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The Busses and the Trucks.

THE automobile bus and truck people are not making much noise in their campaign for signatures to the petitions for referendum on the bus-truck tax bill, but it is said some of them are telling their friends quietly that they will have enough petitions before the time limit for filing expires late this month. Whether their reported expectations are soundly grounded or not is something that the general public cannot yet know, but paid petition circulators are zealous folks and there are as many people as always who are ready to sign any sort of a petition for any purpose.

Nevertheless, the bus and truck operators will be required in the end to pay a tax commensurate with their heavy use of the highways and sufficient to repair at least a part of the damage that use is causing. No other outcome would be fair or just and none other will satisfy the people generally. The result may be delayed but it cannot be averted permanently.

Automobile Parking.

IN Portland they have just cut the downtown parking limit for automobiles back to 30 minutes again, after an experiment of several months with a limit of one hour. A peculiar thing about automobile parking regulations is that they never stay settled in most cities. Changes are made so frequently that the public has trouble in trying to keep abreast of them.

The motive for the latest change at Portland is given, not as an effort to relieve traffic congestion, but to give more people a chance to park within a given day, by making them make way for each other more quickly than they have been doing lately. Retail merchants have come to believe, it is said, that this will be better for business than the longer period.

It is likely there is something to be said for this view, but there is a good deal to be said for the view that the longer period is desirable, too. A 30-minute parking period does not give sufficient time for the automobilist to transact much business, or do much shopping within a small area. There is less interruption to traffic from having automobiles "move on" only once an hour than when they are compelled to move every 30 minutes. And of course every parking space in the congested district of every city will have one automobile or another in it all day anyway. It would seem that Eugene's present parking arrangement is preferable to Portland's latest one.

Judge Thomas F. Graham, of the superior court in San Francisco, has been reading about "The Flapper Wife," the feature serial story that is sweeping the country and which is being published in The Guard, and he doesn't find anything in the situation to worry about. "The flapper wife is as much a development of the age as the radio and woman's emancipation," sagely concludes the judge, "and she and her progressive sisters have already accomplished much for the advancement of their sex and the future generation." In his court Judge Graham deals with divorce cases. He has the reputation of reconciling more estranged couples than he parts permanently. In his viewpoint as expressed in his interview in The Guard yesterday one gets light on the reason for his success and his reputation. He understands femininity.

The dispatches tell us that David Meriweather Milton, who has become the husband of the charming granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, is a young lawyer with a modest income. It is hoped that by following closely the frugal methods with which all good Americans are imbued since Coolidge became president, the newlyweds will be able to afford meat on their table at least twice a week.

The concerts that the Odd Fellows band gave last summer were enjoyed by thousands of people. A fund has been started to finance another series of these fine concerts for this season. What is needed just now is more contributions to the fund, in order to insure success of the project and insure enjoyment and entertainment for the masses in the warm summer evenings.

Bert Lytell and Claire Windsor, screen stars, have just been married. At the wedding the bridegroom expressed as his understanding of the marriage obligation that it was "to love, honor and be gay." Such a remark at such a time gives a line on the mental attitude that unmakes marriages so often in filmdom.

Bert E. Haney as a member of the United States shipping board is a credit to Oregon, his native state. It is a source of satisfaction to Oregonians that the president has decided to re-appoint him and that he has decided to accept.

If Henry Ford is willing to pay money for a fleet of government ships that are rusting themselves away in the boneyards, whatever he pays will be that much gained by the government. Why not let him have them?

The recently improved stretch of road between Cottage Grove and Lorane has become rutted and ridged at several places already, and bears eloquent testimony to the damage resulting from overloads.

Add to Hollywood society notes: Mr. Fatty Arbuckle and Miss Doris Deane have announced another wedding day.

Looks like the weather has settled. From now to September 15 next the straw hat will be the thing.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The Dennis Resolution (Corvallis Gazette-Times)
The Oregon Journal is making no friends for itself among thinking people with the kind of fight it is making on the Dennis resolution. All the Dennis resolution does is to submit a

business and professional men on the same basis. The only "sunk" bill passed was the discriminating income tax measure which the Journal supported. That was a real "sunk" bill because it was defeated especially with that end in view. It was not intended to be fair or equitable and was passed on the theory that the majority could sink the minority and they had no recourse. If the Journal will father or mother a flat income tax bill, with equitable offset clauses, this paper will be for it. So will a lot of other papers that were opposed to the one-sided, unjust and unfair measure that the people recently defeated.

As an example of the Journal's unfairness, it cites representative Claude Buchanan of this county as betraying his constituents by voting for the Dennis resolution. Mr. Buchanan did nothing of the kind. He not only favors an income tax bill, but in lieu of something better even favored the majority that was defeated last fall by popular vote. All that Mr. Buchanan did was to vote to let the people vote on the Dennis resolution. We have never talked to him about it, but we have an idea that his sense of humor is sufficiently aroused to realize that the Dennis resolution is a joke in this state and has about as much chance of passing as the famous margarine mouse that was chased through hell by the asbestos cat.

The Journal has repudiated all its past "principles." If we charitably admit that they were principles instead of opportunisms, if you get the distinction. It has been most kind of all the professional advocates of "letting the people rule," through the initiative and referendum. Now there is being given the people a chance to rule and the Journal thinks it is an outrage.

When was the Journal sincere, then or now?

This Shows Sophistication

An author of syndicated articles, writing in defense of woman's new-found freedom, says that women have found a new moral code that means more common sense, a code that prepares them to become better mothers of better children. The writer is correct. Doing away with clothes that compressed the form and swept the germs from the streets is to be highly commended, as is also the greater amount of physical exercise and the greater amount of outdoor life enjoyed by the feminine. These things do prepare women to become better mothers of better children, but the writer neglects to state why, with this better preparation, the increase in disinclination to become mothers of any kind.

Criticism and the Regents

The regents of the state university are entrusted with exacting responsibilities. The management of an institution supported by general taxation and disbursing hundreds of thousands of dollars a year through its various avenues of expenses is a big undertaking. Through the administrative officers whom they employ they are required to decide policies and acts financial, administrative and professional. To perform their duties requires sound judgment, keen discrimination and executive courage and action.

The university regents are men of mature years, high character, and have all held positions of trust, and are, from these facts, presumably able to discharge their duties toward the university, including officers and even faculty intelligence and with the best interests of the institution and individuals in mind.

The public is entitled to information on the acts of its servants and the board of regents are also entitled to the respect and confirmation of their acts to which their position entitles them. They should not be subject to student demands. The students, in case of real or fancied wrongs, have recourse to the board through the proper channels which are available in the persons of faculty advisers and student body and faculty representatives. The board should be receptive to these efforts of both students and faculty to be heard.

In Lighter Vein

Those Thrifty Scots.

(London Tit-Bits)
A Scotsman went to the grocer's for some eggs.
"How much are those eggs?" he asked.
"Twopence halfpenny each," answered the boy; "a penny the cracked ones."
"Crack me a dozen," said the Scotsman.

On The Surface.

(Epworth Herald)
Jones—How your wife had an accident with the car.
Smith—Oh, it was not serious.
Jones—Anything damaged?
Smith—Oh, no; just a little paint scratched off both.

Protecting Him.

(Buen Humor, Madrid)
"Say, waiter, you have made my bill out as 14 pesetas. It only comes to thirteen."
"Well, sir, I thought you might be superstitious!"

Not a Centipede.

(Vikingen, Christiania)
Petersen had his foot run over by a motorist and he claims 50,000 kroner as compensation.
"But," says the motorist, "I am no millionaire!"
"No," replies Petersen, "and I am no centipede!"

The Tiff.

(Pearson's Weekly, London)
Slimkins and his young wife had just completed their first quarrel.
"I wish I were dead," she sobbed.
"I wish I was, too," he burst out.
"Then I don't wish I was," and the war continued.

Roses in Bloom.

ANLAUF, Douglas County, Ore., May 13.—(To the Editor)—In your Monday's issue I notice a lady claims to have the first rose in bloom—a slight mistake.

The Elkhoru auto park has had roses in bloom for over two weeks. The bushes are the finest with buds. They were covered in December with heaps of dried leaves and only a few of the longest shoots froze. This park is in a canyon, 32 miles south of Eugene, one of Oregon's beauty spots. C. B. MANWELL.

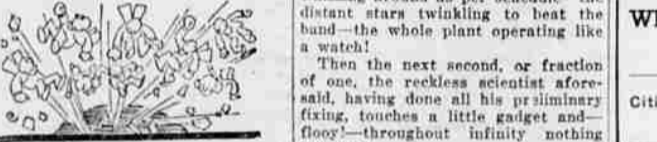
The Cat With Unlimited Lives



WHAT IF THEY RELEASE ATOMS?

Somebody, Predicts Stewart, May Blow Our Whole Universe Sky-High Some Day

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer)
WASHINGTON, May 15.—What are the chances that some reckless scientist will press a button or pull a lever one of these days and blow the whole universe sky high? Atoms are supposed to be energy. Something like a teaspoonful of this



stuff, released, would furnish power enough, according to the scientists, to drive the Leviathan across the Atlantic. Only it's hard to release.

However, experimenters are trying to do it all the time. Inasmuch as an atom is infinitely too small to see with the highest power microscope, it's difficult to tell how far they've succeeded, but two or three scientists believe they have chewed a very limited number of atoms all up—"disintegrated" them, as they say.

Obviously the sudden, uncontrolled release of the energy contained in any considerable quantity of atoms, if they're as powerful as scientists assert, would stir things up to a marked extent.

Bottled and let out homeopathically, to drive the Leviathan from New York to Liverpool, it would be all right. But simply released unconditionally and allowed to fly all over—my! In fact, they speak at the government bureau of standards of the "explosion" of atoms.

If a teaspoonful would kick the 55,000-ton steamship Leviathan 3000 miles, what would a quart or a gallon or a barrelful do!

Besides, there's a theory that the "explosion" of only one atom, under proper—or maybe it would be more appropriate to say improper—conditions, might set off all the rest—the entire universe of them—just as the explosion of one grain of powder in a kegful explodes all the other grains, too.

Indeed, there's scientific authority for the surmise that such a stunt

Oregon Briefs

JUNE 22 to July 24 have been fixed as the dates for the sixth annual session of the Pendleton normal school.

The postoffice department has just announced the appointment of George L. Howard of Jacksonville as postmaster at Diamond Lake.

A special election last week to authorize the Hillsboro school board to issue warrants in the sum of \$15,000 for a new grade school building resulted favorably, 55 to 11.

Mrs. Addie Thrasher died last week at her home in Falls City after a brief illness. She was born near Airlie 67 years ago and had resided in that vicinity all her life.

The new city wharf and warehouse just completed at North Bond were appropriately dedicated Sunday to the service of the people. Mayor Kelser was in charge of the ceremonies.

A strange malady resembling scabies rheimatism is epidemic in Rainier. Many citizens are suffering with the disease and doctors seem unable to diagnose it.

George M. Grimby is under arrest at Baker on charges of highway robbery in connection with a holdup by two men in Spokane, last September of State Senator W. J. Sutton. Grimby formerly worked for Senator Sutton.

The Clover Creek Copper company and the Goose Creek Copper company, both of Baker county and each capitalized at \$1,000,000, filed articles of incorporation last week with the secretary of state at Salem.

De. W. S. Moorehouse of Salem has been employed to have charge of

knows what he is voting. Every vote, in that sense, is an intelligent vote. How many intelligent votes are cast at an American election? As to most of the ticket—exactly none! Examine yourself. Did you ever vote at an election at which you knew anything about most of the candidates, or had any personal judgment on them?
The writer once challenged the faculty of Stanford University to produce one of their number who had cast an intelligent vote on state treasurer. No one responded. No wonder our people refuse to vote a ballot which none of them can vote intelligently.

Tom Sims Says—

WARM enough now to use your vest to patch your trousers.

We predict a hot summer. We always do. It always is.

Dodge the moonlight or your spring suit may be one for alimony.

When warm weather meets a lazy disposition they go away and sit down and chuckle together.

Spring has hit Anniston, Ala., full force. Man there broke his leg jumping off a barn.

Gardens are good examples. If you make anything out of them you have to get out and dig.

Snooring is dangerous. It lets burglars know you are asleep.

Most successful men are too busy to think up any secrets of success.

Tipping over the salt or making fun of your wife's spring bonnet are signs of a fuss.

It is easy to find fault. But there isn't any reward.

the pageant that I witnessed on the streets of Eugene last Saturday, stands unrivalled by any that I have ever seen, and I have seen many in the past 50 years, and in various sections of the country. The participants deserve much praise for their faithful exposition. How pathetically suggestive was the covered wagon drawn by a large mule and a small cow. The man with the wheelbarrow, the cows as pack animals and many, many other features that were splendid.

Who Runs University? is Question Asked

Citizen and Taxpayer is Cautious in Comment

EUGENE, Ore., May 14.—(To the Editor)—Who is running the University, the student body, the faculty, or the regents? Some time ago, the faculty passed a resolution dividing the session into two terms. Soon thereafter, the student body called a meeting, expressed disapproval and demanded rescission of that resolution. The faculty meekly submitted and rescinded that resolution.

Who is running the University? Is a cross, pin-feathered, sophomoric student "editor" of the Emerald competent to criticize the action of the board of regents and dictate to it and demand that Fergus Reddie be maintained. Who is running the University?

R. S. THOMPSON, Citizen and Taxpayer.

It is The Guard's understanding that the board of regents is running the university, and that the board's decisions are executed through the university administration. Both faculty and student body, upon occasion, may make representations on questions in which they are concerned—the faculty to the regents and the student body to the faculty, but we do not think there is evidence that either student body or faculty is "running the university" in the sense that Mr. Thompson's communication would implicate, at least to the student body.

The rescission of the divided term resolution was made by the faculty upon petition of the students. With Mr. Thompson's evident opinion that the board of regents ought to "run the university" The Guard is in complete accord, but it thinks that board is doing just that, while apparently Mr. Thompson believes there has been interference with the process.

The student editor of the Emerald is not cross. He is not sophomoric. He may be "pin-feathered," but it is not unlawful to be young. He has seemed to this newspaper that the Emerald, under its present administration, has kept its utterances for the most part well balanced and its feet well on the ground.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL

ONE thing the Germans did. Eighty per cent of them voted, as against 50 per cent of ours, after an almost evangelical revival campaign to "get out the vote."

And yet we are traditionally the most politically minded people in the world, and the Germans, of enlightened nations, the least so. What made the difference?

Doubtless many things. But certainly one was the short ballot. Under the German system, the voter knows what he is voting. He votes, once in seven years, for president, and, at that election, for nothing else.

At shorter intervals, he votes for members of the Reichstag. In state and local governments, the corresponding offices, and so others, are elected. When the voter votes, he

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