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LET THE LEGISLATURE REGULATE WATER POWER DEVELOPMENT

The initiative bills proposing to close the Rogue, McKenzie, Deschutes and Umpqua rivers to water power development and irrigation may have some merit at least in subject matter but like most legislation it should be enacted by the legislature after thorough consideration. For that reason these measures should be defeated and a demand made on the legislature for regulating these streams.

It is important that the recreational advantages of these four rivers be preserved. It is also important that the salmon industry, one of the largest in the state, be protected and once these streams are rendered unfit for spawning grounds then the Columbia river Salmon fishing is gone.

We believe that with proper precautions water power development and fish propagation can go hand in hand, in most rivers. No doubt the state's right to regulate power projects on our rivers and irrigation from our streams should be more clearly defined and officials given more power. But let the legislature draft a law that will cover all angles of the subject and not be class legislation either for the power interests or the so-called sportsmen's associations.

The 1928 lamb crop in the 13 western states is 11 per cent larger than last year, according to government statistics. These 13 states produce 68 per cent of the lamb crop. This year's crop is over 17 million lambs. Because of the strong demand this is expected to be a profitable sheep year.

Herbert Hoover comes to Oregon to do his fishing. Once he is president we might induce him to have his summer White House on the McKenzie or the Rogue or some other good fishing stream. This is an added reason why we should vote for him.

The Dunne auto license and gas tax bills can't be very good. Even the author now repudiates them. That's the trouble with our initiative provisions, any boob can initiate any sort of a law and the state must go to the expense of submitting it to the people.

Clothing made in Oregon is now sold in every city of the United States with a population of over 5000. Oregon mills sent out last year over 150,000 women's coats.

Oregon is now only 40 hours from New York by air mail. This means a great deal to the business world especially with the lowering of the letter postage rate to five cents by air mail.

What storekeepers wish most is that more negro women would ask for flesh colored stockings.

Cy Watkins says things are getting so "durned" bad that pretty soon the farmer won't have anything left to be relieved of!

We know a man whose wife is 40 and he is trying to trade her off for two 20's.

Any man who has a job has a chance.

FIXING VALUES

How to find the value of a piece of property for assessment purposes seems to be the topic of conversation since the O. A. C. professor announced his findings. One might as well admit that nothing itself has fixed value in this world. The government has to guarantee a \$5 gold piece to keep its value stationary, otherwise it would fluctuate with the value of the metal which composes it. In taxation as in business all we can hope for is relative values that will be somewhere near correct. What a man buys a particular piece of property for or what he sells it for may or may not be somewhat near its value depending upon the circumstances of the buying or selling. But what a certain class of property is generally bought or sold for is pretty clear evidence as to what that class of property is worth and might as well be taken so for taxation purposes. It is the class of property that is not moving and apparently has no cash value that worries the assessor.

We hear a lot in Oregon about developing our cheap water power, but when a power site is developed we always see many hundreds of thousands of dollars expended. In the burners behind the thousands of sawmills in Oregon more energy goes to waste than will ever be developed in our feasible water power projects. Why can't we utilize more of it for electrical power—thus helping the lumber industry and also make unnecessary a lot of expensive dams and canals.

Recently a fellow who put a classified advertisement in a paper for a lost dog received 27 dogs in response. When his wife suddenly disappeared he refused to advertise for her as he didn't want to be arrested for bigamy.—Junction City Times.



DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS

WATER-TIGHT COMPARTMENTS

Every once in a while we hear a man say, "Business is business," or that he follows "art for art's sake," or that he as a scientist care only for the truth, not for its practical results, and so on. But the fact is humanity is not put in water-tight compartments.

Everything you do affects all parts of your nature.

What you do in business reflects on your art, what you do in art colors your business, and what you think in religion has much to do with your scientific conclusions. Mankind is one, one organic whole, and its various departments of activity have merely been listed for convenient reference. They do not exist in reality.

If your religion is ugly and cruel your business will be immoral.

If your business is heartless and vindictive your whole life will show it.

The scientist must pay some attention to the practical bearings of his investigations, for it would be foolish for him to spend his whole life on investigating some perfectly useless matter.

Business must be beautiful. Art in some way must rest upon a business basis.

A man cannot have his whole head submerged in literature, he must have sense enough to market his wares.

The beautiful works of art of past generations had their influence upon believers in religion and religion is what it is owing to a thousand other causes within itself.

Much recent art shows contempt for any but aesthetic values. Such art is transient, and will give place to a greater art, in which beauty of thought and expression will confer enlarged values.

The total of all values is what counts.

This result can be achieved not by preaching in art nor by making science "practical," but by universal education in values so that artist, business man, or scientist will express himself in synthesis of all values.

Home Education

"The Child's First School is the Family"—Froebel

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THE MEEK-AS-MOSES CHILD

Florence Shelby

My dear Helen:

I am so glad you wrote me about little George. Yes, indeed, a child may be "too good," as you say. It is of course not exactly goodness, this giving up to others so easily. Like many virtues, meekness carried to an extreme becomes a failing—an imperfection of character.

Nor can you begin too early to educate your boy in this regard. It should be before he ever becomes conscious of his weakness. It is so very much harder to overcome a failing, you know, if you once get the notion that you were "just naturally born that way"—and can't help it.

I remember once going to the Post Office with one of my own little daughters. She thought it a great adventure to buy me a dime's worth of stamps at the window while I was busy with other mail. It happened that I finished before the long "line" in which she waited her turn brought her next at the window.

Just behind her came a tall, exceedingly self-important man and instead of waiting for the child to make her purchase first, as was her right by all odds, he started to state his order over her head. Neither of them knew that I was looking on.

"The child was stepping meekly aside when I interfered," Martha, you are next," I said gently but clearly and with assurance, my eye on the pompous usurper. And he waited his turn.

The point, of course, is not that I won out, but that it gave me a chance to teach my little daughter to hold her own. Hours of "talk" would not have opened the eyes of her understanding as did that little experience.

Very carefully, I tried to show her afterwards that if the man had been old or sick, it would have been lovely for her to say, "Won't you go first, Sir?" but that that "next turn" was hers to give, not his to snatch.

Again, Martha always had a way of waiting on all the children with whom she played—exactly as little George does. Who wouldn't impose upon such good nature? And it is really a problem to teach children of that type to hold their own, for one would not wish to quench entirely the beautiful kindness of spirit which animates them.

It is something you cannot teach George in a minute, Helen. Something, in fact, that he very likely will be years in mastering. It will be a real help if you make it clear to him that he cannot suffer injury without having the wrong reflected upon those nearest and dearest to him. If you just open his eyes to the sense of justice it requires to be fair to himself—exactly the same as he would to some other boy—you have done your part. The individual must do its own

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RELIEF FROM CURSE OF CONSTIPATION

A Battle Creek physician says, "Constipation is responsible for more misery than any other cause."

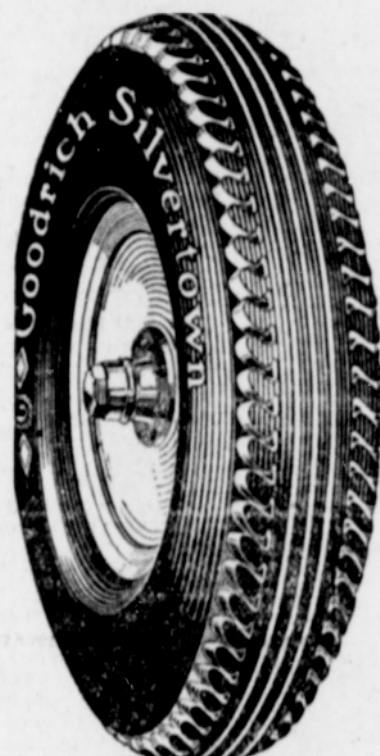
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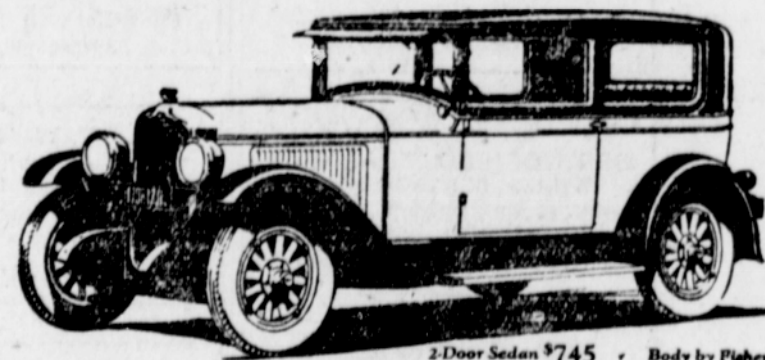
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