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**DELINQUENT LIENS**

There are several pieces of property in Springfield which have street, sewer or sidewalk liens against them on which the property owners have never paid principal or interest. The city as a whole has carried these property owners for as long as ten or twelve years. This is a near sighted policy on the part of the civic government and a hardship on taxpayers. The council should foreclose on this property and then sell it. It is unreasonable to ask the taxpayers to carry it longer especially when there are unpaid balances on other property that is also being carried.

If leniency is to be shown it should be shown the property holder in hard circumstance who is making some effort to pay and is keeping up the interest. But for the property owner who is "letting the city hold the sack" there should be no leniency. Might better take this property now than later on when there is a still greater amount against it.

**FASTEST STATE**

Nevada is rapidly coming to fame because of the facility of execution manifested there. Speed is their slogan. Speed in the courts, especially the divorce courts, rapid fire and decisive settlement of disputes in the hills, and now the bill to increase the speed limit from 45 miles per to 50.

Senator Jay H. Upton in a speech at Salem says what Oregon needed was a change of governors. Mr. Upton thought that the state needed him when he ran for the nomination against Mr. Patterson. The people thought otherwise. We supported Mr. Upton but we will not do it again. He proves to us that he is a poor sport, always speaking out of turn. What he has said about Mr. Patterson and Mr. Hoover proves that he is not a very good Republican either.

China, with almost as many problems as she has inhabitants, decides to cut her army in two, leaving only 715,000 fighting men to be fed by others. Only 40 per cent of the nation's total revenue is to be spent for military expenses.

If those 715,000 men could be put to work raising food for the starving, and 40 per cent of national revenue devoted to the same starving, that would probably please the ghost of old Confucius.

Chicago neckers say 880,000,000 sausages, commonly called "hot dogs," were eaten last year.

Properly made, well cooked, eaten at regular hours, and chewed slowly to avoid swallowing small pieces whole, the "hot dogs," are good for men. But, eaten between meals, haphazard and rapidly, they contribute to the 50,000,000 cases of American dyspepsia.

Mrs. Sippel, head of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, says women do nine-tenths of the buying, spending about fifty-two thousand million dollars each year. That's important to advertisers.

The fact that women spend fifty-two billions a year should make every advertiser keep in the back of his head the question, "What do women want?" whether he sells automobiles or neckties.

**SCHOOLS AND CONSOLIDATION**

At the first glance it might be said that in case of consolidation of the cities of Eugene and Springfield, which carried out to conculsion would also be a consolidation of the school district, our school system would be bettered. The larger cities have the newer courses of study and latest methods generally. Also they usually have the better plants and equipment.

But individual instruction is one of the chief factors in considering the quality of the schools. A study of the two school systems made by the University of Oregon shows that Eugene has an average of 30 pupils to the teacher while Springfield has but 25. In every grade from the first to the high school Springfield has less pupils per teacher. Assuming that Springfield teachers are as capable as those employed in Eugene, and we think they are, then, it must be admitted that from the standpoint of instruction Springfield is better off under the present system.

Following is the average number of pupils per teacher in the different grades in both districts:

Springfield Average Pupils Per Teacher	Grade	Eugene Average Pupils Per Teacher
29	1	38
29	2	33
34	3	41
28	4	37
31	5	41
17	6	40
24	Jr. H. S.	25
21	H. S.	23
25	Total Average	30

**THE ABNORMAL CRIMINAL**

Gordon Northcott last week was convicted of murder in the first degree with a capital verdict.

If Northcott is hung, it will be but another one added to the grim pageant of distorted abnormalities who have passed across the screen of public performance. Some will wail and others will plaud if they hear the tale of the final march up the gallows steps and the rest of the gruesome details of an execution.

But what is gained by it all—how far yet are we from solving the problem of criminal menace.

It is said and truly said that capital punishment is necessary because of its deterring effect, but this falls far short of a true solution. It is unscientific to treat abnormal men as normal men and to base social conduct upon such consideration. Too much stress is laid upon the trial and punishment of criminals and not enough upon a study of their genetics. It is too late to head off the mortal wound of an arrow after the shaft has been sent—it is too late to deter the vicious and unsocial acts of criminals after the protoplasm has been poisoned by a criminal fluid.


We have not yet arrived where we can hunt out and cure the abnormal mind before it has committed a horrible crime. Our system is only a means of removing the abnormal criminal that he may not farther harm our people.

"Andrew Carnegie made his first \$400 without spending a cent." That's how big fortunes often start.

Carnegie bought \$400 of insurance stock, gave his note in payment, paid for the stock with its dividends, owned it for nothing.

Joseph P. Day, learned land scientist, says the three greatest letters in the alphabet are "O. P. M.," meaning "Other People's Money."

**In Confidence**  
Readers desiring a personal reply can address  
Miss Flo, in care of this newspaper.



**DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.**

Dear Miss Vera:  
I am going with a boy two years older than myself. We are deeply in love with each other but my parents are not willing for me to go with him yet. They think I should be older. They know I love the boy but yet they say I am too young.  
Please advise me what to do. How old should one be before one can go with boys?  
Brown Eyes.

Dear Brown Eyes, why don't you tell me your age? That might help me advise you. Your parents must have reason for their belief. Nodoubt they are trying to do their best for you. Don't disobey them—rather try to get them to see your viewpoint by gentle not quarrelsome, explanations of your attitude.

There is no special age when a girl is "old enough" to see boys. It is good for girls of all ages to have many friends, both boys and girls. But if you are in your early teens I don't think you ought to devote yourself to any one boy without the permission of your parents.

This problem of yours is an old one—and most girls have found themselves happier in the end by obeying their parents rather than their impulses. If the boy loves you he should be willing to wait until you are ready to go out with him. In the interim perhaps your parents will allow you to invite him to your home occasionally.

**NOT A SISTER TO HIM**

Dear Miss Vera:  
There is a boy I love very dear.

**FIRE BURNS HOLE IN ROOF OF LOCAL HOME**

A fire broke out on the roof of a residence belonging to Violet Yoast on 17th street last Saturday at 12:40 p. m. Jesse Smitson, fire chief, arrived upon the scene with the Springfield fire truck before the fire had spread and put it out with a chemical extinguisher. Little damage was done other than a small hole being burnt in the roof. The fire was supposed to have started from a spark, Smitson states.

**SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT SUCCUMBS IN EUGENE**

Miranda Jane Kanst, 79, of this city, passed away at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Kanst was born in Wisconsin May 8, 1849, and came to this section 35 years ago and since then has lived with her son Arthur Roy Kanst of Springfield.

She survivors are, two sons, Arthur Roy, of Springfield and Edgar, of Black Butte, Oregon and one daughter, Mrs. Goldy B. Ferguson of Springfield.

Funeral services were held Tuesday with Rev. Platt officiating and interment was in the Greenwood cemetery near Leaburg, Walker-Poole chapel in charge.

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**CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

**MEET AT ROSEBURG TO DISCUSS RAILWAY RATES**

At a meeting of the chambers of commerce of cities affected by intermediate point railroad rates last week to Roseburg it was decided to intervene in the case of rates which discriminate against intermediate points. William P. Ellis, a Salem Lawyer has been retained and the matter will be taken up before the next meeting of the Interstate Commerce Commission which is scheduled to be held in Portland on March 18.

A discussion of the rulings affecting railroad rates was had at the Roseburg meeting. The first ruling provided that railroad companies could not charge more for intermediate hauls than they did for point to point hauls, then in 1927 another ruling allowed a 100% in charge made for intermediate rates. It was not decided just what action would be taken at the Interstate Commerce Meeting later. It was also decided at the Roseburg meeting to try and affect a change of the place of the Interstate Commerce Commission meeting in March from Portland to Medford or Roseburg.

Here from Cascade—J. C. Thayer came down from Cascade last Saturday. He reports lots of snow and plenty of cold up in that section. In fact, it was cold enough to freeze the pipes up there, making it necessary to dispatch Mr. Clinger, of Springfield, to properly plumb them back into condition.

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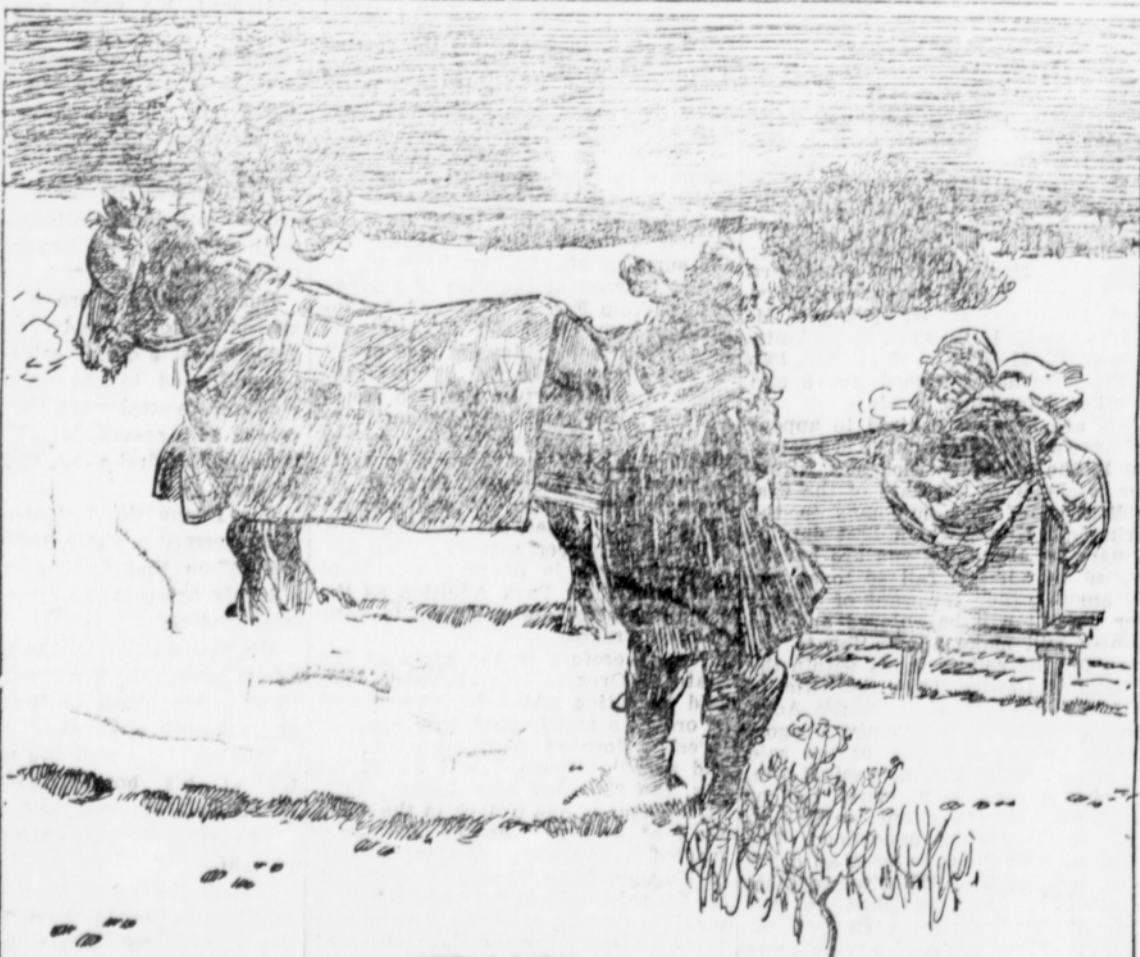
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The Next Day After February 11, 1909 by Albert T. Reid



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"Well, shucks, looks ain't ever' thing. That li'l codger may be president of the United States some day, for all we know."

Albert T. Reid