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Portland and Salem girls will enter a strong protest against the employment of married women in the capacity of clerks and stenographers at the coming session of Oregon legislature. After a complete check of the payroll, extending back over a period of several legislative sessions, one of the girls find that preference has been given married women, and in some instances these women have been the wives of members of the legislative body. Of course no one will dispute the right of a member of the legislature to choose the person who shall serve as his stenographer; even though that person be his wife. There is some excuse for a husband choosing his betterhalf to serve as his stenographer down there; and especially would he display good judgment in her selection, should she insist on having the position. But the girls should be taken care of also. They should receive their share of employment during sessions of the legislature, and there is no alibi whatever in the world for any old, sour, confirmed bachelor, like—for instance Senator Roy Ritner employing a married woman to do his typewriting.

The problem of the slacker voter that has perplexed other countries appears to be facing this nation. Will the United States have to come to a system of fines, tax increases or public reprimands in order to get voters out to the polls? Getting the voter to the polls is only the first step in making democracy safe for itself. The second and no less essential step is that of securing an intelligent vote, when it is finally cast. Especially is that true in the matter of voting on initiative and referendum measures in Oregon elections. The majority of voters pass up these measures without voting yes or no for the satisfactory reason (to themselves) that they do not know what they are voting for, one way or the other.

It is reported that in 1924 Henry Ford will lead a "cheap money" campaign and attempt to be elected to the presidency on that issue. Some one should remind Henry that back in '96 Bryan failed wretchedly to bury the "Cross of Gold" underneath an avalanche of silver, and there are those living and voting today, who will concede Bryan to be a more able and crafty statesman than is Ford. The American dollar is already cheap enough. What is needed to put it in circulation is rehabilitated markets for American products, and a general busting up of Jewish control of the said dollar.

Check up what the ship subsidy would be to the Pacific Coast states. Compute an estimate of what benefit would be derived, as against a like amount spent yearly by the government in clearing off and putting into cultivation the logged-off lands of the three states. The ship subsidy is merely taking money out of the pocket of the taxpayer and giving it as a premium to a shipping syndicate. Putting into cultivation the logged-off areas would build homes for World War veterans and others, convert taxable property out of that which is practically a dormant waste; create an asset of real public benefit.

As one of the Eastern newspapers puts it, the United States obtained nothing from the division of the spoils at Versailles. She asked for nothing—and was granted it. It seems very likely that this, more than anything else, is responsible for the notion abroad that if only the cards are played cleverly enough, the notes will be burned and the billions which are due will remain at home.

Kansas City Star says: "One trouble with the ship subsidy program is that a good many Americans confuse it with the war time shipping board." To the contrary, there is no confusion, whatever. The Americans thoroughly understand the ship subsidy program, as sponsored by the Harding administration; and that's why the "program" is having such hard sledding.

The Press will not attempt to say how many rods of pannel snow fencing could have been erected along the highway between here and Weston, as effective prevention against drifting snow, with the sum of money that has been spent during the past ten days in an ineffectual attempt to relieve snowbound traffic.

They are trying to tell us through the Department of Agriculture that one reason for the present condition of the farmer is that he buys 30 per cent of his food requirements, in the

opinion of the department this percentage is entirely too high. When it comes to the point of telling the farmer how much he is to pay for what he eats, the Agricultural Department is not alone; the profiteer is an ally in this respect, and the farmer is the only producer that we know of who is denied the right of setting a price on his product.

The Toledo Blade opines that the Mussolini ministry of Italy is conducting a test of national courage. It informs the country that the only hope of salvation lies in enduring a period of hard work for all classes, sacrifice and discomfort. The chances of failing with such a policy are about twenty to one. But the Fascist government will be notable just the same. It is resorting to truth-telling when nine-tenths of the other governments on the globe are feeding their peoples upon promises.

CHINOOK BARES HILL
Tuesday this section of the Inland Empire was snatched from the grip of a cold snap by the gentle breath of a considerate chinook which draped the foothills in mourning for the demise of old King Boreas. The softening of the snowdrifts, as the result of the chinook, made traveling all the more difficult, for automobiles broke through and the machines became stalled. The roads of the country were badly drifted with snow, and country people have had difficulty in getting into town.

IRISHMEN ONCE WORE KILTS
Assertion Made by New York Newspaper—Bagpipes Differed From Those of the Scots.

There is no more doubt that kilts and plaids were worn in early times in Ireland than there is that the Brehon laws were once in operation, declares the New York Evening Telegram.

In Ireland kilts of one color—saffron—were used. Nothing like the tartan, by which the various Scottish clans are still distinguished, was ever arrived at.

Irish bagpipes were of a simple type. They were not blown, but pumped and never reached the high state of development of the war instrument so closely associated with Scots fighting regiments for hundreds of years and with life in the highlands.

The Irish guards have had the pipes since their formation as a result of the Boer war. Among those in private life who affected the use of Irish kilts in town as well as country in recent years was one of the brothers of the present Lord Ashbourne, son of the former lord chancellor.

In many minute details as to equipment, dress and custom there was a close parallel between the two countries. Antique gold ornaments in the Dublin museum, while of the same type as those of the ancient Scots, are different in sculptural design. But in both instances the workmanship is distinctly Celtic.

Both countries had the clan system. In Ireland the chiefs, so often inaccurately described as "kings," were nothing but the heads of families, with the dependents and slaves.

In going back to the Celtic dress and music the Irish are resuming what the Scots never entirely abandoned.

New Zealand Votes to Remain "Wet."
Wellington, New Zealand.—William (Pussyfoot) Johnson, who has been leading a vigorous campaign to make New Zealand "bone dry," lost his battle when official tabulation of votes in the national referendum showed a majority of 16,138 in favor of continuing the present system of licensing drink sales.

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The ice storm which swept over the mid-Columbia has resulted in the closing of the Columbia river highway to traffic until several feet of ice, which rolled down Shell Rock mountain Monday morning, can be removed. Half buried in the big drift of ice is one of the Portland-Hood River stages, which ran into the drift, thinking it was snow, and not being able to back out, was abandoned.

TAKEN UP
Notice is hereby given that I have taken up the following described horses, they having been in my possession since November 23, 1922:
One blue horse brand J. W. on left shoulder wearing halter.
One bay horse star in forehead, brand J. W. on left shoulder, W. on right hip.
Unless the above described horses are claimed by owner, I will sell them to the highest bidder for cash in hand, defray feed bill and advertising expenses at the O. W. B. Zerba place, 6 miles north of Athena, on Thursday January 11, 1923 at 2 p.m. L. D. Clark, Athena, Oregon.

Notice
The regular meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank, of Athena, Oregon, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it, will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon on Tuesday, January 9th, 1923 at the hour of two o'clock p. m. Dated December 8th, 1922.
F. S. LeGrow, Cashier.

NOTICE OF SALE OF IMPROVEMENT BONDS.
Notice is hereby given that the City of Athena will sell Improvement Bonds to the amount of \$3653.58, issued in denominations of \$500.00 each, dated January 1, 1923, payable ten (10) years after date, and bearing interest at (6) per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on July 1st, and January 1st, interest evidenced by coupons attached. Sealed proposals for all or any portion of said issue should be filed with the City Recorder of the City of Athena, on or before 7:30 p.m. on the 26 day of December, 1922, at which time bids will be opened; each bidder will be required to accompany his bid with a certified check to the order of the Mayor of the City of Athena in ten (10) per cent. of the amount of the bid, to be forfeited in the event such bonds are awarded to the bidder and

he refuses to take the same and to be returned to the bidder if he be unsuccessful.
Said bonds are issued under the terms of Ordinance No. 79 of the City of Athena.
Dated December 4th, 1922.
B. B. RICHARDS
City Recorder.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the county court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla county. In the matter of the estate of Wm. Schrimpf, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the estate of Wm. Schrimpf, deceased, by an order of the above-entitled court.
All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them to me at Athena, Oregon or to my attorneys, Homer I. Watts and E. C. Prestbye, at their office in Athena, Oregon within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required. Dated at Athena, Oregon this 17th day of November, 1922.
Eugene C. Schrimpf
N17-D15 Executor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Delilah Hill, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the above entitled court executor of the last will and testament of Delilah Hill, Deceased, and that she has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at my home in Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof with proper vouchers. Dated this 20th day of November, 1922.
Mary I. Hill, Executrix.

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