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Government loans so far as known originated in Rome over 2000 years ago.

The days have been growing longer since Monday, though the increase will hardly be noticeable until after New Year's.

This has been an unusually fortunate year for shipping at Coos Bay. No loss of lives nor loss of ship either at the bar or harbor entrance, according to reports by the coast guard.

Cooks in London, England, refuse to accept positions unless they are assured that their kitchens will be wired with a radio extension from the wireless installation of the family upstairs.

Last year, the Times says 2,000 carloads of freight were sent out of Marshfield other than to Coquille valley points and 2202 carloads were received. That means a six or seven car train in every day in the year and a five or six car train out.

Napoleon traveled from near-Vilna to Paris in 312 hours. An ordinary traveler could not have done this distance in twice the time. Railways have reduced the journey to less than 48 hours, and probably the airplane covers the distance in a single day.

At Fort Angeles, Wash., adjacent to one of the largest stands of virgin timber left in the United States, an electrically run paper mill with a capacity of over 150 tons of newspaper a day has recently been put in operation. In this mill 158 electric motors totaling 2,969 horsepower are used to drive the machinery.

Shortly before the primaries last October, a columnist of the Erie, Pennsylvania, Times announced in his daily column that he was going to run for sheriff because he "needed the money." He meant the statement as a joke, but his friends took it otherwise and would not permit him to withdraw and he was elected sheriff.

The Portland Telegram says that Chas. Hall, of Marshfield, will be a candidate for the nomination for governor next year. If the report is correct, he will be nominated and elected. Four years ago he was defeated for the nomination by the help of democratic votes in the primary, and even then fell short but a meagre five hundred.

It would be much better to return to the old dimming law, and repeal the present lighting law, if auto drivers cannot be made to obey the feature regarding dimming when pavements are wet. One man, who went to Marshfield one rainy night recently, says that not a car approaching him dimmed until he did and not half of them did then.

The use of whiskey, brandy, rum or gin after next February 1st in the manufacture of medicinal preparations or flavoring extracts and syrups was forbidden last Saturday by the treasury department. Alcohol and wines can be used instead for the purposes named. The order will not affect the use of whiskey, brandy or other distilled spirits by druggists in filling prescriptions by physicians.

With his head pillowed against a corner of the cement box, an Atlanta, Georgia, man went to sleep in a mortar of fresh concrete. He awoke encased in stone and it was necessary for him to visit a hospital to have the covering removed under the directions of surgeons.

What kind of booze he took is not stated, but there could have been no doubt about his bed being a warm one.

Premising that no one has yet heard of a burglar attempting to hold up a police station, The Oregonian judges it probable that the pistol practice of clerks employed by a certain Portland bank will, if it becomes generally known to crookdom, afford

a certain measure of protection to that bank, even though the pistols never go into action. Heretofore the bank hand has always held the immediate advantage. They have been possessed of weapons with which they are familiar, they have been resolute to shoot, and they have preyed upon citizens who were not similarly prepared.

At Washington the bill reducing federal taxes three hundred twenty-five million dollars was passed last Friday by the practically unanimous vote of 390 to 25. Fifty amendments were voted on, but the only one that got any support worth mentioning was the democratic proposition that the maximum income tax be 25 per cent instead of 30. This is quite different from the last time a bill to cut the surtax was pending before congress and the proposal to leave the tax about double the rates in the present bill was the best that could be sustained. At last, however, people have come to understand that the higher the taxes on the biggest incomes the less money the treasury got from them—and some of the biggest manufacturers prefer to spend small fortunes advertising in the Saturday Evening Post than to pay the money to the government without getting a cent in return. Just what will happen to this big tax cut in the senate no one can tell; but the bill will certainly be changed in some way. While revenue bills must originate in the house the senate always has a hand in the pie.

DISCREDIT WET PROPAGANDA

Portland Oregonian
 This in reply to the correspondent today who speaks of the influence of Anti-Saloon league propaganda—which is something with which we have a very slight acquaintance—upon those who uphold the eighteenth amendment.

The Oregonian was a large employer before prohibition and one phase of its business was the investigation and recording of conditions affecting the welfare of the people. It is still a large employer and it is still engaged in the gathering and vending of news. It is able to trace unmistakably to prohibition an improvement in its own situation of employer, an improvement in the regularity and prosperity of its employees, and an improvement in the business, financial and cultural condition of the people. It looks upon the theory that the people are being driven to drink by prohibition against the sale of drink as purely imaginative. It is not banking for resubmission of the eighteenth amendment, but on the occasion mentioned by the correspondent sought only to issue a dare to any bold candidate who thinks that there is a political strength in a wet platform.

It is unfortunate that any persons should place the importance of their appetites or their other personal predilections above the common good, as illustrated by violation of the liquor laws, the traffic laws, the laws of hygiene and the moral laws. But many do, and alas! we do not know of any cure for the frailties of human nature.

Orphan Girl Finds New Parents

The sun is shining again for little Evelyn Castle, 9, of Harrisburg, Oregon, whose father and mother were killed last August when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a railroad train. Evelyn has found a new home and a new "Daddy" and "Mother."

Harvey Carpenter, Southern Pacific engineer who was at the throttle of the train when it struck the Castle machine and who was exonerated from all blame for the accident, and his wife, have formally adopted the little girl.

Although Evelyn's father and mother were instantly killed when the train struck their machine, Evelyn's life hung in the balance for weeks as she lay in a hospital at Portland. Every day Carpenter would visit her and bring her flowers and when the child was well the Carpenters immediately asked for permission to legally adopt the winsome little girl.

An uncle of Evelyn and her only relative, opposed Carpenter in his desire to adopt Evelyn but after a bitter court fight Judge W. H. Evans of Portland awarded the child to the Carpenter. The decision was made on the ground that the child would be happier with the engineer and his wife who had no children and who were better able to take care of the little tot.

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BETTER, NOT WORSE

Conditions at Portland Greatly Improved in the Past Thirty Years Says One Who Knows

It was a dull day at headquarters Sunday, says Monday's Oregonian,—there was little happening in the way of crime or accident and John T. Moore, chief inspector of police and a veteran with some 30 years of police work to his credit, took to talking of old times.

"When I remember Portland as it was 30 years ago and look at it today, I can see a wonderful moral improvement," he soliloquized. "I often smile as I think of some of the things that were tolerated 30 years ago, and wonder what would happen if anyone would try such a thing today."

"It was about 20 years ago that the moral movement gained headway in Portland. The women of Fourth street were driven out of their dens opening on the street and forced to move upstairs. There was a terrible outcry from some of the respectable property owners, whose buildings were being used by these unfortun-

ates. Then came an order forcing the dives to put shutters over their windows. This was looked on as a radical reform move.

"I remember the first dry Sunday in Oregon, when the district attorney forced the saloons to close that day. The drinking men just couldn't see how they could get along without saloons for a day.

"When he law closed the back rooms or the family entrances of the saloons and tried to keep women out of saloon premises another great outcry was raised. When the North End was finally closed up the restricted-district advocates—and a lot of 'em were property owners in that section—said the reformers were ruining the city.

"Maybe you don't remember the open gambling houses, the old fake auction sales, the street fakers who got city licenses to use the streets as salesrooms for brass watches and rings sold as solid gold. Look back in the files of your paper and see the advertisements of the quack doctors, who ruined the health of thousands of young men and bled every cent they could out of their victims.

"When a man of my age, who knew a good deal of the wickedness of Portland 30 years ago, looks at this city today and then listens to the outcries of some of these sensationalists who cry that the world is growing worse, he has to smile.

"The public conscience has forced all these improvements. Thirty years ago, the cribs of the north end were considered necessary. The saloon keeper who robbed his drunken customers, and the bar tender who sheet changed the helpless logger were considered smart and enterprising fellows.

"So was the north-end barber, who applied every trimming when a country man or logger stepped into his store. The policeman thought it a part of his duty to make the victim pay the exorbitant bill.

"I remember how some hack drivers used to fleece their patrons, drive them by the longest route to a stated place, then beat them into submission if they refused to pay. If a present-day taxidriver would attempt any of the regular habits of the old-time hack driver, he would lose his license to drive and get six months in jail.

"We have a population of five or six times as much as we had 30 years ago. In those days murder was common. So was suicide. Hardly a day passed without some unhappy woman taking poison in her 'hell hole' on Fourth street. Such deaths were so common that they were jokes in police circles.

"I remember a place that stood next door to police headquarters, where a rich Chinese had six or seven on slave girls, kept constantly under lock and key. Though he grew rich from the profits of his miserable trade he was considered a highly respectable man, both by the Chinese and the whites.

"These enemies of prohibition say that prohibition is a failure because there is drunkenness. But the drunken man today is an oddity and in the old days, especially in the north end, he was everywhere. It was a habit in our police work to send the patrol wagon out at 1 o'clock, when the saloons closed, to pick up all the drunks who had been thrown out of the saloons and who were lying in the streets or on the sidewalks. I have seen the time when we would get a wagon-load on Third street, between Oak and Ankeny, men who were so drunk that they could not move or get off the streets. In those days all men charged with plain drunkenness were simply locked up for the night, then turned out the following morn-

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Brewster Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson were Coquille visitors the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Opal Barker, of Myrtle Point, spent a few days with Mrs. Halley Laird and family.

Mrs. Belle Laird with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Abernathy were doing Christmas shopping in Marshfield on Friday of this week.

Joe Moore was a passenger on the stage Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilson made a trip to Coquille on Monday.

Paul Laird spent Friday night visiting with his grandmother, Mrs. Chloe Laird.

J. R. Benham spent a few days working on the road last week.

Mrs. Henry Livingston has returned to her home in Portland after spending a week or so with her sister, Mrs. Verna Laird.

Chester Krewson spent Saturday night with Elwin Alford in his home-stead cabin.

Little Maxine Holmes is able to come to school again, after missing several weeks on account of her broken arm.

The health nurse visited our school one day this week.

Mr. Moore and Irene were Fairview visitors on Thursday.

Million Dollar Timber Sale

Purchase by the Stout Lumber company of Oregon, of 14,000 acres of timber land on the lower Siuslaw from Starrett and Hovory of Detroit, was revealed at Eugene Saturday. The price was more than a million dollars.

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