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CONSOLIDATION

A serious railroad problem still faces the American people because they have steadily refused to carry out a consistent policy. After maintaining for 30 years a policy of preventing railroad consolidations, the government has suddenly reversed this attitude, and now there is agitation to force all railroads to consolidate into a few systems. Discussing this problem, Samuel O. Dana, editor of Railway Age, recently said.

"The advocacy of compulsory legislation is necessarily based upon assumption that the government of officers who would apply the compulsion would be better judges than railway men of what consolidations should be. In view of the fact that government officers for years tried to prevent all consolidations, how can it reasonably be assumed that government officers would now know better than railway officers, just how the railways should be consolidated in order to secure the best management?"

We are certainly living in the merger age, lesser and great. And it is not to be wondered at that bread and foodstuff supplies are being rounded up by groups of capitalists to be exploited at increased cost to the consumer. Just at present the department of justice is turning its search light upon the baking industry, and the Ward interests in particular. We are not prepared to say what the department of justice will do about it, but we do know that if the modern American housewife would furnish her table with home-made bread for three months, she could break any bread trust that ever was organized to run a sandwich on her.

The United States hears (directly) that Harbin, Manchuria, (which is in China) is becoming Sovietized (which is Russian for government) and that the American flag has been pulled down from a factory, by soviet police. An American named Bunting, after arrest for disputing with Russians over the ownership of a factory, was marched through the streets with his arms pinioned, but was later released through intercession of the American consul. Since the Kaiser went into retirement we have heard little of the "yellow peril," but this soviet thing may be big enough, if let alone, to turn it loose on the white nations.

Missouri business men have formed an organization "to show the tax wastage and to formulate a plan whereby the present methods of administration may be improved so the taxpayers may receive a larger return." They propose to examine the whole state administrative system and also that of the counties. Such an effort should be welcomed by every public official, as well as by the people. Several states have formed such organizations and the rest should follow, for it is only by organized effort that state, county and city taxes will ever be reduced.

We read that Mayfair is to London, what Fifth Avenue is to New York. Recently members of the king's family took up their abode in Mayfair, and immediately houses were in demand by those who moved there to bask in the smiles of royalty. Even barns have been remodelled into apartments that rent for fabulous sums. That is one way of caring for the homeless.

The girl of a generation ago was not as attractive as the girl of today, according to Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, of Portland, member of the University of Oregon board of regents, who added, in a recent address before a Women's League mass meeting, that "girls now dress more sensibly, with short skirts, a tiny rouge and sensible shoes."

Three Seattle kids went pretty strong down in San Francisco, the other day. After taking in the sights of the Bay city, they left for home with \$10,000 worth of stolen jewels. Now, Seattle is a swift town, and so's some of her kids, but when these three endeavored to dispose of the stolen loot, they were nabbed in the attempt.

From a shambles to an art museum, is the latest strategic governmental move of the Russian soviet. The transformation was made in the building where the Czar and his royal family were murdered.

Mrs. Necla Buck of Salem, Oregon, national organizer for the W. C. T. U., while visiting the Kenwood school at Nampa, Idaho, told the

grade students about the evils of tobacco and how she found that boys and girls in the school smoked, and when she started down the aisle to examine the student's hands a girl dipped her fingers in the ink well, she later said, to hide the nicotine stains. Questioning of the girl resulted in the arrest of a couple of Nampa tobacco dealers.

With like diligent care in the selection of a football coach for the University of Oregon, the regents are considering applications from educators to fill the office of president of the institution. Just at present Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, is in the offing.

The Episcopal Bishopry is quick to denounce the claims made against the effect of prohibition by the secretary of its church temperance society. What the secretary said, in effect was from the standpoint of the secretary, anyway, and the Episcopal church was not affected one way or the other in the matter.

Problem, work it out to suit yourself: If spring-sown Federation will yield 40 to 50 bushels per acre, what will fall-sown Federation yield under favorable growing conditions?

Oregon has 216 fox farms, with \$1,325,000 invested in stock and farms. Five farms have each more than \$50,000 invested.

Are these spring-like days? We'll say that they are; although the run of steelheads has not been reported.



IF only myself could talk to myself
As I knew him a year ago,
I could tell him a lot.
That would save him a lot.
Of things that he ought to know.
—Kipling.

SUGGESTIONS TO HOSTESS

As a large per cent of all who entertain must of necessity prepare the food to serve without a maid, it is wise to serve such a menu as will be good prepared beforehand.

A good beginning to any meal such as luncheon, dinner or a supper, is a fruit cocktail or a canape. The fruit cocktail is easily prepared, pretty when served and may be placed on the table before the guests are seated.

Canapes are of such variety that one has large choice. They are served on small sections of bread cut into various shapes, the round being most used. If star-shaped pieces are to be served a different kind of finely minced savory may be placed on each point with a bit of pimento in the center. Caviar, chopped olives, chowchow or any relish liked, anchovies—in fact any tasty savory is always enjoyed.

A clear soup is usually followed by a hearty meat course; if cream soup is served a light luncheon meat like creamed sweetbreads or a combination of sweetbreads and mushrooms or a soufflé of any kind will be proper.

The main dish, which may be lamb chops, tenderloin with mushroom sauce, with a few green peas and a potato croquette, or string beans and potato patties, is all served on one plate. The salad course is often omitted and a salad accompanies the main dish; it saves time in serving and most people like the salad with the main dish.

A salad is such a popular dish that no meal seems complete without one. There are any number of combinations from which to choose. Ripe tomatoes, pineapple, tomatoes and ripe pears, tomatoes with cream cheese tipped with minced green pepper, are all good with the above main dishes.

Pineapple and orange slices are very much liked in tea at present. Cut very thin slices, then cut into quarters so that they slip easily into the cup. In England the dinner hour is eight o'clock, so they may eat more elaborate food at tea than we care to indulge in, as our dinner hour is an hour or more earlier in America.

Nellie Maxwell

Mother of Film Star is Killed.
Los Angeles. — Mrs. H. Prevost, mother of Marie Prevost, motion picture star, was killed and Al Christie, comedy producer, and Vera Steadman, actress, were injured seriously in an automobile accident 23 miles east of Lordsburg, N. M.

U. S. Not Planning Arms Conference.
Washington, D. C. — The White House denied that President Coolidge was contemplating calling an international disarmament conference.

La Follette Wants Correspondence.
Washington, D. C.—Senator La Follette, Wisconsin, republican, introduced in the senate a resolution asking the department of state to furnish the senate all correspondence and papers between the Mexican and the United States governments prior to the recognition of the present Mexican government.

Hair's Change Never Explained by Science

To a recent number of T. P.'s and Cassell's Weekly, Prof. J. Arthur Thomson—who is a kind of self-appointed British pope of popular science, and a very good one, too—elucidates the causes that make people's hair turn gray.

The subject was dealt with very successfully a number of years ago by Professor Poulton, the Oxford entomologist, in his book, "Animal Colouration," on which Professor Thomson is evidently basing his own ideas.

The story of the responsible bankers whose hair turned gray in a single week during times of crisis like the World war is probably quite true. Such cases are not uncommon in history. Marie Antoinette's hair, for example, is said to have turned white in a very short time as a result of emotional distress; and similar instances are recorded by a number of medieval writers.

The sudden change of color is due to the intrusion of little bubbles of gas into the substance of the hair, which reflects the light and prevents the pigment, which is still present, from showing. When hair goes gray more slowly, it is—or so Metchnikoff believed—due to the officious activity of white corpuscles which have got into the bad habit of prowling up into the hair and devouring the pigment.

Many fur-bearing animals change color with the weather, and the mechanism involved in these changes appears to be very much like that which affects human hair.

Strictly Neutral

A junior football match was in progress and great excitement was aroused. One of the backs tackled the opposing center forward, and after much wild kicking both fell.

"Foul," said the referee, blowing his whistle.

"Who for?" asked the home captain.

"Us," came the reply from the highly excited official.

WA-HI BEATS CLARKSTON

In a rough, fast game the Wa-Hi hoopers defeated the Clarkston quintet on the Clarkston floor, 26-17. During the contest but three fouls were called by Munden, former Clarkston player who refereed the tiff in place of the man appointed.

RESERVOIR CLEANED

The storage reservoir of the Athena water works system, had to be cleaned out Monday as the result of the heavy rainfall of Saturday. A miniature flood poured over the intake system and the muddy water was fed into the reservoir and out into the main pipelines of the entire system. The water could not be used, and for once Monday was not wash day in Athena.

CANDIDATES AND—

According to the East Oregonian I. M. Schanep and J. O. Hales have intimated that they will be candidates to succeed themselves as members of the county court. Judge Schanep has served a six-year term and Commissioner Hales a four-year term. Roy Ritner will not aspire to the state senatorial toga again but will run for the lower house. L. L. Mann, republican, and H. J. Taylor, democrat, will likely be

candidates for the senate. Herman H. DeHart has not decided whether he will be a candidate to succeed himself as county treasurer.

STANDARD PICTURES

Tomorrow night the Standard Theatre will present a fine Western photoplay based on one of the best stories ever written by Zane Grey, "Riders of the Purple Sage,"—great as a story but greater as a picture. Tom Mix and his wonderful horse Tony are featured in the play, with a splendid supporting cast. Sunday night Leatrice Joy and the irrepressible Ernest Toorrance lead a big cast of Famous Players in "The Dressmaker from Paris"—a superlative production featuring beautiful girls, gorgeous style goods, romantic and clever drama.

AUTO LICENSES FOR 1926

In a letter received from Secretary of State Kozier by county officials last week, he says: "There is now no valid cause for any motor vehicle owner operating his car upon a 1925 license or without a proper motor vehicle license attached thereto. Any car now operated on the highways of Oregon should have affixed thereto permanent 1926 license or temporary tags, duly assigned thereto by the sheriff of his county, or the owner thereof possess conclusive evidence of having made due application for the 1926 permanent license."

McKINNEY-YORK WEDDING

Weston Leader: Miss Iva McKinney and Mr. Grant York were united in marriage Tuesday evening, February 2, at the Christian church in Pendleton, by the pastor. After a brief honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. York will make their home on a farm near College Place, Washington.

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JUDGE McCAMANT MUM

Judge Wallace McCamant, whose nomination as federal judge has been under fire and who declared before the senate judiciary committee that Theodore Roosevelt was "not a good American," declared upon his arrival at Boise, for a brief visit with his son, that he had nothing further to add to his statement, which aroused considerable discussion throughout the country.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the Matter of the Estate of James Nelson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his Final Account as Administrator of the estate of Jackson Nelson, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County, and that Monday, the 15th day of February, 1926, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, and the County Court Room in the County Court House at Pendleton, Umatilla County, State of Oregon, has been fixed by said Court as the time and place for the settlement of said account.

All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at such time and place in said Court and file any objections they may have to such account or to any part thereof.

SHELDON D. TAYLOR, Administrator of the Estate of Jackson Nelson, Deceased. J15F12.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of William B. Hale, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Sarah F. Hale, executrix of the last will and testament of William B. Hale, deceased, has filed with the clerk of this court her final account and report; that the court by order duly made and entered has appointed Monday, the 15th day of February, 1926, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and the County Court House at Pendleton as the place, where all objections and exceptions will be heard to the said final account and report and a settlement of the estate made. This notice will be published for four consecutive weeks in the Athena Press newspaper, published at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, beginning with the issue of Friday the 15th day of January, 1926, and the last publication on Friday the 12th day of February, 1926.

SARAH F. HALE, Executrix
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