

This Week



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"SOMETHING WRONG," GARY. FLYING, DIVING, A NEW ERA. FORD'S NEW PLAN. RAIN, CORN, PRICE.

Judge Gary says there is something wrong with business conditions, and the something is LACK OF CONFIDENCE "the abnormal, unnecessary and TIMID, ill poised mental attitude of managers, including ourselves."

That's as sound as a steel ingot. Our troubles are mental. Put a plank six inches wide on the ground, and of a hundred people, every one will walk the length of it without fear of falling. Put the same plank fifty feet in the air, and two in a hundred, perhaps, will be able to walk it. Put your plank up two hundred feet, and not one in a thousand will try to cross it.

Yet, leaving out fear, it is as easy to walk such a plank a thousand feet up as it is flat on the ground.

The height of our national prosperity makes some citizens dizzy.

This is a new age, and the things we do would have surprised not only our grandfathers, but ourselves a few years back.

Young gentlemen studying at Annapolis are told that hereafter an officer and a gentleman must know how to fly.

And out in the Pacific Ocean, down among the coral lanes, near the Galapagos Islands, scientists, with diving helmets on their heads, their otherwise naked bodies well oiled, are sitting under the water, studying the fish that come, wide-eyed to study the men.

For the first time in his several hundred thousand years of existence on this planet, man can truly say the earth is his and the fullness thereof. He goes up into the clouds and down into the ocean.

rapidly, who knows but men may suddenly find a way to live on this earth without cutting each others' throats in war.

President Coolidge, it is said, will cut twenty-five millions a year from the cost of the United States army—a good idea. Soldiers marching over the ground in future war from the air will be about as useful as so many rabbits when eagles attack them.

The President's economy will be twice as valuable if he will arrange to spend the twenty-five millions cut from the army on the building of more flying machines.

Henry Ford will use United States ships, if he gets them, to take cars South and around into the Gulf of Mexico and bring fruit and vegetables back to the north.

That programme would be welcomed by millions. It would help to solve one problem of distribution and develop the great producing regions of the South as they should be developed.

Messrs. Fall, Doheny and Sinclair have been re-indicted for conspiracy by a Grand Jury in the District of Columbia. If you find anybody anxious to bet that Mr. Fall will go to jail for selling the people's oil lands and taking secret payment for the sale, TAKE THE BET. We don't jail the really big criminals in this country. Little criminals, yes. It's a dangerous country for them, if they're caught.

It has been raining in the corn belt and that has cheered the farmers. The corn crop suffered for lack of rain.

Immediately the price of corn fell more than 5 cents a bushel, December corn dropping 98½ to 93 cents. The weather does something to cheer up the farmer, and then the grain speculators to cheer him DOWN again.

At Yucapa, California, all members of the First Methodist Church witnessed the end of a Bible-reading marathon.

It was a noble reading, all out loud, every word distinctly pronounced. The pastor, the Rev. R. D. Raley, stayed awake and read or listened throughout the 69½ hours.

More deliberate reading, especially of Job and Isaiah, would be preferable. But any Bible reading is better than none.

In Thibet you can give a few coppers to a pagan priest with his prayer mill. You go your way comforted, he grinds out 10,000 prayers for you on his little mill. Those prayers are believed to do good, although verbal praying from the heart may be better.

Has Birthday Party—In honor of his seventh birthday, Harlan Duncan entertained several small friends at his home Monday afternoon.

Visits in Portland—Miss Vernita Morrison left Monday to visit relatives and attend the Rose Festival in Portland.

Doctor Visits Springfield—Dr. J. G. Radabaugh of Goshen visited in Springfield Tuesday.

STATE PRESS CONDEMNS ACTION OF EUGENE MEN

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the shops are located at Springfield, Eugene will reap all of the substantial advantages for the two cities will eventually grow together, but the boomers want the city to grow in another direction where presumably their own holdings are. So they are seeking to induce the Southern Pacific to break faith with the people and investors of Springfield, who have for so many years patiently held the sack.

The unique feature of the proposal is that the public-spirited boomers want the municipality to put up the money to secure industry that will enhance their holdings, instead of putting it up themselves—as Salemites have done for the linen mill and as other communities do. Jimmying the city treasury and making the taxpayer the goat for the speculator sets a dangerous precedent that can only lead to disaster by exhausting financial resources required for the legitimate needs of a growing city.

But why should Eugene seek to grow at the expense of Springfield, which is really only a suburb?—Salem Capital Journal.

THE SPRINGFIELD-EUGENE ROW

The citizens of Springfield have become aroused over the proposal launched by certain business men of Eugene, who dominate its chamber of commerce, to bond the university city for \$175,000 to purchase a site for the Southern Pacific railroad shops two miles west of the city and trade it to the company for the site which the railroad picked out at Springfield for that purpose a number of years ago. They have inserted page advertisements in the Eugene newspapers in which they allege that the Eugene movement is promulgated only by speculators, who will reap the benefit of the sale of the proposed site, and in which they set forth Springfield's claim to the railroad shops. They also made a showing to the effect that the car shops at Springfield, three miles east of Eugene, will be just as beneficial to Eugene, from an industrial standpoint, as they will be two miles west of Eugene; and from the standpoint of the city beautiful, Eugene will be better off with the shops at Springfield.

Sympathy will be on the side of Springfield, we believe, in the contest, if Eugene people go so far as to vote on the bond issue. It is clear that the little city, overshadowed by the big university center as it has been for years, has been living on in hopes that some day the Natron cut-off would be built and with the extension the car shops with its big payroll would materialize. It is also pretty well understood that the railroad company is committed to the Springfield site in return for the public spiritedness of its citizens in obtaining for it a sufficient acreage at a reasonable price. After all these days of hoping, no one can blame Springfield for flying into a passion over the Eugene proposal.

The point raised by the Springfield people, namely that the shops will do the Eugene business men as much good at Springfield as they will several miles west of the city, seems to be well taken. The greater part of the Springfield payroll is spent in Eugene today, and its payroll is of no inconsiderable amount, with the Booth-Kelly sawmill located within it. It would seem as though the shops, if they are to be located in that area, ought to go to Springfield. Morally Springfield has a claim on them. And industrially they will profit Eugene business men just as much, aside from the increment that might go to a few persons from the sale of options on the proposed new site.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

ROBBING SPRINGFIELD

Up at Eugene are those who unmindful apparently of their obligation to the "weaker sister" are attempting to "switch" the proposed Southern Pacific car shops and terminals from Springfield to the University city. The fact that the little city of Springfield purchased a site for these shops and terminals twelve years ago, makes Eugene's action the more unfair.

Springfield has carried this investment during all these years and now beholds the larger "brother" ignoring ordinary courtesy and justice and by exercise of his larger financial ability trying to wrest this civic asset from her.

Springfield is an enterprising up-to-date city of 2500 people and one of the very few cities that have been consistent supporters of the Southern Pacific. She stood by the railroad company rendering to her marked assistance during the fight to unmerge the railroads and is entitled to the Southern Pacific's loyalty.

It is current expression outside of Eugene that her attitude in this matter is a mistaken one. If she succeeds in robbing Springfield of her location of the shops she will have injured the latter and will have added little to her own advantage except to benefit the speculators in acreage around the location of the shops.

Located at Springfield as at first planned, Eugene would be the larger beneficiary as the territory extending from her to Springfield would no doubt be built up with homes and business structures when all could be merged into Eugene City.

Grabbing industries from a neighbor is neither honorable nor profitable finally. Eugene's policy in this matter is at least a mistaken one. And the Southern Pacific herself should not be captured by it.—Salem Statesman.

SPRINGFIELD VEXED AT EUGENE'S NERVE

Eugene plans on securing the S. P. shops by hook or crook. And one of the crooks is to trade the S. P. Co. a fine tract of land for its Springfield holdings.

Springfield is mad all over and calls Eugene a thief in big letters, for Springfield has, as everybody knows, had those shops in its vest pocket for ten years.—Fairburg Bulletin

Drive to Elk River—Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Turner, with Mrs. Turner's brother, F. C. Woodruff of Cottage Grove, drove to Elk River Sunday.

Visits Mother From Wendling—Mrs. John Purchell and children of Wendling are visiting Mrs. Purchell's mother, Mrs. Charles Pettijohn this week.

Visit at Mulligan Home—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neet of Lodi, California, and Mr. Neet's mother, Mrs. Joe Neet, of Eugene visited at the F. M. Mulligan home Tuesday. Mrs. J. C. Mulligan, who is visiting there from Portland, is Mrs. Neet's sister.

Plan Vacation Trip—Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Metcalf and son, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Neet and Charles Colcord plan to leave here July 3 by car on a mountain trip. They will go over the McKenzie pass, visiting Odell and Crescent lakes, go through Klamath Falls, and stop at Crater lake. They will return by the southern route. The trip will take about two weeks.

Visiting Mrs. Sneed—Agnes Chandler of Wendling arrived here Wednesday to spend the rest of the week with Mrs. A. R. Sneed.

Dislocates Shoulder—F. M. Mulligan dislocated his left shoulder Tuesday evening while working at the mill. He was using a vice when he accidentally pressed the shoulder too hard.

Rents House—J. F. Lazarus, who has recently arrived here from eastern Oregon, has rented the W. R. Jeppeotte house at 5th and K streets, John O'Brien, from Marshfield, has rented the John Fitzgerald house on 6th street between A and B.

Eight Cars Sold—Eight cars were sold by the Anderson motor company this week. Fred Freso of Springfield, M. J. Skinner of Eugene, D. A. Lowe of Wendling, the Crystal Ice and Storage company, Ted Gillenwaters, D. Smith, Gess Neely and the Head Construction company all of Eugene were the purchasers.



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