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More About Bond Proposals

THE water which it is proposed to bring into Eugene from the McKenzie river for domestic use, by the project contemplated under the proposed \$375,000 bond issue to be voted on this month would be, when filtered, pure water. So, when filtered, is water from the present source of city water supply pure. The McKenzie water would be soft water. So is that which we now have soft water. The supply from the McKenzie would be ample. The supply from the present source has been ample except at times of protracted hot weather. At such times, cities under whatever conditions find their reservoirs lowering. There is not lacking competent opinion that new wells could be sunk at comparatively low cost, to augment the present supply and obviate the necessity under any circumstances of pumping from the river.

If one were under the necessity of choosing between drinking raw water from the lower McKenzie or raw water from the present source of city supply, he would undoubtedly choose that from the McKenzie. It would be much nearer pure than the other, but at that it would not be pure.

The present water supply of Eugene leaves a good deal to be desired. Ultimately Eugene will want and require better water. The lower McKenzie project is a desirable project, but it, too, if adopted will leave something to be desired, which is that the city have as a permanent supply water that will not require filtration. The question the voters will decide on April 15 is whether the lower McKenzie project shall be adopted now, as a measure of imminent necessity, or whether the present supply will do for a while longer.

Bond proposals on the ballot this month will aggregate almost \$700,000. The present bond and warrant indebtedness aggregates somewhat more than a similar sum. In addition the school district is carrying some \$400,000 of indebtedness. This does not affect the city's finances in any way, but it does affect the taxpayer, who, of course, pays interest on school district as well as city bonds. On the showing of its indebtedness and on the basis of its million and a quarter of assets, the city's financial condition is sound enough for it to carry the added burden of all the bond proposals to be voted on. The question is as to whether the voters will consider that the added burden of taxes is justified in full or in part. Recently the voters have not exhibited a keen disposition to vote bonds except for purposes of those necessity they were convinced. The auditorium issue last summer barely carried. One of the proposals offered last November was defeated.

In the light of these displays of caution by the voters in recent elections it appears likely that there may be a similar disposition to caution in evidence at the polls on April 15. It is likely that not all of the proposals will carry. It is in an effort to place full information regarding each of them before the voters that this newspaper is setting out its own views concerning them in its editorial columns and the views of others who are informed and interested through its news columns.

The contract date for withdrawals from the North Pacific co-operative prune exchange has passed, with no withdrawals. From all local expressions have been received of satisfaction on the part of members. Completion of operations on the 1924 crop is now nearing, or at least is in sight. All of this should lead to increased participation in the activities of the exchange this year. Doubtless it will have that effect.

Demand by Irving grange that the producers' public market here be kept open five days of the week, indicates not only increased desire by the farmers of the Eugene district for participation in the benefits that the market gives, but also it is an indication of increased demand upon the part of the market's patrons, and this in turn is an added indication of Eugene's rapid growth and development.

Osborne Wood, returning to the United States, confirms, with apparent satisfaction to himself, the report that he threw away a fortune in European gambling resorts, and announces that he expects to win it back in Wall street. Wood shows himself the graceless son of a distinguished and honorable father, and apparently is proud to herald himself thus to the world.

If the Ellingson girl is acting, in her courtroom faintings and screamings, she must at least be accredited with cleverness in her acting. But her belated efforts to pretend that a man, and not herself, slew her mother will hardly convince anybody.

The sale of one automobile manufacturing company involves a sum in excess of \$100,000,000. Here is a glimpse indicating the proportions to which the automobile industry has attained.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Short of Printers. (Corvallis Gazette-Times) Our own state pen we don't have any printers.

An Opportunity (Salem Capital-Journal) The Willamette valley, because of climatic advantages, has the opportunity to develop a great textile industry and become one of the world's greatest producers and manufacturers of linen and flax fabrics. Every effort should be made locally to encourage the growing of flax and to finance the factories.

The proposal being formulated by R. N. Sanson, linen manufacturer of Toronto, Canada, and Lockport, New York, for a \$600,000 mill to utilize the product of 5,000 acres of flax, employing 400 spindles and 200 looms, giving employment to 200 and more persons, should be accepted and not only the various communities affected cooperate in the financing, but Portland as well. Linn mill will insure a profitable crop for the farmer and profits for the cities. Once established, the industry will grow rapidly and the communities with it. It is therefore to

the interest of all to assist in the promotion.

A Good Bed

(Salem Statesman) Senator Ed W. Miller of Grants Pass happens to be a hotel keeper, but he is considerable of a philosopher also. In an interview in Portland yesterday he declared that the great need of the hotel business of this country is good beds. He is right about this.

People can put up with poor food and poor accommodations of almost any kind rather than poor beds. A man goes to bed to rest. If ever he is to have comfort it is then. He cannot go comfortably and sleep uncomfortably, and if he sleeps intermittently he wakes in the morning so sore and stiff that he is mighty apt to blame it on the room.

Nearly every state has laws regulating the length of sheets and quilts on hotel beds, and it is right. Until these laws were enacted practically all hotel bed sheets were too short. Food is important, but a man can eat bad food and get away with it, but he can not have a bad bed and admire the town. Tourists judge a town by the kind of beds they find there more than any other one thing.

"Gossip Rates" for Phones

(Christian Science Monitor)

Maybe the Mayor of Hampstead, Eng., who recently suggested, according to newspaper reports, that "gossip rates" for users of the telephone should be introduced, as a means of stimulating interest in wire communication, is right in his contention. He is quoted as saying, for instance, that he believes that, despite the discount, the innovation would bring in more revenue and besides, would be a great accommodation for the women. The only trouble is that, in those countries in which the telephone is widely used, it has not been found necessary to introduce special rates to insure that an abundance of gossip be carried on over its wires. So far as the opinion of the average party-line subscriber in the United States is concerned, indeed, it would undoubtedly be in favor of "gossip rates." But they would be of a different kind from those suggested by the British civic executive.

In Lighter Vein

Insidious Justice

(Washington Star)

"How did you come to appoint Mess Bill a crossing policeman?"

"The Guich is a law-abiding community, and we don't want to do anything violent. We figured that a man couldn't stand in the midst of all them flappers without something happenin' that 'ud be jes' about what was comin' to Bill."

Annoying Recollections

(Louisville Courier-Journal)

"I wish father wouldn't live in the past so much."

"What is the harm?"

"Everything was so much cheaper then."

A Tax Question

(Cincinnati Courier)

Strangely enough, no small taxpayer seems to be able to put the government off by saying that taxes threaten bankruptcy. We ask that old question: "Why is this thus?"

A Real Need

(Los Angeles Times)

Frenchman are selling umbrellas that are equipped with radio receiving sets. What is wanted is an umbrella that will scream when it is picked up by the wrong party.

Inconsistent

(Detroit News)

His Secretary—The citizens of Coma City, Ia., want you to give them a talk on the 20th day of next month.

The Eminent Statesman—Tell them that for \$300 paid in advance, I will give them my address on "The Blessings of Free Speech."

Other Details Needed

(Cleveland Plain Dealer)

Secretary Hoover says that the business outlook was never better. That's fine. And about when does he reckon it will cease being an outlook and become a reality?

Tom Sims Says—

THE height of insurance is sitting up all night because the washwoman has your pyjamas.

It is estimated that not enough people are saving for pension time.

The man who gets by on his looks doesn't go very far.

The man who feels sorry for himself should.

The holes burned in shirts by cigarette would feed quite a few widows for quite a while.

gone are the days when we got three summers out of a suit.

There are a great many lies told simply because the truth often sounds like a poor excuse.

A fool seeks the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow while his wise brothers seek the rainbow.

Congress reminds us of an alarm clock. It always gets cussed for doing the best it can.

We are sorry for the man without a country, especially when it is spring in the country.

This tree of knowledge you hear about has limbs which break off if you go out too far.

Money doesn't mean everything, but everything seems to mean money.

John Brandt Walker Dies in New Jersey

(CHICAGO, Ill., April 1.—John Brandt Walker, who as a young Chicago speculator was credited with having made \$5,000,000 in Wall street in 90 days during the depression of 1907, died yesterday in Atlantic City, according to word received here. He was 57 years old and was thought to have only a remnant left of the fortune he had made.

For ten years before he went to New York, Walker was a spectacular figure in the grain pit here. He was caught short thousands of bushels of wheat and had only railroad fare to New York when he left.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourself and live ye.—Ezekiel 18:31, 32.

Bible Question.

(Look Up the Answer) From what should we be separated?—II. Cor. 6:17.

He Already Has the Hat.



SENATE SEATS ALL IN ONE FAMILY

Bayard-du Ponts Seem to Have Delaware Togs Safely and Securely Pocketed

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Members in the United States senate have become almost a family affair in Delaware. Both politically and financially, the Bayard-du Pont families seem to have this small but wealthy commonwealth safely pocketed.

Thomas Francis Bayard, senior senator from the gunpowder state, is the sixth in his immediate line to sit in the senate.

A Bayard as a senator from Delaware has come to seem a necessity. It has become almost a state tradition.

And down east, here, precedent and tradition are still mighty powerful. Bayard's father, his grandfather, his great grandfather and a great uncle, on his paternal side, have served his state in the senate.

On his mother's side, his great great grandfather, Richard Bassett, sat in the senate at the same time as his great grandfather, James Ashborton Bayard, held Delaware's other seat.

Both Delaware seats, for that matter, might be said to be in the same family today. For J. Coleman du Pont, financial overlord of the state and junior senator, is a cousin of Mrs. Bayard and the two families are closely associated.

For that matter, Mrs. Bayard is a cousin also of Mrs. du Pont, which further interweaves the relationship.

At first thought it may seem strange that one family should ob-

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN

NEW YORK, April 1.—See-sawing up and down Broadway I saw Dr. Ronch Straton, the cleric, who has the sternest mouth of any man ever I did see. Saw Colleen Moore in a film version of "Sally," and believe that no other actress of the jumping flickers is so accomplished as a pantomimist, except Mabel Normand, who is excelled only by Chaplin.

Saw Lucien Bori, the black and shining as a raven's wing. Saw Mrs. Milton Brouner, wife of the European correspondent, home from London for a holiday and glad to have American cooking once again.

Saw Deems Taylor, the music critic, who looks like my high school algebra teacher. Saw Butler Digges, one of the busiest men on Broadway, being at once an actor, a director and a play reader.

Saw Joe Barnett, radio announcer at WGR. He acts like he's in love and I think maybe he is. Saw top chase kids for playing marbles on a sidewalk which they had all the ground for marbles I had when a kid.

Saw Clarence Whitehill, the singer, who looks like he might have been a rip-roaring fall-back in his school days. Saw the prizefighter Rosenberg who has just won a world's championship in some division or other. Looks more like a shoe salesman than a pugilist.

Saw "Huddy" Staller, the hotel man, a boozing looking fellow who moves through the mezzanine floor like a timid guest from out-of-town. Saw Peggy Wood, the actress, who has the sweetest face on Broadway. Saw Beanie Mack, publicity director of the Capitol Theater, who is just

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL

ACCORDING to the Credit Men's Association, 95 per cent of the people are honest. The credit men's problem is with the other 5 per cent.

This is, of course, true of human character generally. Life would be impossible otherwise.

There are never enough soldiers to keep any population subdued, and never enough police to enforce all the laws on all the people.

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The building of a telephone line from Duncan to Flat Lake has begun, under the direction of the Umatilla forest service office.

Petitions are being circulated in seven school districts in Yamhill county to call an election for the purpose of establishing a union high school district, with its school center at Dayton.

Alfalfa hay is being sold in Tillamook at \$23 a ton lots, and oats and vetch at \$24. One day last week the association had 19 cars of hay on the trucks.

The paving of the three entrances to Crater Lake national park will start just as soon as the winter permits, according to Colonel C. G. Thompson, park superintendent.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of April 1, 1900)

About six o'clock Sunday evening a few faint peals of thunder and light flashes of lightning, with scattering drops of rain, were observed in Eugene. The storm passed several miles to the north.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Joseph Benner and Ida Thompson, and to R. C. Howard and Carrie Weeks.

Lee Hoshelme is putting in a barber shop in the Christmas building on Ninth street.

Frank Patter of Alva has sold his homestead at Hale to Joseph Luckey for \$400.

D. P. Hall has resigned his position in S. H. Friendly's store and will leave for Nome.

Miss Mary Collier arrived home today from a trip to Portland.

W. H. Weatherston, editor of the Florence West, is in the city to attend the republican county convention which meets Wednesday.

Albert Ward of Vida is in the city today on business.

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Fellowship of Prayer

Daily Lenten Bible reading and meditation prepared for Commission on Evangelism of Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

WEDNESDAY True Riches

Read Luke 16:1-13. Text, 16:13. No servant can serve two masters. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Meditation—In the mind of Jesus there was just one evil thing about money and that was its power to stimulate selfish interests. Selfishness is never satisfied. Money may be and should be a mighty factor in friendliness. One of the great lessons of life is to learn how to use wealth and power unselfishly. We can well believe that God will not trust eternal things to a man who in this life has not learned to use for others whatever he may have of wealth and power. The remedy which will prevent money being a power of evil is "to begin to use it, as soon as one has even a little of it, in friendly ways."

"All the good and all the evil which exalt or defile a man have their seat within him, in his own character. The soul's wealth is the only real wealth. Christ's only injunction in the sphere of economics was "Take heed and beware of covetousness."

Prayer—Our Father, teach us ways to use the wealth of Thy will. Give us true wealth of soul. May the need of the world inspire us to industry and thrift that we may be able to help in need. In His Name, Amen.

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