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IS IT TIME TO CHANGE?

The people of Eugene are voting today on a refunding bond issue whose purpose is to take up warrants issued in excess of the city's income. It may be only a coincidence that some 15 years ago we were doing identically the same thing, under almost identical circumstances. But we think there is more to it than mere coincidence—that is the definite working out of cause and effect.

Back in 1910 this city was experiencing a period of growth somewhat similar to that of the present time. There was large expansion of municipal activities. Much paving was being done, and new sewers and sidewalks were being laid. In addition, the city was then building a municipal power plant. All of this involved a great deal of detail, and apparently much confusion resulted. At any rate, expenditures were permitted to outrun income and a large warrant debt was piled up.

There ensued then, beginning about 1913, a period of stabilization and repose. During this period, we caught up the loose ends and watched all the corners. It is to be doubted whether, during this time, there was a better governed city in America than Eugene.

But again a change occurred. Beginning about 1920, a new era of growth and expansion got under way. Once more municipal activities became extensive. There was much new pavement to be laid. New sewers were required. The city has been growing rapidly ever since, and quite naturally the business of governing it has become complex, taking much time and thought on the part of those entrusted with the task of city government. Oddly enough—oddly, that is, unless one accepts the theory of cause and effect—the same conditions developed that were present back in 1910. There has been confusion, and out of this confusion has come again a large warrant debt due to overspending on its income. More careful financial methods would have avoided this situation.

From the facts here recited, we deduce the theory that Eugene's form of government—known commonly as councilmanic—is admirably adapted to cities that are standing still, or growing very slowly, but is not so well adapted to those which are expanding swiftly. This is natural enough. Many are willing and able to give a reasonable amount of their time to the public for nothing, but when steadily increasing demands are made upon them it becomes necessary for them to choose between neglecting the public's business or their own business. Since we must all live, the choice that ensues is inevitable.

To be more definite, it is this writer's belief that the time is at hand when the people of this city can with profit devote some thought to the idea of changing their form of government. The old councilmanic form has served well enough in the past, with the exception noted, but the municipal affairs of Eugene are becoming so complex and so exacting that it is going to be increasingly hard in the future to get men to devote the necessary time to them. Because of this fact, which is fundamental, some of the various forms of commission government are worth thoughtful study.

Still another Republican has decided that Stanfield can't make the grade.

THE DIFFERENCE

Judge William N. Gatens, of Portland, declines to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for senator on a wet platform. He leaves no doubt in anyone's mind that he thinks prohibition "is a scandal and becoming more scandalous all the time, but he says prohibition is not a party question and therefore he doesn't think he ought to commit the Democratic party to it.

Maybe it isn't a party question—yet. It may be also that it never will be a party question. But back in the far East, where prohibition is commonly conceded to be "anathema to an element of the voters believed to be large enough to constitute a majority, a considerable number of political persons are seriously committing the Democratic party to opposition to it if they can. They would be deeply insulted if told that they are not Democrats.

We may be wrong, but we think we perceive the difference. Judge Gatens, estimating the probable reactions of Oregon Democrats to a frankly wet platform, feels that he can't in justice to his fellows commit the party to what in Oregon would surely be a losing issue. The eastern faithful, also considering the probable reactions of the voters nearest to them and therefore most easily studied, think they would be doing the Democracy a favor by committing it to opposition to prohibition. Both are following the first rule of politics, which is "pick a winner."

ANOTHER PRINCE COMES

There's a real prince in this country again, girls. Now listen, and stop crowding. He is Prince Paul of Greece, heir to the Greek throne and cousin of the Prince of Wales. That will commend him sufficiently to our militant democracy. He seems at first sight to be a very proper piece of royalty, too, even if his dynastic star is in eclipse. Ungrateful Greece has kicked out her kings, and is in a republican mood. But let us say no more about that. In this democratic land, a prince is a prince, and if he is temporarily denied his royal honors, that makes him all the more interesting. He can be wistful; and nothing becomes a romantic prince more that wistfulness.

Well, as we were saying, the young man seems proper enough. His first word, when he walked down the gang-plank in Boston—right where our forefathers defied a king with that patriotic tea business, you know—was "charming!" He meant America. And he followed up that bon-mot right off the bat with, "Yes, the American girls are beautiful and very interesting." We almost forgot to say that he's good-looking, single and 24.

So get ready, girls. He's going to spend several months touring the country in a motor car, and expects to visit nearly all our cities. As for the men—now do keep back and give the girls a chance.

If there is such a thing as poetic justice, the author of Oregon's complicated title registration law ought to have to spend six months unwinding red tape in order to get his 1926 automobile license.

Apple trees are blossoming up at The Dalles. There are optimists, it seems, in the vegetable kingdom as well.

Early Days In Eugene

(From the Morning Register, December 15, 1905.) The mayor and members of the council yesterday spent most of the day in Hendricks park to determine the location of walks, roadways and boulevards.

J. Paul Jones, traveling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Garner of Waterville has sold his timber to J. W. Shumate for \$6000.

A representative of the Spaulding Logging Company is on the McKenzie looking for timber.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Truesdale, December 5, 1906, a daughter.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. will hold a cooked food sale in Schwarzschild's book store.

Chris Leichtl has purchased the Russell shoemaking and repair outfit that was used in the frame building back of the Mtaolock block and has moved the outfit to his own shop next to Scottert and Dodge's grocery store.

Daily Lesson In English

By W. L. Gordon

Words Often Misused: Don't say "the army retreated back to the forest." Omit "back."

Children Sleep Best in a Dark Room

A Light Is Irritating and Should Not Be Permitted in the Sleeping Place, Which Should Be Quiet.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M.D. (United States Senator from New York) Former Commissioner of Health New York City

It is a common thing for somebody to write me for an opinion as to the good or bad effects of having a light in the sleeping place. I have answered many such questions, and I have always found that the child who sleeps in a dark room is a healthy child, and that the child who sleeps in a lighted room is a nervous child.

These senses we get our stimulation to action. The nervous system operates because of these stimuli. No mother would sit up all night, tucking the bottoms of her child's feet with a chicken feather. The board of health would cause your street to be cleaned up, if you poured a drum and blew the horn the whole of every night. You would consider it an insane act if your neighbor were to keep screeching in the daylight, and you would get a complaint if you were to do so.

Close your eyes gently, just as you do in sleep. Turn your head about in the daylight, you can locate the window and open out the side door. At night you can easily tell exactly where the light is shining through your closed eyelids. Even though there is sleep, the optic nerve is under constant stimulation if there is a light in the room. So long as there is stimulation of the seeing part of the eye, there are disturbing impulses going to the brain.

Just as you can get used to sleeping on a moving train or in a vile smelling slaughter house, you can get used to sleeping in a lighted room. But sleep under such conditions does not begin to be as restful as sleep in a dark room. It is particularly true of nervous and irritable children, that the sleeping quarters should be chosen with reference to constant stimulation. It is likewise true of all persons, young or old, that the sleep will be more refreshing and the health will be promoted by having a dark, quiet, well-ventilated sleeping room. In this way, vigor, efficiency and length of days will be increased.

Answers to Health Queries

MRS. F. H. Y. Q.—How can one reduce? Answer—Weight reduction is chiefly a matter of self-control as regards diet. For full particulars send a self-addressed envelope and repeat your question.

M. H. Q.—What would you suggest for a painful bunion? Answer—Wearing a broad-toed shoe should give relief. In some instances a pad of cotton between the great toe and the second toe, to keep the great toe straight, will prove helpful. Where the trouble is of long standing and very painful, surgery may be necessary.

Briefs of Oregon Life

Advertising of scenic central Oregon, from the northern to the southern limit, and east of the Cascades will be done in a cooperative manner by the secretaries of the Bend, The Dalles and Klamath Falls commercial clubs. This decision was made at a conference of the three secretaries following the Seattle meeting of the western division of the United States chamber of commerce.

Speculation has been rife here regarding a peculiar rock which was unearthed recently at the O. Felgum place near Sweet Home. The rock, now on exhibition at the Felgum home, is about 20 inches in circumference, and has a flat surface on one side. On this surface is inscribed some characters which appear like a hieroglyphic, which it is believed may have been carved by an ancient race.

The Women's Convalescent home building, recently acquired at No. 115 East 74th street, Portland, will be formally dedicated at 3 o'clock next Friday afternoon by the Rev. Oswald Taylor. Visitors will be received at the home from 10 to 12 o'clock.

MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN

A Cereal Substitute One Mother Says: Scraps of bread toasted in the oven until very brown and crisp, and then rolled into crumbs with hot rolling pin, make a nutritious fast food. With hot milk to pour over it and butter to melt in it, the small child will have a complete meal, with or without sugar and raisins.



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Let Us Urge that You Do Your Holiday Shopping Now!

Waiting until a few days before Christmas to make your selections of gifts is liable to be attended with disappointment. Stocks are then reduced and choice is limited. Right now our collection of goods for gift purposes is complete and interesting. And this is the time to enjoy the greatest satisfaction from the pleasures of Christmas buying.

Men's Bathrobes Good assortment of patterns priced at \$3.69 to \$14.75

Men's House Slippers Felts at \$1.25 to \$2.49 Leather at \$2.25 to \$2.98

Lumberjacks for Men and Boys Men's at \$4.49 to \$5.90 Boys, at \$2.98 to \$4.98

Quality Sox New Fancies If you want big values here it is. All colors in newest plaids and cross-bar effects, pair 49c and 69c

Raincoats for Women and Children In all colors and sizes. Ladies' at \$3.98 to \$5.50 Children's at \$2.98

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Muffler Season Every man wants one it seems. Wool plaids or fiber silk cut wide with long fringe. \$1.49

Leather Vests for Men Genuine horsehide, black or tan. \$12.50 to \$16.50

Stationery Makes useful gifts, per box—19c to \$3.98

Bottle Perfumes Ladies' Bathrobes Corduroy velvet lined and unlined, priced at \$2.98 to \$9.90

Ladies' Sweaters Slipons with turtle necks, blazer and coat styles at \$2.98 to \$7.90

Blankets Time to buy blankets. Splendid economies in this store. We have a goodly assortment of cotton and wool mixed and all wool blankets, priced at \$1.98 to \$9.90

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Silk Underwear Step-ins, vests, knickers, envelopes, gowns. \$1.49 to \$5.90

New Shipment of English Broadcloth Blouses for Ladies at \$1.98

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Velocipedes The Best Ever! Away he goes! The first real vehicle is the velocipede! And youngsters are happy with them. Velocipedes bought here last! It's because they're well made. Priced \$4.98 to \$9.90

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