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It is said the gas found while digging a well near Eugene the other day is the natural variety, and not similar in any way to the kind the Eugene boosters are accused of. It may be gas will be found there in unlimited quantity, and we hope so.

When we get over the jazz life, through which we are passing, we may have more time to spare with our children. The child needs the guiding hands of father and mother to steer it on the road to a useful and honorable life. But while we're jazz crazy our children are in the way and the streets and courts do the guiding.

In our box story on the front page, "Do You Remember," we anticipated some one in a reminiscent mood would give us a bit of history about the event in question, on how the rural routes came to be established, who started the electric system, the establishment of the high school and any other subject that from time to time may be mentioned under the above head. Who will be first?

A HEINOUS CRIME

A man was arrested on his small ranch near Salem the other day for a most heinous crime, a crime the like of which has probably never occurred in that community before. He was keeping his child at home and his wife (a former school teacher) was teaching it the prescribed course of study demanded by the school laws of Oregon. The crime attached to this man is, that he is not letting his child get away from the influence of a good father and a loving mother—the street is not to educate his child nor the courts to prescribe its abode, if home teaching and a clean home life can prevent. Well, when we begin persecuting parents for teaching their children, it's time to begin building penitentiaries bigger, establishing reform schools in every county and increasing our number of law-enforcement officers.

According to the Capital Journal, the man is a good American citizen who believes in obeying the laws of the land, but also believes parents who love their children are responsible for that child and not the state as to what part it takes in society when it goes out in the world, either good or bad. And he prefers to be responsible for his child, while the state seems to prefer to be just as much or more responsible. Which will make the best citizen out of a child, law or love?

Some day we will hunt common

sense to make our laws, instead of fanaticism. But that's a long ways off unless we stop to think, and then vote as we think.

WHEN MILLS DEMAND

Just now there is much being said about flax, and a great urge is made for a large acreage in Linn county. Frankly, your editor knows as much about flax as a hog does about its birthday, and for that reason we have said but little during this urge by promoters. However, we do not want to discourage, but rather to encourage, this industry and make these observations:

A few years ago, in 1917, there was a tremendous urge by a great many people to the farmers and to owners of small acreage to plant loganberries, as it was a crop that would produce four to seven tons per acre, that it would never fail and that the Willamette Valley was the only place where they could be successfully grown. The world was at our feet, we were told. What has happened, you well know. The consumer didn't like the first trial and didn't buy the second time in sufficient numbers to keep the market up and make production profitable. The grower lost.

A large linen mill is now being built in Salem. It may survive and prove the foundation for a prosperous flax growing area all over the Willamette Valley. It is very hard to know which way to step. However, it is known that flax will grow in this community, and of the best quality, for it was successfully grown here about 20 years ago. If the fiber proves to be what the mill wants, and scutehing and retting plants are conveniently located so as to eliminate long hauls and relieve the grower of that big expense, then by next fall it might be the wise thing for our farmers to so prepare for a flax crop next year. But in the meantime investigate the possibilities of the industry thoroly and know personally what can be made clear per acre from flax.

When mills go up to manufacture the raw product into a finished fabric, then we will know there is a demand for more flax and plenty of our farmers will cooperate.

BRIEF AND BREEZY

Europe seems ever ready to be Yanked out of trouble.

One good way to get acquainted with a nice girl is to marry her.

A practical joke is one that an editor is willing to pay money for.

If the legislature will collect a tax on profanity, it can dispense with all others.

There is nothing in names they say, but a Missouri undertaker is named Finis.

"A little learning is a dangerous thing"—it leads you to tackle crossword puzzles.

Charity covers a multitude of sins, but it doesn't guarantee to keep them covered.

In this modern age, one doesn't have to go to the seashore to see flappers' knees.

Some publicists urge people to vote the way they think, and then complain about the small vote.

John Ringling is reported to be trying to buy the Giants. Probably wants to add them to his circus collection.

Some one has said "man is a finer creature under democratic government." Also, possibly, under a feminine thumb.

Teacher: "Robert, give me a sentence using the word 'satiated.'"

Bobby: "I took Mamie Jones to a picnic last summer and I'll 'sav-she-ate' quite a lot."

Adam Breeds asks a western paper what kind of liquor "botlicker" is. Such ignorance is pitiful to con-

template. Some culinary missionaries should be sent to teach Adam.

If that Iowa professor makes a success of his invention of a patent filter for noise, we may in time be able to strain our jazz instead of permitting it to be such a strain on us.

Illinois town which has a surplus of over seven thousand dollars in its treasury will levy no taxes this year. We know a lot of towns in Oregon that wish they could do the same thing.

BOYS' ATHLETIC NOTES

Basketball season is over and baseball is coming into view. The boys have been practicing baseball for about two weeks.

We haven't scheduled any games for this season, but we have some games in view. We hope the baseball season will be more successful than the basketball season. We have some material to make a winning team, and we hope to win a majority of the games.

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