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POWER PLANT SALE WOULD MEAN LOWER TAXES IN COUNTY

While it probably would be "poor business" on Eugene's part to sell her electric power system just after investing two millions of dollars in the Leaburg extension, private ownership of the property would put it on the tax rolls and result in lower tax rates in the rest of Lane county.

It is a question whether or not a city is entitled to exemption on its property when it enters business or industry in competition with private capital. Certainly it cannot be defended on any grounds of fairness or equality, or by the same reasons governmental, educational or charitable property is exempted.

The Eugene electrical system probably would pay somewhere between \$50,000 and \$100,000 taxes every year if it had a value anything like its cost. Because of the fact this property is exempted, state and county taxes fall harder on the rest of the county that does not profit by the use of cheaper electricity developed by the municipal plant. And this leads to another question: "How cheap would this electricity be if the power system paid taxes?"

A Lane county farmer paying \$100 a year in taxes once figured for us that he paid somewhere between \$2 and \$4 of this amount in order that Eugene residents could have a little lower light bills. He failed to see the justice in this and we must admit we have the same viewpoint.

We do not believe any city should be curbed in its municipal ownership rights but we do say that city owned utilities should be subjected to the same laws as all other manufacturing and business enterprises.

WHO OWNS THE AIR?

While it is a recognized point at law that ownership of land extends to the center of the earth, it is still a debatable question who owns the air over the property. With the increased use of the airplane this is a question due to be fought out soon.

In Massachusetts a Mr. Smith lost a case to prevent airplanes flying over his house. It was assumed that Mr. Smith did not occupy the air hence the state had police power over it and could permit airplanes to fly over his property under certain regulations. The supreme court held that it was not trespass to fly at an altitude of 500 feet over the property in question but that it was trespass to fly as low as 100 feet in order to reach or leave an airport.

State officials are telling us how much could be saved by the state printing text books, provided they did not have to buy the copyrights. Why not tell us how much could be saved by a state operated shoe factory to clad our pupils. Also, a large hot cake factory that could feed them more economically than they are now fed by their mothers at home.

In Portland 199 people were found to live on the river. If this endurance flying keeps up the next census will find a part of the population living in the air.

What we are wondering about is how the endurance fliers were able to remain aloft 554 hours amid the rain of machine gun bullets over Chicago.

PROSPERITY AND AUTOMOBILES

A common criticism of the laboring man and the farmer is his automobile especially at times of depression. If they drive cars (even old wrecks) "they must not be so bad off or they are using money for gasoline that should go for food and clothing."

An automobile to most people is an economic necessity and should be so recognized. There are 70 sawmills in Lane county but to how many of these mills can a working man walk from where he must live? Comparatively few since they are nearly all outside city limits. There are hundreds of men employed in road work and nearly all must have means of transportation.

The farmer must come to town and it is a great risk of life and property to venture forth on the highway with a horse and buggy. Horses anyway, are fast becoming unnecessary on the farms. The feed they eat might well go to the dairy cow.

The day is here when the price of farm products and the wages of the laborer must stand the operating expense of the automobile. We should judge the prosperity of the working man rather by the kind of car he drives (if paid for) than by the number who have automobiles.

HORSES, MULES AND COWS

How rapidly the horse is vanishing from the American scene can only be fully appreciated when we realize that, in twelve years, more than one-third of all the horses in the United States have passed out of existence and have not been replaced. The year 1918 was the banner year for the horse. From about ten million horses in 1880, their number multiplied through 38 years until, in 1918, it reached the high peak of 21,555,000. Since then the replacement of the horse by motor vehicles has been rapid. The latest government figures place the total at around 13,000,000. Another ten years may see this reduced by half and probably will.

The horse's career in America has been a short one. There were no horses or other beasts of burden known to the Indians of North America, though in South America the natives had tamed the llama to carry their loads. The Spanish conquistadores brought horses with them, many of which broke loose and ran wild. They multiplied rapidly in the fastnesses of the southwestern wilderness, and the Indians of the Great Plains speedily learned to break and use them. But a scant four hundred years, down to now covers the history of the horse on this continent.

There are still a few horses left in the big cities. They are, so far, more economical than motors for house-to-house deliveries of milk, parcel post and express matter. But the increasing cost of their maintenance is gradually causing even these uses to be replaced by motors.

The mule is gaining on the horse. He is more efficient, eats less and works harder. In the period during which the horse population fell off by one-third the mule census showed an increase of nearly 30 per cent. However, this increase has now slackened. There are fewer mules in use now than there were in 1924, when these useful hybrids numbered 5,730,000.

In the period from 1920 to 1930, the number of beef cattle has dropped from above 47 million to under 33 million. We are eating less beef. But while we are drinking more milk, more butter and cheese, the number of milch cows remains about as it has been for nearly twenty years—around 22 million. They are better cows, however, giving more milk on less fodder; and the tendency is to increase their number and quality. Time was not long ago, when almost any sort of a horse was worth \$100, an ordinary mule around \$125 and a pretty fair cow could be got for \$75. The Kansas State Agricultural Department figures the average values in Kansas today as \$50 for a horse, \$70 for a mule and \$82 for a cow—taking them just as they run.

All of which contributes toward answering the question of why it is no longer pays to grow hay and oats for most farmers in most regions.

When a cat can't see in the dark we are told he feels his way along by his whiskers. Our advice to moonshine drinkers is to start growing beards.

NOT TO BUILD PAPER MILL IS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pacific Paper Products mill promoted in Eugene will not be built according to word received by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce this week. When funds to build the plant fell short in Eugene the directors of the company voted to build the plant on the free industrial site here provided \$50,000 in stock could be subscribed in this city. A survey of the situation revealed that this sum could not be subscribed in Springfield and the project is given up. Money subscribed will be returned to the buyers of stock. It is announced.

Visits Sister Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Scott, of Salem, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Scott's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian.

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Whatever your complaint may be it will be of interest to consult the Doctor on this trip.

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- W. G. Grubbe, Albany.
- Mrs. J. G. Huntsucker, Toledo.
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- Denver Kincaid, Ashland.
- Bert Lamps, St. Helens.
- L. H. Martin, Moro.
- F. O. Pollard, Yreka, Calif.
- E. F. Smith, Heppner.
- Mrs. Wm. Schuening, Helix.
- Lee Oey, North Powder.
- T. L. Shown, Goldendale.
- Emma Turner, Mikkalo.
- Henry Trowbridge, John Day.
- J. H. Wood, Eugene.
- V. P. Harris, Athena.
- Mrs. B. Danks, Klamath Falls.
- Mrs. Walter Scott, Mt. Angel.
- Henry Schulz, Pendleton.
- Mrs. O. N. Kimball, Crabtree.
- Mrs. Frank Simpson, Hood River.
- Lee Slucher, La Grande.

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RELIEF FROM CURSE OF CONSTIPATION

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SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT'S FATHER DIES SATURDAY

William J. Hill, father of Mrs. Eloise Fraedricks, of Springfield, died at Portland on Saturday at the age of 58 years. He lived in Lane county for many years, and formerly owned and operated the Hill's Economy store in Eugene. At one time he was in business in the I. O. O. F. building in Springfield.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge, of the Elks, and the W. O. W. He was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1872 and moved to Oregon with his parents while still a small boy.

The funeral services were held from the Veatch undertaking parlors in Eugene on Tuesday, July 8, at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. Frederick Jennings officiated. The Elks lodge had charge of the graveside services and interment was made in the Hope Abbey mausoleum.

Spent Fourth in Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gabriel motored to Portland to spend Fourth of July.

FAMILY GATHERING HELD HERE ON JULY FOURTH

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stacey entertained at their home here Friday for several of their children and their families, who returned to spend the Fourth of July with their parents. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Stacey and son, of Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stacey and two sons, of Medford; and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Noonan, of Portland.

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THE EDITOR

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