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Frothings Will Not Help.

NOBODY in Eugene is attempting excuses for the Eugene effort to bring about location of the Southern Pacific company's division shops and terminal here. It is not, in the Eugene viewpoint, an effort that needs excuse. There has been, by those who initiated the effort and who have carried it thus far, a frank and open statement of what has been done, why it has been done and how. For opponents of the project in Springfield or elsewhere to pretend that the effort does not represent the views and the desires of this business community is puerile. At a largely attended meeting of the members of the Eugene chamber of commerce there was unanimous indorsement of what has been done thus far and of what it is proposed to do further in the matter.

There is effort to pretend that Eugene has incurred the "wrath of the Willamette valley" by the project. There is the statement that "the state press condemns" the Eugene action. It is just pretense. Three critical comments are cited in support of the pretense as to the press; two by Salem papers and one by an Albany paper. Neither the motive nor the animus of these is obscure to those who have followed recent comparative developments in Willamette valley cities. Eugene is growing pretty fast and the papers of its neighbor cities are not unmindful of the statistics. Thus far there has been no criticism by a newspaper published in any wholly disinterested city. But if any do develop they will signify nothing important. The issue is between Eugene and Springfield. They, with the Southern Pacific company, are the sole parties at interest. One Salem newspaper began with the charge that real estate speculation in land contiguous to the Eugene project by individuals furthering the effort, was the impelling motive. Everybody who knows anything about the matter knows that charge is completely false. Even the originator of the libel abandoned it in a subsequent article.

This newspaper has said and it now repeats that in its opinion Eugene is within its legal and moral rights in this contest. So is Springfield. Neither will gain anything for itself by descending to false accusations and revilings. Frothings will not help.

A Coming Tax Conference.

THE western states taxpayers' conference has been called to meet in Portland August 25-26 next. The prospect, according to a circular letter sent out by the president, Paul B. McKee, of Medford, is for a large attendance. The conference includes twelve states west of the Rocky mountains. Each state organization conducts its own study of taxation and administration problems during the year. Then the general convention is held for an interchange of ideas and action.

The declared purpose of the conference is to encourage co-operation among the western states in the furtherance of their mutual efforts to establish the greatest possible economy consistent with efficiency in the expenditure of public money. That is a worthy and highly laudable purpose. Its pursuit by an organization of scope so widespread ought to produce something in the way of results beneficial to the taxpayer. Maybe it will.

The plan of the treasury department to appoint an enforcement officer, two assistants, a chemist and a lawyer for each of 22 new enforcement districts to be created over the country, apparently bears out the recent unofficial gossip from Washington to the effect that the administration recognized that federal prohibition was not proving as effective as it ought to be doing. Prohibition enforcement has proved to be a herculean job, and it is evident the federal government intends to attack it on that basis.

The Prince of Wales ushered in his thirty-first birthday anniversary dancing and kept it up the rest of the night. The momentous news comes to us by Associated Press cablegram from Johannesburg, South Africa, which is the present fleeting scene of the prince's skylarking activities. The prince's royal grandfather never did get past the skylarking age, although he lived to be quite an old man. It begins to look as if the present prince, skylarking at 31, may emulate him.

Fire starting at 2 A. M. completely destroyed the plant of the Prineville Central Oregonian. By breakfast time its editor, R. H. Jones, had completed his arrangements and announced that his paper would be issued on Thursday, the regular weekly publication day, as usual. That is action.

The two-day-old mule colt of Pilot Rock, swept four miles down a canyon by cloudburst and returned unharmed to its mother the next day, will have something to haw about to its little grand-nieces and grand-nephews at story-telling hour in the years to come.

Thirty-six Eugene students at the University of Oregon received honor grades in the latest reports issued. It's in the atmosphere.

With retirement by the president to the seabeach at Swampscott, Mass., the vacation season in America may be said to be fairly on.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

(New York World)
BY SOLEMN referendum of the voters, corned beef and cabbage has been declared the most popular dish on the menus of New York. The plurality was 4152, and before such an overwhelming popular verdict one can but bow in acquiescence. "Vox populi Del!" But in the flush of victory corned beef and cabbage should not forget that certain sacred obligations go with the high honor that has been conferred upon it. Let it always keep itself wholesome and pleasing to the teeth. Let it always see that the cabbage is green and of ingratiating succulence. Let it resist any impulse to be made of scraps and let it keep itself free from gristle. Above all, let it always be well cooked. If there is an abomination of abominations it is half-cooked beef. Providing it keeps these precepts in mind, there is no reason why it should not long enjoy the highest popularity which it

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lies in the power of New York to confer.

Religion and Business.

(Christian Science Monitor)
A magazine devoted to the American lumber industry would not, on the surface, be a channel which one would expect to see utilized as a purveyor of religious sentiments. Hence, if it were not for the fact that religion, or perhaps one ought rather to say morality, is coming more and more to be recognized as a really necessary ingredient of business properly conducted, the presence of an article entitled "Mixing Religion With Business" in the American Lumberman might arouse surprise. Service to one's fellowman is a cornerstone alike of religion and of business," this article reads in part. And it refers in passing to the recent formation of an organization in Kansas City, Mo., styled the Christian Business Men's federation, "the primary aim of which as set forth in its declaration of principles, is 'to aid men in searching out and applying the laws of God in all commercial relations.' Such indications are in the highest degree promising. As the article in question says in conclusion: "After all, the direction in which we are traveling, and the fact of progress, are of greater importance than the rate of progress."

Highway Signs.

(Herald Bulletin)
The state highway department is forehanded. Already it has had the various highway signs lowered to meet the new conditions which will be brought about by the change in head-lights which will be made in August. On the city streets, however, it seems to a good many that a mistake has been made. There is a sufficient light on the corners where these signs are to make the lower signs unnecessary and, at the height they are, the signs are dangerous to children.

Highway Markings.

(The Dallas Chronicle)
The state highway department has eliminated one of the main causes of auto accidents by painting lines in the center of the pavement on curves between here and Portland. Motorists must stay within the space allotted by the lines. When this is done it is virtually impossible for two cars to crash on a turn. The highway markings also serve as a constant reminder that one must stay on one's own side of the road. Before the pavement was painted there was the constant temptation to "cut corners," especially when one was in a hurry to get somewhere. Also it was not uncommon to see drivers pass other cars on the turns. Many an accident resulted from this practice. The state highway department is doing everything in its power to make Oregon roads safe for careful motorists. If automobile owners would only respond by exercising but a moderate amount of caution there would be no more of the roadside tragedies which almost weekly occur.

A Very Great Need.

(West Palm Beach Post)
One thing the world needs is an amplifier for the still, small voice.

A Southern View.

(Columbia States)
"He washes the city's linen," says The New York World of one of the burbling officials of Manhattan. From what we have read of that "linen" we had come to the conclusion that it never is washed.

Human Enterprise.

(New Orleans Times-Picayune)
Certain manufacturers boast that they can put a car together in seven minutes. That's nothing. A fool driver and a tree can take one apart in two seconds.

A Likable Girl.

(Litchfield Globe)
Everybody likes a certain young woman of Litchfield. She's homely, she knows she's homely, and she doesn't worry about it.

A THOUGHT

Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart; so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.—Prov. 27:9.
Good counsel observed are claims of grace.—Thomas Fuller.

RAILROAD FAILURE HELD MYSTERY

Congress to Try to Find Out What Really Happened to St. Paul Railroad

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer)
WASHINGTON, June 24.—Mystery in the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad failure? A good many public men think so. "No mystery at all," says B. F. Yoakum, dean of the country's big transportation men. "The St. Paul road," he continued, "grew great and rich with the growth of the great, rich, agricultural middle northwest. But its territory was limited. "Finally a time came when the management realized it must expand, build to the Pacific. Otherwise it inevitably was going to be swallowed up by other powerful roads which were readier to do so." "In the light of what now is past history," said the veteran railroad man, "we can see that it would have been better if the St. Paul hadn't done this, but it was impossible to tell in advance what was about to happen. The extension, of course, was expensive. "To meet its cost it was necessary for the road to have a thriving traffic over its new line. And just at this juncture, its prosperity props were knocked from under the farmer."

"The answer to the puzzle is perfectly plain. It is, as Operating Receiver H. E. Byrum concisely and accurately puts it, 'Depressed agriculture.' "He adds, 'On western railroads agricultural products form a much larger proportion of the total tonnage than on roads serving other sections of the country.' "Railroad and farm prosperity are interdependent. Improvement of either means improvement of the other. A decrease in the farmer's purchasing power means reduced incomes to the railroads. "Railroad managers appreciate the vast difference between the farmer's power to buy only the scant supplies of what he must have and his ability to buy all he ought to have. To railroads it means the difference between big steady earnings and much reduced earnings—the difference between prosperity and hard times."

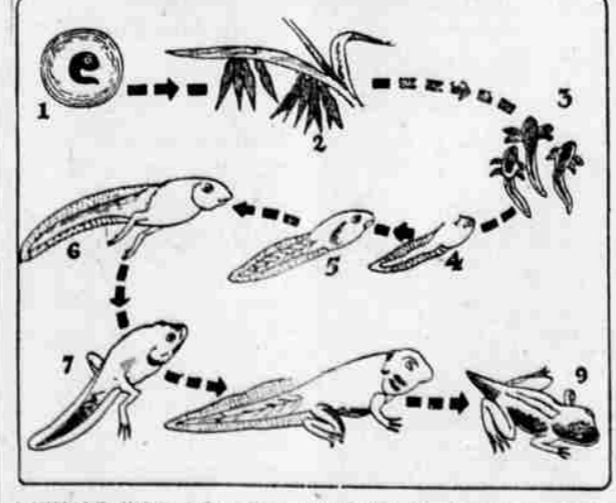
In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN
NEW YORK, June 24.—See-sawing up and down Broadway I saw Fred O'Brien, the tale weaver, far, far from the South seas, and in the midst of one of our very best heat waves he remarked that he was homesick for a really warm day in the tropics. . . . Saw Benny Leonard, the boy who quit boxing because his mother wanted him to, and a mean hoof he was shaking in a Charleston in the cellar cabaret called "The Everglades." . . . Saw Stuart Sherman. In bulk and brawn he appears more like a wrestler than the mountain of erudition he is and from which springs such erudite book criticism. I am told that since he came from Illinois he has learned to play poker.

EVOLUTION

THE FROG'S HISTORY

By Percy W. Cobb, B. S., M. D.



ANIMALS living today furnish evidence, in the course of their lives, of the slow changes that have taken place in the millions of years. The life history of the frog is a well-known example. The development of the individual form of this amphibian points clearly to evolution from a single cell, like Amoeba, through the many-celled spinelless animals of the seas and the Jackboned fishes, to the amphibians of today. The egg is a single cell. From it hatches the many-celled larva with its external gills, soon replaced by internal ones, and the larva becomes a water-breathing, legless, swimming tadpole. Later, the hind legs begin to grow out, then the fore legs, and the tail soon shortens up and disappears as the young frog begins to live upon land, an air-breathing animal. Thus in a few weeks of his life, the frog repeats the development of earlier life extending over millions of years.

with Don Marquis and other members of "The Inside Straight Club" Saw Sinclair Lewis, proprietor of George F. Babbit, and methinks his hair growth redder and redder each year. Say Clarence Darrow, the noted barrister, abroad in our streets and he do have a nervous habit of snapping his suspenders and yanking up his trousers as he talks. Saw Samson Raphaelson, whose name you will know next fall when his first play is produced and he tells me the worry over its acceptance by the public is greater than over its probable boxoffice success. Saw Art Young, the cartoonist, and he seems to me to be the youngest old man in all the town, exer having fresh enthusiasms and his eye and hand always open to the promising youngster. Saw Peter B. Kyne, back from Europe, and his sister was visiting from California and neither knew the which of the other. Saw Fay Templeton, back on the old street after all these years and radiantly happy because an audience had given her a fine welcome. Say Godfrey Luglow, the Australian violinist who plays over the air on Sunday evenings, I do like his fiddling better than that of any other fiddler except the incomparable Fritz Kreisler.

He is first cellist in one of the town's foremost theaters. He has studied in Europe and is a finished musician. He has the background, talent and training to be a great concert performer or a high class teacher of music. But he hasn't nerve enough to break away from his salaried position. And his salary, although comfortable, doesn't permit enough savings to bring independence. He is past 50 now and it is doubtful if his genius ever flowers.

At Plum Island is Sheephead Bay is the world's shortest ferry. From low tide the island is only two rowboat lengths from the mainland, but the ferryman gets five cents from each passenger.

A press agent dug up an old moth-eaten joke this week and tacked it on one of his clients, issuing the joke to the local papers. Since then I have heard the joke a dozen times and each one who told it suggested that it would make a good item for this column since it was Broadway's latest gag. And here it is:

A certain actor went into a restaurant and asked for coffee without cream. The waiter answered, "Sorry, Boss, we ain't got no cream, so you'll have to take your coffee without milk."

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard June 24, 1900)
THE circuit court commenced this morning at 9 o'clock, presided Judge Hamilton, of Berkeley. Prosecuting Attorney Brown of Roseburg; Sheriff Withers, and Clerk Lee.

J. M. Martin the owner of the brick yard west of this city informs us that he has completed the kiln of 100,000 brick and has 100,000 yard more molded on the yard.

One of the delivery wagons took a spin this afternoon. The wagon turned over on the horses at the T. G. Hendricks residence. Dunc Scott and R. Seal liberated the equines. The wagon was injured to the extent of a few dollars. The horses are about as good as ever.

A carload of excelsior was shipped out of town today.

The Eugene Shakespeare club will entertain for Prof. Luella Carson this evening at the Potter-Washburne residence on Willamette street.

J. E. Young and J. S. Medley are visiting in town from Cottage Grove.

Professor Washburn went to Portland today to address the State Medical society.

J. W. Shumate the Waltherville postmaster and merchant, is in Eugene for today.

Tom Sims Says—

ONE thing about bathing suits is you no longer have to take a girl at face value. Silence is usually mistaken for sense. Every man has a lame excuse for getting his leg pulled. One way of getting what you want is by wanting nothing. The value of a hug depends upon the law of supply and demand. Some women are so foolish they should have been men. Work was invented by people who were too nervous to sit still. A popular person is one who enjoys being bored. An Arctic explorer would be safer if he would wait and go with his relief party. Opportunity doesn't knock. It booms. A cynic is one who got mad and quit playing. The practical man puts two and two together and gets four. The dreamer gets 22. What is so rare as a swim in June? These are the days when you can't tell if it is a sawmill or a mosquito.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL
ARCHAEOLOGY makes history a news. So when workmen excavating Sherborne Abbey dug up the stone coffin of Aethelbert, king of the West Saxons, who had lain in merciful oblivion for over a thousand years, doubtless many newspaper readers had at least a momentary curiosity aroused as to who this Aethelbert was. There is not much to tell. The five brief years of his reign, from 833 to 865, were among the least glorious of British history. It was the time of the Viking raids, one of which the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle describes in what was then the English language: "Und thres lican wintres waes In-

waeres brothur ond Healfdene on Westseaxum on Defenascire mid xliii seapum; ond hine nom thær oflog ond doce monna mid him, ond xi monna his heres." Already in the time of Aethelbert's grandfather Egbert, and of his father Aethelwulf, the Norse raiders came, and during the fifteen years of the reigns of himself and his two brothers they overrun the northern country and harried even Wessex. Not until the time of his younger brother, Alfred the Great, was peace made with them, and with it the foundations of what became the Kingdom of England. It was a sorry reign, of which now, a thousand years later, we are reminded by the digging up of a coffin.

In Lighter Vein

Loud Speaker. (Radio Magazine)
Not all the absent-mindedness is confined to college professors. Take the case of Jimmy Wilkinson, for instance. The other day, on the ball lot, some one asked him what he got for Easter. "Cincinnati, Chicago, Denver and local stations," answered Jimmy.

Figures Are Correct. (Philadelphia Sun)
The teacher asked the class to write down 11 Antarctic animals. Jimmy Jones quickly wrote down his answer and took his slate to the teacher's desk. This was what she read: "Six seals, four polar bears and one walrus."

One Logical Woman. (Boston Transcript)
Saleslady—That hat makes you look ten years younger. Customer—Then it won't do. When I took it off I should look ten years older.

Answer This. (Vikingen, Oslo)
Jacob—Does my birthday come on Monday this year? Mother—Yes, dear. Jacob—And last year on Sunday? Mother—Yes, dear. Jacob—Umph! On how many days in the week have I been born?

Real Bribery. (World's Pictorial News)
She insisted hotly that, economy or no economy, a new frock she must have, and her equal warmth, declined to produce the cash. "I'll never speak to you again!" she screamed angrily. "How like a woman!" he sighed. "When everything else falls you try bribery!"

Financial Diagnosis. (Buen Humor, Madrid)
"Did you ever make a wrong diagnosis, doctor?" "Only once. I diagnosed a simple indigestion and found out afterward that the patient was rich enough to have had appendicitis."

Safety First. (Dayton News)
When a man is sure he has the right of way that is a good time to stop, look and listen.

The Best Installment Plan. (Boston Globe)
One of the best things to buy on the installment plan is an account at a savings bank.

SCHROFFS LEAVE FOR CARMEL
Professor and Mrs. Alfred H. Schreff leave tomorrow morning by motor for their summer home at Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, to spend the summer months. They will be accompanied by Lester F. Chaffee, of America, North Dakota, who will join his mother in San Francisco.

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