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Editorial Program

- I. Make Springfield the Industrial Center of Western Oregon.
- II. Develop a Strong Trading Point: Build a City of Contented Homes.
- III. Improve Living Conditions on the Farm. Promote the Raising of Purebred Livestock and the Growing of Fruit; Work for Better Markets.
- IV. Tell the World About Oregon's Scenic Wonderland.

PLANT A TREE OR TWO

The tree-planting campaign started by the Woman's Civic club should receive the support of every property owner in the city. There is nothing which will beautify the city more than long avenues of shade trees in summer time. Many streets in Springfield are practically barren of trees giving the impression to the out-of-town visitor of a hurriedly built temporary village. A thousand trees should be planted this spring under the guidance of the Woman's club.

The lack of trees is said to be due in a measure to insufficient knowledge of the width of parking strips and the poor conditions many of them are in for planting trees. Councilmen claim there are ordinances establishing parkings on every street in the city. But the lack of knowledge of this obscure law has caused many people to hesitate in planting trees for fear of seeing them in improper places.

In reality tree planting is a project that should be undertaken by a whole street. To get the best effect the trees should be all of one kind, a uniform distance from the sidewalk and evenly spaced. There is a law in this state giving the city council power to call a mass meeting of property owners on a street, on petition of any five property owners, and establish tree-planting rules and determine the kind of trees to be planted. The Springfield Chamber of Commerce has a committee working on this sort of a project and it is proposed to plant one or two streets this spring. Corvallis, Salem and many other cities of the state have followed this method with very gratifying results.

Congress has just been presented with a petition more than two miles long, signed by 345,516 farmers, asking that government expenses be cut and taxes reduced. In length and number of signatures it is said to be the longest petition ever presented to a legislative body and represents nearly every state in the union. Every signer is a farmer or is directly interested in farming. An impressive reminder to the lawmakers that the people want their taxes cut.

The aggregate value of real and personal property in the city of New York is as great as assessed value of all property lying west of the Mississippi river.

The man who gave a justice of the peace a worthless check for performing his marriage ceremony was not marrying for money.

Scrub women are giving up their jobs to chorus girls in Germany. Their slogan is what Sherman said instead of "Hoch der Kiser."

Boston had a cat show the other day. No not a sewing circle, a real cat show.

Births exceed deaths two to one and there is a marriage every ten minutes.

Many are called, but few phone numbers are gotten.

SPEND 24 BILLIONS FOR LUXURIES

The people of the United States spend in a single year over \$24,000,000,000 for luxuries. One per cent of this would furnish twice the annual requirement for the payment of the bonus.

Civilization has progressed from the jungle life to the jingle life.

Editorial Comment

KEEP THE ARMY ON ITS BEAT

With crime waves running an erratic race with the cold waves of the weatherman in the newspaper headlines, we don't hear of any movement in any large American city to cut the police force.

But despite the fact that hunger, avarice and envy rule Europe, despite the fact that the majority of nations of the world find little cause for friendliness with us at this moment, the police force of your Uncle Samuel, the United States Army, is having a hard time to get from Congress the money it needs to prevent it from becoming numerically a has-been.

That Army walks a beat which is one vast jewelry window, chock full of the greatest assortment of riches ever assembled at one time in the history of the world. It guards a composite bank vault which contains more gold than there is in the rest of the world. It is the defense we have set up for all our national wealth, aggregating the stupendous sum of four hundred billion dollars.

It is almost inconceivable that proposals to cut the size of the Regular Army should be made now, with world affairs as they are. Yet Secretary of War Weeks, in his annual report to President Coolidge, declares that he encounters a strong sentiment that present Army expenditures, small as they are relatively, are unnecessary.

The present Army and Navy expenditures, rated as defense insurance, amount to less than \$1.50 per thousand on our national wealth of \$400,000,000,000. The country at present maintains only one soldier for each \$2,500,000 of national wealth, the lowest proportion in seventy years. Every argument supports Mr. Weeks' plea that Congress increase the number of enlisted men in the Regular Army to 150,000. No cost is too great, when, as he truly says, "the cost of national defense is the price of freedom."—American Legion Weekly.

THE UNTAXED MILLIONS

No doubt the very rich ought to pay big surtaxes, because they don't need the money and the government does, and it is bad policy, anyway, for immense fortunes to accumulate and be passed on to private heirs with all the power such fortunes represent. But the fact is that the very rich are not paying big surtaxes, under the present high rates, and they cannot be made to do so as long as there are tax-free securities for them to invest their capital in.

The general situation appears in the United States treasury figures for the last few years, which show a rapidly decreasing government income from surtaxes on big fortunes. An apt example is found in the case of William C. Rockefeller who, at his death, was found to have only \$7,000,000 invested in business enterprise and therefore subject to the excess profits tax, and his remaining \$44,000,000 in tax exempt bonds.

Making a horse drink after he has been led unwillingly to the watering trough is easy compared with making an unwilling millionaire pay half his income in surtaxes as long as there is any legal way to dodge the payment. Even if he does not need the money and it is not consciously about it, the business habits of a lifetime impel him to place his capital where it will bring the best return. That place, at present, is tax-free securities.

There is reason for believing that with a lower surtax, big fortunes will be drawn back again into productive private enterprise, becoming subject to federal income taxation once more, and thus swelling the income tax receipts in the "upper brackets."

That process can be helped along by stopping the issue of tax-free bonds, which will require a constitutional amendment.—Tacoma News Tribune.

When your shirt comes back with the button gone, there's the rub.

Many a girl wins a prize at a beauty show and marries him.

Stockings hold more rents than rent.

When a man leaves his wife he doesn't leave her much.

Drivers who try to beat trains are jumping at conclusions.



Eat More Bread

Good Times Ahead

Whenever you see a sack of Featherflake Flour being delivered you can know that some family is going to enjoy some good bread, rolls, biscuits and pastries.

You will eat more bread when it's made of Featherflake Flour, just see if you won't—it's your cheapest and best food, too.

Insist on Featherflake—It's really the best.
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Springfield Mill & Grain Co.

VARSITY WILL MEET HUSKY BASKETBALL SQUAD

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—On Monday of next week, February 4th, the University of Oregon basketball team will meet the University of Washington Huskies in the first Pacific Coast conference game played by the varsity this season. The game will be staged in the Eugene armory.

The third week of her conference basketball schedule finds the University of Washington tossers at the top of the conference list with two wins and no defeats. Indications are that Coach "Heck" Edmunson has built up an efficient and dangerous basketball machine from the remnants of last year's team which lost the section championship to Idaho.

At this stage of the season little can be said on the comparative strength of Oregon with other participants in the conference race. The Webfoot tossers have disposed of the pre-season opponents in a workmanlike manner, all contests except one going to the varsity tossers by overwhelming majorities. As yet it is a

matter of conjecture how Coach Billy Reinhart's offense, which has been so effective to this point, will work against the more experienced teams.

Reinhart has adopted a system which is new in coast basketball science. With fast men, for his players are admittedly a fast outfit, this system will have a fair tryout in the game with the Huskies.

Reinhart's six man team consists of Russell Gowans, forward; Charles King, forward; Howard Hobson, forward; Hugh Latham, center; Harold Chapman, guard; Earl Shafer, guard. Charles Jost is acting as a substitute center and guard. Latham, Chapman and Shafer have had two years of varsity experience. Gowans is a one year varsity man.

"HURRICANE'S GAL" IS SEA AND SKY ROMANCE

The romance of the open sea and the open sky, the mystery of the underworld, the love of a real man for a real woman, the battle against villainy and the redemption of an untamed spirit—these are the high

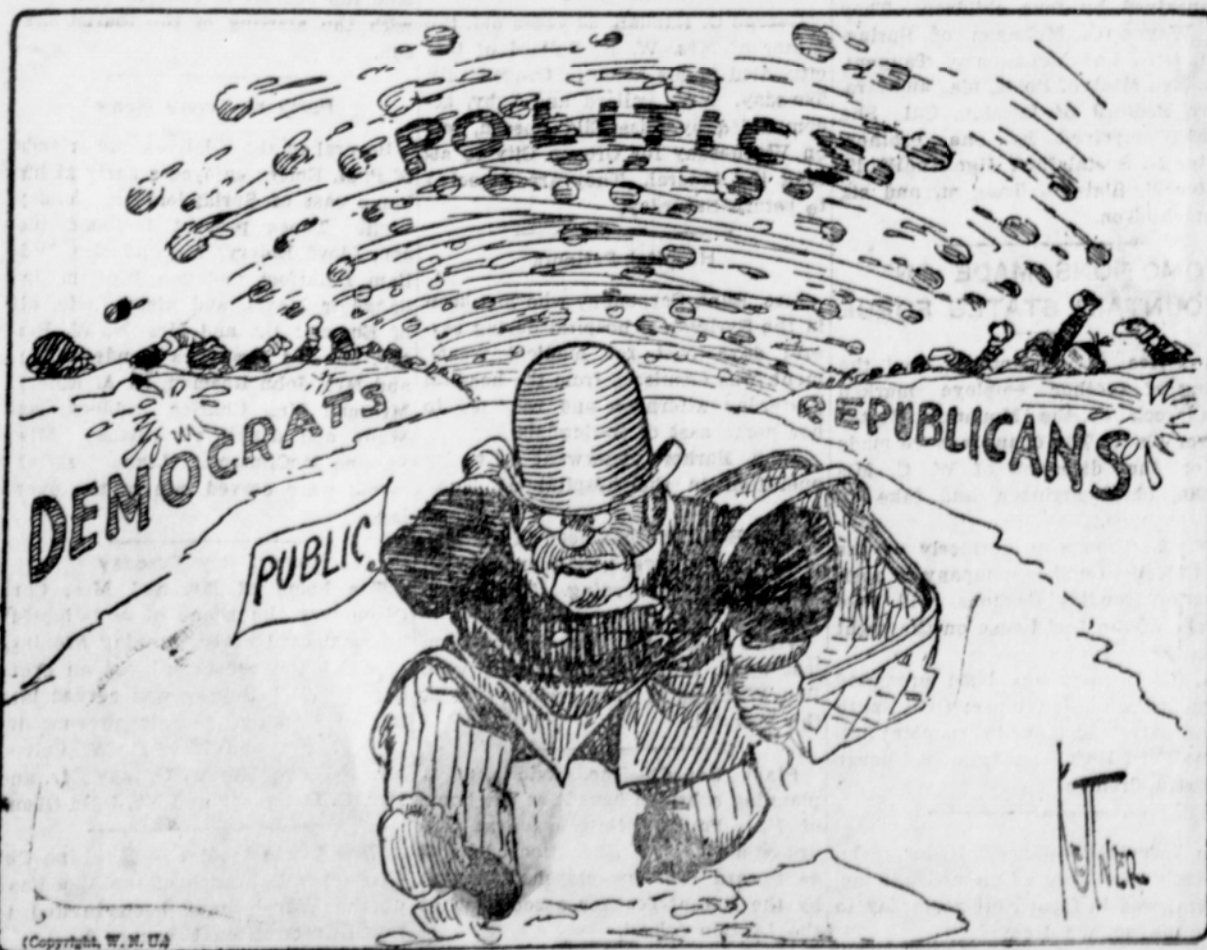
lights of "Hurricane's Gal," a First National attraction, which is coming to the Bell Theatre on Saturday.

Dorothy Phillips is the star of the production and Allen Holubar, the creator of "Man-Woman-Marrage," produced it.

There are many thrilling and novel features in "Hurricane's Gal." Schooners, torpedo boat destroyers, aeroplanes and hydroplanes are utilized in the production. Most of the action takes place at sea, and the tale ends up in a palatial mansion in San Francisco following a series of underworld complications.

When did democracy first burst the bonds of class distinction in England? When did reform workers first obtain decent living conditions for the lowest working class? The answers to these and other questions of interest to the student are expressed in beautiful dramatic form in the Hobart Henley Universal Jewel production at the Bell Theatre Sunday, "The Flame of Life." Priscilla Dean, premier stellar artist in the field of vital emotionalism, is the star. Robert Ellis, Wallace Beery, Kathryn McGuire and Beatrice Burnham enact principal roles under Hobart Henley's direction.

The Battle Is On



Ford

THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Forecasting A Tremendous Spring Demand

739,626

more Ford cars and trucks were produced last year than the previous year, an increase of over 50 per cent.

In spite of this tremendous increase in production, it was impossible to meet delivery requirements during the spring and summer months when orders for 350,000 Ford Cars and Trucks could not be filled.

This year winter buying for immediate delivery has been more active than ever before—and in addition 200,000 orders have already been booked through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan for spring delivery.

These facts clearly indicate that the demand during this spring and summer will be far greater than ever, and that orders should be placed immediately with Ford Dealers as a means of protection against delay in securing your Ford Car or Truck or Fordson Tractor.

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Detroit, Michigan

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