

# THE EUGENE GUARD

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## To the University Regents.

WHO owns the University of Oregon? Whose business is transacted by the board of regents of that institution when they meet? Are the affairs that they discuss their private affairs or the affairs of the people of the state of Oregon?

By what authority do the university regents hold their sessions behind locked doors? What goes on in those meetings that the public and the taxpayers who support the university are not entitled to know? What right have the regents to exercise a censorship over the news that is given out concerning their proceedings? What right have the regents to give the press misleading "canned" statements regarding those proceedings?

Are the university regents keeping solely in view the best possible administration of the university's affairs, or are the current reports true that they, or some of them, are playing politics with university affairs?

Do the university regents know, what everybody else knows, that an acting president ought to be chosen for the university—indeed that one should have been chosen long ago? Do the regents know that affairs of the university administration are drifting like a rudderless ship? Do they know that within the past year, for the first time in the university's history, dissensions have arisen in the university and cliques have been formed? Do they know that this has happened because of the lack of an authoritatively fortified directing head?

Do the university regents know that their action in discharging some prominent faculty members and demoting others at their last star chamber session has created a feeling of apprehension among all faculty members? Do they know that it has weakened the general morale at the university?

Since it is now admitted that concurrently with the discharges and demotions among members of the faculty made on the announced score of economy, salaries of other members have been advanced, how are these facts to be reconciled with each other?

Will the university regents or any of them answer these questions? If not, why not?

## Make it an Institution.

THE Lane county pioneer pageant of last Saturday was successful beyond the hopes of its promoters and the expectations of the public. It was a big event, which ought to grow in fame and favor from year to year and become an institution of ours. It can be made the big outstanding annual festival event of the upper Willamette valley. More than that it can be made famous over the state. It has the native merit and attractiveness for just that. Its chief charm lies in the fact that it is something new and different from other festivals.

In most festival events the object sought has been entertainment, and that word has usually been synonymous with frivolity. But in the Lane county pioneer pageant, while the entertainment feature stands out strongly, there is the highly valuable background of instruction in local history, not alone of our school children, but of adults also, who, through that entertainment, and through the essays of the school children which are its accompaniment, are taught facts about our beginnings here that all of us ought to know.

The pioneer pageant is the fulfillment of a big idea. If the planes of Amundsen and the navy ships and planes of MacMillan and the balloon blimp of Grettir Aigarsson all succeed in reaching the north pole this spring and summer, then what? If they or any of them find again the unknown frozen polar continent that Peary and MacMillan thought they saw on previous trips, what shall be done about it? For of course any land found in the polar area will be uninhabitable. What will the world gain in substantial benefit if any or all of these hardy explorers reach the north pole, more than it gained from the success of Peary, who did reach the pole, or even from the pretended success of Cook, who for a time made the world believe he had reached it?

Yes, it rained yesterday, but there will be some more Sundays this summer.

## COMMENT OF THE PRESS

### Foolish Enemies.

The Palm Beach amendment submitted by the legislature to the Oregon voters is not so attractive to the public as to warrant the sort of campaign that is directed against it by the Portland Journal and the East Oregonian. No measure, however dangerous to the public welfare, need ever be combated with misrepresentation.

The papers mentioned continually quote the absurd charges that four per cent of the tax-paying ability pays 80 per cent of the taxes, and that nine-tenths of the whole income is untouched by property tax. The former is impossible and absurd on its face; the latter has a dreadful sound but conveys no meaning when analyzed.

Yes, there is authority for both statements. It is a report issued by the state tax investigating committee. The report discloses that the astonishing calculations were derived from government income tax schedules which mean something wholly different from what the committee assumed. Moreover, both papers now know it.

The Palm Beach fantasy would have hardly a chance, even if left alone. No telling what may happen if its over-zealous enemies arouse suspicion as to the honesty of the fight made on it.

### Will the Well-to-Do Do It?

Prohibition has closed the saloons, and the masses are better off in a more productive America. Prohibition enforced by loyal officials and en-

tained by the well-to-do can also close the blind pig and jail the bootlegger.

### Enough.

Study of the lines which the Oregon Trunk proposes to follow in running south to Klamath Falls from Bend develops various interesting ideas, chief among them being the thought that the lines have been selected as much with the plan of impressing the Southern Pacific with the desirability of granting common use of its rails from Odell or Skookum to Klamath Falls as of anything. At the same time it must be conceded that they propose if forced to build independent lines to develop all the traffic possibilities of the country to be traversed and to develop them, it seems clear, at the expense of the Southern.

Roughly, a map of the proposed lines and of the Southern Pacific from Skookum south suggests a three-lined fork. The handle of the fork, or the Oregon Trunk extension, begins at Bend and extends south to Skookum. From that point the middle line would represent the Southern Pacific, and the two sides the Oregon Trunk. Between the two outer lines there would be little business to be developed. Outside them there would be a larger amount and while the three would have to share what was between, there would come in the two outside ones almost all business from the east and west. In other words there would be nothing for the Southern to build feeder lines for. The feeders would all run to the outer lines.

One would suppose that rather than permit such a condition the Southern would permit common use, particularly

ly if in so doing it was able to set up certain conditions in respect to Klamath business. However, all this remains to be seen. One can be certain of the fact that the Oregon Trunk, representing the Northern lines, is going to build and that is about all for the present. It is enough though.

## America and World Co-operation.

Not one of the five outstanding recommendations which the league of nations non-partisan association has laid before Secretary Kellogg can be called extreme. Each is a logical step if the United States is to sustain a worthy part in the joint efforts of the nations to promote peace and ordered progress.

The association asks (1) that the United States join the permanent court of international justice. This is only what two republican presidents have asked. It asks (2) for permanent membership on certain leagues, committees and commissions. The United States has already sent delegates to the international opium conference, the committee on traffic in women and children and the conference on arms traffic, which meets at Geneva today; we can probably give support to the commission on reduction of armaments and other similar commissions. The association asks (3) for registration of American treaties with the secretariat of the league. Fifty-five nations register their treaties; we can honorably join in the list. It asks (4) for American ratification of certain treaties drafted under league auspices, such as the conventions on white slavery and commercial arbitration, and (5) for participation in the study of methods of outlawing war.

Since denunciation on any other grounds is impossible, all this will be denounced by haters of the league as an "entering wedge" for our membership in that dreaded body. The answer is that if such mild co-operation is an entering wedge the United States is already committed to it.

## In Lighter Vein

### Printer's Error

The flower show had been a great success, and a few evenings later Mr. Blank, who had performed the opening ceremony, was reading the local paper's report of it to his wife.

Presently he stopped reading, his justifiable pride turning to anger. Snatching up his stick, he rushed from the room. Amazed, his wife picked up the newspaper to ascertain the reason of her spouse's fury.

She read: "As Mr. Blank mounted the platform, all eyes were fixed on the large red nose he displayed. Only years of patient cultivation could have produced an object of such brilliance."

### Complete Alibi

"Where were you last night?" "It's a lie!"

### Where Time is not Money

"Have you forgotten that five dollars you owe?" "Not yet; give me time."

### The Last Word

"Wife—'Don't you dare speak to me again for a month.'"

Husband—"I don't think you'll have finished all you want to say by then?"

### Missed

"Your son just threw a stone at me."

"Did he hit you?" "No."

"Then he wasn't my son."

### The Bygone Future

Actress—"I want your paper to mention the theft of my jewels."

Reporter—"When did it take place?"

Actress—"Next Monday."

### Where Have We Heard It?

"The worst thing about being a bachelor is that one's name dies with one."

"What is your name?" "Smith."

### Snobbery in Motor Horn

Salesman—"And what kind of horn would you like, air? Do you care for a good loud blast?"

Haughty Customer—"No; I want something that just sneers."

### All's Well

Voice from Nearby House—"Who's in that chicken coop?"

Snowball Johnson (a veteran)—"A friend."

### The Evasive Answer.

At a college examination a professor asked, "Does the question embarrass you?"

"No at all, sir," replied the student; "not at all. It is the answer that bothers me!"

## Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL. WE HAD about given up hope of making war "too terrible" for nations to dare it. Now comes the official chief terrorist, the chief of the poison gas service, and suggests the opposite solution. Gases will be devised, not to kill people, but to incapacitate them temporarily, so that they may be captured.

It is an interesting picture, a defeated army laid out flat and unconscious, with the victors tying them in bundles and loading them in trucks, to haul to the rear. A besieged city peacefully sleeps while the invaders take possession and disarm them. The next day, everybody recovered, the tied-up signing a treaty dictated by the tiers-up. The day after, "business as usual" under the new government. A few weeks later a respectable professor ships a new gas up the ventilating flues, and the counter-revolution is won.

War too gentle and victory too fleeting to be worth winning, and the whole performance too ludicrous to take seriously. So war perishes of its own innocuousness.

With checks issued last week, the state board of land out flat has issued a total of \$382,461.19 to farmers for the purpose of buying seed wheat to reseed their land under the relief act of the 1923 legislature.

## We Hope This Bird Can't Swim.



## "ADULTERATED" EGGS SOUGHT

Department of Agriculture so Classifies Old or Moldy Ones—Polar Flight Plans Told

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer). WASHINGTON, May 11.—Who ever heard of an "adulterated egg"? Nevertheless, the agricultural department says it's going to keep an eye out for "adulterated eggs" in interstate commerce in future. By "adulterated," however, the department really means old, moldy eggs. The federal food and drug act classifies them as "adulterated."

It seems as if the MacMillan aerial north polar explorers' chief danger would be coming down on rough ice and smashing their planes. If that should happen, how the dickens could they get away again? No puzzle at all. A rescue will be a good deal easier than it was in the old days of polar dashes by ship and dog team. The Shenandoah and Los Angeles will be held in readiness and the minute a wireless is received that the MacMillan explorers are in trouble one or the other of these two dirigibles will fly up and get them.

It takes a force of 150 to run the treasury department's supply bureau.



This force consists mostly of a high-salaried director and numerous well-paid chiefs—division, section, commodity and personnel chiefs, a chief accountant, a chief clerk and various assorted chiefs, with an assistant chief to each chief chief.

There are some ordinary clerks and stenographers, too, but they're in a minority. Well, President Coolidge's economy program threatens this outfit. It's fighting hard for its life but the treasury, under pressure, has estimated how many employees will be needed to do the bureau's work if the bureau itself is abolished.

The estimate is 10—a boss, a book-keeper, a couple of colored porters and half a dozen office boys.

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wear on the bench always struck me as silly. Why ape the English? Why not show a little originality?

Isn't the supreme court dignified enough on its own merits, without putting on fancy costumes to make itself more so? But whenever I've said this, hitherto, I've always been hauled out as irreverent—almost pailable for supreme court contemptuousness.

Now, however, I've found somebody who agrees with me—Comptroller General McCarl. A judge can judge just as well in a black suit as he can in an ascension robe, McCarl says. Not that he cares. Let 'em keep up the old custom if they get any fun out of it. But the government won't pay for any such decorations.

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Why not? Because, the board members explain, the high wages it's necessary to pay to American sailors and the expensive requirements of the La Follette seamen's act make it impossible to operate ships under the Stars and Stripes at a profit, in competition with other countries. That's why a subsidy is necessary—to make up the difference.

Now, for the benefit of islanders who may not know the circumstances, let me say that sailors' high wages and the La Follette seamen's act are

not the only reasons why the shipping board's ships are expensive to operate. The other reason is that nearly all of them were so badly built that they're the world champion hog for fuel and general upkeep. That's something to bear in mind when a subsidy's being talked about.

## In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN

NEW YORK, May 11.—The Pennsylvania station here covers four ordinary city blocks. It has many exits to streets and the subway and to an underground tunnel to Sixth Avenue and Broadway.

This would seem to indicate that such a place would be ideal for the operations of crooks, since thousands of strangers pass through each day. Also great shipments of currency and gold are dispatched and received by train.

But the Pennsylvania station would be about the last place in town that a big robbery could be successfully staged.

In an upper office sits the chief of railroad detectives and police. If an alarm comes to him, all he has to do is to push a button, and in less than three minutes every exit of the immense structure is covered by armed guards.

The casual traveler is little aware of the measures taken to protect him while he is traveling. Railroad police have a system that makes thievery in their domain a mighty precarious occupation. Recently a fur coat was stolen from a woman traveling from Buffalo to New York. Railroad detectives figured that the thief would leave

## A THOUGHT

Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither be one a snother.—Lev. 19:11.

Nothing is really beautiful but truth, and truth alone is lively.—Boileau.

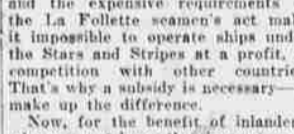
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## Oregon Briefs

The selection of George O. Yoran, of this city, by unanimous choice for colonel of the fourth regiment, O. N. G., is received with considerable satisfaction in Eugene and he is the recipient of many congratulations.

The hum of the lawn mower is heard throughout the land these days.

Attorneys Charles Hardy and W. G. Hale went to Sagarin this afternoon to address the republicans.

James Hemenway is a visitor in Eugene today from Cottage Grove.

J. Davies, the tailor, has let the contract to L. N. Roney to build him a two-story brick building 20 by 100 on his Ninth street lot.

The first issue of the Helix newspaper under the editorship of J. W. Wickshire appeared last Friday. The paper, formerly known as the Advocate, has been changed to the Helix View Point.

Janzer Luper, who fought at Bull Run, Gettysburg, and other major engagements of the Civil war, died last week at his home in McMinnville, aged 93 years. Mr. and Mrs. Luper recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

Apparently in the best of health in the morning, William S. Slough, prominent citizen of Klamath Falls, was dead at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, following a sudden attack of heart trouble.

The recent death of Judge N. L. Butler of Dallas leaves Judge William Ramsey of McMinnville as the only surviving member of the class of 17 admitted to practice law in Oregon in September, 1868.

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If imaginary, but imaginary ills are the hardest to cure.

Don't worry about the future of radio. Every infant has static during its first few years.

You can't be wise in all ways. Even a wisdom tooth has its aches.

Famous detective says women are poor investigators. We say we doubt if he is married.

Can you imagine the surprise of a Boston woman when a jury found her husband perfectly sane?

About 900 tons of sugar burned aboard a freighter, smelling just like a husband was making candy.

Ambulance had a wreck in New York, proving you are not even safe there after you are hurt.

One tells us it is better to be married than lonely.

## Lane dog Licenses Show big Increase

That the action of the Lane county court in taking steps to bring to the attention of dog owners the fact that the law would be invoked if licenses were not taken out is successful, is indicated by the more than 2000 licenses that have been issued at the office of the county clerk for the present year. Last year very little more than 25 per cent of this number were recorded and either the dog population has shown a tremendous increase or else which is the more probable there were many dogs last year who went through the season without the necessary permit. It is pointed out, the fund received from license sales is used to pay claims of sheep killed by dogs. During the past month six claims have been filed by sheep owners.

## A Prisoner of Love

Polly was the daughter of missionaries living in China. Came the revolution. Polly was captured by Chinese bandits and held for ransom. Her terror was indescribable until she learned that the bandits were led by a white man—a young American—one of her own race to whom, she thought, she could turn for help. But she had yet to learn the depths of degradation a white man can sink. The memory of those terrible days will remain with her to her dying day. She has written about it under the title "My Captain in True Story Magazine for June. And this is but one of 18 big features. Get the June True Story today.

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The Corbett-Jeffries fight will be received by rounds tonight, a prize having been made up today. It will come over the Western Union and be displayed at the Manhattan.

One of The Guard proprietors attended the opening of the county pri-