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To be able to ask a question clearly is two-thirds of the way of getting answered.

—RUSKIN.

## THE SAME AS A \$200,000 BOND ISSUE

How much of Eugene's indebtedness must Springfield assume if the two towns were consolidated is a pertinent question. In 1928 Eugene had a net indebtedness of \$3,397,015.40 or according to the figures of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce Industrial survey a per capita indebtedness of \$166, the highest of any city in Oregon. Springfield had a net indebtedness of \$181,591.33 or \$70 per capita.

In the event of consolidation Springfield must assume and increase something like \$96 per capita or on our 2500 people \$240,000.

Per capita indebtedness is the usual index of taxation but of course taxes are raised on property. Looking at it from the property angle we find that the assessed valuation of Eugene is in round numbers \$14,000,000 and Springfield \$1,000,000, which would give the consolidated city an assessed valuation of \$15,000,000, and a net indebtedness of \$3,578,606. Of this net indebtedness Springfield must assume on property approximately one fifteenth or \$285,000.

Of course some of this indebtedness in both towns is Bancroft bonds which are a lien on specific pieces of property but they are guaranteed by the city and must be paid by the taxpayers eventually. But no matter how one figures Springfield must assume more than \$200,000 in the event of consolidation and that is substantially the same thing as voting a bond of this large amount on the city.

Following is a brief summary of Eugene's actual debt figures as of January 31, 1928:

General Bonds	\$1,216,340.45
Improvement bonds	1,287,755.90
Water Board bonds to be paid from	
Income	\$36,659.55
Warrant Indebtedness	367,658.03
Total	\$3,708,413.93
Less Sinking Fund	311,398.53
Net Indebtedness	\$3,397,015.40

We read in Washington newspapers that the highway department has been able to keep Snoqualmie pass open even with a fall of 10 feet of snow. If that is the case there is hopes for the McKenzie pass. The Washington officials are considering widening the road to facilitate keeping it open more easily. This also might be worth local consideration.

The American Legion has more to offer for \$4 a year than any fraternal, service or civic organization. It has the finest program of work that has ever come before any like organization in the history of the world. Every service man should be numbered in its ranks and now is a good time to join Springfield post No. 40.

A Long Islander over a hundred years old attributes his longevity to poultry farming. Others claim that the chickens are cutting short their lives.

It costs five times as much to be buried as it did twenty years ago. No wonder we have so many Scotch centenarians now.

"The old-fashioned restaurant is passing away" says a news item. So are its customers.

## A MAN FOR THE AGES—LINCOLN

Again we are to do honor to one of the greatest of Americans, Abraham Lincoln, whose deeds and words are to go down through the years as authentic inspirations to all who are humane and loyal American citizens.

Lincoln is a man of the ages—an immortal symbol of the power of mind and heart over environment. Think of him in his poor log cabin home, reading by the light of a candle; trudging hours for a book; splitting rails and clerking in stores. And then emerging as "Honest Abe," the lawyer who never lied. And then growing out of his environment to national prominence and winning the highest office within the gift of the people.

His honesty, his brilliant gifts, his deep humanity, his astonishing wisdom—these were too strong to be long hidden. Naturally, of themselves, they unfold, as a flower to the sunlight, to shed their beneficence over the length and breadth of the land.

It was not accident or "pull" or inheritance that brought Lincoln to the leadership of his people. Lincoln, because of his qualities of mind and heart and soul, walked as a giant, and was seen of all men.

The world always discovers such men as Lincoln—they are too rare to be allowed to remain obscure.

If the ground hog believers are right then we should have an early spring. And an early spring after a mild winter should mean much to valley farmers and stockmen. Work on the farms has not been interrupted a great deal this winter. Many acres of fall grain were put in and the crop looks good. Fruit trees have not suffered and conditions have been good for livestock raisers. With lots of snow in the hills and an early spring in view prospects are good for 1929.

The Lane county officer salary bill before the legislature should become a law. Capable people are needed in our public offices and the only way to keep them there is by paying better salaries. Especially is this true in the county court. The salary schedule in this regard was made years ago when a county judge and commissioners did not have to work full time. Now these men are charged with the wise expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars of county money and receive only the salary of a day laborer.

President Coolidge reports that the people of the United States now have an annual income of ninety billions of dollars. If this figure is computed from a study of income tax reports, just imagine how large the actual number must be!

In an international walking contest held in Paris, French girls were adjudged as the most graceful walkers. But then it's endurance and not grace that counts most, as any American girl who has gone out riding can tell you.

Even a bald head has its uses. A London conservative utilizes his in the interests of the cause with all the available space covered with the Baldwin slogan: "Stanley for Stability."

Mothers of school-children in Youngstown, O., ask the police to protect their sons from girls who try to flirt with them. And who's to protect the police?

Now it will be possible to buy airplanes on the installment basis. Just imagine being chased through mid-air by an installment collector!

The American Legion has more to offer of donkeys into the city. Well, some may get in disguised as men!

A man in Chicago who puched a bill collector on the jaw was acquitted. And yet they say there is no justice in Chicago.

## 27 Attend U. of O. From Springfield

Many Local Students Active on Campus; Take Variety of Courses.

University of Oregon, Eugene, January 31. (Special)—There are 27 students from Springfield attending the University of Oregon, many of whom are active on the campus.

Mary Elizabeth Whitney, who was graduated from Springfield High School in 1925, is a senior in the romance language department. Miss Whitney is a member of the Girl's Oregon club.

Mary Wilburn is a second year student studying physical education. She is a graduate of McKenzie High school.

Chartress J. Willis, graduate of Springfield High School in 1928, is a freshman in the English department.

J. Hobart Wilson, University High School graduate, is a freshman in pre-law. Mr. Wilson is affiliated with Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

Helen Eyer is a second year history major. Miss Eyer was graduated from the Union High School at Thurston, Oregon, in 1924.

Virginia M. Franz is a first year English major.

John H. Cox, Springfield High School alumnus of 1925, is a freshman law student.

Kenneth McClure Dillard, is a sophomore studying physics. Mr. Dillard is a Springfield High School graduate of 1925.

Willard Noel Case is a first year pre-law student. He is a Thurston High school graduate.

Ella Juanita Gilkison, a Eugene High school graduate, is a freshman studying English.

Elizabeth Hughes, who was graduated from Springfield High school in 1926, is a junior in the school of physical education.

Evan Hughes is second year student in the school of business administration. He was graduated from Springfield High School in 1927.

Dorene Larimer, Springfield High school alumnus of 1928, is a first year English major.

Chesta Hayden, of the 1928 class of the Springfield High school, is a biology student.

Le Roy L. Nice is a freshman biology major, and a graduate of the Springfield High school.

William Pollard, Springfield High school graduate in 1927, is a second year biology major.

Agatha Beals is a freshman in the University who graduated from Springfield High school.

Iowa Marguerite Carlton is a junior in the mathematics department.

Nolan Hallowell, a sophomore in economics, is affiliated with Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Mr. Hallowell played freshman baseball in 1928.

Zora Beaman is a freshman business administration major. Miss Beaman is a member of Sigma Kappa and an alumnus of the North Bend High school.

Naomi Carlton, Springfield High school 1927, is a sophomore sociology student.

Howard Arthur Hughes, Springfield High School 1925, is a senior in business administration.

Clarence Kester, a Springfield High school alumnus of 1919, is a sophomore in the school of business administration.

Dale Phetteplace is a junior in biology. He is a graduate of Union High school 1926.

## OREGON FRAME PLANT CLOSES DOWN; FOREMAN BOOK-KEEPER LEAVE

The last chapter in a story of an unsuccessful attempt to establish and operate the Cascade Manufacturing plant was brought to a close last week-end when the remainder of the group of men who have been working at the plant for the past several weeks dis-



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banded. Several months ago Mr. Story came in here and started up the concern with the apparent intention of manufacturing moulding and frame-work of various kinds. Mr. Story did not own the equipment, so after some few weeks here he pulled out, leaving the men at the plant to work their own salvation. Since that time part of the crew left leaving only three men to finish a job of toy wagons. These included Walter Reddy, John W. Greeden and C. L. Munn. Mr. Reddy was foreman and Mr. Greeden was book-keeper of the concern when it was operating full time with all of the men. The carload of toy wagons were completed last week.

Mr. Reddy and Mr. Greeden both left Springfield last week-end one going to San Francisco and the other to Portland. Mr. Munn is the only one

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# The tragic end of Forbidden Love

Was it an accident... or a jealous wife's revenge?

ASHERTON sank back into the cab. At last he had eluded his wife. Now he and Marie Norton could enjoy their forbidden rendezvous...

Ahead of him the glare of headlights from Marie's roadster cut into the darkness. Silently, his cab followed. Soon they would be together at the roadhouse.

Suddenly the glare of the road brightened as another car, with its siren shrieking, shot around the bend behind them. "Some drunken fool," Asherton thought. Then his blood froze with horror. The big car headed straight for the roadster. In another instant they had crashed!

Asherton leaped from his cab, and fought to release Marie's unconscious body from the tangled wreckage. Then glancing toward the other car, he saw, coming toward him—his wife!

His own wife! What did it mean? Had she in some way discovered their secret rendezvous? Was this tragic wreck an accident—or had she, in a jealous fury and at the risk of her own life, coldly determined to take revenge on the woman who stole her husband's love?

Only two persons know the actual story; and one of them tells it with startling honesty in the March issue of True Story Magazine. It is a daring revelation—don't miss it!

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