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For Reconstruction of Sewers.

OUT in the university district of Eugene there are some new homes whose owners are said to have been literally driven out of them for short periods last winter because the inadequate sewers in the district, instead of carrying drainage from them, backed it into them during heavy rains. The basements flooded. There was no way to drain them until the waters subsided far enough so that the sewers could carry their load again.

One of the projects for which a bond proposal will be found on the ballot at the special election of April 15 is an item of \$50,000 for reconstruction of sewers. It is a project that seems very essential. It ought by all means to be carried, because adequate sewerage is something more than a matter of convenience or service. It is vitally necessary to the public health. It is not easy to imagine a more menacing condition from this standpoint than to have sewer water backing into the basements of homes.

The sewer problem is not one that is confined to one district of the city. The sewer facilities are over-taxed in several districts. If there be general understanding of the true situation as to the necessity for this authorization, there can be little doubt that it will carry.

The Bearing Tree Near Westfir.

THAT was an interesting story which was published in The Guard the other day about the bearing tree near Westfir, and which had been given to Forest Supervisor Nelson F. Macdonald by H. E. Haefner. Mr. Haefner, who knows the woods and the lore of timber surveys, divined from his knowledge on such matters that a certain tree on the line of re-survey must be a witness tree. He knew that the original survey there for the government had been made some 60 to 70 years ago. He knew that each year of the tree's life was represented by one of its growth rings, and so he calculated that somewhere between the 60th and 70th rings beneath the tree's surface the witness marks would be found. He had the tree cut into carefully, and found at the 69th ring the legend: "S33, T20S, R3E, BT," which being interpreted by his further knowledge, meant that the tree was at the corner of Section 33, Township 20 south, Range 3 east of Willamette meridian, and that it was a bearing tree—that is, a tree selected and marked to give bearings or location.

When that blaze was made on that tree by a pioneer surveyor in the trackless forest, Oregon was in its infancy as an organized territory of the United States. It had emerged in 1848 from the era of its provisional government, comprising all the vast territory from the California line on the south to the British America line on the north, and including what are now the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and parts of Montana and Wyoming. In 1853 the territory of Washington had been organized, but at the date of the Westfir blaze Oregon still included all of the country otherwise named in the foregoing. Its whole white population at that time, American and foreign, was scarcely above 10,000 souls. George L. Curry was its territorial governor, serving his second term. A bitter and complicated fight for location of the state capital was settled in that year in favor of Salem, notwithstanding that Eugene had received a favorable plurality of the votes in two separate elections held to determine the question. Corvallis and Portland also competed and were declared defeated. Oregon City, Eugene, Corvallis and Salem had each previously enjoyed brief distinction as capital of the territory. Corvallis college, which later grew and developed into Oregon Agricultural college, was established in that year. Oregon's admission as a state came three years later, in 1859.

Eugene, although ambitious for state capital honors, was but a village in the year when the Westfir bearing tree was marked. Eugene Skinner had taken his claim ten years previously at the foot of the butte which to this day bears his name, but which had been known to the Indians as Ya-po-ah. On the town he had bestowed his given name, and the butte became known by its enduring title through neighborhood reference. It is altogether likely that if Eugene Skinner were alive today he could tell the name of the man who marked the bearing tree of Westfir, but he died in 1864, aged 55 years. His daughter was the first white child born in Lane county.

There were no roads through the Westfir forest lands in the days when the blaze was made which has now been brought to light again, and there were few trails. The surveyor who made that blaze fought his way through the forest and carried his food supplies with him. He must have been a sturdy soul. Peace to him in his long sleep!

Lambtongues are well abloom now. One who cares enough about the matter to look will find them all about in the oak-grub groves. Oregon grape is in flower. Its beautiful yellow clusters crown and set off its glossy foliage in exactly the right proportion. Spring beauties are waning, but one can still find them. There are trilliums, too, in profusion now in the deeper woods. Flowering currant is in its full glory. Take an hour or so off and drive out along the road—any road—and look at the wild flowers. There is nothing more beautiful in nature, nor anything that reaches a more eloquent sermon.

The dictators of fashion in Paris persist in the declaration that the hairbob is passing. They are exceedingly busy devising ways and means to make feminine heads look right during the re-growing period. Thus it appears that man is to be restored to his rightful heritage of place in the barber's chair.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Teaching Religion in Schools (New York World) Education, made up of a number of leading rabbis in the country, is not right when it opposes the plan. The thing which has usually bogged down discussion has been the tendency

to confuse opposition to religious instruction in the schools with opposition to religious instruction altogether. That is, people who oppose such instruction in the schools are put on the defensive as being opposed to any kind of religious instruction. The commission keeps the distinction in mind. It indorses the movement for more week-day religious instruction. But it opposes doing this in the schools. Let the schools curtail their schedules, it says, and put the time thus saved at the disposal of parents, who can arrange instruction as they see fit.

Whether schools should cut down their schedules is a matter which the layman cannot profitably discuss. But keeping religious instruction out of the school curriculum seems sound. Religion, as an abstract thing, does not exist. It is always a particular kind of religion, and what is religion to one man is heresy to the next man. For this reason, if no other, religion is a matter for parents to keep in charge. Any effort to provide denominational instruction, or to classify pupils by denominations, is a bad precedent, as the commission points out. The knowledge which is imparted in the schools should be of such a character that it can be imparted to all. Knowledge which is valid in one class-room and not valid in the next is knowledge which a public institution had better steer clear of.

Spring Table (Boston County Courier) Have you had your iron today? Sassafras tea will do. Doctors get \$2 a crack for a myriad of prescriptions for spring tonics. It's these spring mornings that some folks decide to take exercise regularly from now on. The windows need washing on the outside. It won't be long until we can give the flivver its annual bath.

How am I going to get out of helping with the housecleaning? Hate that job. Wish George wasn't in school—but, no, get to send him to school, even if I have to beat the rugs myself. Grain didn't freeze out much—coming fine. Wish I had that crop to sell now. Well, guess I'll see what the neighbors are about. "Ma, where's the Independent?"

A Playthings for Innocents (Bend Bulletin) The year 1930 has now been set by several different methods. The time for the world's fair to be held there. That is good, for it means that there will be no more talk of a fair before then. In the meantime these innocents can play with their idea and when 1930 comes set it forward for another five years.

In Lighter Vein The Incurable. (San Francisco Chronicle) There is now a cure for almost everything except the medicine habit. Consistent. (Washington Star) "What do you think of the argument about prohibition?" "There isn't any argument," answered Senator Sorghum. "Every voter in my district is for it all the time, drunk or sober."

A Superwoman. (From the Minneapolis Journal) Mrs. Congressman Kahn of California announces her platform as one of "just common horse-sense." She will be lonesome in Washington. Delicate Situation. (Christian Register) Mary Anne gave notice she was going to be married. Her mistress, perturbed, said: "Of course, I don't want to put any obstacle in the way of your getting married, but I wish it were possible for you to postpone it until I can get another maid."

Honest Milliner. (News Item Union City, Tenn. News) The millinery department will be on the second floor and the proprietor states that their aim will be to always have the latest and last word in women's hats at appalling prices. 25 Years Ago (From The Guard of March 23, 1900) The sheriff collected about \$500 in taxes today.

Miller Brothers this afternoon sold to the Pacific Hop company 153 bales of hops for 5 cents per pound. The land notices which have been run in different county papers, remarks the Albany Democrat, indicate that quite a number of Albany men reside in the mountains.

The regents of the University of Oregon have authorized the grading and filling of the grounds between the four buildings in the northeast part of the campus. Unity Items—There is talk of a big concrete sawmill to be erected this summer with the promise of a railroad to it.

R. F. Dorris has announced his candidacy for reelection to city recorder. The prune growers of Lane county are planning for a big meeting to be held March 30. The subject of the meeting is to consider the advisability of unity with other prune growers of Oregon and Washington in the formation of a northwest organization to handle and market the prunes.

J. N. Jones of Cottage Grove is a visitor in the city today. H. R. Kincaid has gone to Seattle on a business trip. Boxes of a prehistoric reptile dug up in Tanganyika Territory, Africa, are so enormous that it took 10 men to lift one of them when uncovered.

Bible Thought FOR TODAY I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness. —2 Timothy 4:7. Bible Question (Look up the answer) Is it possible to serve two masters—Luke 16:13.

The Union experiment farm, under the supervision of Robert Whycombe shipped a carload of fat lambs to Portland last week. Cattle have shown a greater increase in weight during winter season feeding than in any other previous season. Mrs. Martha E. Collins, a pioneer of 1844, died last week at her home in Estacada, aged 80 years. Mrs. Collins was a daughter of Colonel Cornelius



TILSON CALLED TENNESSEE YANKEE

Longworth's Successor as Floor Leader in House Born in Southern Mountain District

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, March 23.—A Tennessee Yankee, John Quillen Tilson by name, will succeed Nicholas Longworth as majority floor leader in the house when the sixty-ninth congress convenes next fall.

A Tennessee mountaineer by birth, but Yankee by adoption and a product of Old Eli Yale in education, Tilson presents a sort of composite nationalistic that should enable him to unite the republicans of north and south, highroad and lowroad, behind party measures in the next congress. Tilson was born and reared in a log mansion on a farm near Clearbrook, Tenn. The phrase "log mansion" may seem paradoxical, as does that of "Tennessee Yankee" but no other terms seem to fit. He's a sort of paradoxical fellow.

While Tilson's boyhood home was made of logs, it wasn't a log cabin. It was a big, spacious, roomy residence—the biggest place for miles around—where Squire Tilson, the future congressman's father, lived and entertained in simple but feudal style.

Getting an education was not an easy thing for Tennessee mountain boys in the days following the Civil war. There were few elementary schools in the country districts, and secondary schools were practically unknown.

Sending children away to private schools or colleges was an unheard-of thing. John walked three miles to and from school each day to get his "Three Y's." And at the age of 20 he struck out from the farm to get "more learnin'."

He nursed for a while at a little Tennessee school, now known as Carson and Newman college. There he

worked while he studied saving money to pay his way "north," for he had determined to try his talents at one of the big eastern universities.

Then Yale, and six years of "digging" during which time he divided his energies between his studies and his work in the circulation department of a local newspaper. Graduation found him happy but broke. Train fare back to Tennessee was lacking, so he hung out his shingle in the same college town where he got his degree, and buckled down to building up a practice.

As a Tennessee Yankee, Tilson has been looked on as an outsider by the professional Connecticut Yankees who have sought to run Nutmeg state politics. Always leading the regular organization, headed by J. Henry Stowess, Connecticut G. O. Boss, Tilson nevertheless managed to break into state politics.

In 1908 he won the fight for congressman-at-large against Rorabeck and the organization, and repeated the trick in 1910. In 1912, however, he went down in the party wreckage of the Taft-Roosevelt split, but came back in 1914 as representative from the third Connecticut district.

He has held that seat solidly, ever since. Rorabeck, however, blocked his ambition last December to succeed to the senate seat vacated by Brandegee. Vigorous, resourceful, "regular," Tilson may be counted on to fill the "leadership" with Tennessee tact and Connecticut courage.

beds of snawn occupying dank spaces where the vats once were. A brewery in Brooklyn has been converted into a bedding factory.

Every year for the past 20 years John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and John D. Jr., have sent a \$10 gold piece to Harry Fairchild, baggage master at the Tarrytown station. Fairchild has just died. He had held the job for 35 years, inheriting it from his father who held it 40 years.

The revenue cutter Seneca recently captured a rum runner after pursuing it for many miles, directing a steady stream of bullets on it with machine guns. The revenue men found that the cabin was protected with bullet-proof glass two inches thick. "The only reason I surrendered was because your bullets were going through my thin armor plate into the engine room and I didn't want my engineer to be killed," the smuggler told his captors. "I knew you couldn't get me behind that bullet-proof glass."

Tom Sims Says—

NO WONDER Philadelphia is known as a sleepy town. People staying up late at night look sleepy next day.

Price of haircuts is up in Chicago. Just when it's spring and all the folks needing them.

Once, when a man was in love his barber got rich. Now, when a man's in love, his filling station gets rich.

Dancing masters met in New York and decided upon an international dance. The old one is the war dance.

Opium parley failed. Nothing much done. A drug on the market will not be a drug on the market.

Los Angeles man wants lights on baby carriages. Hardest thing will be keeping the mufflers on.

Bored a California oil well thousands of feet. Next biggest bore is some of the movies they make.

In New York, a woman kicked in a shop window. May have seen a hat there just like hers.

Women are good looking but peculiar. They want their clothes all just alike only different.

Los Angeles doctor finds we all are half lazy. We find he hasn't told the half of it.

And, there's the doctor who says we look like what we eat. We say he must live on pumpkins.

Rowell's Comment BY CHESTER H. ROWELL IT SEEMS only a little while ago when the first young men who had not served in the Civil War began to come to congress.

They were invaders of the rule that all offices, elective and appointive, must go to the veterans, and were the harbingers of a new generation.

Now the last of the veterans, General Isaac Sherwood, says his valedictory, and the Civil War disappears from the public life of the nation.

It is the end of an age, which began in heroism, exaltation and graft, descended into sourness, intolerance and barrenness of soul, expanded into great material progress, and culminated, morally and politically, in the Roosevelt era.

Then came let-down, partial recovery, the exaltation of the great war and the spiritual collapse that followed—and the last of the veterans survived only to see the first and most discouraging stages of the long cycle through which his own generation had also gone.

Perhaps, having lived through it once he is equipped to look with more charity than the rest of us on its cyclic repetition.

Smoking will be permitted on the new airships, designed to be used for passenger service between Great Britain and India.

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Read Luke 10:38-42. Text: 10:41. Teut art anxious and troubled about many things. Meditation—Life ever tends to become complex. We undertake to do too many things and are too hurried in our preparation. Jesus commended Mary for sitting at his feet and learning the lessons of life and at the same time cautioning Martha about her anxieties. That we might take time to think and to plan our lives with care? Then we should not so frequently lack poise and self-control.

"Thine own self-will and anxiety, thy hurry and thy labor, disturb thy peace and prevent me from working in thy life. Look at the flowers, they quietly open their petals and the sun shines into them with gentle influences. So will I do for thee, if thou wilt yield thyself to me."

Prayer—O Lord, thou art as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Support us all the day long, and as the shadows lengthen and the feverish work of the day is done, grant us time to think of thee and of thy mercy and love. Help us to choose the best part and to yield our lives to thy life-giving power. Amen. (Copyright, 1923, F. L. Fagley)

Fossilized Bones Found in Streets

INGLEWOOD, Cal., March 23.—Huge fossilized bones which blocked the operations of a gang of workmen cutting through a new street here recently were examined by Chester Stock, University of California, paleontologist, yesterday and pronounced portions of a pleistocene mammoth which roamed the hills of southern California some 50,000 years ago. The fossils were found only three feet beneath the surface of the ground.

A British breeder recently sent 800 canaries to New York in one shipment.

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