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For the McKenzie Water Bonds.

THIS newspaper has become convinced that the lower McKenzie water bonds ought to be carried at the election of April 15, and that the lower McKenzie water project ought to be pushed to completion as fast as possibly may be done. Its best advice to all citizens of Eugene is to vote for the bonds.

For its change of opinion and of advocacy this newspaper has no apology to offer. It believed, on the basis of information it had received, that the lower McKenzie water project was of less importance than other projects represented by bond proposals to be on the ballot. It believed that the lower McKenzie water project was one that might, without serious, if any, impairment of the public interest, be put off for awhile. It believed that lower McKenzie water, which will require filtration, would not be very greatly superior to water from the present source of supply, because that water, too, is made pure by processing. It believed that the McKenzie water project could not be made to pay for itself through water department revenues without a burdensome increase in water rates to the consumer.

New and important information in two important particulars has led to a change in this viewpoint. It is neither wise nor safe to continue using water from the present source of supply any longer than is absolutely necessary. That water no longer comes from wells. The wells have become completely useless. It is not practicable to restore their supply. All of the water that we use now comes from the Willamette river. It is made pure by the processing that it undergoes, but a slip at any time in that processing would be dangerous. There is temporary safety under the careful precautions taken, but there is, also constant potential menace. The present safety lies in eternal vigilance and in that alone.

Estimates carefully compiled indicate that an increased charge to each consumer of not to exceed 25 cents a month over the present minimum will give the water department a revenue sufficient to meet the interest and sinking fund on the proposed bond issue for the lower McKenzie project, and eventually to retire the bonds, without placing the burden on the general taxpayer.

These are quite frankly the reasons for this newspaper's change of opinion and advocacy. It was remarked in this column not long ago that if The Guard should find itself wrong on any public question, it would not hesitate to reverse itself. It has just now done that. And as indicating that it is not alone in correcting its own judgment, the fact may be cited that a good many level-headed citizens who have lived in Eugene much longer than this writer and who nevertheless were in accord with The Guard in its previous estimate of the questions, have also very recently changed their opinion and their advocacy and for the same reasons.

Let those who would smile sardonically and quote, "Consistency, thou art a jewel," take thought also of another quotation: "Wise men change their minds; fools never."

A recently organized judicial council will meet in Portland in June to institute a movement for reform in legal procedure in Oregon. In commenting on the movement the Medford Mail-Tribune says: "The people believe in law enforcement. They believe in prompt justice for every individual, whether that individual is rich or poor." Maybe the people believe in it but they do not demand it. If they did it would be forthcoming. Whenever public sentiment shall become sufficiently aroused to the matter, court procedure will be reformed. Until then things will go on much as they are, with occasional sporadic outbursts against the existing order but no action.

Balto, the hero-dog which bore the adventure, with human compatriots, of taking serum to Nome, against heavy difficulties, in the crisis of the recent diphtheria epidemic, is to have his name and memory perpetuated in a statue, if a fund now being raised for the purpose is successfully completed. The citizens' medical reference bureau of New York has protested the intention, on the ground that it would exalt the value of serum beyond its deserts. A puny protest, surely. It is heroism that is to be commemorated in the statue, not medicine.

The 79-year-old mayor of Aberdeen, who was elected last November because he was strong for law enforcement, has been forced to resign. In furtherance of his efforts at law enforcement, it appears, he shuffled up the police department rather too promiscuously to suit even his own friends. Now he can quote, as Mayor Baker, of Portland, did recently:

You can and you will and you must and you want; You'll be damned if you do and be damned if you don't.

The president, in an address before the cotton growers, assures the country that we have, and are to have further, prosperity. That is fine. Now let us hope the business barometer will begin to confirm the president's view a little more certainly than it has been doing.

Next Sunday is to be blossom day at Salem. Every day is blossom day around Eugene just now. If you haven't done so already, ride out in the country a little and look. It is worth while.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The Officer Also Has Some Rights. (Pendleton East Oregonian) Portland newspapers have overworked their criticism of law enforcement officers because of a blunder by one policeman. Mistakes of that sort are unavoidable at times but they can be dealt with without upsetting the whole law enforcement program and without making bootleggers and moonshiners think they are oppressed.

heroes whose names belong in the Hall of Fame.

The task of enforcing the liquor law is not an easy one. There are vicious, selfish, desperate men engaged in the illicit traffic. Quite often they are ready to rob and slug; at times they are ready to shoot. Officers know this and they plan accordingly. They are justified in doing so. They are right in safeguarding themselves when possible. The officer has some

rights of his own that deserve respect. They are right in securing information by such methods as are open to them. They do the same way with bank robbers and no one complains. Why put the bootlegger on a pedestal? If newspapers persist in branding as stool pigeons and outcasts every man or woman who does detective work or otherwise aids officers in tracing the law violators, the net result will be security for bootleggers, but not for the public. If we want the law enforced, give the officers a chance and back them up without quibble or camouflage. If we don't want the law enforced, repeal it.

Paper Mill Building Overdone

When wheat prices, cotton prices, corn prices, wool prices or the price of other farm products are high, it has in the past, been customary for many farmers to rush wildly into the production of one crop promising the greatest return. The ultimate result has always been the same, namely, a glutted market, starvation prices, discouraged and bankrupted farmer, remarks an exchange.

The lessons learned by our agricultural industries have been so severe that, in addition to gradually educating the farmer to the value and necessity of diversified crops in farming, the general public has in many instances, profited by the farmers' lessons. In other words, business and industry have seen the folly of over-production in any line of output in order to secure temporarily exorbitant profits. Such a policy has bankrupted as many industries as it has farmers.

What has been experienced in farming and various lines of manufacturing is now being experienced by the paper industry. 1924 saw a new peace-time record established for the production of news print. The Bankers Economic Service says that the paper industry is faced with anomalous spectacle of stationary profits in the face of a growing volume of business. It is generally admitted that the domestic industry is capable of from 30 to 60 per cent greater capacity than would be required for even the record consumption of the war years when demand was abnormal.

When to this situation is added the factor of European imports in certain lines, the position of the paper manufacturer is very difficult. Low wages paid in Scandinavian and German countries enable importers to bring in paper even below the lowest mills in this country, and results in reducing prices all around, or in throwing American paper machines and workmen out of operation and employment.

"Ding"

(New York World) The news that J. N. ("Ding") Darling is at the point of death comes as a shock. A product of the west, he has been to us easterners a perennially delightful novelty. Like John Tinney McClintock, he belongs to that prairie school of caricature which loves to depict panoramic scenes with a wealth of detail; fire engines charging down the street, small boys torturing cats, customers pushing and shoving into the Dress Goods Dept. He grows emporium, and a horseman shouting "Hold 'er, Newt, she's a rarin'!" But Darling improved this technique, refined it so it could be applied to public affairs with telling point. He added his sense for the ludicrous, a certain melior quality of humor that is the mark of the great satirist. It is no wonder that he attained the popularity that is his. His death would be a real loss. Doctors hold out little hope, but we may all wish for his recovery.

A 17-Word Epigram

(Christian Science Monitor) It would be difficult to compose an epigram of but seventeen words which would contain more good advice and practical common sense than President Coolidge's message to the senior class of Tufts College of Boston, in which he urged that "the aim and duty of a college man should be to work hard and to behave himself." Many other more pretentious admonitions will, doubtless, be received by these students. If their class runs to the form of the average one that graduates from an American college. But if they heed the full import of this exhortation, they can largely dispense with the other "counsels of perfection." This statement of the president's was typewritten in two lines over the words, "Congratulations," and his signature. It is quite evident that Mr. Coolidge believes in the sentiment expressed so tersely by Alexander Pope, in his Essay on Criticism, when he wrote:

Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found.

Oregon Briefs

E. H. McAllen of Portland has been appointed traveling freight and passenger agent for the O.-W. R. and N. railroad with headquarters at Bend.

The Colonel Wright school building at The Dalles, erected at a cost of \$55,000, was dedicated Sunday under the auspices of the Old Fort Dalles Historical society.

Pendleton part of the American legion will subscribe \$1000 to the American legion's \$5,000,000 endowment fund for the disabled and orphans of the World war.

Eight years ago Elias Hale lost a gold watch. Last week it was plowed up in the Robertson orchard near Brownsville on land worked by Mr. Hale when it was lost.

Harrison Hartley, 80 years of age and a resident of Broadbent in Coos county for 50 years, was found insane recently and committed to the state hospital at Salem.

A campaign backed by the lumber interests and leading business concerns, has been launched at LaGrande to prevail upon President Coolidge to reconsider his order closing the LaGrande land office.

A special number of the Western World of Bandon was published March 25. The issue contains 32 pages of descriptive and illustrated matter and is a credit to both the editor and the city of Bandon.

His Annual Slicking-Up



JAPAN AND SOVIET NOT PLOTTING

Recent Treaty Evidence Only That Japan Wants to Eat, Says Counsellor Moore

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, April 8.—Japan's recent treaty with Russia doesn't mean that Nippon is conspiring with the Soviet government to dominate the Pacific. It only means that Japan wants to eat.

At least that's the explanation given by Frederick Moore, counsellor to the Japanese foreign office, now in Washington.

"Japanese eat about one pound of meat per person per year," says Moore. "But they eat one pound of fish per person per day."

"The big sources of Japan's fish supply are the waters off Sakhalin Island and the Behring Sea. These are Russian waters. An understanding between Japan and Russia, covering the scope to be allowed Japanese fishermen in these areas, in order to guarantee a fish supply for Japan, was the compelling motive behind the Japanese end of the agreement."

"Friendly relations between Japan and Russia also means a closer relationship between Japan and Europe. By the Pacific treaty, Japan, France and England, for instance, in about six weeks, by the Siberian Railway, this is cut to about two weeks."

"But as foreshadowing a Japanese Russian alliance designed to dominate the Pacific hereafter would be the last to wish the development of Russia as a maritime power. Anyone can see why."

This man Moore, incidentally, is a unique figure in official and diplomatic circles. An American by birth, citizenship and allegiance, he is at the same time an official of the Japanese government in a sort of super-diplomatic job.

His title is "counsellor to the Japanese foreign office." He graduated into his job after a score of years as

a newspaper correspondent, stationed in the Far East. His many years in China and Japan for the Associated Press gave him an understanding of the oriental slant on affairs in general that can only be acquired by long and intimate association. His knack as a newspaper man enabled him to see both sides of the problems that arose to bother Japan, for instance, and he acquired the habit of volunteering suggestions. He brought to the Japanese foreign office, unofficially, the white man's psychology, backed up by a newspaper man's undiplomatic but very understandable mode of expression. He could strip a State Department communication of its high-sounding and ambiguous phrases, and tell the Jap statesmen just what Uncle Sam meant and why he meant it.

And the Japanese elder statesmen, recognizing though not publicly admitting that Japan is still a youngster among civilized nations, profited no little by his advice.

It was Baron Shidehara, former Japanese ambassador to Washington, and head of Japan's foreign office, who signed Moore up for his job of undiplomatic diplomat. The fifth-year contract has just been signed. Which would seem to indicate that Moore has been giving satisfaction as well as advice.

Moore alternates between Japan and the United States first a year, then a year there, in order to keep his contacts in both countries fresh. The United States is still "home" to him, however, and he's educating his children in the U. S. A.

Moore and Baron Matsudaira, present Japanese ambassador, present the long and short of diplomacy in Washington.

Moore is tall, lanky—a human lath. Matsudaira is short, roly-poly. They make an odd team. Both admit the same pet aversion, however—the Jingo who is always trying to stir hostilities between U. S. and Nippon.

A dozen kids with pennies jumped a mile for the first ride. Arthur Suckly, 4, had no pennies and was turned back. But the whirling circle of color caught his eye. He edged closer, wistfully watching his happy little friends. Then he reached up and took hold of the red horse with a green mane.

The merry-go-round swirled him between the driver's seat and the platform and he was killed. And now springtime no longer means a gay merry-go-round ride for the kids in that block.

The lure of stage production as a means of quick fortune has been frequently commented on in this column. That is because the story of success or failure in New York's greatest gamble interests me and this column, therefore, reflects a certain amount of personal attitude.

Nell Andrews has made a fortune in recent years producing a new hair dye. Now he has turned to the stage, producing and backing "The Complex" in which his wife, Dorothy Hall plays the lead. It is reported along Broadway that for some performances not one seat was sold at the box office, and some of the agencies totaled as little as \$30 in sales for a performance. Yet the producer must guarantee a rental of \$1000 a week for the theater.

Various communities within the city elect their own mayors who preside over many of the affairs of the citizens, often keeping neighbors from going to court of jail. The first woman to hold such a position is Mrs. Minnie Curtis, Bellevue hospital nurse. She presides over what was once the "Cass House" district and in its day the retreat of some of the city's toughest gangsters.

In Lighter Vein

Reassurance. (American Legion Weekly) "I wish you could assure me," said a nervous elderly woman, approaching the captain of an excursion boat "that this vessel would be able to come safely through a storm." "My dear," promptly asserted the grizzled skipper, "this old craft has

come safe through so many storms that half her timbers is unjointed."

Gloom at the Gulch. (Washington Star) "Crimson Gulch is much quieter than is used to be," commented the visitor.

"Yes," answered Cactus Joe. "The old spirit is gone. Motors and radio have overwhelmed us with the influence of an effete civilization. I'm thinkin' of startin' a movement to change the name of the place to 'Pink Ravine.'"

The Last One. (San Francisco Chronicle) The cross-word puzzle is doomed. Every possible joke has been squeezed out of it.

An Explanation. (Louisville Courier-Journal) "Mr. Wampus, I fear you are ignoring our efficiency system," said the clerk addressed, "but somebody has to get the work done."

Hopes for the Ohio Crowd. (Ohio State Journal) The Ohio crowd, far from losing hope, believes that a healthy reaction from all this virtue in public life will set in in good time.

Tact. (Rochester Times-Union) Tact is just the art of making the other fellow feel more important than yourself.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL THE Prince of Wales starts on another tour to the far corners of the earth. Already he is the best-traveled royal person in the world. That means, for his purposes, the best educated. The prince is no highbrow. What he knows of books and scholarship is undisclosed, but is doubtless no more than is good form for an English gentleman.

His job, as a modern prince, and later as a modern king, is not with politics and problems. It is to smooth the way with people. And for that, there is no better training than the contacts and experience of travel. The grandfather of the present prince, without overstepping the limitations of his position, was one of the first diplomats of Europe, smoothing the way of peace and understanding between nations.

He did it by knowledge of men and skill in dealing with them. If the training of the young prince can equip him for the same task, in a harder time of the world and a more delicately precarious time for kings, it will be well worth the little it costs.

Tom Sims Says—

CONSIDER the foolish mosquito, and how he gets eloped for making a noise about what he's going to do.

An assistant is one who is hired for the boss to help.

An optimist is a man who buys a used auto from an enemy.

Good-looking kindfolds seem to be a very scarce article.

Perhaps the quickest way to raise grass on your yard is by trying to have a tennis court there.

Turning over a new leaf too often makes you lose your place.

Most wrongs are ignored on the principle that if you don't look to see if your tire is flat you won't have to fix it.

Always close your mouth before staring at funny looking strangers.

The married friend tells us making love to your wife is like asking the boss for the job you already have.

And, the friend corrects our definition of an assistant: He claims an assistant is a husband.

LOANS DISCOURAGED. WASHINGTON, April 8.—Senator Shipstead of Minnesota, the farmer-labor member of the senate foreign relations committee, urged President Coolidge today to discourage American loans to any nation making heavy expenditures for armaments.

Fellowship of Prayer

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

WEDNESDAY
Welcomed by His Friends

Read Jn. 12:11. Text: 12:1, 2. Jesus therefore said that before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, so they made him a supper there.

(N. B.—No record of events of this day. It is supposed that Jesus spent the day in the home of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, at Bethany.)

MEDITATION—It is easy to picture Jesus in the home at Bethany on this day of retirement. While there is nothing in the record to tell us how he spent the day we know that he had two sources of refreshment, prayer to God and quiet companionship with those who loved him. How he needed strength! To be able to give Christian hospitality to those who visit our homes is a high virtue. True hospitality does not consist in loaded tables or brilliant entertainment but in gracious sympathetic companionship which is possible to give to all who enter our homes, however humble they may be. Let the crown of our homes be hospitality.

PRAYER—Our Father, bless thou the homes of thy people. Give them true ideals of helpfulness. Let all that dwell therein have a real sense of the responsibility that rests on each that the earthly home may reflect the blessedness of the eternal home. May our homes be such that the Spirit of Christ may find a true welcome and that he may often be our guest. Amen.

25 Years Ago
(From The Guard of April 8, 1900) Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris entertained Friday evening at their home for the Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church.

Born Friday evening to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cumming twin sons.

The citizens' convention has placed several names on the ticket. F. M. Wilkins was selected as chairman of the convention amid great applause. Names on the ticket are Levi Geer, E. R. Skippowich, Charles Harwood, for representatives; H. B. Kincaid, for county judge; J. R. Hill, for commissioner; H. M. Milliron, for clerk; W. W. Withers, for sheriff; A. S. Patterson, for treasurer; E. R. Parker, for assessor; Lincoln Taylor for surgeon; W. L. Cheshire, for coroner. There was a large attendance at the convention.

A few days of sunshine and the roads are beginning to show dust in some spots.

The team hitched to the Hoffman house baggage wagon balked today on leaving the Ninth street entrance of the hotel. After several vain attempts to start them bystanders finally succeeded in rolling the wagon against the horses when they started off on a gallop. They caught the train by a small margin.

Dr. W. W. Oglesby is in the city from Junction.

Morris Johnson, lumberman, is in from the Simpson and says all that is needed now is some rain to float logdown the river.

J. H. Perkins and J. S. Medley are business visitors in Eugene today from Cottage Grove.

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