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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 win the law. Or there may be something wrong with a good many of our people. Whichever it is, something needs tixing. If it is the law that needs changing, that is easily done. If it is the people, there's also a way to handle those who go into bankruptcy to defraud their creditors.

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. It was meant to protect an honest man who had suffered unavoidable handicaps, disappointments and losses, who was unable to meet his indebtedness for the time being. It was not intended to be used in the way it is being used today in a great many instances.

There have been times when it seemed a bankrupt set out with the deliberate intention to defraud his crditors. He would live in luxury, denying himself nothing that could be bought on credit. His family dressed like millionaires. His house furnishings were a dream. But when the time came to pay for all these fine things, he would take the bankruptcy law, and another entry would be made to the profit and loss account on his creditors' books.

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. It looked like he just didn't want to pay, and the bankruptcy law provided an easy-if not an honorable -way out.

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. There is something wrong with a law that will suggest a shady transaction, and then leave a loophole to slip through. There is something wrong when men can cancel their honest debts just by a stroke of a pen.

Our bankruptcy law certainly needs fixing.

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. That's the reason Russian lumber continues to come into the United States when Lane county mills are idle and lumber is selling far below cost of production. The Oregon congressional delegation should have sufficient intestinal fortitude to tackle this problem and stay with it until we eliminate this unfair competition that reduces the American lumber worker to starvation.

Mistaken for a moonshiner while he was reading the river level guages 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. Moonshiners and milk men are the only persons supposed to be up before breakfast these days.

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.



asked. "Can she take shorthand? We and a ought to have a record." "Probably not in the dark." "We can have some light now," the dre SECOND INSTALMENT SYNOPSIS Six people, Horace Johnson (who tells the story), his wife, old Mrs. Dane, Herbert Robinson and his sister, Alice, and Dr. Sperry, friends and neighbors, are in the habit'of holding weekly meetings. At one of them, Mrs. Dane, who is hostess, varies the program by unexpectedly arranging a spirit-ralistic seance with Miss Jeremy, a friend of Dr. Sperry and not a professional, as the acedium.

them, Mrs. Dane, who is hostess, varies the regram by unexpectedly arranging a spirit alistic seance with Miss Jeremy, a friend of Dr. Sperry and not a professional, as the modum. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY Miss Jeremy, the medium, was due at 8:30 and at 8:20 my wife assisted Mrs. Dane into one of the straight chairs at the table, and Sperry, sent out by her, returned with a darkish bundle in his arms, and carrying a light bamboo rod. "Doo't ask me what they are for." The medium of the straight bamboo rod. "Doo't ask me what they are for."

"Don't ask me what they are for," he said to Herbert's grin of amuse-ment. "Every workman has his tools." Herbert examined the rod, but it was what it appeared to be, and noth-

ing else. Some one had started the phono graph in the library, and it was play-ing gloomily, "Shall we meet beyond the river?" when Miss Jeremy came

She was not at all what we had expected. Twenty-six, I should say, and in black dinner dress. She seemed like a perfectly normal young woman even attractive in a fragile, delicate even attractive in a fragile, delicate way. Not much personality, perhaps; the very word "medium" precludes that. A "sensitive," I think she called herself. We were presented to her, and but for the stripped and bare room, it might have been any evening after any dinner, with bridge waiting. We all liked her, and Sperry, Sperry the bachelor, the iconoclast, the anti-feminist, was staring at her with curiously intent eyes. Miss leremy gave the room only

curiously intent eyes. Miss Jeremy gave the room only the most casual of glances. "Where shall I sit?" she asked. Mrs. Dane indicated her place, and she asked for a small stand to be brought in and placed about two feet Take down everything that hap-broked her chair, and control to be the case, and was, to go out. I want air. If I could only ingroom furniture is scattered over the house." Can you tell us about the house?" Worde acted the mand each to go out. I want air. If I could only ingroom furniture is scattered over the house." Can you tell us about the house?" she asked for a small stand to be brought in and placed about two feet behind her chair, and two chairs to flank it, and then to take the black cloth from the table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table across the table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across The table across the table and hang it over the bamboo rod which was laid across The table across the tabl cloth 'from the table and hang it over a line ince the pack of the backs of the chairs. Thus arranged, the curtain formed a low screen behind her, with the stand bey yond it. On this stand we placed, at it was during that interval that inte We all felt, I fancy, rather ab-surd. We arranged between us that we were to sit one on each side of her, and Sperry warned me not to let go of her hand for a moment. "They have a way of switching hands," her explained in a whisper. "If she wants to scratch her nose I'll scratch it." We were, we discovered, not to We all felt, I fancy, rather ab- | The rest of the party were as we | On going over the written notes the ways. The state has none of these I am glad to see you all again. I caught Herbert's eye, and he Miss Jeremy came out of her trance We were, we discovered, not to touch the table, but to sit around it grinned.

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We were, we discovered, not to touch the table, but to sit around it at a distance of a few inches, holding hands and thus forming the circle. And for twenty minutes we sat thus, and nothing happened. She was fully conscious and even spoke once or twice, and at last she moved impa-tiently and told us to put our hands on the table. Lad out my opened watch on the

man was killed. Where was this? What house?" "Two shots. One is in the ceiling of

county affairs. the dressing-room." "And the other killed him?" The only actual saving which can . be made by the state or county is

Sperry said. There was a sort of restrained movement in the room now. Herbert turned on a bracket light, and I moved
"And the other killed him?" But here, instead of a reply we got the words, "library paste." Quite without warning the medium

State Aid, Repeal of Referring the appropriations for higher educa-"He's so heavy to lift," she mut- tion, etc., are all commendable if "Get the lather off his they do not return to the state enough in some way to compensate



Sperry threw open the drawing-room doors.

to go out. I want air. If I could only last spring found that their budget

troubles, their share of the road building does not come from a tax on real property.

Unfortunately the demand for ower taxes naturally comes at imes like these when the burden is heaviest on the counties due to nemployment, and shifting of buren from state to county. C. P. BARNARD, County Judge of Lane County.

SAWMILLS NOW AT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1931

STATE FILES ACTION TO RECOVER MONEY

Suit for the collection of \$676.45 Charters for 4-H clubs are being was filed in circuit court here Sat- sent by H. C. Seymour, state club urday by the state industrial acci- leader to the following clubs: (To the Editor)-We are hearing dent commission against William Merry Marketers, No. 1, Eugene, great deal about the great saving E. Elliott.

the state affairs and the people are complaint, was engaged in rock espie, leader; Healthy Helpers, given the impression that the quarrying and road construction. Upper Camp Creek, Mrs. Clare Wilsame saving should be made in

ber 14.

Letter Box

We all know that we are passing

PROPOSED CHANGES OF SCHOOLS PENDING

the saving in running expenses, territory of the Black Butte school school, Agnus Hayes, leader; in-Proposed transfer of part of the the lowering of taxes by changing district to the London school dis- dustrious Ten, Willakenzie school, from real property to other sources trict was considered at a meeting Mrs. Helen Thom, leader; Riverof income. Waiver of Veterans of the county boundry board yes. view Marketing club, Riverview

terday but no action taken and the school, Mrs. Nellie Davis, leader, matter was postponed to Decem-

Cougar Pelt Brought in-A cou-

volved in the proposed transfer will clerk's office Friday by W. B. Pat-The position of the counties, I do be determined before the board acts ton of Culp Creek and the county not think has been placed before it is announced. bounty of \$10 collected.

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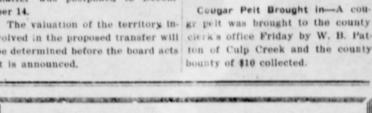
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CHARTERS ISSUED FOR LANE FOUR-H CLUBS

Mrs. Maude Johnson, leader; Willa being made in the cost of running The defendant, according to the gillespie Health club, Myrtle Gilllian, leader; Happy Health club of Dexter, J. F. Rose, leader; Hill View Marketing club of Willagillesno, Mrs. Myrtle Gillespie, leader; Marquette Marketing club, Ward



THE SPRINGFIELD NEWS

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.

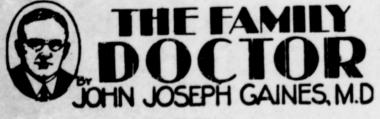
There are 29 Mexican section hands working on the S. P. railroad above Oakridge. They should be given tickets back to Mexico. Their jobs are needed by Lane county citizens out of work.

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.



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.

Nevertheless it is, and has been for some time, a growing, popular method of applying heat in the treatment of localized inflammations. That it will destroy germs by heat that are deeply situated within the body, I seriously doubt. I believe diathermy will greatly accelerate local circulation, hastening the blood through the part affected, and do some good in that way-just how much may not be accurately estimated.

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. The specialist is the only safe man to employe in the electrical extermination of the tonsil.

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 numberless cases of chronic arthritis; if any omprovement was noticeable it was very slight. I used it in a desperate attempt to relieve pneumonia in an aged patientand lost; yes, in two cases, without benefit, and where I needed help, oh, so badly.

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. But I am not an authority, mind you; I am just an intelligent, common-sense, family doctor, with thirtyeight years of experience. I do not own a diathermy apparatus, but I work in hospitals where it is available in any instance desired. I sincerely hope it may come to be the standard, accepted method of obliterating diseased tonsils.

"Your fountain pen, Horace," he said to me. "Making out a statement for services rendered, by its eagerneedn't cry so. He was cruel to her. He was a beast. Sullen." "Can you see the woman?" I

"If it's sent out to be cleaned it will cause trouble. Hang it in the closet." ness The answer to that was the pen itself, aimed at him with apparent accuracy, and followed by an outcry

Herbert muttered something about "Here, stop it!" he said. "I've ot ink all over me!" We laughed consumedly. The sitthe movies having nothing on us, and was angrily hushed.

got ink all over me!" We laughed consumedly. The sit-ting had taken on all the attributes of practical joking. The table no longer quivered under my hands. "Please be sure you are holding my" "A small room, his dressing-room.

longer quivered under my "Please be sure you are holding my hands tight. Hold them very tight," He was shaving. There is still lather hands tight. Hold them very tight, said Miss Jeremy. Her voice sounded faint and far away. Her head was dropped forward on her chest, and she suddenly sagged in her chair. Sperry broke the circle and coming to on his face." "And the woman killed him?"

"I don't know. Oh, I don't know. No, she didn't. He did it!" "He did it himself?"

Sperry broke the circle and coming to her, took her pulse. It was, he re-ported, very rapid. "You can move and talk now if you like," he said. "She's in trance, and there will be no more physical dem-there will be no more physical dem-contrations."

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Mrs. Dane was the first to speak. I was looking for my fountain pen and Herbert was again examining the stand. "I believe it now." Mrs. Dane said. "I believe it now." Mrs. Dane said. "I saw your watch go, Horace, but tomorrow I won't believe it at all." "How about your companion?" I I looked at the secretary, and it was clear that she was terrified. I got up and took my chair to her. Comin" back, I picked up my forgotten watch from the floor. It was still going, and the hands marked nine-thirty. "Now." Sperry said in a soothing tone, "you said there was a shot fired TO BE CONTINUED

shooting, in the opinion of many for all children. It deserves a more DUCK HUNTING IS sportsmen. DECLARED GOOD

The last day of the season for now holds," Mrs. Williams says. legal shooting of ducks, geese, Evidence that the prune can be Surprised and delighted duck brant and coot is Tuesday, Decem- served in many other forms than and goose hunters are reporting to the Oregon state game commission ber 15, at sunset and sportsmen stewed is found in a bulletin called that there are more migratory are hurrying to get in their full "The Value and Use of Prunes," quota of this sport. The former fed- edited by Mrs. Williams in which game birds all over the state than for many years, nearly all varieties eral regulation permitted such she offers 13 receipts for using this ergency road work outside of Eubeing well represented and many shooting until the middle of Janu- fruit, as well as a list of menus and gene ary. sportsmen are reporting limit bags.

Shooting has been good in every section of the state, the Columbia OREGON PRUNES HIGH River basin reporting ample sup-IN VALUE AS FOOD ply of both ducks and geese, while

eastern and central Oregon are get-"No matter how young a prune ting their share and Klamath, Summay be, it's always getting mer and other southern Oregon stewed."

lakes are vieing with the bays This line from a well-known along the Oregon coast for first popular song expresses a fact that honors. Tagging facilities of the is probably responsible in a large commission in Portland are being measure for the rather mild entaxed to the limit. thusiasm with which many persons

An expected poor season for mig. view the prune, according to Mrs. ratory waterfowl shooting has turn. Jessamine C. Williams, head of the ed out to be a decidedly good sea foods and nutrition department of son, and sportsmen are wondering Oregon State college.

how much the shortened season as "The prune is a wholesome, nuruled by the Biological Survey, has tritious, economical food, which had to do with the condition. The supplies energy, is a good source of heavy concentration of birds from iron, contains other necessary minthe north during October and the erals, contains vitamins, is a mild first half of November has had laxitive, supplements the milk diet much to do with the present good of infants, and is a desirable fruit

tiently and told us to put our hands on the table. I had put my opened watch on the table before me, a night watch with a luminous dial. At five minutes after motion. "The table is going to move," I said. However, curiously enough, the table did not move. Instead, my watch, before my eyes, slid to the edge of the table and dropped to the floor. and almost instantly an object, which we recognized later as Sperry's knife, was flung over the curtain and struck. "A bulk tjust above the ear. That's as it was at the beginning, increasing as it did from a slow beat to an in inerdelby rapid drumming, when the initial shock was over Herbert com-menced to gibe. "Your fournain pen, Horace," he was a stub beard try so. He was a cruel to heat. "It was a fuele to fill a small hole of the was a beart Sullen." laughed and held out his hand. "Library paste!" he said. "It rolls into a soft, malleable ball. It could quite easily be used to fill a small hole 140 as operating. Those operating plaster. The paper would paste reported production as 49.4 per "Then you think ?" cent of their group capacity. "I'm not thinking at all. The thing Current new business reported be described may have taken place in by 223 identical mills was 9.3 per

she described may have taken place in Timbuctoo. May have happened ten years ago. May be the plot of some book she has read." "On the other hand," I replied, "i cent over production and totaled 9.000.000 feet less than the footage received the previous week. Ships just possible that it was here, in his neighborhood, while we were sitments for the week were .1 per cent over production. Production ting in that room." "Have you any idea of the time?" at this group of mills decreased "I know exactly. It was half-past about 6,500,000 feet under the week before, and totaled 3 million feet

midnight, shortly after reached home, Sperry called me on phone. "Be careful, Horace," he "Don't let Mrs. Horace think any has happened. Arthur Wells k himself tonight, shot himself in less than the second week. Unfilled orders increased about 3,500,000 feet. New export business received eđ during the week was about 9,000,himself tonight, shot himself in the during the week was about 9,000,-head. I want you to go there with 000 feet less than the volume reported for the previous week. New "Arthur Wells !"

"Yes. I say, Horace, did you hap pen to notice the time the seance bedomestic cargo orders were over the previous week by about 3,600,gan tonight? 000 feet, new rail business dropped "It was five minutes after nine whe approximately 3,800,000 feet, while

Then it would have been about the local-trade stayed approximately the same when compared with the previous week's business. Durthe 47 weeks of 1931 production for 223 mills has averaged appro-

ximately 4 per cent over orders prominent place in the diet than it received.

260 MEN AT WORK ON

EMERGENCY PROJECTS

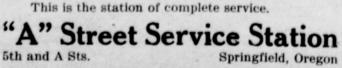
Lane county during the past week had 260 men at work on em-

other suggestions for combining | The county had 112 of these men prunes with other foods in salads, on the emergency payroll and the desserts and other dishes. state had the remainder.

The recipes include, among The county men at a wage of \$2 others, whole wheat prune muffins, a day work for two weeks and then prune brown betty, spiced prune give way for a while to others. The bread pudding, prune cobbler, state men receive \$3 a day and prune cake and prune filling for work two weeks and then are off cake. for two weeks.

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