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The expected has come to pass. California millionaires who have bought up Rogue river frontage are entering the wedge of "No Trespassing" over their properties by serving notice to placer miners to keep off. Meeting with success against the miners the next step taken would be against anglers. The only way to forever kill this fishing stream trespass grab against the rights of Oregon anglers to fish with freedom, is for the fish and game commission, the sportsmen clubs and the anglers to get behind the legislature with the demand that a bill be passed making it unlawful for anyone to post trespass notices against anglers on any stream which is stocked with game fish by the state, except by the commission at its discretion in protection of fish propagation.

The Athena community is pleased over the appointment of M. L. Watts by Governor Meier as the third member of the Umatilla county tax committee. No man of higher capability in appraisement of land values can be found in the county than Mr. Watts. Farm lands in this county, especially the farm lands of the Athena-Weston district have been taxed "out of sight," taxed to a point where it is bankrupting the land owners to pay the tax. Mr. Watts, a landowner and farmer, is thoroughly conversant with the tax situation involving farm lands in this county and his selection as a member of the committee places him in a position to assist in revision of land taxes downward.

They're at it again. Ma Kennedy finds that her new spouse, the Rev. Guy Edward Hudson, is not her legal spouse and divorce proceedings have been filed. Ma is sticking by the Rev. Hudson, however, after developments revealed that he was married to Mrs. L. Margaret Hudson of Los Angeles and still is. Ma has hopes of again marrying Guy Edward when he clears away the asserted previous matrimonial claims of L. Margaret Hudson.

The seventeen days' wrangle with France over the Hoover moratorium cost Germany about \$16,222,000 daily or a total of about \$275,000,000, through withdrawal of capital from the German banks. Thus the direct benefits which the proposed Hoover moratorium aimed to confer on Germany through the suspension of reparations payments were more than nullified.

Those Hungarian transatlantic flyers are to be commended for their skill in making a safe crossing and lighting within fourteen miles of their home town, Budapest. A few more drops of gas and they would have brought the good old can down at the airport, for they had her nosed in that direction all the way across.

Albert B. Fall's story of his experiences while in Washington, now running serially in newspapers, only serves to impress the reader with the fact that the author is about to enter a state prison to serve sentence for accepting a \$100,000 bribe while secretary of the interior in President Harding's cabinet.

Fewer cases in Portland against drunken drivers, would indicate progress in the drive against them. Punishment so direct and severe that a second sentence would be unnecessary is what is needed to control drunken drivers. Give them the works first, then solving the problem will take care of itself.

One Oregon industry at least, linen textile, has assurance of steady output for 1932. All the product of the Miles mill at Salem has been sold insuring operation of the plant on a full 24-hour day. Flux is gradually becoming a paying crop on certain farms of Western Oregon.

Wild life has a hard time making the grade in Oregon. Gosling hanger geese, unable to fly, are being slaughtered by coyotes in the Clear lake federal game preserve, while last year thousands of wild ducks succumbed to a strange malady at Klamath lake.

It took a 300-mile chase to catch a gasoline cowboy, but a Dallas, Oregon, officer brought back the cowboy and the hide of a stolen cow from Wapato, Washington; which was some consolation after counting money spent for gas and wear and tear on his car.

Powers, a little town in Southern Oregon, is rehearsing the days of '49. Pack trains are carrying provisions

and supplies from there to a mining camp. Mules are the beasts of burden and on their backs are evenly balanced cargoes securely lashed in place by the diamond hitch.

The pestiferous earwig has taken up its abode in Athena gardens. In at least one respect, in consequence, we shoot par with Portland. Wonder if there will be as much noise made about the presence of the "wig" here.

The bargain-seeking public is urged to buy lumber at present low level prices, but the heck of it is, wheat prices are at a still lower level and lumber will buy more wheat, than wheat will buy lumber.

Fall tells how Daugherty won his portfolio in Harding's cabinet, but what interested the public much more at the time, was how Harding was to get rid of Daugherty.

Portland sweltered in the heat at 101 Sunday and spent the day at parks and in swimming pools; others remained at home and "took it on the chin."

A Reno divorce item is read as a matter of course, while a Hollywood divorce action is associated with the motion picture "Industry."

India just won't behave. Grave riots have broken out in a town called Pudukkottai, or a place spelled like that.

Paris and Berlin in Entire Accord.—Headline. Well, for heaven's sake, let's not cut the cord!

"Ma's affair," says Aimee. Sure 'nuff!

**THE INDIANA PLAN**  
(Oregon Journal)

If a special legislature should be called in Oregon it could not pass laws giving the state tax commission power to control issues of bonds or levies of taxes in incorporated towns and cities. That kind of legislation is prohibited by the state constitution.

Nor can the legislature forbid the people or school districts from voting special levies except such as a state tax commission might approve, as is done under the Indiana plan. That action is also prohibited by the Oregon state constitution.

These facts mean that about all a special session of the legislature could accomplish would be to give control over the county levy for operating costs and personal service—that is, salaries and wages. It is accordingly apparent that constitutional amendments, which can be voted only by the people, are the only means through which the legislature could be given power to put the provisions of the Indiana plan into effect in Oregon.

Meanwhile there will be a great many people in the state who would not want a central body to be placed in control of tax levies, bond issues and like financial measures of school districts, incorporated towns, port districts and like civic organizations. Such folks would insist that the Indiana plan is not local self-government, and they could make good in that contention.

For it to be decided by a central state commission whether a school district, say in Polk county, could or could not make a certain tax levy for school purposes would be to hold that the people of that school district are not competent to run their own school affairs and that a sort of trusteeship must be placed over them to direct their school financing.

Such a course would be materially to abridge the rights and privileges of community and district people and to turn those rights and privileges over to a central tax body by which those rights and privileges would be exercised. It would be government handed down from above instead of government of, by and for the people.

Of course, there is need for more discretion and greater care by some of the minor departments of government in their tax levies and bond issues. There have been financial operations in Oregon that border on the reckless. But the cure for them is not by an Indiana plan to take away some of the rights of a sovereign citizen and place voters under a sort of trusteeship or guardianship.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the estate of George W. Horn, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That The Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton at Pendleton, Oregon, has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of George W. Horn, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present them with proper vouchers to the said executor at The Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton or to Peterson and Lewis, its attorneys, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is the 26th day of June, 1931.  
**THE INLAND EMPIRE BANK OF PENDLETON,** Executor.  
Peterson & Lewis, attorneys for Executor.

**22 Years Ago**

Friday, July 30, 1909

Hogs advanced to \$9.50 per hundred pounds in the Portland stock yards Tuesday, the highest price ever reached. It beats all previous records by 35 cents.

Miss Norma Smith was a Pendleton visitor Saturday.

T. J. Kirk went down to The Dalles Monday, on business.

Iley Winn, an extensive farmer west of town was trading in the city yesterday.

George Banister is down from the mountains. He will return to the camp Saturday.

Chas. McFarland has been appointed agent in this city for the Pacific Coast Elevator Company.

Melville Johns arrived in town yesterday from Portland, and will visit friends for a few weeks.

Attorney Wilson returned Wednesday from Waterville, Wash., where he went on legal business.

Mrs. I. M. Kemp and Mrs. E. D. Jarman drove over from Weston Wednesday, and did some shopping.

Miss Pearl Leonard returned to her home in Corvallis Sunday, after spending several days with Athena friends.

Fred Kershaw made the trip to Missoula and Kallispel to register for the drawing on the Blackfoot reservation.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Woodward are over from their home in Walla Walla, spending the harvest season on the farm west of town.

J. V. Mitchell, operator at the O. R. & N. station in Athena, is in the upper country substituting for various agents who are registering for land drawing.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston, parents of Mrs. Joseph N. Scott, arrived in the city the first of the week from California.

**NOTICE**

To whom it may concern in Athena and vicinity: I, Suzanne F. Hayes, make this statement and declare it to be the truth,—at no time has Ben Bateman borrowed money of me, nor has he or his wife ever used any money belonging to me, nor at any time have I been expected to, or allowed to pay any money for board, room or treatments, while in the home and under care of said Ben Bateman and wife. And I further state that anything reported to the contrary is a malicious lie.  
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and are visiting their daughter west of town.

A. R. Booher this week shipped the household goods of his daughter, Mrs. James Feeler, to her present home near Buhl, Idaho. Mr. Feeler is a prosperous landholder in that vicinity.

John O'Harra, the well known Weston rancher, was in town Monday interviewing Athena wheat raisers in regard to threshing. Mr. O'Harra owns a large steam threshing machine and is seeking work in this vicinity.

During the past week C. A. Barrett has been appointed to two offices. He is now resident agent for the Title & Guarantee company, the well known bonding company of Philadelphia, and is also a notary public for Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis B. Harris, of the Christian church returned Saturday from a visit in Washington. They were accompanied home by Raymond, a young brother of Mr. Harris, who will remain in Athena for a few weeks.

Wednesday evening Austin Foss and wife and York Dell formed an auto party who drove to Walla Walla. Mrs. Foss went from there to Tacoma and Seattle, where she will spend a month and see the fair. She will be accompanied home by her sister, Miss Kittle Gholson who has spent the summer on the Sound.

Will Dobson, Frank Tharp and Wm. Winship returned Tuesday from Spokane, where they registered for land.

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Post and Gatty haven't anything on Paul Bunyan, the first logger. Airplanes were too slow for Paul in a trip from Europe so he embarked in his bark canoe. He sure rambled and the sea was covered with dead fish that broke their backs trying to watch him coming and going. As he showed off from France, Paul sent a wireless but he passed the Statue of Liberty three lengths ahead of the message.  
A. M. Johnson, Editor  
And now you tell one.  
We want to tell you that Vic Harris has done some mighty fine remodeling, on his town property.  
Boss: "Say, where are you two lazy porters going?" Why don't you get to work?"  
Jackson: "Were working boss —we're carryin' dis her desk upstairs."  
Boss: "I don't see any desk."  
Jackson: "Well, for de lan's sake, Zeke, if we ain't gone and forgot de desk."

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