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WHAT HAS CONSOLIDATION TO OFFER?

That Springfield would lose rather than gain from a governmental standpoint seems evident to most people here who have studied the possibilities in the consolidation of this city with Eugene. That she would lose rather than gain from a business standpoint is the unanimous opinion of nine out of ten retail merchants of the city. From an industrial standpoint for development in future years is the only benefit that consolidation holds out and judging from industrial enterprises both cities have been able to locate through cooperative effort in the past it is questionable whether they can do better in future united as one community.

No More Police or Fire Protection

People on this side of the river would suffer some inconvenience in going to the city hall in Eugene everytime they had business with the city government. We have two policemen at present and a city recorder who looks after law observance as well as a police committee of the city council who are close at hand. There is evidently no better police protection that might be given by consolidation since Eugene has no better system now.

We have a paid fire department of two firemen and trained volunteers. The city has a new fire engine and good equipment. It is unlikely that the consolidated city would maintain here any more effective fire fighting force than at present, and it is too far to the Eugene station to depend on quick help from there. Springfield has helped with fires at the University and Eugene has helped with fires in this city. They will continue to standby in case of bad fires.

Municipal Utility Indebtedness

While it is true that Eugene's house lighting and commercial lighting rate is a little lower than Springfield's, from an industrial standpoint the private power company here is in better position and actually does make better power rates under contract to large users than does Eugene's municipal plant. There is plenty of electrical power here, more than any one place in the Willamette valley outside of Portland. The consolidated city must purchase outright the electrical distribution and the water system here and also the franchise in order to serve this city. In other words she must increase an already heavy bonded indebtedness many thousands of dollars to make service here and in doing so remove from the tax rolls our heaviest tax payer—a concern which pays nearly one-fourth of our taxes. All this for the sake of consolidation with no better quality or service.

Schools must be Considered Separate

Since school district No. 19 comprises more territory than is in Springfield's city limits the question of consolidating the districts must necessarily be considered separate. If it would improve the schools of either city to be consolidated under one system, with all the directors likely elected from Eugene where there is the larger population, then it might be done without even consolidating the cities.

Under consolidation Springfield must give up her postoffice and there is no one prepared to definitely say that a substitution would be established here. Sections of other cities larger than this have no substitution postoffice. Our postoffice might be a large green box on the corner. At any rate all rural mail delivery would go out of the main office.

Eugene has High Indebtedness

At present Eugene has a tax levy a few mills lower than Springfield but Eugene has operated on a higher valuation level so that actually similar property in both cities pay about the same taxes. Eugene has a very high mounting bonded indebtedness of around three million dollars or

according to the state treasurer's report \$280 per capita. Springfield has an indebtedness of \$181,000 or a per capita indebtedness of but \$98. Springfield during the last five years has cut her net indebtedness in half, Eugene has doubled hers. Who can say that there is benefit in the future for Springfield from a taxation standpoint and know what they are talking about?

Consolidation will Come When Beneficial

It is more than likely that sometime in the future if both cities continue to grow that there will be a physical connection between the two and consolidation will be effected. Probably in future years it will be a great benefit to both cities to consolidate. It is altogether likely that Springfield's benefits will be largely industrial because of such union.

But from an industrial standpoint Eugene can give us nothing at this time but promises of future help. Promises she has given us before but has never translated them into performances. At the time she leased the industrial tract Eugene promised to do her utmost to establish industries on it. If she had kept this promise and made any headway in this regard people here would be in a receptive mood now toward consolidation. The fact of the case is that Eugene has not taken sufficient interest in the free industrial tract here even to pay the taxes on it for the last three years.

We Should Have More Than Promises

Since we can hope for but little or no benefits to accrue to Springfield from consolidation other than the establishment of factories here we must be sure that Eugene is going to turn industrially minded in the future and go after plants through community effort. During the period since Eugene promised to help Springfield develop the industrial site here Salem, Newberg, St. Helens, Vancouver, Olympia, Shelton, Port Townsend and several other small cities have landed worthwhile industrial plants through community effort. There has been no dearth of opportunity.

We are not necessarily against consolidation but we must know first what the benefits are. If Eugene can put over one or two large industrial concerns here within the next year or so then we will be willing to believe that she can with our help accomplish big things in the future.

DON'T LAUGH AT PROGRESS

A prediction has been made that in the future there will be air boats as big or bigger than the largest modern steamers.

You may believe this or not—but do not be one of the laughers.

Recently the twenty-fifth anniversary of flying was observed. When the Wright Brothers first invented the airplane, pretty nearly everybody laughed. Think of the airplane of today.

To go back far into the past, a great many people laughed at Columbus. At Gallileo. At Fulton. When the first steamship plied the waters of the Hudson, persons lined along the shore roared their contempt for the funny little boat Fulton had launched.

From time immemorial, indeed, the pioneers in science and discovery have been hampered in their work by the laughers. Those who would not believe. Even the phonograph and the motion picture machine were at first regarded with derision and disbelief. At most these wonderful boons to humanity were considered as harmless toys for children.

The world is learning its lesson. Today new inventions are greeted with respect. The day of the laugher, the haw-hawer is drawing to a close. The avenues for discovery, the road to progress are more open than ever before.

Be one of those to welcome the new thing when it come along—do not shame yourself by laughing at it.

When the impossible is predicted, remember that in the course of modern progress many a thing thought impossible has become both possible and practicable.

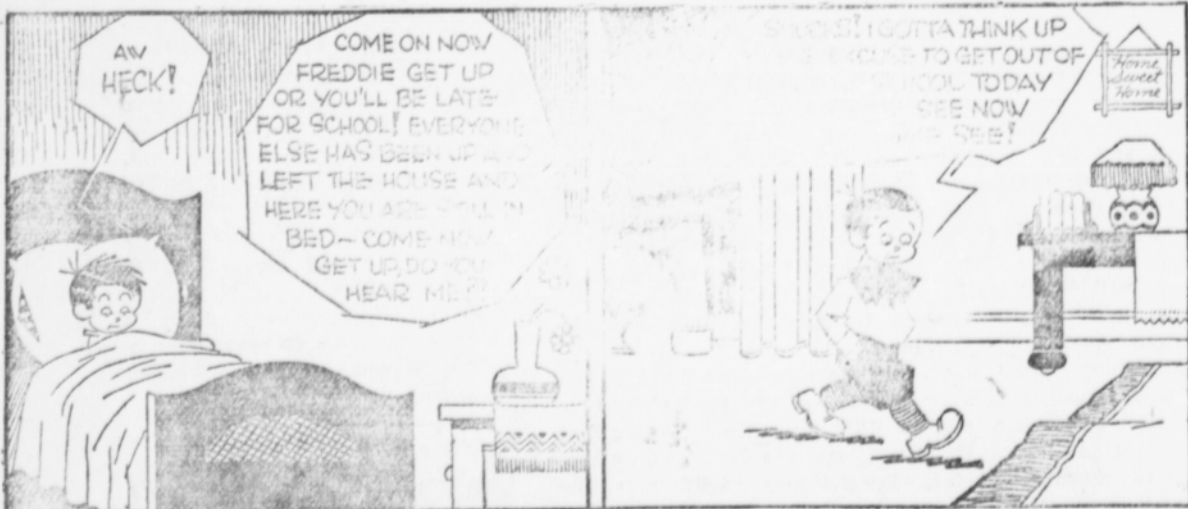
There are a lot of boys willing to start at the bottom of the ladder provided they can be promoted the next day.

We hope it is not casting reflections on the legislature in giving its members "Bull Run" water to drink.

Our feet are made to walk with along the path of progress and not primarily for kicking.

THE FUMBLE FAMILY

by Dunkel



Then, hadst thou had an excellent head of hair.—Shakespeare.

To begin with, the average woman requires a shampoo once every ten days. Should your hair become either too oily or too dry before this time has elapsed, I suggest that you begin corrective measures to restore your scalp condition to normal.

In shampooing the first need is a good stream of hot water. A spray is really an essential to the success of a shampoo for I know of no other way to insure complete and thorough rinsing. Now as to the selection of your shampoo. You may purchase herbal shampoos designed especially for either oily, normal or dry hair. Should you need a corrective shampoo by all means select the one suited to your condition. It will prove the quickest and most effective way of neutralizing your scalp trouble.

An egg shampoo is excellent for the hair and may be used as follows: break the yoke of one or two eggs into a glass. Beat thoroughly; then add about two ounces of the herbal shampoo fluid and an equal quantity of warm water. Rub thoroughly into the scalp, using half of the mixture at each application. Finish by rinsing thoroughly with a steady stream of very warm water.

An olive or balsam oil shampoo is a variation which will do wonders toward improving the growth of your hair. Warm about two ounces of balsam or olive oil in a small aluminum sauce pan. When quite hot either rub it well into the scalp with your fingertips or use a stiff, bristled toothbrush for the purpose. Separate the hair into parts so that the entire scalp receives its portion of the oil.

Bind up your head in a towel wrung out of hot water and cover with another dry towel. In half an hour shampoo with your herbal preparation—scraping the head two or three times. Rinse thoroughly.

If you are blonde, the juice of a lemon squeezed into the last rinsing

water is very effective. If your hair is dark you may obtain that lovely, glowing lustre, by dissolving one or two tablespoonfuls of powdered Egyptian Henna in warm water and using this as the last basin of rinsing water.

Next week I shall tell you a little about special treatments for the hair.

HELENA RUBINSTEIN.

New Movie Find



Photo shows beautiful Lily Damita, newest screen discovery of Samuel Goldwyn, who is soon to star in a new film, at Los Angeles.

Potter to Visit Institutions

Salem, January 24—Judge E. O. Potter, of Eugene, who represents Lane county, will make several trips of inspection to state institutions within the next two weeks, as a member of a sub-committee of the Ways and

Means committee of the State Legislature.

Judge Potter is chairman of the sub-committee which will visit the Patton Home, Louise Home, House of the Good Shepherd, Salvation Army Rescue Home, and the Florence Crittenton Home, all located in Portland. He will also inspect the University of Oregon Medical School, the Free Dispensary, the Home for the Blind, and the Doernbecher Hospital, all Portland institutions, as a member of another sub-committee.

Judge Potter is also a member of the sub-committee which will inspect the Penitentiary and the State hospital, both located in Salem.

BAILEY WOULD CHANGE TAX LAW PENALTIES

Salem, January 24—Senator Edward F. Bailey, of Lane county, introduced two bills to the Senate during the first week of the 1929 session of the State Legislature. The first provides for the cancellation of interest and penalties on delinquent taxes on property acquired by the state or Oregon; it was referred to the Committee on Assessment and Taxation. The second bill relates to highway crossings over railroad rights of way. Senator Bailey lives in Junction City.

Representatives Have New Bills

Salem, January 24—Judge E. O. Potter, of Eugene, who is one of Lane county's representatives, introduced a bill on January 15 in the House of Representatives to provide for the recording of certified copies of instruments of writing executed by the state land board. The bill was referred to the Committee on Constitutional Law. Representatives Potter also was one of the Lane county delegation which presented a bill providing a salary increase for officers for Marion county. Representative Lynn McCready and Senator Howard and Senator John Bell, all of Lane county, were co-workers on this bill.

In From Dexter—Ira Mathews, of Dexter, was one of Saturday's visitors to this city.

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