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WE WANT 'EM, BUT—

Halsey wants a big, fine new school house.

Halsey wants a big community hall with dining room and kitchen and other annexes.

Halsey wants cement sidewalks and more paved streets, and doubtless property owners who have no cement sidewalks would not object to the building of a complete system of such at the city's expense.

But—Halsey gets along without these things and her tax rate is lower than that of many other cities, though it is as high as the majority of us want to pay.

We are not paying for the things that we think we cannot yet afford.

The great state of Oregon could learn from Halsey.

Portland wants an appropriation for an international fair, held in that city and financed at least, in part by the state. Such a fair would benefit other parts of the state, for Oregon can show products and possibilities that would attract settlers.

We want a couple more normal schools, though our school system already stands well at the top among the states.

The Enterprise and the other papers would enjoy printing the matter now issued before every election in the voters' pamphlets, and would enjoy a compensation at legal rates for the publication.

There are a hundred other interests that could make pleasant use of state appropriations.

But— The crying need in Oregon today is for a reduction of the tax burden, which is several times as great as it was a decade ago.

The farmers, upon whose shoulders rests the heaviest part of this burden, and who have just been defeated in their effort to shift a part of the load to where it belongs—beaten by the use of a \$40,000 fund—want relief.

If the legislature will cut the needless frills and tax-eating commissions and hold up any new schemes of expenditure for a few years the burdens may be reduced. Will they?

The child labor amendment is opposed on the ground that it would place dangerous power in the hands of congress. On this same theory why not repeal all the criminal laws because they place in the hands of courts and juries a dangerous power—the power to pronounce an innocent person guilty and jail or hang him. Some things may be left to the judgment of congress or the courts.

The Linn—Benton Pomona grange is on record against the proposal to amend the law so that the state commission and the big cities can hog the market road fund for use on main lines. That fund was established to build the roads which farmers were promised but did not get out of the proceeds of the millions of dollars they were induced to vote in road bonds.

The prediction is made that Oregon's income tax will be back on the books in two years. Not by the act of the present legislature, we fear. But a campaign in favor of the tax two years from now might change the complexion of the legislature, unless the dodgers dig deeper into their pockets and raise more than a \$40,000 fund to fight it.

Milton A. Miller represented Governor Pierce at a Jackson day dinner in Portland Thursday night. We can pretty well agree with Mr. Miller's eulogy of the

governor, whose attendance at the sickbed of his wife prevented him from being present, but the prediction by the untriffling of a sweeping democratic victory in 1928 seems at least sanguine. Mr. Miller thinks we will have a state income tax again in two years.

A ring of exploiters of child labor is financing a campaign against the ratification of the child labor amendment. Money coined from the blood of the little ones is being used to make safe the coining of more blood money. See, in another column, what Senator Walsh says about it.

Oregon is asked to refuse confirmation of the federal child labor amendment because Oregon has no need of it. On the same theory James who has a respectable family, might be asked to oppose a law requiring other families to comply with principles of morality and decency.

Elmer J. Ede quit smoking last Sunday when his pipe set fire to his bed in a Salt Lake hotel and he was burned to death. At least, if he smokes now it will be with briarstone instead of tobacco.

State Treasurer Kay declares that Oregon's bonded debt and state taxes are not too high. That fails to prove the case to some of us.

The price of flax to the grower this year is expected to be \$22 a ton for 28-inch mowed, \$28 for 22- to 28-inch pulled and \$38 for 30-inch pulled.

Much wheat in eastern Oregon was killed by the freeze.

MAKE LIFE SUCCESSFUL BY PRACTICING THRIFT

By practicing thrift, the average person may make their life more successful. A good time to start is during thrift week, January 17-23, when a campaign of education featuring thrift fundamentals will be put on by the Oregon Bankers' association and the Y. M. C. A., co-operating with 48 other national and local organizations. The plan is based on Benjamin Franklin's ideas. Making a family or personal budget is perhaps the most important thing to do; then record your expenditures. The value of owning a home, making a will, investing in safe securities, paying bills promptly, sharing with others, working and earning, having a bank account and of carrying life insurance will be stressed during the week.

You are now beginning to think of 1925. It's also time to think of your eyes. Perhaps they need glasses to brighten up the NEW YEAR



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What a Budget System Means

One Must Keep Track of Disbursements to Get Ahead Financially.

By E. C. SAMMONS, Chairman Budget Department Oregon National Thrift Committee.

How to get ahead financially, yet live decently and well, is doubtless the most absorbing and important matter confronting the average person or the average family, and that is the subject we wish to discuss and endeavor to assist in solving. No discussion of the subject can begin or end without mention of the meaning of "thrift." Thrift means good management, vigorous growth; it means spending less than you earn; it means saving systematically. It does not mean that one should stop spending; on the contrary, it means spending, but spending wisely and thoughtfully instead of carelessly.

There is but one real way to discuss the question of Thrift and that is: What will Thrift do for me? The personal equation is all there is to Thrift—decide what you want and if you want it badly enough and are willing to pay the price you probably can have it.

What are your wants? Do you want a home and peace and contentment, a few flowers, a bit of green lawn, perhaps some fruit and vegetables, the dancing fire light from the glowing embers of the fireplace? Do you want the thrill of cutting bond coupons; do you desire to cash interest or dividend checks, or do you prefer to spend as you earn, juggling along life's highway? The decision must be made. The Thrift way, you say? Very well then, let us give heed to a few simple worth-while suggestions.

The first of these is to keep track of all disbursements, in other words, follow a budget plan. Through that find out if you are wasting money; if so, stop the leak.

The concluding thought I wish to leave is that Thrift is not easy. It is hard work to save unless you have a regular systematic savings plan. If you would get ahead, decide upon the amount to be saved, then bank it every payday, just the same as though it were any other bill which must be paid. Following this plan for a few months will so fix the habit that the plan may be made effective without inconvenience and with splendid results. Thrift means frugality, economy. To be thrifty one must be willing to "pay the price" by practicing frugality and economy, and reaping the rewards of saving and investing.

PROMINENT MEN PROMOTE THRIFT

Prominent Oregon men are taking a keen interest in promoting thrift week, January 17-23, sponsored by the Oregon Bankers' association, the Y. M. C. A. and 48 national and local organizations. It is to encourage the "save and have" plan. A strong committee is handling the Portland campaign and the following are committeemen outside of Portland:

- J. W. Maloney, Pendleton; Paul Wallace, Salem; L. C. McShane, Hubbard; Dr. T. J. Arneson, Baker; J. O. Holt, Eugene; C. W. Laughlin, Astoria; E. C. Pease, The Dalles; Elmer Williamson, Albany, cashier Albany State bank; F. E. Bennett, Enterprise, superintendent of schools; H. E. Coolidge, La Grande, cashier La Grande National bank; Chas. E. Miller, Ontario, superintendent of schools; Fred Fox, Union, assistant cashier First National bank; D. A. Emerson, Bend, principal high school; E. M. Bubb, Klamath Falls, cashier American National bank; O. R. Campbell, Medford, principal high school; Roy K. Hackett, Grants Pass, cashier First National bank; A. A. Schramm, Corvallis, cashier Corvallis State bank; J. Montgomery, Marshfield, president Bank of Southwestern Oregon; Benj. J. Kimber, corresponding secretary Marion county Y. M. C. A., Salem, Oregon; Percy P. Canfield, Oregon City, Bank of Oregon City; C. E. Knickerbocker, assistant cashier, McMinnville, Ore.; N. E. Geart, president Bank of Cottage Grove.

\$51,912,000 Gold Ore Dug Last Year. Washington, D. C.—Refined production of gold in the United States last year totaled 2,551,243 ounces, valued at \$51,912,000, the bureau of the mint announced. Silver production was 64,792,216 ounces, valued at \$13,540,369. California produced \$13,041,500 worth of gold; Colorado, \$5,447,900; Alaska, \$6,220,000; South Dakota, \$6,135,000; and Nevada, \$4,613,000. Utah was the chief producer of silver, its output being valued at \$12,218,000.

Tobacco Crop Smaller in United States. Washington, D. C.—Production of all types of tobacco grown in the United States was smaller in 1924 than in 1923, the department of agriculture reported.

The difference between the clerk who spends and the clerk who saves part of it, in ten years is the difference between the owner of a business and the man out of a job.

Lobbying Postal Officials Ousted

Taking Money to Aid Pay Legislation Charged Against Suspended Men.

Washington, D. C.—Six responsible postal officials in as many cities throughout the country have been suspended from duty, an employee of the senate postoffice committee has been discharged and the clerk of the house postoffice committee has resigned as a result of an official investigation into the alleged use of money to influence postal pay legislation.

The officials suspended all are members of the legislative committee of the National Association of Postal Supervisors and held some of the most important positions in the postal service.

The suspended officials, whose service averaged more than twenty years, are: Peter McGorty, acting superintendent of mails, New York; James M. Greig, postal cashier, Boston; Peter Wiggle, acting postmaster, Detroit; Harvey M. Tittle, assistant postmaster, Springfield, O.; J. J. Fields, superintendent of mails, Louisville and William Sanson, assistant superintendent of delivery, Chicago.

Keep Cabbage in Cellar at Proper Temperature

Cabbage keeps best at a temperature slightly above freezing from 38 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Many cellars are too warm for cabbage and when it is to be stored in large amounts the best method is the outside pit. When the cellar is kept at the desired temperature the best way of keeping the cabbage in it is to bury the heads in boxes of sand. Only the good, solid heads should be stored. They should be pulled when they reach a good size but not left until very large. The late varieties should be stored as they keep better than others.

Sinners in Heaven (Continued from page 3)

He ate a banana, and threw away the skin. "What's the good of it all?" he asked impatiently. "It will lead nowhere."

"It's occupation," she faltered. "Occupation? Yes. Occupation for the sake of occupation? Is that all life is to be worth? My G—! What an outlook!"

This was another of Barbara's fears. How long would the limited interests of the island, shorn of a deeper outlet, suffice for a man of his temperament? "You are doing a lot of good among the natives," she suggested, fawning though she knew the remark to be.

"Good?" He gave an impatient laugh. "Lord! Don't credit me with the instincts of a missionary! That's only 'occupation.' One hour, if we left this place, and they would forget it all."

This bitterness, this dreary desolation of voice and mien, so unlike the old Alan of indomitable resource and optimism, cut Barbara to the heart. For she understood.

"Alan! Alan!" she cried, stretching out a hand. But he shook his head. "No, I can't—I—daren't. I'm only fit for the devil tonight."

She rose, her lips trembling, and went toward him. "Don't! Alan, don't shut me out! I—understand—"

"Understand? You can't, or—" Suddenly he seized her, almost viciously, dragging her up against him. With shaking hands he pressed back her head, and laid his hot lips upon her neck.

"I'll—force you to give in—once day—" he muttered thickly. She did not struggle; but she trembled violently in his grasp. For a long moment his eyes burned into hers. But, among the answering passion they saw there, lay the purity which was the very essence of her being.

As abruptly as he has seized her, he let her go again. "I—I told you I was only fit for the devil tonight," he said huskily. "Let me be . . . for God's sake, let me be . . ."

Moved by some instinct, she turned, stumbling over the rough ground, and ascended the eastern slopes, where they had watched the dawn on that Christmas day nearly a year ago.

(To be continued)

HALSEY STATE BANK Halsey, Oregon CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$35,000 Commercial and Savings accounts Solicited

Tribute to God of War is Reduced

Washington, D. C.—The army appropriation bill, carrying \$331,131,174 for all military and non-military activities of the war department during the fiscal year 1926 was reported to the house. The measure provides for an army of 125,000 enlisted men, no change from the present strength, though the total appropriation is \$6,552,159 less than last year.

The bill recommended a total appropriation for the air service of \$14,700,000 and a contract authorization of \$2,150,000. The committee stipulated that \$4,400,000 of the total is to be used to purchase 268 new planes.

The committee also decreed that not less than \$50,000 of the total shall be used in conducting bomb tests against obsolete vessels moving under their own power.

Sweet Clover Should Be Turned Under This Fall

Sweet clover, in a field that is to be used for corn next year, should be turned under this fall. This will give the green plants time to start decaying and become incorporated in the soil.

Push the pullets for heavy egg production.

Be sure to supply plenty of green feed through the winter to your birds.

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