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SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE LAW

Too many people are taking advantage of our bankruptcy law. This may mean that there is something wrong with the law. Or there may be something wrong with a good many of our people. Whichever it is, something needs fixing.

The bankruptcy law was meant to serve a good purpose. It was not intended that it should be used to cancel a man's debts simply because he had bought more than he could pay for.

There have been times when it seemed a bankrupt set out with the deliberate intention to defraud his creditors. He would live in luxury, denying himself nothing that could be bought on credit.

Men have done this even though drawing the same salary as when the account was made—sometimes even larger salaries. There were not—or at least didn't appear to be—any good reasons why he shouldn't or couldn't pay his just debts.

There's a flaw somewhere in a law that will allow a man to defraud his creditors, it doesn't matter under what pretext it is done. There is something wrong with a law that will hold out a hope of something for nothing.

UNFAIR COMPETITION

The American army is now served with Soviet matches while the American match maker is taxed to sustain the standing army. The American government only recognizes Russia when there is a chance to save a dollar on goods made by enforced labor.

Mistaken for a moonshiner while he was reading the river level gauges in the we small hours of the morning, a member of the army engineer crew on the Willamette river survey was challenged by dry officers.

The Boy Scout manual has become America's best book seller. That's one thing to be credited to the male of the younger generation. In the olden day it probably was Bret Harte or some other hair raiser, that the youth of the country bought heaviest.

Eighty-six per cent of the liquor cases tried in the courts of this country result in conviction. It would appear that the courts are doing their part to enforce prohibition even if there are some notable exceptions.

There are 29 Mexican section hands working on the S. P. railroad above Oakridge. They should be given tickets back to Mexico. Their jobs are needed by Lane county citizens out of work.

The governor calls his program tax reduction. The county courts call it "passing the buck." The taxpayers name for it will be heard after the sheriffs send out the tax receipts.

A Cottage Grove hen laid an egg eight inches long. She should be paraded before the other flocks in Lane county as an example of what can be done.

We'll know the war has started in earnest in Manchuria when the Japs and Chinamen began asking for loans in the United States.

This Congressman Garner is well named when it comes to getting votes, so it seems.



THE FAMILY DOCTOR

JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D.

DIATHERMY

Literally, it means "heating through," this diathermy form of treatment. The apparatus used in administering is expensive; not many rural physicians nowadays can afford such high-priced stuff, considering the almost impossibility of carrying it to widely-scattered bedside patients.

The destruction of diseased tonsils is being brought about by diathermy, thus saving a more or less bloody operation; but it had better not be attempted by the amateur or beginner without competent instruction.

My own experience has not been very pleasing in the use of diathermy, much that I regret to say so. I have used it in numerous cases of chronic arthritis; if any improvement was noticeable it was very slight.

I believe diathermy to be a very refined, technical, expensive way of applying the simple principle of heat in the treatment of disease. I have yet to be shown that it furnishes greater heat inside the diseased member than on the outside.



SIGHT UNSEEN

MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

SECOND INSTALMENT SYNOPSIS Six people, Horace Johnson (who tells the story), his wife, Mrs. Dan, Herbert Robinson and his sister, Alice, and Dr. Sperry, friends and neighbors, are in the haberdashery weekly meeting. At one of them, Mrs. Dan, who is hostess, varies the program by unexpectedly arranging a spirit-salt session with Miss. Sperry, a friend of Dr. Sperry and not a professional, as the story goes.

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Sperry threw open the drawing-room doors. The rest of the party were as we had been, save that we no longer touched hands. Suddenly Miss Jersey began to breathe more quietly, and to move about in her chair. Then she sat upright.

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The Letter Box

(To the Editor)—We are hearing a great deal about the great saving being made in the cost of running the state affairs and the people are given the impression that the same saving should be made in county affairs.

The only actual saving which can be made by the state or county is the saving in running expenses, the lowering of taxes by changing from real property to other sources of income.

We all know that we are passing through a period of unusual depression, and the state officials are doing all they can to assist, but the real burden of raising the money, outside of donations, must be on the counties.

Portland and Multnomah county last spring found that their budget could not take care of the situation which faced them and each voted \$1,000,000.00 of bonds to carry them over.

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STATE FILES ACTION TO RECOVER MONEY CHARTERS ISSUED FOR LANE FOUR-H CLUBS

Suit for the collection of \$674.45 was filed in circuit court here Saturday by the state industrial accident commission against William E. Elliott.

Proposed transfer of part of the territory of the Black Butte school district to the London school district was considered at a meeting of the county board of education yesterday but no action taken and the matter was postponed to December 14.

The valuation of the territory involved in the proposed transfer will be determined before the board acts it is announced.

Charters for 4-H clubs are being sent by H. C. Seymour, state club leader to the following clubs: Merry Marketers, No. 1, Eugene, Mrs. Maude Johnson, leader; Willa Gillespie Health club, Myrtle Gillespie, leader; Healthy Helpers, Upper Camp Creek, Mrs. Clara Wilian, leader; Happy Health club of Dexter, J. F. Rose, leader; Hill View Marketing club of Willagleson, Mrs. Myrtle Gillespie, leader; Marquette Marketing club, Ward school, Agnes Hayes, leader; Industrious Ten, Willakenzie school, Mrs. Helen Ten, leader; River-view Marketing club, Riverview school, Mrs. Nellie Davis, leader.

Cougar Peit Brought In—A cougar pit was brought to the county clerk's office Friday by W. B. Patton of Culp Creek and the county bounty of \$10 collected.

Christmas Shoppers

Should Think of the Drug Store First! In our store are many articles very suitable for Christmas. They are articles of known value and everyon useful.

Ketel's Drug Store In the New Store Springfield

THIS IS THE STORE OF Many Christmas Bargains! Hoffman's Dry Goods Store

On the Corner, 4th and Main Springfield

CANDY-- FOR CHRISTMAS! EGGIMANN'S

Delicious candy makes a delectable Christmas gift, and you should see the special gift boxes of candy that we have prepared! They are a delight to the eye—handsome holly boxes that reflect the very spirit of the season.

These boxes are not alone good to look at—they contain the finest, freshest candies obtainable anywhere.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday 88c GIFT DAYS The Golden Rule Rulers of Low Prices 10th & Willamette—EUGENE—New Schaefer's Bldg.

HOTEL PRESIDENT

260 MEN AT WORK ON EMERGENCY PROJECTS Lane county during the past week had 260 men at work on emergency road work outside of Eugene.

CONVENIENT Located in the heart of the business and shopping district. Three blocks from Theater Row. ECONOMICAL \$1 AND \$2 PER DAY J. A. Cushman, Manager FOURTH AND ALDER

COMPLETE SERVICE!

This station is prepared to serve every need of your automobile. Whether you want your tank filled up with Violet Ray, Anti-knock, or General Ethyl, double-powered gasoline, need oil, water, air or a complete engine overhaul your car may be left here in capable hands.

"A" Street Service Station 5th and A Sts. Springfield, Oregon

DUCK HUNTING IS DECLARED GOOD

Surprised and delighted duck and goose hunters are reporting to the Oregon state game commission that there are more migratory game birds all over the state than for many years, nearly all varieties being well represented and many sportsmen are reporting limit bags.

OREGON PRUNES HIGH IN VALUE AS FOOD

"No matter how young a prune may be, it's always getting stowed." This line from a well-known popular song expresses a fact that is probably responsible in a large measure for the rather mild enthusiasm with which many persons view the prune, according to Mrs. Jessamine C. Williams, head of the foods and nutrition department of Oregon State college.

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