

# THE EUGENE GUARD

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MONDAY, APRIL 20.

## An Itinerant State Bureau.

THE state banking department removed itself, bag and baggage, from Salem, the capital, to Portland recently. The attorney general gave an opinion that the removal was illegal. His criticism of the action which had been taken was tame, however, by comparison with the chorus of protests that went up from Salem people generally and which was made vocal by the Salem newspapers. Naturally, these could see a great many excellent reasons why the removal was altogether wrong. Now the Statesman complains that although the department has ostensibly been moved back again, "A desk, a chair or two and a clerical aide constitute the major part of the rehabilitated state banking department at the state capital." This merely nominal restoration of the department to its old stamping ground is denounced by the Statesman as "adding insult to injury."

The bank examiner thought he had found his authority for removal of himself and his activities to Portland, apparently, under the new banking code passed by the last legislature. But, says the indignant Statesman, "To citizens of average intelligence the new code locates the banking department at the capital. The public so accepted it and the legislature in passing the law so understood it. Otherwise there would have been added opposition to the passage of the new code last winter." With which preliminary statement of its grounds for objection, the Statesman comes right down to cases and pours out the real milk in the cocoanut, thus:

The chief city containing over one-third of the population of the state exerts her full share of influence upon state affairs now; and every office removed from the capital to that city adds still more to her political prestige and power.

One may smile a little at the ingenuousness of this revelation of a Salem viewpoint, but it is nevertheless the fact that the state departments and bureaus belong properly at the state capital. We doubt that there will be much contrary contention, even in Portland.

## Tendencies in Amusements.

OUR public taste in amusements appears to be growing both better and worse, if one is to form logical conclusions from each of two editorial articles appearing on the same page in a recent number of the Dearborn Independent. The first article referred to is entitled "Not Trash, but the Classics," and tells how Mrs. Fiske, playing in a revival of Sheridan's "The Rivals" in a Boston theater recently was given 34 curtain calls, while the audience stood, thrilled by her artistry. It tells also how when the Chicago Tribune asked its radio listeners whether they wanted full details of the Leopold-Loeb trial when it was in progress, the answer it got was an emphatic NO, and how of all the plays that have taken the road from New York this season, only two have played to paying business, and that these were "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "The Rivals" beforementioned. "We are better," argues the Independent, "than the critics of the race are wont to think."

From this there is descent in the next article on the page to a citation of titles chosen from a list of film plays heralded as about to be shown over the country. The list includes these:

"Idle Tongues," "Learning to Love," "Playing With Souls," "Enticement," "The City That Never Sleeps," "The Garden of Woods," "Tongues of Flame," "Locked Doors," "Too Many Kisses," "Cheap Kisses," "Painted Souls," "Flashing Spurs," "Parisian Nights," "The Sporting Venus," "A Cafe in Cairo," "Dangerous Pleasure," "The Robes of Sin."

The Independent rather scathingly criticizes the motion picture producers for putting out plays under such titles. It offers no rebuke to the public which, presumably, will patronize the plays scheduled. Which brings us back again to the old question, Is it the duty of amusement purveyors to reflect in what they offer the public taste as they have found it, or have they the higher duty of guiding and educating the public taste, even at financial loss to themselves? Shall the movies give the public what it wants, or give it only what it ought to want?

And which is the true indication of the public taste, its patronage of "Cyrano" and "The Rivals" or its patronage of "Enticement" and "The Robes of Sin"? Or is it true that "there is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us" that the public likes both worthy and unworthy amusements equally well?

Edward L. Doheny and Mrs. Doheny, the dispatches tell us soberly, stopped off enroute from Chicago to Los Angeles for a social visit at the Texas ranch of Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior. Nothing was said in the dispatches about the Doheny luggage, but one supposes it included a black satchel.

A comic strip released two days ago and published in various newspapers all over the country, showed pussy willows as almost ready to burst forth. The strip is about eight weeks behind time for the Pacific coast newspapers that used it. We are about ready to begin picking wild strawberries here.

The Amazon was showing yesterday what it can do when roiled. But the sewer bonds are voted now and soon the Amazon is to be tamed.

## COMMENT OF THE PRESS

**Largest Grocery Ad**  
(The Oregonian)  
There was nothing remarkable about the Eugene Guard of Saturday except that it was in four sections, three of which contained the customary stuff—Editor Kelly will recognize the term, of course—that makes the Guard a remarkable paper in a remarkable city. Subscribers expect that, sixteen of the fifty-two pages, however, were a striking feature called the "Stanley Section," the largest advertisement of a grocery store of record, announcing the opening Monday of a business concern with the novelty of newness in ideas and de-

tails. Whatever it is that makes Eugene "go," the Guard has a foot on the "exhibitor."

**Two Tammany Halls for Oregon.**  
(Medford Mail-Tribune)

No Oregon is to have (No Tammany hall, one republican and one democratic. The Portland Oregonian is authority for this statement, and the Oregonian usually knows what it is talking about, politically. The republican Tammany is to be known as Independence Hall, incorporated. The democratic Tammany has not been christened yet, in fact its birth has not occurred, but the

date has been set, and there promises to be no halt in the political excitement.

Not only did a certain secret society place Walter Pierce in the governor's chair, but the guiding spirits of the organization became almost overnight, rich and powerful. The former game, however, has been played out. The plan, it seems, is moribund. So there will be, to quote the Oregonian, no more religious intolerance in the new organizations than there are feathers in an egg, which might be termed a minimum sufficiently satisfying, but to continue the metaphor, there will be more issues than meat, and more ward heeler than vitamins.

Will the new scheme work out? There is the precedent of 1922 for those who say it will. But in matters political precedents are notoriously unreliable, and there is some evidence that the people of Oregon are slightly fed up on the secret society domination of politics.

**Yeah.**

(Medford Mail-Tribune)  
The Portland Mail-Tribune continues to show up like a constructive session of the legislature.

**Dorris and Ross.**  
(Astoria Budget)

What a contrast! Sen Dorris, discharged game commissioner, presents to Tom Ross, discharged fish commissioner!

Both were appointees of Governor Pierce and Governor Pierce removed both summarily for reasons of his own.

Ross raised a ruckus at once, challenging the governor's authority, demanding a hearing, appealing to the attorney general, refusing to give up his berth, resisting the efforts of his successor to take his seat, finally carrying his protest to the courts, and all the while creating a noisy hullabaloo.

Dorris, too, probably resents the action of the governor and smarms under what he feels the injustice of it. But listen to what he says of it: "The governor was entirely within his constitutional rights and I plan no fight against his decision. The things now at stake before the game commission are too big for me to interfere with by injecting my own protest into it. The case is bigger than the individual."

Dorris is no longer a game commissioner but he has proven himself a game sportsman. Nothing in his official life became him more than his leaving of it, and he was regarded as a pretty good official, too.

How small Tom Ross appears in comparison despite the big bulk of him!

**A Tree-Planting Bee.**  
(Horton Independent)

Reforestation was practiced to perfection in Corvallis last week when 125 Corvallis business men went down to the Corvallis auto park immediately after the closing of business pines and planted 100 Norway spruces for the future beautification and shade of the auto park. It was a splendid example of co-operation. There were more men than trees. That's the way the Corvallis chamber of commerce puts a thing over—co-operation.

**Mr. Shoemaker's Activities.**  
(Pendleton East-Oregonian)

According to a story in the Portland Oregonian, Carl Shoemaker was stated to be "temporarily" in charge of a refreshment establishment on property near Eagle creek. We have noted many things about Mr. Shoemaker, among the latest reports being one to the effect he will be the manager for Independence Hall which is to provide us with a legislature that will do what he asks for. Is this Eagle creek resort a side issue or part of the grand plan for political control of the state?

## In Lighter Vein

**Easy to Tell**  
(Boston Globe)

"Taps, what is the difference between a genius and a celebrity?"  
"Well, my son, a celebrity usually has a dress suit."

**Only Time Can Tell**  
(Philadelphia Bulletin)

"Did Wick's borrow money from you?"  
"Borrow? How do I know unless he returns it?"

**How Many Would Use It?**  
(West Palm Beach Post)

One thing the world needs is an amplifier for the still, small voice.

**Trouble Ahead**  
(London Opinion)

"All my letters this morning begin with the same word."  
"What's that?"  
"Unless..."

**Assistance**  
(Washington Star)

"Do you have trouble about help?"  
"Some," admitted Farmer Cornwell. "The last hired man looked the place over for three-quarters of an hour, told me what was wrong with the way I was running it and then sent me a bill for professional services."

**Smarts at Dances**  
(Lowell Courier-Citizen)

Between the boys and girls who are drunk at our well-known midnight dances and those who feign drunkenness because they think it looks smart you get quite a proportion of the entire dancing population, one might guess.

## Three Cars Wrecked Near Cottage Grove

COTTAGE GROVE, April 20.—(Special)—Three cars were wrecked Thursday evening on the east side of Knox hill east of town. A Mr. Myers was coming into town from Mosby creek when he met two cars, one being driven by A. Monteith and the other by C. A. King. He ran into them both and left the badly demolished on the brow of the hill. No one was hurt. The Myers car was completely wrecked.

## Anti Caillaux Rally is Staged

PARIS, April 20.—(AP)—French war veterans Saturday afternoon staged a bold anti-Caillaux demonstration at the Arc de Triomphe against the return to power of the present finance minister in the new Painleve cabinet.

## A Surprise Package



## WHO SHALL OWN THE NORTH POLE?

MacMillan Expedition, if Successful, May Answer Question in Our Favor

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
(NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Nobody would have considered the north pole worth quarreling over a few years ago. Today the question, "To whom shall the pole belong?" is internationally so delicate that several big governments hate to have it discussed, lest trouble be bred.

The idea is that the pole is the



shortest way of getting from almost anywhere to almost anywhere else.

In the days when it could be visited only by dog-power, on a diet of tallow candles, at terrific cost in hardship and the expenditure of months of appalling hard work, the route's shrewdness was infinitely more than offset by its difficulties.

Now, however, that the traveler can shut himself inside a nice warm cabin and fly across it at 60 to 100 miles an hour, shortness counts.

So to whom does the north pole belong? Still more to the point, if there's any land in the pole's vicinity, which would make a good way station on a trip across, to whom does that land belong?

Answer: It belongs to whomever finds it first and stakes it out. Hence the MacMillan expedition, which the United States navy is fitting out. Hence also the Norwegian expedition under Amundsen, which already is on its way. England, Japan and Russia are reported making similar preparations.

Navy officers like to tell about the MacMillan plans up to the point where the visitor begins to ask about annexation of the pole. Then, "Shush on that talk," they cry. "It's the very thing we don't want to remind the others of."

The proposed way station at the pole may develop into a mighty interesting place. Traveling, say from

## In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN

NEW YORK, April 20.—See-sawing up and down Broadway I saw Ireen Gaaagaw, who looks like a young Ethel Barrymore. Also she has a voice and mannerisms much like those of Miss Barrymore and I doubt not that some day she will be acclaimed as great an actress.

Lillian Gish, a little girl of 11 who is already a concert pianist. When little more than six she was admitted to the Berlin state academy of music. Saw a flapper in a yellow dress, red hat and green hose. Looked as though someone had spilled Easter egg dye on her.

Saw George Jean Nathan, the critic, and Lillian Gish, the carrot-eating champion of the films. Deeply engrossed in each other they were, and so I give credence to the report that they are betrothed. Saw four young blades quite conspicuous of their conspicuousness in straw hats.

Saw L. D. Reagin, from Sarasota, Fla., an enterprising editor of an enterprising paper. So enthusiastic was he about Florida weather and so confident was I by a New York April that I asked if he needed a good reporter, to which he replied that he could put an office boy to work.

Saw a traffic cop talking to a pretty girl in a classy radiator and getting her show dog and when the traffic signal changed he gave her the right of way around the corner while other traffic halted. Yet it has been said down that we are all born free and

## A THOUGHT

My grace is sufficient for thee.—2 Cor. 12:9.

The mother grace of all the graces is Christian good will.—Reverend.

## Tom Sims Says—

ANTS are getting out their spiked shoes to wear while rambling up and down pinckers.

Several national problems haven't been solved since last month.

Being in a rat doesn't mean you are not getting anywhere. A locomotive isn't worth a cent unless it stays on the track.

We hear of the young dentist who asked a girl for a kiss, saying "It won't hurt a bit."

Accidents will happen, which is why there are so many different kinds of salads in the world.

No matter how warm it gets, there will be no cold weather shortage for several weeks.

The most reliable financial writer is the bank teller.

Thinking about being in love only makes it feel worse.

A straw hat is a round object which you wear on your head until somebody sits on it.

Bathing suits show the winter left some of us in bad shape.

Count your fingers after shaking hands with an insurance man.

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there is too much work connected with the department.

Robert A. Church, for nearly half a century a resident of Coos county, is dead at Marshfield. He was a native of California, 68 years of age, and prominent in fraternal circles.

Rogue Elk, the well known resort on the Rogue river and Crater Lake highway, has been sold by Will G. McDonald, the artist, who built it, to A. B. Shepherd of McMinnville.

P. W. Stiger is in a Salem hospital suffering from injuries to the head and a fractured shoulder received when thrown from a wagon on which he was riding. Physicians think he will recover.

Construction of a new hospital at Klamath Falls is announced by Dr. Warren Hunt. The new building will be an addition to the present hospital, will cost \$45,000 and will serve 100 patients.

Mrs. Margaret A. Barber, 87, died at the home of a daughter in Baker. Mrs. Barber crossed the plains with her father, Joseph Hunsaker, in 1847, the family settling in Marion county.

While engaged in boring a well near Freewater last week the drillers struck a stratum that gave strong evidence of oil. This has resulted in the formation of the Sunset Oil & Gas company, with a capital stock of \$150,000.

## School Club Tells Westlake Conditions

WEST LAKE, Ore., April 17.—(To the Editor)—The school board of this district noticing an item in your paper in which has been published a mistaken idea with to tell you of correct state of affairs. West Lake while having very few children by the last census (eight to be exact) has enough to keep a school here and probably would have next year had not the mill burned, and may have enough anyway, and the request to Mr. Moore to help secure a teacher with one or more pupils was made and answered by letter before the mill was burned.

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## MR. HAPPY PARTY

NO CONNOISSEUR OF FOODS CAN SAY— THAT BETTER MEATS ARE SOLD TODAY

If any connoisseur of better, purer meats can be purchased elsewhere than can be found in this shop he's a—well, he's mistaken when he makes the claim that he's a connoisseur of foods. At Mr. Happy Party, he knows.

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