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THURSDAY, APRIL 16.

We Shall Have Better Water.

EUGENE is not to go on drinking Willamette river water. That is the outstanding favorable result of yesterday's special city bond election. We shall do away with the necessity for drinking filtered sewage. We shall have water from the far-famed McKenzie, and in inaugurating that project we shall be taking the first steps towards bringing into the greater and more populous Eugene of the future, water from the high Cascades that will be absolutely pure.

Of next importance in the election results was the carrying of the proposal for the new reservoir and water mains. It was a necessary measure, because some sections of the city already are suffering from inadequate water pressure, and this condition would have been continually aggravated with continued building growth and installation of more and more water services. Early returns from the election count had indicated the defeat of this measure. That it finally emerged a winner is cause for satisfaction.

The carrying of the bond proposals for sewer reconstruction was another highly valuable consummation. It was a measure of necessity for the protection of the public health. And the carrying of the proposal for the paving of street intersections will insure the progress of the paving programme so necessary to the city's continued expansion.

By their votes the people showed that they knew what they wanted. They were willing to vote bonds of whose necessity they were convinced, but not otherwise. Whether the majority judgment was the correct judgment or not in every case may be questioned by some who have studied and are closely informed on the issues. But the verdict of the ballot is the verdict of the majority and this is a land of majority rule. There should be complete acquiescence in the results, and conformity to the necessities of those results.

A Case and a Cause.

THERE lives in Eugene a young woman, the wife of a man who served overseas in the great war. She and her two small children are almost entirely destitute. In the miserable and miserably furnished place where they reside there was found last Tuesday by one who had gone to investigate, not one thing to eat except potatoes. The husband and father had become mildly insane recently as a result of an injury which he sustained while in France. He was taken to a government hospital in an adjoining state. No provision was made for his helpless family.

That is, no provision was made for them until the American legion post in Eugene heard about them. Then there was quick action. From the legion's slender and depleted relief fund groceries were bought for the veteran's wife and children. They are not hungry now.

The case is typical of many which the local legion post is called upon to relieve and does relieve. There is provision by the federal government for giving hospitalization and care to disabled veterans. There is provision for direct aid to them and their dependents in cases of established proof. But frequent cases of disability long deferred but nevertheless directly the result of war service keep cropping up. Proofs of disability after the lapse of the years are hard to get and the process requires time. Sometimes the disabled man finds it impossible to establish contacts at all that will enable him to make his proofs. Meanwhile his necessities and those of his dependents are great. That is when the American legion post steps in and, through its relief fund, extends help.

The American legion is preparing to give a spectacle and entertainment at the armory on the evenings of April 24-25. If you get a couple of tickets through the mail with a request to buy, don't send them back. Send a dollar instead. One of the beneficiaries of the proceeds of this show is the fund for the disabled war veterans, referred to in the foregoing. The other beneficiaries are likewise worthy. They are the W. C. T. U. children's arm home at Corvallis and the Boy Scouts of Eugene.

Tendencies in Taxes.

TAXES, the Oregon Voter finds by analysis and proves by figures, will be greater in Oregon this year than last by \$2,470,757. The total of the levy is \$42,660,783. Taxes for state purposes are lower this year than last, but taxes for county and local purposes are much higher.

Of the entire tax levy, the Voter says, 42 per cent is devoted to education, 29 per cent to roads, reclamation, docks and ports, 24 per cent to soldiers' bonus, 25 per cent to county and local government and less than two per cent to state government.

Here in Lane county our tax levy for county and local purposes in 1924 was \$1,305,251. In 1925 it was fixed at \$1,583,202. The increase was \$277,951. The percentage of increase was 21.30 per cent, or more than one-fifth. The amount was finally cut to \$1,452,766 through the invoking of the six per cent increase limitation law by Assessor Keoney. The amount of state tax in this county this year is \$307,705. Our total tax levy is \$1,760,471.

We spend in Lane county 41.08 per cent of our tax money for high and grade schools. We spend 17.52 per cent of it for roads, and another 8.71 per cent for interest and sinking fund on road bonds. Our cities and towns absorb 12.12 per cent of our tax money. Port, fire patrol, soldiers' bonus and the state educational fund take smaller amounts.

The Oregon Voter's analysis of our taxes is worthy of the study of every taxpayer who feels concern over present-day tax problems.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Tax Distribution

The reported efforts of the state board of control to find a basis for greater equality in levying taxes than now prevails should receive public

commendation. One of the glaring defects of present taxation is the haphazard methods of assessments the rates varying for different counties and for individuals and organizations

from ten per cent or less to one hundred per cent or more.

Nothing like uniformity is adhered to in assessments; over the state, of different kinds of property. Livestock may be assessed at full value or at any other per cent of value decided upon by individual assessors and county courts, while commercial or manufacturing plants are subject to these or any other rates—usually the latter.

Why not assess every piece of property at full cash value? Verily in this method there would be greater justice and no higher taxes than now. And there should be much less complaint of the burdens of taxation.

The State Department's High Hat.

Yesterday all the newspapers in the United States took part in a vast bootlegging operation. The State Department acting through a few hamboozled bureaucrats and a timid little secretary of state, had enacted a national prohibition against free speech for a European exile.

So the exile went to a free country, Canada it happened to be, and the American newspapers sent their reporters—him and the next morning served up for Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Castle to enjoy at breakfast all and a good deal more than Count Karolyi would have said if he had not been forbidden to talk.

This leaves the State Department wearing a decidedly unimpressive look. It has been wrong, it has been stupid, and now it has been made ridiculous: it inflated its chest, lifted its eyebrows and put on a very high hat. But the American reporter seated himself on the high hat, and as a consequence, the American people will receive free speech, while the State Department is trying to recover its dignity. At the next session of congress Mr. Borah has promised to move for the repeal of the powers which the department has shown itself so unfit to exercise.

It is apparent that the department cannot be allowed to prohibit freedom of speech. The bootlegging of liquor is bad enough as a breeder of lawlessness, but if, in addition, the country goes in for the bootlegging of ideas, it will become a nuisance. If every time a visitor who wants to make a speech that the administration does not like has to go to Canada, or Cuba, or Mexico, and bellow it across the border, it really will be most inconvenient.

Here and There

(The Oregonian)

An article is at hand which reviews state recent legislation in several states, reflecting national policy of economy. The work of the Oregon legislature in that direction, if any, is not mentioned. In New York, the income tax was cut 25 per cent and the state tax rate on real estate was reduced in like amount. A constitutional amendment is to be submitted reducing the number of departments and bureaus from one hundred and eighty-two to twenty.

We wish to emphasize the word "economy" as used in the foregoing sentence. Shifting of taxes from one source to another, without reducing cost of government, is not economy. Oregon has done some shifting. But nothing could be devised as regards simplification of government except to appoint another committee to investigate. This ingenious way of sidestepping the same job and thereby avoiding real thought and real work by governor and legislature had been adopted on more than one previous occasion.

Well, in New York, the broad mantle of legislative achievement falls on Governor Al Smith and his people are stronger than ever for him for president. In Oregon the democratic governor, who has, of course, not been mentioned for president, has had to hasten out to mend his political fences, such as they are. The people admire accomplishment.

A Little Betrayer and Big Ones

(Pendleton East Oregonian)

Charles Thompson, deputy state treasurer who under two administrations, systematically defaulted with several thousand dollars of state money, has been sentenced to the penitentiary and the previous parole given him has been revoked.

Is it a most penalty for the offense. Such an offender is more than a thief. He is a betrayer of public trust.

Thompson took certain sums from the state treasury and placed them to his own account. He needed the money, he said, and intended repaying it. Perhaps his intentions were not criminal, but his act was.

However, Thompson was a small criminal compared with those big betrayers of public trust who, through bribery, political manipulation and asset plotting, rob and despoil the public of its great heritage. And these men seldom pay the price of their misdeeds. Witness the escape through technicality of ex-Secretary of the Interior Fall and his confederate who looted the United States of a \$100,000,000 oil field.

Oregon Briefs

A stage terminal and hotel will be built this summer at Klamath Falls at Eighth and Klamath streets. The structure will cost \$175,000.

Because of so many vicious dogs in Klamath Falls, mail carriers have been granted permission to carry revolvers. Six positions were bitten last week.

Rango in the Umastilla forest for horses and cattle was opened last week. Sheep will be permitted on the range beginning June 11.

A new postal delivery route, necessitating the appointment of an additional carrier, has been established out of Bend. It will accommodate 600 persons west of the Deschutes river.

David R. Boyd of Pilot Rock has gone into the turkey-raising business on an extensive scale. He has 300 eggs in an incubator and plans to raise 2000 turkeys by fall.

The forest service this year will spend \$60,000 in the reeking of the Cooper's Spur lateral road to Cloud Cap Inn. Multnomah and Hood River counties will each contribute \$2500.

Astoria is to have another hotel, a contract having been let last week for the site of the old Hansen building at a cost of \$25,000.

Class in Bugology Will Now Come to Order



CAILLAUX ALWAYS COMES BACK

There is Plenty in his Career to Have Smashed a Dozen Ordinary men, but he Survives

By MILTON BRONNER (NEA Service Writer)

LONDON, April 16.—Joseph Caillaux is the French politician with nine lives. There have been enough sensational and dramatic things in his career to have smashed a dozen politicians, but he always manages to come back smiling. In the first place, he has a first class brain and, in the next place, he seems to be the only one willing to tell the French some plain home truths. Thus, the other day, he wrote: "The financial pharmacopoeia is more limited than people imagine. It is in vain that one will seek there an elixir which will bring a rapid recovery in health. On the whole, the financial world has two medicines, simple, but painful to absorb. And they produce results only if the patient follows a severe regime. These two medicines are Work and Economy."

Like the United States, Turkey has an immigration problem. But unlike the United States, Turkey's immigration is that of Turks wishing to come back to Turkey. It's another one of the after-effects of the chain of wars with which the world has been cursed. As a result of the last war in which Turkey licked Greece, thousands of Greeks have left Asia Minor to settle in Greece territory. And thousands of Turks have left Greece to settle in Turkey. And now a new migration has commenced. A considerable portion of all Macedonia has been given to Jugoslavia. The Serbs and Turks have always been hostile. Therefore, the Turks are anxious to get out from under Serbian rule. But Turkey will only allow 50,000 of them to come in a year. It provides them with land and seed credits, but expects them to build

their own homes and secure their own necessary capital.

M. Delais is a member of the French chamber of deputies. Moreover, he is quite an obscure member. But not so long ago the house suffered a long speech from him and nobody objected, although he droned and droned along for an hour. And the reason for his immunity is peculiarly French. He has a voice exactly like that of M. Doumergue, president of the French republic. "You can't expect us to be dis-courteous to the voice of the president, can you?" asked a prominent deputy irritably. Imagine some hay-seen congressman taking up an hour's time of the house of representatives because he had a down-east accent exactly like that of President Coolidge!

Despite all the talk about England's slowness in providing homes for her population, acres upon acres of small homes have been added to the territory that is incorporated in the city of London. And most of these houses have gardens in front and in back. But the evil thing for England is that all of them are built for the middle class. Here in London you find no suburban districts such as we have at home, where sturdy workmen are housed with their families and which they are buying on time. And that is one of the reasons why the British workman is a dissatisfied man. His hunger for a home of his own is hardly ever appeased. What happily for us is taken as a matter of course, is over here considered almost a miracle. The British worker who owns a real home and garden, is the exception rather than the rule. It perhaps explains some of the troubles of the Britain of today.

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN

NEW YORK, April 16.—Are New Yorkers Americans? That question is on a par with Alice Duer Miller's "Are Women People?"

At any rate, consider the 16 boys selected by the New York board of education for merit, study, initiative and leadership as the group from which one was selected to meet President Coolidge as the representative New York boy.

The nationalities represented in the list of 16 are Italian, Austrian, Greek, French, Chinese, Syrian, Irish, Cuban, Spanish, Polish, Brazilian, Russian, Argentine, Czech-Slovakian and German.

With the selection limited to that group you can see that it was impossible to select an American as a representative New York boy.

Say what you will of New York's crowded traffic, it is the only city in which I have lived where sidewalks are kept unobstructed. Despite great building operations, the raising of old buildings and the rearing of new ones the pedestrian still finds a place on the sidewalk, either under a protective canopy or over a raised platform.

In most cities he must detour into the street and take his chances with auto.

Warren Gamaliel Harding came back to America on the freighter Carenco the other day. He had been gone three months as a pursuer and had called at the ports of Egypt, Greece and Syria. He is a nephew of the late president and lives at Columbus, Ohio. A student of an obscure psychology and a prospective medical student, he had a note book full of observations of strange characters encountered on his trip.

The other evening it was my mis-

fortune to get into a crowded BMT subway train during the rush hour. I tried to get off at Canal street, but the rushing crowd swept me far back into the car and the train had reached De Kalb avenue in Brooklyn before I could get off.

Another young fellow caught in a similar situation was much cleverer. Seeing that he couldn't get off, he yelled "Stand back, a woman has fainted!" As the mob momentarily halted he rushed off the train.

Once in a while the subway mob can be halted for a moment by a fainting woman, but on two occasions I have seen women collapse on subway platforms with scant attention from the hurrying throng.

Katy Gelst has been running a kitchen for poor kids of the east side for the past 20 years. Hundreds of the hungry know her. Now she is retiring and after her long career of service the Presbyterian Hospital is giving her a purse that she may never know hunger herself.

Sheriff Withers this afternoon turned over to Treasurer Patterson \$1,000.21 tax money. This makes the total amount thus far turned over, \$25,815.17.

The office of the county clerk of Lane county will be open each Monday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock from the present time until May 15, to allow working men to register under the votley law.

Archibald Mason, of Portland, the new contractor in charge of the grading of the Mohawk branch of the Southern Pacific, has commenced active work. Four carloads of lumber, scarpers, etc., arrived Saturday night, and were at once sent to the front. The material for the railroad bridge across the McKenzie is expected to arrive at any time.

The Telegram estimated that fully

300,000 eggs were boiled and dyed in Portland for Easter.

Last night a brilliant meteor was seen to fall in the eastern sky by residents of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lurch were visitors in town today from Cottage Grove.

E. R. Skipworth went to Junction City today where tonight he will give an address for the citizens' ticket.

In Lighter Vein

His Only Chance.

(London Anecdotes)

Fred—Why was Adam made first? Dad—To give him a chance to say a word of two, I suppose.

No Cocktails.

(U. S. N. A. Log)

He—Dear, every kiss just intoxicates me. Won't you let me be a drunkard?

She—Well—er—yes; but on the condition that you won't mix your drinks.

Rapid-Fire Cooks.

(Stanford Chaparral)

Domestic—I hear that you need a cook?

Miss—Thank you, but I have just hired one.

"Very well, I'll call again tomorrow."

Don't Try It.

(Penn Punch Bowl)

Art—What's all the noise down there?

Dart—Fella turned a corner.

"Well?"

"There wasn't any corner."

Up to Specifications.

(Progressive Grocer)

She was giving an order to the grocer.

"And I require some cheese," she said.

"Stess, miss," replied the grocer, smiling amiably. "I have some lovely cheese."

"You should not say 'lovely cheese,'" said the customer severely.

"But why not, miss? It is lovely cheese!"

"Because," she tried to combine modesty with an air of learning—"because lovely should only be used to qualify something that is alive."

The grocer's smile broadened as he glanced at the Gorgonzola.

"Well, miss," he said, "I'll stick to 'lovely!'"

No Outsiders.

(London Humorous)

A contemporary describes the Oxford and Cambridge boat race as having something very unique about it, peculiarly attractive to London's millions. We suspect that the unique feature referred to must be the fact that an English team is bound to win.

Encouragement.

(Recorder)

She—(as train toots at grade crossing)—"George, you go right ahead. Don't let that big brute bully you."

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL.

"FRENCH women do not want to vote," say sundry deputies, "but since we have so many war widows, and so many young women foredoomed to be war squinters, it may be necessary to force political rights on them."

It is on a par with the American slogan, "Vote as you like, but vote." We all tend to make a fetish of the mere vote, as if that were the whole secret of self-government and democracy.

What boots it to vote, if the political system makes that vote futile or meaningless? No system, to be sure, does that completely, and the vote is no where entirely useless. But the restoration of local self-government, in France, or the shortening of the ballot in America, would be even more important steps toward democracy than is the expansion of the franchise.

A French city would come nearer to self-government with half its people voting and the right to elect its own mayor than with all of them voting and no power to use that vote on their own local affairs.

More would be gained for democ-

cracy in America by making the ballot short enough to vote intelligently than was gained by extending the right of unintelligent voting to all the people. Voting is important; but the means of making that vote count are equally so.

Tom Sims Says—

THE bones of a mastodon have been found in New York, probably proving the ancients had taxicabs.

Now that a radio swindle has been reported the grouch will report radio is at last nearing perfection.

Maybe a Chicago boy is working as a laborer in his millionaire dad's factory. Anyway, they say he is.

Atlantic City will fine drunks according to their breaths, but one pleading his rum may escape by a hair breadth.

Two Colorado mountains are moving. One has moved 100 feet. May be a sign of spring restlessness.

But the two mountains moving in Colorado isn't so much. We know a man who saw a plumber move.

Recent army tests show that shooting at airplanes is about like throwing rocks at birds.

More farm relief is planned. Running a farm seems to pay about as well as sending a boy to college.

Few Hats Worn to Church on Easter

(Cottage Grove Sentinel)

The women of the Christian church of this city made an Easter Sunday record that is likely to stand for some time as unique when they attended Easter services without hats.

The plan to attend minus millinery decorations developed when the men of the church, in response to an urgent appeal to be present on Easter Sunday, made facetious remarks to the effect that there would be a crowded house because all the women would be there for the usual purpose. Then and there the men were challenged to an attendance contest, the women agreeing to wear no hats and none were worn yesterday except by visiting women who had not been informed of what was on, or off.

Showanda, the choice of the smoker.

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LIKE TWO PEAS IN A POD

To the casual observer two violins look as much alike as two peas in a pod. In color, shape and straining they appear to be twins. But in the hands of a master one may be worth a king's ransom, the other a beggar's purse.

To the casual observer all banks, too, appear alike. Their buildings are much the same, their services tally one with the other. But ask our customers and they will tell you. Their answers will be something like this:

"There is one bank in Eugene where you can be sure of always getting more than you expect, and that is the United States National. For the past thirty years that organization has helped Eugene's business grow and prosper. That's the bank for you."

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