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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.

GET OUT AND VOTE

General election comes once in two years. It is important that you give a few minutes of your time to expressing your preference for candidates to office who are to conduct our government for the next two, four or six years. A democracy like ours is no better than the rank and file of its people. If they are slack and do not vote then law enforcement will be lax and offices will be filled with inefficient and lazy officials.

Your country needs you at election time. Don't be a slacker. Get out and vote.

Some criticism has been directed toward us for permitting the Farmer's Union slate committee to place an unsigned and unmarked advertisement endorsing certain candidates in our paper last week. We hasten to assure it was an oversight on our part. We claim no responsibility for the advertisement and particularly that part referring to the record of County Clerk R. S. Bryson on the board of equalization. We know Mr. Bryson as an honest and efficient public official and do not wish to attack his action on this board or on any other matter.

People of the United States have given more than two billion dollars for relief work since the world war. Still there are those who say we are not doing anything to help humanity in the rest of the world.

In one month 147 pairs of twins and one set of triplets were born in Canada. There is no prohibition in Canada.

The W. C. T. U. Farm home merits the support of every citizen in Springfield. A little given to the home will do a world of good.

Scandal mongers have no union rules and never object to working overtime.

Sometimes the upper hand comes from the bottom of the deck.

A lot of unemployment is on somebody's payroll.

Fifteen million bananas are consumed daily by people of the United States.

Every day is defense day with some husbands.

THE WORLD'S PROGRESS

The news of a day is an interesting study. Anatole France, literary embodiment of a nation passes to the great beyond; President Emeritus Laurentius Clark Seelye, first President of Smith College, is found dead in bed. Professor E. L. Larkin, world famous astronomer, meets the great adventure after 77 years of useful life. As these noted men embark for the sphere of mystery, Professor Charles W. Elliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University, repudiates the theory

of a Heaven where mankind can be at rest.

"Such a place would be unthinkable," says Elliot, outlining his thought regarding what he believes to be a necessary new religion. Parenthetically, we cannot see much need of a new religion, our belief being that the Christian religion will prove quite a success when it is tried.

The passing of these great beacon lights in the world's progress however—save for a little editorial endorsement—is received by the public with little or no comment. Rather is its vision fixed on the discoveries of the moment. As one great mind ceases to function, another announces the solution of the smuggling problem by an X-ray machine which discloses the contents of all baggage. Another expert tells us he can now fix his machine so that an observer may peep into any home through the walls.

With its sense of the grotesque always on tap the American says: "so passes the bootlegger, and with him our petting parties and midnight frolics." Jovial as is this thought it has in it the germ of greater truth. It heralds the compulsory perfection of the race. Mankind must perfect itself. It is the inexorable law of nature.

FARM CO-OPERATIVES HELPFUL

Last year 10,160 co-operatives associations, representing a membership of 2,025,000, conducted a business of \$2,200,000,000. While the great grain, dairy, livestock and truck farming areas of the central states, were naturally most prominently represented in this activity, every other geographical division shared in the economic benefits of this form of distribution, among the principal commodities so marketed being cotton, tobacco, wool, poultry, fruit and nuts.

Although the co-operative marketing had long been a part of the agricultural economics of many nations and of many American states, there was no Federal law recognizing their standing until Feb. 18, 1922. Before that time the state co-operatives had not right to engage in interstate or foreign commerce. Some authorities held that such activity would constitute a violation of the anti-trust laws.

Congress passed the co-operative marketing act giving the farm producer the powers and privileges which are enjoyed by business corporations. The associations must operate for the mutual benefit of all stock-holders and are limited to a dividend of 8 per cent. The Secretary of Agriculture is given sufficient authority to prevent the associations from monopolizing or restraining trade to the extent of increasing the price of any agricultural product unduly.

Co-operative marketing is one of the ways to eliminate much of the expense which is added to the price of a commodity between the time it leaves the farm and the time it reaches the consumer's table.

Editorial Comment

The state fair is primarily an institution for the farmers and by the farmers. There is of course, other things besides farming represented, such as products of manufacturers, but these are mainly things that interest the farmer and in a way are necessary to his development. It is an education to anyone to visit this exhibition and see what this great state of ours is capable of producing. Naturally, only the best is shown, but it gives one a feeling of encouragement. We feel that we have had an object lesson of what the farm is capable of doing and our ambitions are raised in a desire to equal what we have seen. And if we persist in our resolve to improve our crops of grain, or fruit or livestock, we have a definite goal to work for, one that it is possible for us to achieve or even surpass if we do our very best. Also one of the greatest undertakings at the fair, the one that goes a long way toward making better farmers and better farmers' wives in the future is the club work by the children of the state. Nothing has ever been done that will have more of a tendency to keep the farm children on the farm than this, and those who are engaged in this work hats are off to those who have made club work possible. —Oregon Farmer's Union News.

Government ownership of railways would mean taking over three million of railway tax money away from the state of Oregon annually and more than likely an added tax burden to care for a deficit in the operation of the

railways. Taxes have never yet been reduced by government ownership. In practically every instance of any importance, government ownership has added a tax burden. Our war experience in operating the railways was enough. The Coolidge administration has reduced expenditures and debts by the billions of dollars. That's the kind of government operation we want.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

HOWARD BROWNELL GIVES LAW ENFORCEMENT STAND

The voters of Lane County are entitled to know my views on law enforcement, before they vote on next Tuesday, November 4.

I stand for, and believe in, the enforcement of every law which is upon our statute books; I believe in the enforcement and observance of the prohibition law; but in the enforcement of all our laws, I believe in prosecution and not in persecution; I do not believe in prosecuting the poor and letting the rich go free; in my judgment, are no better than the poor, they being both equal in the eyes of the law if a prominent and influential man violates the law, whether it be the prohibition law or any other, he should not be allowed to go scot free, simply because he has the influence and the money, but he should suffer the same penalty in the same way, which the law imposes upon all alike.

If elected to the office of district attorney I will use my best endeavor to uphold the law, giving to every man, woman and child a fair, square deal, regardless of whether they are rich or poor.

I consider it essential to the success and happiness of every individual that he observe all the laws upon our statute books; it is true, that among some of our citizens there is an indifference to law and order, but I believe that in the main, men prefer to be up-right and law-abiding rather than criminal in their tendencies.

I earnestly ask the support of my friends and the general public at the coming election.

HOWARD M. BROWNELL.

Marriage Licenses issued.

During the last week marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk to the following: Anton T. Graves and Edna M. Mahany, both of Eugene; Harold G. Anderson, Albany, and Martha E. Bernard, Florence; Leland F. Roberts, and Christian Ruschke, both of Elmira; Franklin Glen Srouffe, Wendling, and Dorothy M. Coombs, Eugene; Leroy Larsen, Oakland, and Louise M. Wharton, Eugene; Loren L. Hayes, McGlynn, and Olive M. Slack, Walton; Ralph McElroy, Westfir, and Gladys Chandler, Eugene; Asa Emmett Michael, Eula, and Mae Godman, Eugene.

Dr. Ralph S. Dippel, Dentist, Vitus building, Springfield, Oregon.

The megaphone-toting ballyhoo man on a sightseeing bus may reasonably be said to lead a hand-to-mouth existence.

Three men near Chamonix, France, hung over a three-hundred-foot precipice for five hours. They had probably heard an automobile coming and wanted to be on the safe side.



What a joy! A full plate of hot biscuits—so white and fluffy with a golden crust. My and how good they taste—fairly melt in your mouth.

You'll enjoy your biscuits so much more if made with—

FEATHERFLAKE FLOUR

"Makes Bread Light as a Feather!"

No finer flour was ever made than FEATHERFLAKE. Only the choicest of hard wheats are blended to make this wonderful flour. Altho this good flour is of the big test quality it costs no more. Try a sack today.

Only stores of quality sell FEATHERFLAKE.



ONE Reason for high taxes

Cost of Sheriff's office for the year 1923	\$21,031.23
Cost of Sheriff's office for the year 1918	13,014.92
Increase in cost in 6 years of 61 per cent or	\$ 8,016.31
Cost of the Clerk's office for the year 1923	\$12,723.41
Cost of Clerk's office for the year 1918	11,012.89
Increase in cost in 6 years of 15 per cent or	\$ 1,710.52

The above shows that the business of the County has only increased a nominal amount during this period in which the cost of the Sheriff's office has mounted so fast.

Cost of Sheriff's office for July, August and September, 1924	\$6,481.67
Cost of Sheriff's office for July, August and September, 1918	\$2,058.53
Increase in cost in 7 years of 214 per cent or	\$4,423.14
Sheriff Frank E. Taylor has conducted the office since July 1st., 1924	
Cost of Sheriff's office for July, August and September, 1924 under Sheriff Taylor	\$6,481.67
Cost of Sheriff's office for July, August and September, 1923 under Sheriff Sticks	\$4,332.82
Increase in first three months under Sheriff Taylor	\$2,148.85

or 49 per cent more than the amount spent for this office over the same period just one year ago. The business of the County is not increasing at this rate, as the records of the other County offices show only a small increase and in some a decrease of cost.

At this rate what will be the cost of Sheriff's office four years hence; Do the TAXPAYERS want this to continue?

Vote for H. H. Earle For Sheriff

and establish an economical administration in the Sheriff's office.
Cal M. Youns, Pres. J. E. Shelton, Secy.

(Paid Adv.)

FOLKS IN OUR TOWN

By Proxy
By Edward McCullough



FROM POP'S PEN
CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK
-BABIES DO NOT HAVE IT
-ALL GIRLS HAVE IT ONCE
-BOYS WILL NEVER HAVE IT
CAN YOU GUESS WHAT IT IS?
DON'T FAIL TO SEE THIS PAPER NEXT WEEK