

OREGON

Or a Romance and Adventure in and of the West

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It says, I'll say it does. Our grain fields and pastures furnish us with feeds for our stock and flour for our bread. Our timber and stone supply us with building material. By cooperating together we do much better than by competing against each other. Cooperation tends to peace, competition is war minus the un. Brought to its fullest and rawest compact the gun comes in later.

Under cooperation we get a more abundant living. Supply is here for our needs. Yea, an abundant supply. Thanks to the supreme court and our Oregon, it will continue.

"What about Texas," inquired Judge C. "We pay no property tax," replied the commissioner. "You doubtless know that municipal owned property is non-taxable. However, the city pays an income tax, which is the only just tax that can be levied."

Commissioner Goblet next led his guests to the city hall. It was a roomy two story cement building. In the building was many offices, built with a view of certain necessary purposes. There was an office for each of the commissioners and a large well equipped room for meetings of the board of commissioners. A large fire and burglar proof vault was built in the center of the building. Within the vault was a strong safe for the keeping of currency, gold, silver and other valuables and papers necessary to insure and preserve the credit of the city. The part of the vault not occupied by the safe was used for storage room. There was shelves all around the room on which were kept indexed important city records. Next, the vault and in front of it was the office of the commissioner of finance. It was in this office that all bills were paid, all checks or city warrants were honored and exchanges made. All commercial business, both within and without the city passed thru this office. The office furnishing and fixtures much resembled banks in use a few decades before. Daily reports the day beginning at noon, passed thru this office from all departments of the city that were of a financial or commercial character. Clerks and officials and office employees began to arrive to take up their duties. Many of which only lasted an hour or two, after which they were occupied in other occupations or pursuits. These were all introduced to the three jurists. They all hurried to their respective rooms and desks.

"This looks more like a corporation office building of forty years ago, than a city hall" said Judge A. "That is what it is," said the Commissioner. "Hope is a municipal industrial-commercial corporation and she does the things she was intended for. I do. Hope as well as our Oregon has buried politics along side the saloon of former decades. It is true that following the burial of the saloon, the politicians dug up John Barleycorn, the evil shadow of the saloon, but since the burial of politics, there is no politicians to sustain the shadow, and he too has gone to hades from where he came." "I am hoping," said Judge B. "that militarism, the last of the trinity of evil will soon be buried alongside of the other two." "Amen," answered the others.

"Someone has said that industrial democracy, international brotherhood and world peace would follow each other," said Judge B. "Well we have industrial democracy," said the commissioner. Continuing he said, "The office of commissioner of finance acts as a clearing house for the municipal corporation. Daily reports from the other departments come to the department of finance office, commercial activities, trade and finance are handled by the department of finance. The duties of my office are to attend to the industrial collective of the city as well as the governmental or executive activities or phases.

The duties of the department of safety is to see that the sanitary condition of the city is one hundred per cent. Water supply light and heat, drainage, sewerage septic tanks, in fact his office to care for the safety of the inhabitants and property of the city.

"If conditions in my department are unclean or dangerous, the commissioner of safety calls on me. He seldom if ever has to call the second time."

The usefulness of and benefits of the two other commissioners are greatly enhanced by their cooperation with the state commissioner of finance and the state commissioner of insurance. The credit of the city is greatly enhanced thereby.

"Crop insurance added to insurance of other property makes for safety and the cost there of is infinitesimal compared with the benefits secured. The city hall is a busy place. There is something doing that is worth while, and it is doing much of the time. Things with us are doing nicely."

"The insertion of the golden

rule, as a provision of the charter thereby making the teaching of the Nazarene a part of the organic law of the municipality, helps wonderfully toward its coming us, the spirit of the Christ influences all for good, especially the officials. No one realizes this influence more than we three," said Judge B. "Being written in as a charter provision it has a better effect than if it were a municipal law or a law due to an ordinance."

"Its primary principal effect is upon the officials, upon the administration, upon the government much more than upon the governed or upon the private citizens or resident."

"I never saw it in that light before but I guess you are right," said Commissioner Goblet. "Hang his head for a moment, Judge B. spoke, "When Rudyard Kipling coined the phrase: 'The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man' he should have added, 'The Lordship of Jesus Christ.' I am wondering if men do not recognize the Lordship of Jesus Christ when they write his concept of the law and the

prophets in charter provisions and judicate it into constitutional or organic law."

"Nearly half a century ago I heard men talking and using the phrase 'Industrial democracy, international brotherhood and world peace.' 'We of Oregon have, in the legal person we have named Oregon an industrial democracy. May the other two follow swiftly."

"Having and industrial democracy," said Judge B. "let us hope we are in the beginning of the end even though the end is not in sight."

The four friends had come out of the city hall and were in the highway near the stalled car when a woman's scream quickly followed by the report of a gun smote their ears.

The commissioner ran to the car and grabbed a gun that had been left in it and ran up the road two hundred yards and jumping the fence ran a little ways and came to a small clump of trees. Within the shelter of the trees was a settee or bench, beyond the bench about five feet was a man laying on his back looking much like he was dead while a few paces beyond at the opposite side of the grove stood Donald Waldo.

With her arms around his neck and held very close to him was Miss Leonard. "Oh, oh," she sobbed, "I hope I have not killed him." At their feet was a short heavy set man lying on the ground with blood flowing from a wound in his head. "Don't feel so badly about it dear," said Waldo. "He is not dead but he will be if we do not get him to where he can get surgical treatment and care."

(To be Continued)

LINCOLN'S FIRST DOLLAR

Young Abe Lincoln used to perform any odd job to get a penny or a nickle. One day he rowed two men out on the Mississippi to board a boat. To his astonishment they threw him two bright half dollars—the first that he had ever had.

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DEATH TO KIDNAPPERS!

The Loeb and Leopold crime was bad enough. The Hickman brutality amazed a nation. Now comes the Hotaling criminality to spread the thought that there may be others of like mind in this country.

Loeb and Leopold are in prison. So is Hotaling. Hickman faces trial, with an insanity plea, nothing to get a life term. While we dislike the idea of capital punishment those who kidnap young children and murder them should be killed as quickly as possible.

The wrath of the Michigan citizens is easily

understood. Their effort to "get" the abnormal man who murdered a five-year-old girl, it is true against the law, but nevertheless, easily excused. Our own notion is that the speedy execution of a few abnormalities will help some scoundrels to regain their sanity before committing such awful crimes.

In these days of motor competition the pedestrian is never safe. If an automobile doesn't get him an automobile salesman will.—
Virginian Pilot.

Nowadays everyman is entitled to life, liberty and an automobile in which to pursue happiness.—Oregon Motorist.

A New York's girl's excuse for driving past a red traffic light was that "the most wonderful man in the world had just asked me to marry him and I was in clouds of dreams." She was fined \$3, which, we are quite sure, the wonderful young man paid without a murmur.

This being leap year, how-tion the pedestrian is never safe ever, we suspect the young lady didn't tell it exactly as it was. What she probably meant to say was that "the most wonderful young man in the world had just consented to marry me."—Kansas City Star.

It looks to us as if it were going to be the worst year yet for the horse-fly.—Ohio State Journal.

Most of a bond issue of \$950,000 will be spent in Salem this year, for bridges, sewers and drainage.

Medford—Hearty, Inc., will enlarge \$183,000 fruit plant.



OH BOY!

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Ashland Products Exposition

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20 TO 26

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During this entire week Ashland Wholesalers, Producers and Manufacturers have united with the retailers in one concerted effort to bring before the people of Southern Oregon, some of the many things that are "MADE AT HOME."

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Do not confuse this exposition with the so-called trade at home campaign.

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But during this week at the main exposition hall in the room formerly occupied by the Western Auto Supply Company and at every retail store, Ashland made goods will be featured, and every opportunity will be offered to allow you to get acquainted with products produced in your own vicinity.

TRY AND GET IN!