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Life is merely a series of opportunities for turning failures into successes.—PETER COOPER.

NOT HOW MUCH IS LEVIED BUT HOW MUCH IS SPENT

People who advocate consolidation point to the fact that Springfield's tax levy for city purposes is six mills higher than Eugene's. When we learn that Eugene has overrun her 1927 budget some \$38,000 we wonder if after all there would have been much difference in tax levy if Eugene had levies sufficient to take care of her expenses. And we wonder still more how she is going to take care of some \$367,000 outstanding warrant indebtedness built up from years past as this regular overrunning of the budget took place. Will Springfield people be required to help liquidate these unpaid warrants if the towns were consolidated?

Springfield might have a lower tax levy if some of the property holders with delinquent assessments were not requiring the city to keep up their principal and interest payments for them. Some of these delinquent property holders can well afford to pay their back assessments and lighten the burden on the rest of the city. Some of the worst offenders in this regard are those who are advocating consolidation. Actually they are the ones who are responsible for a higher levy than we would have otherwise.

### A DISTURBING ELEMENT

William H. Taft, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, asked to point out the most disturbing element in our national life, said it was "the materialistic philosophy which places wealth and worldly success ahead of every other consideration of life."

This materialistic philosophy holds in it the secret of the crime problem. Unless it can be controlled, it will darken the future. It is a menace to civilization.

Asks Justice Taft, "What can it profit a man to have accumulated millions if he has not at the same time maintained a clear conscience and acquired the good-will and esteem of his fellow citizens?"

The Chief Justice believes that the American people will find a way to solve the perplexing problems before them.

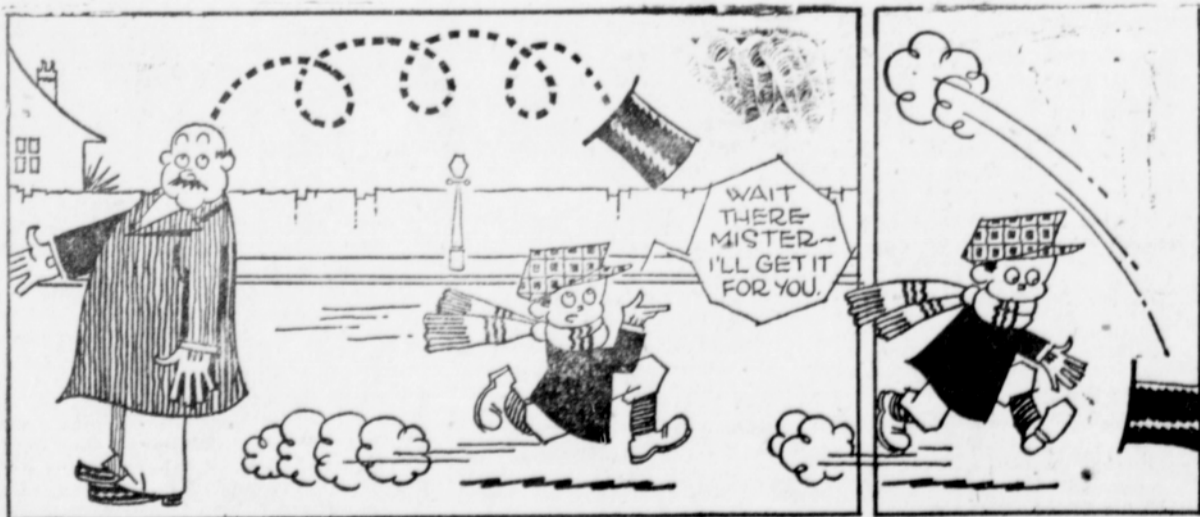
We share his optimism. After all, the disturbing element of materialism is present but also there is a strong literary and scientific trend among Americans. The recent extraordinary discoveries and inventions and artistic achievements give proof that we are not to be drowned in a sea of materialism.

True enough, the crime situation, growing out of this materialism, is acute. But the majority are not criminals. It is only the minority who see no need of maintaining a clear conscience and acquiring the good-will and esteem of their fellow citizens!

Oregon bankers assembled at the state college participated in a marking contest and some of them showed remarkable skill in filling the bucket. Some wag has been mean enough to say that they acquired their skill milking the public but we think it a fine thing when the bankers take so much interest in dairying. We have noticed some of the most successful bankers meet the farmer in his conventions and often pay visits to the farms. By this method they see the bright side of farm life and know more than his troubles they hear in their bank when a farmer's note is overdue.

## THE FUMBLE FAMILY

by Dunkel



### WATER AND CONSOLIDATION

We have often noticed that many lawns around fine homes in Eugene were allowed to dry up in summer. Two people who have houses in both Springfield and Eugene have explained this to us this week.

"Ordinary people in Eugene cannot afford to pay the meter rate for irrigation purposes," they say.

This is a question for consideration along with consolidation. "What profit a resident in consolidated East Eugene if he should save 65 cents on a 30-kilowatt light bill and must pay out from two to five times this amount on a water bill and furthermore cut off the tax rolls the largest taxpayer in this part of town and increase the bonded indebtedness of the city several hundred thousand dollars in order to do this?"

We are not finding any fault with the Eugene water board. We think it is one of the best municipally managed in the country. In fact it is one of the few that is well managed and is outstanding in its success. But to bring it into Springfield under different conditions is a question that must be considered in the light of cold facts.

### EVEN ABOVE PARTY PRINCIPLES

Salem, January 26. "I am a good Democrat," said Senator Edward Bailey of Junction City, "but if I voted 'no' on a bill to increase the tariff on poultry products I should be afraid that my constituents who were poultry raisers would pelt me with eggs on my return."

We are glad to know that Democrats in the Oregon legislature are willing to sacrifice the principles of the party and assist the poultry producers in this regard. It is to our benefit to keep out Chinese eggs, foreign nuts, filberts, and cherries and lumber in order that Oregon industries that now need help may become prosperous.

The Oregon legislature is considering a memorial to congress to increase the tariff on the above items and it was during this discussion that Senator Bailey talked on eggs. We hope he and the rest of the Lane county delegation will go down the line to assist our farmers and lumbermen. Any help given either will be felt right here in Springfield as quickly as anywhere else in the United States.

The Southern Pacific company has acquired control of the Oregon Stages lines. Even if it is the elimination of a competitor we see no particular cause to be alarmed. The railroads are in the transportation business. Necessarily they are better equipped and more responsible than any individuals could be. They will give better service and their tickets will be interchangeable with trains so that in the long run the general public should be benefitted.

Those people who want a 13 months calendar seem not satisfied with receiving 12 sets of monthly bills.

### Editorial Comment

LET'S TAX MALT SYRUP  
(Oregon Voter)

R. R. Turner, city superintendent of Dallas schools, has advanced a suggestion which impresses us as worthy of consideration. He suggests a tax of 25c per can on malt syrup and expresses the belief that proceeds of such a tax will come close to wiping out the deficit in the state's finances.

We are told that the consumption of malt syrup in Oregon is tremendous. As an ingredient it is highly valued, we are told, by householders who desire to observe the provisions of the Volstead Act in a manner that will afford them comfort, satisfaction or kick.

We are informed that one can of malt syrup is sufficient for five gallons of high-powered beverage, or enough to fill thirty bottles. A twenty-five-cent tax would amount to less than one cent per bottle additional cost on the finished product.

If the volume of consumption is as large as some people think it is, perhaps Mr. Turner is right. In any event, we advance his suggestion in all seriousness and in all seriousness we endorse it.

### LANE SALARY INCREASE IS TENOR OF BILL NOW BEFORE CO. DELEGATION

The bill to increase salaries of Lane county officers has passed two readings of the house and has been referred to the Lane county delegation. The following increases have been asked for: county judge, from \$1500.00 to \$2400.00; county commissioner from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00; county treasurer, from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00; county clerk from \$2000.00 to \$2400.00; sheriff, from \$2000.00 to \$2400.00; assessor, from \$1500.00 to \$2400.00; county school superintendent, from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00.

Included in other bills of interest to the general public is a measure introduced by Mr. Childs providing for the issuance by sheriffs of the counties of motor vehicle license plates. The bill authorizes county sheriffs to receive applications for registration of motor vehicles and to collect the license fees. They are also authorized to issue receipts as done now by the secretary of state. The bill has had its second reading and has been referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A bill to delay the opening of season on deer with horns from September 10 to September 20 and to reduce the bag limit from two such deer to one, has been introduced by Mr. Ford and has passed two readings and is now in the hands of the Game Committee.

Another bill of interest is one amending sections of Oregon laws changing definitions of a lawful fence. The proposed amendment reads: "A lawful fence is defined as any structure, hedge, or ditch, in the nature of a fence used for the purpose of enclosure, which is such as a good husbandman of the community generally maintains." The bill asks for the repeal of twenty sections of Oregon laws.

From Wendling—Mr. and Mrs. Byrel Crow, of Wendling, spent the weekend in town.

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### FOOD SELLS FOR PENNY PER AT REBEKAH LODGE SUPPER MONDAY NIGHT

Delicious viands and beverages, all selling for 1 cent, 2 cents 3 cents, the highest recorded being 5 cents, brought smiles to the faces and cheer to the hearts of hungry folks who went to the penny cafeteria given by the Rebekahs at the Odd Fellows' hall last Monday night.

The supper netted \$23.60 and outsiders as well as members declared it to be complete success. Many requests have been made of Rebekah members to have it repeated again next month.

The money raised at the cafeteria will be used to pay for the drapes recently installed in the Odd Fellows hall.

### BURGLARS PREY ON COUNTY MERCHANTS DURING THE WEEK

Thus far no clew has been found of the burglars who broke into the Smith Mercantile store at Oakridge last Saturday morning.

The burglary happened sometime between 1 and 3 o'clock and the men escaped without being seen. Some knives, a suit-case, four or five house dresses, a suitcase and an overcoat were included in the missing articles.

The burglars used tools which were taken from the Oakridge blacksmith shop to break the lock of the store door. Lane county officials are working on the case.

House breakers have been busy in other sections of the county during the week. An attempt was made to break into a store at Junction City during the fore part of the week, but the would-be burglars were apparently frightened away because they did not get in. Officers think local boys were responsible for the episode.

### Marriage Licenses Issued

During the past week marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk to the following: George Stevens and Nevada Powell, both of Eugene;

Perry Gould, Toledo, and Naomi Le-Vee of Springfield; Dwyward Steinko and Bethel Johns, both of Salem; James Elwood and Florence Mortenson, both of Portland; Andrew La-Duke, Eugene, and Pearl McLarrin, Corvallis; George Taylor and Dora Haskell, both of Cottage Grove.

Former Lane County Woman Dies—Caltha Clyde Barbre Smith, 62, a former resident of Lane county and an aunt of Mrs. Robert Shultz, of this city, passed away January 23 at Fresno, California. Mrs. Smith was a sister of Irvin Barbre who used to work for the Booth-Kelly company here.

### SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY.

E. G. Jurgens, Plaintiff, versus, T. J. Sheridan; J. R. Sheridan; James E. Kindred; Ruth-Robertson Powder Company; J. W. Copeland Yards; John F. Howell; Lane Hardware Company; N. T. Jurgensen; Raymond Marlatt; H. W. Melby; E. M. Hill; and L. B. Sigwart, Defendants.

To H. W. Melby and E. M. Hill, two of the defendants named above and all other defendants herein: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons in the Springfield News, which first date is January 31, 1929; and you are hereby notified that if you fail so to appear and answer, then for want of answer your default will be entered and the plaintiff will make application to the Court for the relief prayed within the complaint, to-wit: That the title to lot 10 in block 12 of Driverton Addition to Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, except the North 9 feet of the said lot, be quieted in him as against you, and that any apparent claim, lien or interest which you claim to have in said real estate be cancelled. The above entitled Court entered an order dated January 30, 1929, directing this summons to be published in the Springfield News once each week for a period of four successive weeks, and ordering you to appear and answer the said complaint within four weeks from the date of the first publication of the said summons.

FRED E. SMITH, Attorney for Plaintiff, add my residence and post office address is Eugene, Oregon.  
Jan. 31: F. 7-14 21-28.

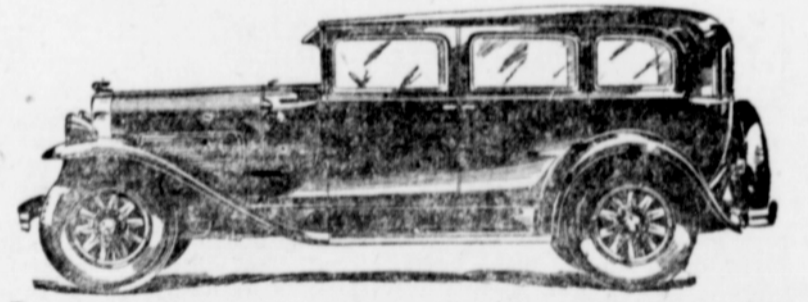
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