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## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BILL

The "Public Utilities Bill about to be introduced at the State Capitol as this is written may eventually prove itself to be very much of a "Two-edged" sword.

The provisions of this act are, in the main, to be commended; if passed as proposed, it should be of considerable benefit to the people of the State, an especially desirable provision is that which puts a utility which refuses to accept the rulings of the commissioner in the position of a plaintiff should the matter at issue come to court.

The feature of this bill which may prove Not-so-good at some future date is that which does away with the present three-member commission and substitutes a single "Commissioner of Public Utilities of Oregon." It is not well to place too much responsibility, or power, in the hands of one man, more especially when that man receives his office by appointment and not by election. It is conceivable that at some future time we might have a Governor or Public Utilities Commissioner who would be more interested in the good of the utilities than in that of the people.

## AND THIS IS THRIFT WEEK

The sponsors of Thrift Week" advise us to do many more things than just save our money, in fact a casual glance over the things they would have us do would seem to suggest that they want us to spend rather than save it: Here are their admonitions:

Work and earn, Make a budget, Record expenditures, Have a bank account, Carry life insurance, Own your own home, Make a will, Invest in safe securities, Pay bills promptly, Share with others.

As will be seen most of the above clauses call for the expenditure of money, so it is quite evident they do not hold with the French peasants that the way to be thrifty is to bury your money in the back yard.

A thrifty person in this day and age is one who knows how to spend wisely, not save foolishly. Money buried, or in any other way taken out of normal circulation, is money wasted, it earns no interest, provides no nourishment, furnishes no comforts and is a foe to prosperity. As far back as Bible times he who was considered a faithful servant, and was awarded accordingly, was one who invested his talents wisely, not he who buried them.

The slogan for the week is "Prepare for Prosperity," if you would do your share check over the list of things to do given herewith, attend to all items you are behind on, and if you still have any money left lend it out on a mortgage, improve your property, by a good bond or in any other "Thrifty" way put it to work.

## THE TUALATIN TUNNEL

According to A. C. Leonard, whose analysis of the findings of the Tualatin tunnel experts has just been published, a toll of 10.5 cents a vehicle for all types of vehicles would be sufficient to defray all operating costs, taxes, interest and the initial cost of the proposed tunnel within twenty years.

Ten, or fifteen cents, does not seem an unreasonable toll for the privilege of using such a tunnel when one considers the usual amount charged on the average toll-bridge, it is usually closer to a dollar than it is to a dime. The greater ease and safety of making a trip thru a lighted, dry tunnel in wet, foggy or icy weather than over existing routes under similar conditions would be well worth the amount of the toll proposed even if there were no savings in the amount of gasoline used, which there undoubtedly will be.

When depressed over the low price of eggs, give a thought to the influenza epidemic in Europe; the drought in the South; Earthquakes in Mexico, or the troubles of Clara Bow, it should make you feel better.

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## PLAN YOUR FLOCK OF HENS

Decide whether you want to specialize on egg production, on breeding on producing hatching eggs, on producing capons or on developing show birds.

About 98 per cent of the farm poultry income is derived from the sale of market eggs and market poultry. The general farmer sells little breeding stock or few hatching eggs.

After you decide upon what phase of poultry you want to make your specialty, select a breed which suits the purpose. The choice of a strain within a breed is more important than the choice of the breed.

What breed do you like best and know most about? What breed fits in best with your equipment and the needs of your family?

What are the local market conditions? Is there a difference in the price between white and brown eggs? Is there a difference in the price per pound for large and small fowls? Is there a market difference between yellow-skinned and white-skinned fowls?

Is there any attempt on the part of the community to standardize on any one breed? If so, you had better join in with the rest of the community. The western coast has an advantage in eastern markets because they have standardized production and can furnish large quantities of quality products.

If you are specializing in egg production, from 25 to 40 per cent makes a good production flock of carefully selected hens and 75 to 60 per cent of well-grown pullets makes a good production flock. Even if you are not breeding, keep the hens that test out well. It costs to grow pullets and a pullet has to lay about three dozen eggs before her egg size is up to standard. Second year hens will yield good money on the investment, even if they lay only eight or nine dozen eggs.

Decide upon how you are to reproduce your flock. This is one of the big expenses of farm poultry.

Will you do your own breeding and hatching or buy baby chicks? Will you brood with hens or will you buy a brooder stove? What size of flocks makes the most economical use of your brooder equipment? A coal stove brooder to raise 40 or 50 chicks is a waste of equipment. Hen hatching and brooding three or four hundred chicks is wasteful of labor.

Let us change our just-happened-to-have flocks into well-planned flocks that meet the needs of our farms and yield a good return on the money invested.

## BREAKFAST IS IMPORTANT

Trying to start the day's work without breakfast is like trying to start the flier without fuel—you can't get away with it.

The human machine like any other needs energy to make it go. Twelve or 14 hours after the evening meal the stomach is empty, and "refueling" is necessary if the body is to function efficiently. This means a good breakfast—one that furnishes at least a fourth of the day's food, something that many thousands of Americans especially working girls, school children and overweight parents try to get along without.

Going without breakfast is poor practice for the fat person as well as the thin. Overweight persons, often go without the morning meal and sometimes without lunch, with the result that they have an uncontrollable appetite at night. They eat go to sleep, and become fatter.

For thin persons, going without breakfast means missing one of the three chances during the day to obtain building materials and food supplies for the body. They run a great risk of being undernourished, a condition which may cause susceptibility to disease, nervousness, poor teeth, early old age and other disorders.

"The fact is, that three meals a day are not sufficient for young children, and at times even older children need more food than can be taken in three meals. The morning recess lunch for children especially those who go to school without breakfast or with an inadequate one, is now a national custom."

## DON'T THROW THINGS AROUND

Carelessness, untidiness around the farm home are sins committed and not only around the house in which we live, but around the whole farm.

Old lumber is left in a corner of the yard, a discarded buggy or wagon is in some corner of a field preventing the scythe or mower from getting to the weeds. Hg baling wire gets into the manure pile and dulls the mowing machine knives when it gets scattered in the cultivated fields. Hoes, hay forks, shovels and other hand tools are leaning against the walls just inside the doors of stable or work shop, or may be left leaning against the fence or lying on the ground to be hidden by weeds.

A gate hinge gets loose but still holds. No one tightens it up. Each day the gate sags a little more then it drags on the ground; the hinge finally pulls loose from the gate. Then we lift the gate by main strength. Five minutes spent three months ago would have saved the

hinge and all the dragging of the gate that we are now doing. It is a case of carelessness.

A corner of the tin roof came loose. We see it but do not get a ladder and repair it while it is easily done. A windstorm blows the whole roof off as a result of our neglect.

The wagon wheels begin to "work" indicating that the tires need tightening. It isn't done. The wagon breaks down with a load of wheat on it. Itain spoils 40 bushels of wheat before we get it unloaded, and now the wrecked wagon is decorating the barn yard.

A board comes off the fence and a cow gets her head through and then her body. Other cattle follow. All get to the corn field and are foundered.

Keep the fences and gates in repair. The time spent in looking after things may bring \$25 per hour. Keep everything in its place.

## OREGON A LEADER IN MOHAIR PRODUCTION

Because of its high rank among the mohair-producing states, Oregon should benefit materially from the establishment of the Mohair Institute, which has just been announced. Headquarters for the Institute will be maintained in Chicago under the direction of A. C. Gage of Portland, editor of the Angora Journal and internationally known mohair authority.

Last year Oregon's 120,000 Angora goats produced 468,000 pounds of mohair. Only Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico exceed this state in mohair production.

The Institute will conduct investigations and researches in various fields of the industry from the breeding of the Angora goat to the finished product, with the idea of improving the quality of the American mohair goats and in developing new uses for the fabric that goes back to Bible times.

Turkey is the original home of the Angora goat, but the United States now has more mohair producing animals than any other country in the world. There are Angora goats in each of the 48 states with Texas by far the largest producing state. Improved range practices in recent years have resulted in a finished product superior to that produced in the old world.

## WITH FARMERS AROUND THE STATE

DALLAS—A series of meetings in six communities of Polk county have been arranged for January 22 and 23 and to discuss seed crops and weed control. E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in farm crops at Oregon State college, will assist J. R. Beck, county agent with the meetings.

THE DALLES—Three hundred pounds of Austrian Winter field peas, and 100 pounds of field peas and vetch mixed have been put out in the Montgomery and W. J. Wilcox orchards in the Mosier district of Wasco county, as cover crop demonstrations. The trials were arranged by W. Wray Lawrence, county agent.

KLAMATH FALLS—Out of 94 head of cattle tested for contagious abortion during the past month, only two reactors and two suspects were found reports County Agent C. A. Henderson.

HEPPNER—Morrow county wheat farmers are paying freight on some 25,000 bushels of dockage to Port-



Is this your birthday? Very often those born on this day are not born into the most congenial environment and they pull themselves by the bootstraps into a bigger and better field for their activities and talents. Until that time they often feel lost in the environment in which they find themselves.

Sometimes that feeling of restlessness cannot be defined, and those who were born on this day, if they have a feeling of dissatisfaction in things as they are, should look around to improve themselves. For within themselves they have that power to use or discard as their ambitions designate.

But you have many talents and a capacity for concentration and tenacity of purpose which will carry you far on the road to success, which will be undoubtedly through your own efforts. You should depend upon your own judgment rather than that of others.

If a woman, you will probably shine in society because of your natural wit, winsomeness, personality and breadth of viewpoint. You pay little or no attention to scandal and you are extremely charitable toward the petty faults of others.

Those born on this day have a keen perception of human suffering and often suffer sympathetically with those less fortunate than themselves. They are home lovers and should seek harmony and happiness in the home for the best good.

Send the exact date of your birth and a self-addressed stamped envelope, including 10 cents in silver or stamps to cover return mail for a general horoscope, to Stella, P. O. Box 25, Grand Street Station, New York City.

land each year. This is one fact brought out in a wheat survey of the county begun by County agent J. W. Smith in November and now nearing completion. As there are only three elevators in operation at the present time, either a better job of threshing or more country loading point cleaning equipment is necessary, Smith says.

ONTARIO—Plans are under way among the farmers of the Big Bend district of Malheur county for the formation of a cooperative lamb and hog shipping pool. County Agent R. C. Larson says it is hoped the organization may be completed during the early spring months.

Although he holds no academic degrees Walter Williams has been made president of the University of Missouri.

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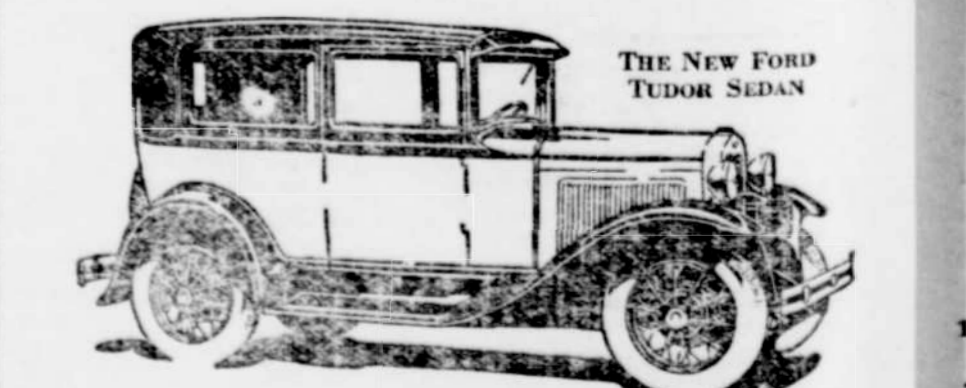
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