislation for women and children this republican majority is over-exercising its reactionary disposition. Nor can it plead better than a more or less futile side-step in empowering the state industrial commission to investigate industrial industries and shorten hours to not less than forty-eight where thought necessary.

The federal child labor amendment has been beaten largely because the states are opposed to consigning the child-labor problem to a distant central government. But this is a reason why the states should assume the duty which they do not wish to pass on to Washington. It is no reason why they should shirk or abandon it. The republican majority at Albany is misreading public sentiment on the federal amendment. There is no sentiment to be found there in favor of child labor or of letting industry over-work its women.

In Lighter Vein

All Set For It (Williams Purple Cow) **Fair Motorist!**—"Really, I didn't hit you intentionally!" **Irate Victim!**—"What have you got that bumper on your car for if you aren't aiming to hit someone?"

Anyway (London Humorist) A cobbler arrested for wife-desertion was found to have committed bigamy. He should have stuck to his last.

Not the Only One (Harvard Lampoon) Zion City has decreed that the world is flat. They must mean France and Germany.

Carole's Friend (News Item in Washington Times) Investigation into the theory that a friend might have lopped off the Jew's limbs and head is being made.

Supern Investigation (London Mail) **Suspicious Character!**—"Wot am I supposed to 'ave stolen?" **Police!**—"A 'ord and van." "All right, search me!"

Advice Followed (The Continent) It does not pay to be facetious or dangerously ironic with juries. A lawyer prosecuting an obviously guilty man, a burglar who had been caught red-handed on the roof of a house, wound up his speech to the jury as follows:

"If you consider, gentlemen, that the accused was on the roof for the purpose of enjoying the midnight breeze and by pure accident happened to have about him the necessary tools of a house-breaker, with no dishonest intention of employing them, you will, of course, acquit him." **And the jury did.**

Tom Sims Says

IN CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., a mother and her daughter eloped and were married on the same day, this being a sign of spring.

A Wyckoff (N. J.) couple have been married 75 years. If you thing this is easy to do just try it yourself.

In New York, a prominent minister has resigned. Quit the church. But he may not go where some think he should.

Congress has adjourned. Left a lot of bills. Wish we could adjourn and leave our bills.

Postmen are making more money now, but not enough to hurry through with their walking so they can play golf.

Being good at argument has one disadvantage. You prove to yourself the other fellow is wrong, even when he is right.

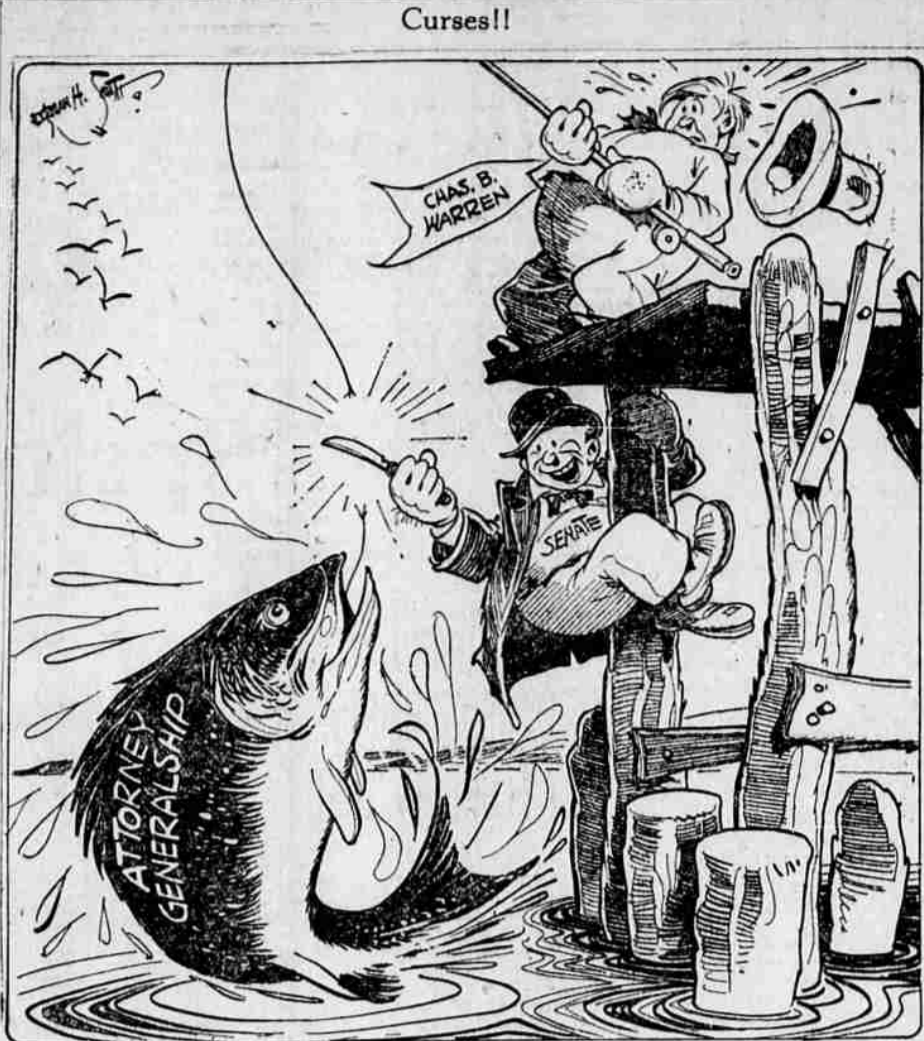
Bad news from Paris. The French have caught Germany making them another offer of some kind.

More than likely half these people criticizing congressmen wouldn't do much better if they were there.

Now that New York has an American Grand Opera company maybe it will hire a singer with a United States name.

Prominent actress married again. Here with time. Her left matrimonial eye as wear off smoking.

Union High School Plan is Discussed **JUNCTION CITY, March 20.**—(Special)—Meeting of taxpayers of the Junction City school district was held Wednesday night and the question of building a union high school in the city was discussed. At the close of the meeting a petition asking for a special election to decide the matter was circulated and quite generally signed. A number of Junction City people attended the meeting. They intend to visit all the cities concerned and find out the sentiment of the different communities in the matter.



EVERYBODY FAVORS FILIBUSTER

Nobody in Senate Would Cut Off Tactics of Delay, of Which Vice-President Dawes Complains

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer) **WASHINGTON, March 20.**—Extremes of temperament and personality are exemplified by Calvin Coolidge, president, and Charles G. Dawes, vice-president. This is strikingly illustrated by a comparison of the inaugural address of Coolidge, when he was installed as vice-president four years ago, with the address of Dawes, which set the senate by the ears when he took office last week.

Coolidge, in a proposed, quiet brief address, said in substance that he recognized the senate's right to make its own rules and order its own procedure, and that he would confine himself to an impartial administration of those rules.

Dawes, vehement, frangible, theatrical, read the senate a lecture and served a warning.

The answer to the Dawes criticism was the prompt submission, by Senator Underwood, Alabama democrat, of an amendment to cure the ill of which Dawes most bitterly complained, namely unlimited debate.

This was done to put the burden of responsibility for failure to amend the rules along the lines suggested by Dawes up to Dawes' own party, the republicans.

The fact is, of course, that a rule putting the lid tightly on senate debate is no more desired by the leaders of the republican majority than it is by the democratic minority.

In the present situation, with republicans in control, the existing rules do enable democrats to filibuster. But the "ins" recognize that sooner or later they will be the "outs" and when that time comes the advantage of unlimited debate may be a life saver for them.

Republicans, in fact, more often than the democrats, have invoked the filibuster as the means of blocking legislation.

The historic filibuster against the Wilson shipping bill, which kept the senate in session day and night for a full two weeks, with members sleeping on cots in the corridors and anterooms, was a republican filibuster.

So was the most famous one-man filibuster, when Senator Burton held the floor for more than 40 hours to defeat a democratic river and harbor bill.

Senator La Follette, as a republican, was one of the G. O. P.'s prize filibusters.

A much more probable solution to the problem pitched into the senate by Dawes is the proposal of Senator Norris to convene the congress yearly on Jan. 1.

This would serve a double purpose. It would end the present practice of congress following elections, in which many members defeated for reelection continued to sit, and it would end the "short session."

he telephones the "Big Book" in Hoboken, transferring part of the wager.

The "Big Book in Hoboken" is really the clearing house of all book-makers in America. It operates direct lines to the various race tracks. Apparently it functions as openly as Wall street, unafraid of prosecution.

During the baseball season there are a number of lotteries based on the standings of clubs in the major leagues and on the number of runs scored by the teams.

There are a dozen or more pools being operated here in which the participants wager on the combination of numbers in the daily balance of the U. S. treasury. Likewise several pools operate on a schedule of figures in the daily report of the clearing house.

In addition to this there are lotteries in which each participant selects a number and color, a number and color being drawn from a box each week.

If you're looking for a bet you can find it in New York, on anything from a poker hand arranged from serial numbers on paper currency or auto license numbers to an investment in a Broadway play.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL ANY citizen, or even any editor, has the right personally to be opposed to the world court, but there can at least be no longer any question that the predominant public opinion is in favor of it.

America can be got into that court except by its own consent. And France does not have to go in to any court to avoid paying debts. All it has to do is just not pay them.

There is nothing the world court could do about the French debt—or, if there were, it would have to be on our side.

Oregon Briefs Clyde R. Richards, for three years county agent of Teton county, Ida., has been named county agent in Coos county.

According to cattle men, there is less snow in the mountains near Ukiah, in the south end of Umatilla county, now than for many years.

As the first step in the moral cleansing of Klamath Falls, 49 men and three women were arrested in that city on charges ranging from vagrancy to bootlegging.

David Cowan, 50, timberman for 25 years in Coos county, was struck by a truck on the highway between Marshfield and North Bend and received fatal injuries.

Edward Running, who is charged with passing a number of worthless checks at Silverton, was returned to Salem Monday from Olympia, where he was arrested a few days ago.

Figures just made public show that the state owns 265 automobiles and 233 trucks, worth at least half a million dollars and costing the state \$100,000 a year for upkeep and maintenance.

Driven from foothills by ceaseless storms which have raged during the winter, and gaunt with hunger, bobcats are ravaging sheep in various sections of Deschutes county.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of March 20, 1900) Dr. D. A. Paine let the contract this afternoon for the erection of his new residence at the corner of Eleventh and Pearl streets. F. B. Bellman secured the contract for the foundation, and W. H. Alexander for the superstructure.

The Roseburg Plaindealer states that Judge J. W. Hamilton is to be the democratic candidate for congress from this district. Judge Hamilton denies the reports of the Roseburg paper and says he is not a candidate for congress or any other office.

J. E. Stewart and W. B. Hawley are visitors in Eugene today from Cottage Grove.

Walter Hamner and Miss Daley Hebert were married March 18 at the home of the bridegroom's parents in the south part of the city.

S. H. Friendly is home after a trip to Portland.

George M. Miller has left for Juneau, Alaska.

Misses Carrie and Therese Friendly are home after a stay of several weeks in San Francisco.

School district No. 137 on the McKenzie river has let the contract for the building of a school house to W. H. Hayden. The building is to be on the Poplot place, 30 miles east of Eugene.

Prof. W. S. Marberry of Brownsville is in Eugene today.

Junction Legion Planning to Build

JUNCTION CITY, March 20.—(Special)—The American Legion has purchased two lots from Jones Washburn west of town where the legionnaires hope some day to build a club house. Sunday, March 22 has been designated as clean-up day when the boys will clean up the lots and haul gravel for the concrete tennis court they plan to build at once.

The highest clouds in the sky generally are not more than two miles above the surface of the earth. Besides, neither France nor insure with Henry Tromp. Phone 121

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Lumber Business Above Production During Past Week

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New business was 3 per cent above production. Shipments were 2 per cent below new business.

Thirty-eight per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to 41,267,170 feet of which 28,888,400 feet was for domestic cargo delivery; and 12,398,880 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 1,977 cars.

Forty-two per cent of the lumber shipments moved by water. This amounted to 43,737,115 feet, of which 31,906,900 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal; and 11,827,515 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 1819 cars.

Local auto and team deliveries totaled 6,774,458 feet.

Unfilled domestic cargo orders totaled 149,784,525 feet. Unfilled export orders 99,420,943 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders 5,303 cars.

In the first eleven weeks of the year, production reported to West Coast Lumbermen's association has been 1,090,854,000 feet; new business 1,024,647,719 feet; and shipments 1,003,720,000 feet.

Motor pictures of Mount Etna are now being taken by aviators. The volcano has been threatening a new eruption.

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