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REDUCTIO AD ABSURDUM

A editorial in the Salem Journal of November 13th shows how, under our elaborate system of government in Oregon, "Three Sets of Saviors", each entirely and solely responsible for the deed, annually save our poor and suffering electorate from the terrible burdens of taxation which departmental heads seek to impose on them; how a salaried executive officer, with a few weeks' work and two years' pay, aided and abetted by his budget commission, cut and slash the estimates of department heads, saving the country thousands of dollars. It is then turned over to a committee of the House, which again cuts and slashes, thus saving us more thousands; finally at the close of the two-year period, the department heads and Institution managers report a surplus of many thousands, having by their economical management, saved us still more thousands. And yet with it all, we never see any return of those surplus thousands and the game goes merrily on, the levies increasing, and new methods of taxation being devised. Truly, this comes very near reduction to an absurdity.

Protecting the Investment

Abraham Lincoln humorously said of a poor neighbor's assets: "He has a wife and two children,

which I should think were worth thirty thousand dollars to any man."

A family is indeed a golden investment and needs the same protection and care that any investment requires.

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Circus Feats Ancient

Many of the circus and vaudeville feats which are performed today were performed in the circuses and amphitheaters which drew large audiences 5,000 years ago. Frescoes were recently uncovered in Crete by an eminent archeologist, which represent a charging bull about to toss a girl poised on its horns, while another girl is standing behind apparently waiting to catch her. A man is represented turning somersaults on the bull's back. All of these performers are dressed in costumes which very much resemble those worn by modern bare-back riders.

College Course Proved

Much Too Successful

The Man and the Girl loved one another very dearly. But, alas! though rich in love and good looks, they were poor in the currency demanded by the butcher, the baker and the candlestick combine.

So the man said, "Beloved, I love you too much to ask you to share a life of penury. I will away to a distant colony, where I will work hard and acquire much wealth. Then I will return and we will be married and live happy ever after."

So the man departed.

Now, the Girl was a practical nature, and she said to herself: "I, too, will endeavor to make some money."

So she considered what money-making pursuit she might follow, and she determined to start a correspondence college for women.

She advertised largely in the press, assuring her sisters that she could teach them "How to be Beautiful," "The Art of Fascinating Men," "How to Win and Keep a Husband," and many other subtleties.

And before long she realized that she was a success, and that her wealth was very considerable.

Accordingly she wrote to her Man: "Come home, I have more money than enough for both of us."

But he came not. For among the pupils of the correspondence college had been one living in that distant colony whither he had gone. She had found the courses of very great merit—for she had learned how to be beautiful, she had fascinated the Girl's man, she had won him, and there is no reason to suppose that she had not also learned how to keep him.—London Passing Show.

Sugar in History

The Department of Agriculture says that sugar from the sugar cane was probably known in China 2,000 years before it was used in Europe. Several centuries before Christ Greek physicians called sugar by the name of "Indian salt" and a "honey made from reeds." When merchants began to trade in the Indies sugar was included among the spices, perfumes and other rare and costly things carried to the western countries of Europe. At this time it was used exclusively in the preparation of medicines. When sugar was first introduced as a food it was regarded with suspicion. It was said to be heating, to be bad for the lungs and to cause apoplexy.

Honest Deed Saved Her

After Miss Marie Taylor, a waitress, pleaded guilty in special sessions court to stealing a vanity case worth \$13.89 from a department store the court suspended sentence when she learned her record, says the New York Herald Tribune.

Two years ago, Probation Officer William Buss said, Miss Taylor picked up a package containing \$14,000 a careless customer had left in a restaurant where she worked. She turned it over to the manager and it was soon restored to the owner.

Safety Lessons Learned

Saving the lives of 769 children of school age is credited to safety instructions in the Detroit schools for the five years, 1919 to 1923, inclusive. Decrease in child fatalities has been from 1.64 a thousand in 1919 to .78 in 1923, a drop of more than 50 per cent; in relation to automobile registration the decrease has been from .85 a thousand in 1919 to .33 in 1923; on the basis of total population the decrease has been from .22 a thousand to .18 a thousand.

Watch Set in Its Ways

A watch that's dead set against daylight saving time is owned by Alexander Comeau, of Portland, Maine. Last spring Mr. Comeau set his timepiece an hour ahead. A few days later he was surprised to find that the hour hand on the watch had dropped back just one hour, to standard time. Again he set it ahead one hour. The faithful timepiece ran along this way for another few days and then went back to standard time. He made no further effort to tinker with the watch.—Boston Globe.

Rat Made Much Trouble

Houston Heights and other parts of Houston, Texas, that depend upon the Pasadena plant of the Houston Lighting and Power company for electricity were thrown in darkness recently when a rat walked into the distributing drum and caused a short circuit. It took thirty minutes for workmen to get the charred body of the rat from the mass of burned out wires.

Class in History

"This, then, was the beginning of the Thirty Years' war."
"But, professor, how on earth did they get the men to enlist for thirty years?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Steam-Heated Bird Nest

Steam-heated nests with steam baths are being used by a pair of bluebirds in Yellowstone park, according to reports to the national park service headquarters at Washington. The happy couple have, however, avoided expensive modern plumbing and steam fittings. They have simply taken over one of nature's big steam plants by constructing their cozy home in the nearly extinct Excelsior geyser cone. Every morning they can be seen darting in and out of the steam.

Plants are also using the geyser as a natural greenhouse. Wild strawberries have been found growing not far from the cone two weeks ahead of their usual season.

Questions of State

The proprietor of a village store was sitting with the loafers who had formed a circle around the stove. His sole assistant was a youngster who had lately drifted in from parts unknown.

A woman entered and asked for a pound of cheese. She would not allow the assistant to wait on her, but insisted on having the proprietor.

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"Can't disturb him now. He's in conference." — Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.



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