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CUT THE \$116,000 OUT

The \$116,500 delinquency tax fund placed in the Lane county budget estimates is to our mind not justified and imposes a burden upon those who pay their taxes that they have never had to face before. It practically nullifies all the savings the budget committee made by salary slashes and other economies as far as the benefits to the taxpayers. This year's budget estimates are \$102,733 less than last year's budget passed at the taxpayer's meeting. Since the school funds and election expenses automatically cut over \$90,000 from the budget this year there will be little saving made by the budget committee if this large delinquency item is allow-

The levying of a tax to take the place of delinquent tax collection shortages is to our mind double taxation since these delinquent taxes must ultimately come in or the property be sold. We can see no justification in placing any item in the budget for delinquent taxes except perhaps a small sum to take care of interest on warrants drawn against delinquent taxes-

There are no warrants registered against the county without money to pay at the present time. In other words all the delinquent taxes, which may be 30 per cent at the end of the year, are security against the county's budget this year, in addition to all the property the county has taken title to and may sell.

It is desirable to keep the county's budget balanced as nearly as possible. But to keep it balanced and acquire property and delinquent tax funds at the same time over and above the budget is an unjust burden on the willing taxpayers at this time who are struggling to raise their own taxes and are not able to assume the load of those who are delinquent.

The new county court was elected on a tax reduction platform and as such are entitled to all our support. But when Mr. Average taxpayer gets his tax statement and finds it just as high, or only a few cents lower than last year, what

Let's take out the \$116,000 delinquency item before it is too late.

SALES TAX DIFFERENTIATES

The sales tax is being widely talked as a means of supplementing the state's revenue. This tax is used in Mississ-

Under the Mississippi sales tax, the tax on retail stores is 2% of their gross sales.

The newspaper which sells advertising to the retailer is only taxed one-fourth of one per cent on the revenue from that advertising, for newspapers are classified as

Oregon with few manufacturers can not afford to place a sales tax on them and let their competitors in other states send goods in free.

The joker in Hal Hoss' \$3 automobile license fee is that it provides no money for the county which is now getting one-third the fee. In other words he tells the county to levy a property tax on automobiles at a time when half the property taxes in the state is delinquent and everywhere governments are trying to get away from property taxes. Mr. Hoss merely wants to get the higher license fees out of the state's trouble bag by passing it back to the county to get the additional money required.

Germany did not grant France any moratorium in the Franco-Prussian war. We are inclined to think that if the Americans had stayed at home European nations would be paying their war debts on the dot-but not to Uncle Sam.

After all the little matter of 30 million Chinamen living in Manuchuria is worrying Japan more than the League of Nations commission.

It cost 22 cents a vote for each vote cast in the election in Lane county. The stay at homes may say that they saved the county some money while the rest of us were making the country "safe for the democrats."

The property tax is obsolete we hear on every hand. Yet there are some who now propose to place it on automobiles, the only item of personal property not now so taxed. Sounds inconsistent to us.



HORSE SENSE

Somehow, I can't get away from the good old plan of eating because I am hungry—the best reason on earth, isn't it? If you are not hungry-and have no appetite when you should have one—then something may be wrong; better see a doctor.—that's what he's for. It may be an easy time to set you right.

Then-I still cling to the ancient plan of eating things that taste good. What's wrong with that? Just why should I be obliged to force down stuff that I despise? Eating is part of my reward for being a good, industrious boy. That also applies to you, dear reader. If you are a girl, simply change genders in this letter and go ahead. Boys are not so different from girls, when it comes to living and eating.

Those two good old rules eat because you are hungry, and eat what tastes good. It will take a lot of theory to scare up better ones.

But . . . people get to figuring on "balanced ration," and "calories," and they fuss around about them, with an air of superior learning. First thing you know, you are off on the trail of "vitamines," and then you don't lack much of being in over your head! You get afraid to eat white bread-really the most nutritious, best tasting bread in the world. Are you scared of white bread? One of my contemporaries refers to certain bread alarms as "the vitamin fad." That's not far from right.

I've written thousands of words on diet and eatinges, millions. After all, lebeileve I feel better by practicing lain horse sense, that tells me not to eat too much—but



MISSIONARIES their value Mrs. Pearl Buck, who wrote the great novel of Chinese life, 'The Good Earth," confirms from her own intimate knowledge of conditions in China what many good Americans have long believed, that a great deal of the Christian missionary work in the Orient is not only wasted effort, but actually detrimental both to the cause of Christianity and the reputation of America in the Chinese minds.

Important religious leaders and odies have been making a study of the missionary situation. They report that too many persons are sent out as missionaries who are narrow minded, bigoted and entire ly sectarian in their outlook, and who have not the educational and temperamental equipment for the

Magnificent social work has been done by many missionaries, but when the Chinese observe so-called Christians quarreling among them selves over inconsequential points of doctrine they not only don't know what it is all about, but begin to distrust the professed motives of the missionaries themselves.

One of the fundamental teachings of Christianity is the duty to "go forth into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," but it isn't everybody who wants to be a missionary who is qualified to preach the gospel to those who

telephone conversation between the remotest part of South America and Northern Europe, between South Africa and Chicago, or any other point in North America, between San Francisco and Marila or Japan across the Pacific, in fact, hetween almost any two parts of the world, is not in only practical

but is in almost daily use. This telephone is one of those incredible marvels which we have accepted as commonplace because than they believed that some of the other things which I have seen come true were possible, such as the electric light, the phonograph, the motion picture, and especially the airplane.

I'd like to come back in a hundred years and see the new miracles that our grandchildren will then be regarding as commonplace.

BIRTH a certificate
I had occasion the other day to

apply for a passport to enable me to leave the United States and make a trip to Europe. But my first attempt was blocked when the passport bureau demanded proof that I was born in the United States. I just didn't have any such proof. I was born long before any of the states required the registration of births.

I finally succeeded, by means of an affidavit from my sister and the it was called on the curb, led Rantzul Josephine lived on high. It was at this presentation of an old family Bible into the picric acid pool, a sweet bit of time that Cloissy evolved his famous business engineered by St. James. presentation of an old family Bible in which my birth had been recorded, to convince the U.S. Department of State that I was a native

They told me at the passport office that only twenty-six states make registration of births compulsory, so that there is still a large proportion of native born citizens who have no means of proving, except by the testimony of relatives. that they were actually born here.

In Europe every citizen is required to carry his birth certificate and all other documents to prove his identity, nationality and occupation, whenever he travels even from one town to another or pioneers of the motion picture in BROTHERHOOD MEETING | REBEKAH CHRISTMAS moves into a different house. That dustry, and if anybody ever asks sort of supervision of the individual you who built the first movie can easily be carried too far, but theatre, of which there are some it seems to me that we don't carry thirty thousand now, just rememit far enough in America.

MOVIES and Moe Mark An old friend of mine named MRS. SWARTS HOSTESS Moe Mark died the other day at the age of sixty. When I first knew Moe he was junning a little nickelodeon in Buffalo, the kind of a show club of Cascade chapter, O. E. S. Frank Bartholomew were named

theatre showing the early primi- the members of the club at their in January. tive motion picture plays. Before next meeting. long he had a number of theatres in different Up State New York IUKA CHRISTMAS PARTY towns. They weren't theatres real AT EGGIMANN'S TONIGHT scalded Saturday morning while ly, they were merely stores with

chairs in them. Moe Mark got the idea that a luka circle, Ladies auxiliary of the Christian hospitai. real theatre built especially to run G. A. R. will be held this evening motion pictures would be profit at the Eggimann Kandy Kitchen able. He found it difficult to make with Mrs. Eggimann as hostess. A anyone else believe it, but he fin- gift exchange will be held after the ally raised money to build the very program and the social will confirst theatre in the world for the clude with a late potluck supper. movies. It is called the Strand and

III at Walterville-J. D. McArthur of Coburg was a business visitor is on Broadway in New York. Moe Mark was one of the real is ill at his home at Walterville.



NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Almon Strauss, calling from Paris, urged John Breen to continue the work of Colfax:

have never heard it.

TELEPHONES . . . and distance

The dream of telephoned conversation between all parts of the world has almost come true. There are now 168,000 miles of international telephone circuits which connect with almost all the land line telephones in the world, so that telephones in the world, so that telephones in the world, so that telephones on the world in the land line telephones in the world, so that telephones on the world in the land line telephones in the world, so that telephones in the world, so that telephones in the world, so that telephones on the world, so that telephones in the world, so that telephones in the world, so that telephone conversation between the land line instantiable city would calm the land line telephone conversation between the land line instantiable city would calm the land line telephone conversation between the land line instantiable city would calm the land line telephone conversation between the land line instantiable city would calm the land line telephone conversation between the confidence in you. We must and have confidence in you. We must and have confidence in you. We must not despair, no matter how dark the scene of the famous Allied the scene of the fa

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tions sent his star to fizzy altitudes, shot him upward on a rise of values. Rantoul, at last, was many times a mil-

of Josephine. A nesteric cult to which she subscribed included several Rus sians, who, in ceturn for lavish enter tainment, inducted the Grand Duke and his advisers to the genial atmosphere of St. Botolph and the tender mercies of the great St. James. Rantoul after this killing, in which Josephine felt she held a charter in-

lar combination of enterprises previ-ously defunct. Tri-Nitr - Bullion also began the erection of vast explosive works in New Jersey, manufacturing an unstable compound with great rapidity as its chemists learned the business, in quantity production tests Rantoul, who took on a strange fictitious importance, was made Chairman of the Board. Tri-Nitro soared to dizzy heights with the booking of further Russian orders. Josephine did

St. James, swinging Rantoul with him at the head of a group of the more daring newer men, bought a fleet of lake steamers and founded the world ege of giving away its money. But St. James' greatest achievement

But St. James' greatest achievement was Safety Submarine, selling on the curb at ten, with few buyers, while jobbers washed the stock in petty submarine, locking at this, but no, he would continued Next Week

Members of the Past Matrons

tables of bridge were enjoyed.

ber his name.



Men hung at her elbow, bent over her, pursued her with the intensity

down. How it tossed and squeezed and frocks, things with the new military when the youth, Mitchel, was over-widening effect. She felt no fidelity When the youth, Mitchel, was overwhelmed by the myth, Hylan, when the shaky city was being pounded hourly by rumors, in that time when shipping and men and dollars mingled in red carnival, Josephine Rant out splurged in a splendid orgy of waste. She even made money, and she demonstrated her ability to spend it.

The war carried Gerrit Kantoul into financial whirlpools where he navigated with much skill. Munitions specular widening effect. She felt no fidelity greater city, the hoodgates of tends admirers; she never made the deluged the avenues and cross streets with flying ticker tape and scraps of any one man. Poor Kantoul, chanting the fiving town was wild, crazy. Josephine, in a becoming uniform of olive drab, with a shiny Sam Browne belt, sailed from the scene of her triumphs leaving a trail of bills and an army of demestic servants to the tender disposition of her aged spouse.

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accepted as commonplace because we have got used to the idea of talking with people at a distance. I can well remember the very first telephone and the skepticism with which Professor Bell's announcement that he could talk over a wire ment that he could talk over a wire was received. Nobody believed that it could ever be true, no more than they believed that some of the tone in the start to fizzy altitudes, shot him upward on a rise of values. Rantoul, at last, was many times a millionaire.

Rantoul, at a dollar a year, also served his country while his New York office, in Pine Street, burned with activity. At the very beginning of the wild time, a Russian Commission, headed by a Grand Duke an Commission, h y the Government as unsafe. The Army would have none of it. The Navy refused even to use it in death nbs. It was reported as an unstable exclosive. Gerrit Kant ul lost heavily in Tri-Bull, finding hunself assessed of most of St. James' heldings, exchanged for value before the had news sceped through that the stuff was worthless. It was one of the little forgotten tragedies among the big men, well behind the front.

The expensive apartment at the St. Botolph had been succeeded by a more lavish suite covering two floors of the new Du Barry. A super-flat with private elevators and exclusive service, an expensive nest bordering on the eastern dge cf Central Park. Poor Rantoul fairly groaned when he began to realize the drain of this establishment. He was worn down by his excitement, irritable through his worries, and Josephine, spending his money and banking her own, rode on the necks of her admirers. What a flaming time of lurid patriotism much to reconcile Gerrit Rantoul for it was In the great hotels, foremost in her many annoying traits. Tri-Bull, as it was called on the curb, led Rantoul Josephine lived on high. It was at this scent, Parfum Joséphine!

TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The annual Christmas party and

Nurse Injured-Miss Mary Jen-

kins was painfully burned and

working at the D. B. Murphy home.

Winberry Resident Here- Mrs.

M. T. Evans of Winberry was

visitor in Springfield Friday.

Springfield Saturday,

mew, president.

The annual Christmas party of She was taken to the Pacific

"Gerrit, I'm going across. I feel

my duty."

Then the armistice uproar swept the greater city, the floodgates of relief

The splurge she made, the bills she ran, the countless worthless followers this very capable and practical woman that profe in his cars, drank his liquor, had built up the resources of the for-

Gerrit Rantoul, always the gentle nan, to all outward appearances, took her to the steamer and then turned That cur St. James, was a rotter. Jason. Fillmore, and Jones, a paper company, was on the edge of complete disintegration. Gerrit Rantoul struggled like a Christian to unload his stock on others before the inevitable

sacrifice. The luxurious apartment in the Du Barry followed. Rantoul could hardly keep ten feet ahead of the

"Old Rantoul's on the run." The word was on the street. His credit evaporated. By the most desperate effort he saved a few thousands, here and there, and by moving back to his fraternity club a rather stuffy place, college trimmings, he managed to hold his own in the city. One thing he did not do. He never cried for help. He might e a coward, a cuitter, a rotter, all of the things people thought of him, but he never shouted for assistance from his rich wife.

"Damn her!" Gerrit Rantoul hated Josephine. Hated her so he could not

find words to express his aversion. Yet, when at last a letter came from her, he trembled, trembled, as he tore

the man you once almost got interested in those Peruvian mines. John is a hero, and he has the Croix de Guerre and such lovely ribbons.

PARTY TO BE MONDAY

Juanita Rebekah lodge will hold election of officers of the Men's its annual Christmas party Mon-Brotherhood of the Methodist day evening at the I. O. O. F. hall church will be held next Monday it was announced following the reevening in the church basement it gular lodge meeting of Monday FOR PAST MATRON CLUB was announced by P. J. Bartholo- this week at which time final plans and arrangements for the affair F. B. Hamlin, W. E. Buell and were completed.

Oswald Olson, Mrs. Ada McPher where you could put your eye up were entertained Monday afternoon on a nominating committee to sugagainst a peep hole and see Mr. at the home of Mrs. C. E. Swarts. gest officers at the meeting held named on a committee to have Edison's first attempt at motion Following the business meeting in November. Newly elected offic churge of refreshments. They will ers will take over their duties at be assisted by all members whose Pretty soon Moe Mark had a Mrs. Jane Ketels will entertain the first meeting the third Monday names begin with either "O" or

Elmer Findley and Roland Moshier will get the Christmas tree and decorate it for the party.

Music at the meeting this week was furnished by a stringed quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Player, Miss Conaway and Mr. Conaway of

Memorial services were also held Monday for Mrs. Maude Williams and Mrs. Ethyl McKibbin.

III at Home_T. C. Barker was Coburg Man Here-M. E. Mulvey quite ill at his home the first part of the week.

Returns from Hospital-Mrs. Ed Falls on Ice-The son of Mr. and Maybe returned to her home here Mrs. J. W. Fountain of Leaburg Tuesday from the Pacific Christian received a bad cut on his head Sathospital where she has been a pati- urday when he fell on the ice near his home.

Mother, Father, Sister, Brother

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CHRISTMAS



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