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WORDS FROM THE LIPS OF GREAT MEN

"The Secret of All Enterprise and Energy Exists in the Principal of Individuality."—James Fenimore Cooper.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE O. & C. MONEY

How Lane county should spend the million dollars or so coming to it from the Oregon-California Land grant refund from the federal government has been the subject of a lot of talk and much advice to the county court. While we are not criticizing these people who are free with advice for we suppose they have the welfare of the county at heart, we do think a lot of them are "talking through their hat."

Of course it is popular to say that we should pay all the county's debts. Everybody should pay their debts. The county has hundreds of thousands of dollars in road bonds outstanding. We take it that these advisors want these all paid off.

But, when we sold our road bonds we made no provision for taking them up before they were due. There are but a few thousand dollars worth that we probably could get hold of at this time without we went into the market and paid a premium for them. If we buy other bonds to take the place of or offset our own bonds outstanding, who is going to take the blame if we make a bad investment. These people who are so free with advice surely will not.

We would like to hear of some one come out with a comprehensive plan for paying off our debts that are not yet due. All this advice sa far isn't worth a cent—especially before the law has been interpreted as to just what this O. & C. money can legally be used for.

Why worry about the county court squandering it? We trust the court each year with a lot more money than the county's share of this million dollars.

Why tell the county court members if they spend some of this money here, that they must also spend some there? They have full control of the county money and can spend it where they like provided there are no legal conditions and the money comes to the general fund.

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We imagine prisoners will have to be taken to the penitentiary in railway trains after the automobile accident of the Douglas county deputy sheriff that broke two prisoners' collar bones. At least there will probably be a bill introduced in the legislature to this effect. While it's all right for officers it isn't human to treat prisoners in this manner. They can't enjoy themselves after they get to Salem if they are to be crippled on the way.

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Bert Bates says a team of horses hitched up are devided by a tongue and so are a lot of married teams.

He has also started a movement to provide more parking space for the flivvers of children of parents who are too poor to buy their books.

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A few more rounds and Tunney would have shown Dempsey what he missed by not going to war. But, then, who wouldn't take a licking for $700,000?

WORK FOR THE BRIDGE

No one should be over confident the bridge bonds will carry and that we will get a new srructure across the Willamette river at Springfield. We can never be sure the bonds will carry until every voter in Lane county understands the need for a bridge and the merit of the bonds. Every person in Springfield should make himself a committee of one to get votes for the bonds to build the bridge.

By voting the bonds for $75,000 we get a bridge costing $150,000 or in other words we will have a bridge that costs us half price. This is not something that can be done every day—it is a real opportunity. Let's not let it slide.

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Even those who do not like Aimee Semple McPherson will agree that if Ormiston comes forth with a confession he will be regarded with the utmost contempt. There are some things people do not expect from any man and this is one of them. In public opinion no man can get away with anything so low as to take a woman out on a lark and then involve her in scandal with his own confession.

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There has been complaint that many girls are losing their health by denying themselves food in attempts to reduce their weight so as to be in line with prevailing fashion. This seems incredible to men, who say they have rarely seen an offer of refreshments declined. But we imagine there is such a thing as a vacation even during a fasting spell.

DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS

Nagging Helps Sometimes

Judge John W. Summerfield is authority for the statement that nagging sometimes does a husband good.

It is probably upon the principle that we all need petty annoyances in order to develop patience and poise.

The philosopher sees some use in our friend the devil. There could be no courage without danger, there is no virtue without temptation, there is no commendable temperance that does not resist a desire for excess.

Evil is a shadow, and where there is no shadow there can hardly possible be any light.

In the same way fleas and insects of all sorts are needed in order to keep us alert.

Reasoning in this line it may be a good thing for a man to be nagged a bit to prevent him going stale.

It would not do for him to have things too easy. Character does not develop in a uniformly favorable enviroment.

Of course no man would choose nagging or beg for it, but his philosophic hight is largely determined by how he responds to it when it comes his way.

He can either be irritated and annoyed by it, or he can deliberately hold his course and ignore it. It can make him a lesser man or a greater man, according as he uses it.

Anyhow he cannot help himself, and he ought to study how to turn this disagreeable element of his surroundings to his advantage.

In a play some time ago called "Lonesome Like," a man who had been used all his life to being nagged was suddenly called upon to undergo the death of the nagger. He enjoyed his liberty for a while, but finally got so lonesome that he took up with his grandmother simply because she scolded him. He found out that he was very lonesome without this continual female supervision. A man can get used to anything, and probably he can turn nagging to his advantage and comfort.

DANGERS ARE SEEN IN PROPOSED POWER BILL

Many Willamette valley farmers and business men have expressed disapproval of the proposed constitutional amendment initiated by the Housewives' Council of Portland, because of the almost unlimited powers it would confer on the board of five members, one woman and four men, named in the text of the measure, none of whom has experience in construction, operation or management of the utilities which the amendment proposes.

The list of what they could do is a very long one. In fact the printed document, as contained in the voters' pamphlet, says they shall be empowered "to do all things necessary or convenient" for the amendment.

These are a few of the things they may do.

Establish prigation works.

Condemn present irrigation systems.

Control all waters of the state not under federal supervision.

Buy, sell, lease, construct, operate irrigation works, acquire land, build railroads, manufacture any needful thing, as it may be required in the judgment of the board.

Take over established water works

Condemn and acquire existing electric power plants.

Retsetrve the waters of the state from private or other public use.

Exercise in the name of the state the power of eminent domain for acquiring any property the board may consider needful for its use.

Issue bonds up to 5 per cent of the total assessed valuation of property in Oregon.

Issue utility certificates against plants after construction, which would be in effect mortgages.

Reserve the water of the state by regulated non-political concerns to 20 per cent of the total flow of the streams in Oregon.

Besides all these things, the board could establish stores, factories, railroads, or any line of business it chooses to enter.

The measure threatens established industries in many lines. It places authority in the board greater than has yet been delegated to any state commission. This without restraint of the governor, the legislature, or any state function of control. The recall is the only remedy provided. The only limit is the 5 per cent bonding clause. In spending the people's money the only curb is that providing for voters' approval on purchase of existing plants valued at over half a million dollars.

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