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THAT BOND ISSUE.

There is a great diversity of opinion over the proposed bond issue that the people are to vote upon next June throughout the state. If carried they will impose a present burden of \$6,000,000, but it is claimed by those who have given the matter deep study that there will be no taxation for their payment when they become due in twenty-five years. As to the interest, that will be provided for by the automobile tax, which next year will be doubled.

The bill provides that Multnomah county will receive no direct benefit from the money. Not a cent of it will be expended in this county, but it will be to the advantage of Portland to have good roads coming into it from every other part of the state. Multnomah county will have to assume over one-third of the entire burden, which means that the city of Portland will be called on to back up the indebtedness to the extent of over 95 per cent, leaving the county to carry a little less than 5 per cent.

However, if the statisticians are right, it will only be loaning the state's credit, and there will be no taxation. Automobiles are expected to pay the whole sum, and they probably will in the course of time. The only drawback to the whole scheme is the fear that the Warren Construction company will do all the hard surfacing. Indeed, it is asserted that the whole measure is a scheme to give the bitulthic people the whole say about the work and all the money.

A good road program is desirable, if properly carried out, but with the opposition that is developing it is an even chance that the bond issue will be defeated. Yet many good people are working for it who have no other object than the attainment of passable roads at all seasons of the year. The grange is fighting it—that is, the state master is influencing as many granges to pass resolutions opposing it as he can, yet there are many other grangers as good as he who are working hard against him. It is going to be an interesting contest.

**THE SECRET SERVICE.**

That very important but invisible branch of the government, the secret service, has often been heard of, and something of its work has been made known from time to time. Dispatches have made mention with an aggravating vagueness of important facts uncovered—and plots disclosed—by the men who serve the government in this branch of its activities. But the public knows on the whole, comparatively nothing of what the secret service has done since the great war was begun in Europe and sometimes, no doubt, has felt that it, too, had been committed to the policy of marking time and watchful waiting.

But enough has come forth, guardedly, from time to time, in recent months from authoritative sources in Washington to show that the secret service operatives have been on their job. No one, save those in charge, can have any adequate idea of the vast amount of important—vital information collected by the service since August, 1914. We, who share none of these secrets, can only hope that the service has been, in the darkest hours, an effective safeguard to the public interests.

It has been our wont to think of the secret service as a national police system, engaged, for the most part, in running down counterfeiters and offenders against the revenue laws. We do not realize that during all the perils that have beset the nation since war was declared men of the secret service have been the eyes and ears of the government. Nor do we realize that upon the reliability of their information has rested, to a great extent, the security and protection of the country. In-

ternational policies, we can readily imagine, have been shaped in large measure upon the nature of the facts discovered and reported through what personal risks and hardships we cannot know—to the authorities at Washington.

The identity of those who have served us faithfully and well in the trying times of the last thirty months, and who will continue to serve us in the days to come is to the public at large as much a mystery as their work. Their names we cannot know. But our admiration for the work of the service as a whole may very well have with it a suggestion at least of the gratitude we feel toward the individuals, regardless of their identity, who have made the record of the service possible. They deserve it.

We are no longer disguising our attitude toward Germany, which just now is the opposite of neutral; but as a nation we are still clinging to pig knuckles, sauerkraut, frankfurters, pumpernickel and several other things that we are reminded of but can't think of. Only the bone dry situation grabbed loose a great many of us from the stein and its hilarious contents.

Nature's scheme of trying to make up the precipitation deficiency in one big job is another of nature's mistakes. But this is March and it must go out like a lion, seeing that it came in like a lamb. But just suppose the rain had been snow, instead! Just think how things would have been clogged up!

It is somewhat astonishing how many men are convinced that only a man of the highest ability, unquestioned integrity and the greatest sincerity should be selected as head of the greatest corporation in Oregon—the city of Portland—and everyone of them is it.

In these days of belts, bachelor buttons, shingle nails and safety pins it looks as if the loss of a pants button would not be considered good grounds for a divorce suit.

We fancy that considerable of the animosity toward Mexico would disappear if we were individually given the chance to take a few jerks at old Carranza's whiskers.

As an object lesson to convey the idea of what a "big majority" is, we have only to mention those who do not know the words of "The Star Spangled Banner."

While the women are taking such an interest in home economics, it wouldn't hurt the men to take a post graduate course in down town economics.

We are predicting that eggs will be down to 20 cents by Easter, and—cheer up—the dyestuff companies are now delivering the goods to color them with.

However, muddy ground may serve as a spur to the amateur gardener's impatience, so that he will work all the harder when the rains quit.

The boycott is causing potatoes to be selling at cost in some places—but the cost is what people were objecting to.

Onions still maintain the lead in the percentage of prices, but some other things are following the scent closely.

Throwing old shoes after new-woods is becoming obsolete. They are being saved up and sent to the boiler.

It is quite likely that the Easter hat problem will be settled by a straw vote among the women.

**TROUTDALE**

W. P. Benedict continues in a critical condition at the Good Samaritan hospital, where he was taken for treatment. His brother is staying at the C. I. Thomas home and goes to the hospital every day.

Arthur Van DeWalker is critically ill with heart trouble at his home in Troutdale.

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It Plays a Large Part in the Promotion of Good Health.

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It is no great number of years since the subject of deep breathing has engaged not only the attention of physicians, but trainers of athletes and the public generally. Recent authorities give special emphasis to the efficacy of deep breathing for asthmatics and for children and young adults who are predisposed to tuberculosis.

Professor Arnold Hiller in the Berlin Clinical Weekly notes that it increases the passage of blood through the liver; that it increases the secretion and excretion of bile; that the stomach when filled with food may likewise be favorably influenced because the movement of the stomach contents through the pylorus is facilitated.

"Deep breathing," says the New York Medical Record, "is the most scientific resource for the prevention of uric acid disease. One must begin with diaphragmatic breathing, which naturally precedes rib breathing. The inspiratory movements are now slowly increased until all the muscles involved in rib breathing gradually participate. One begins with three daily periods of fifteen or twenty minutes each. The position of the breather is immaterial. He may do his forced breathing while standing or walking.

"In some individuals a very deep breath appears to arrest the pulse because of the compression of the subclavian artery; hence inspiration should be limited to a certain number per minute."

**HOW MODERN SHIPS SINK.**

Times When Water Tight Bulkheads Are a Menace to Life.

Nearly every class or design of vessel sinks in a particular way. For instance, the old type of single bottom steamer, with few or no bulkheads—that is, in the modern sense of the term—almost invariably founders on more or less of an even keel, which means that it sinks level and not with its bow or stern up in the air.

This is accounted for by the fact that at whatever point the water may enter it practically finds its own level, as there are no subdivisions to obstruct it.

Now, in the case of a modern vessel, which is built with numerous subdivisions, it invariably happens that she founders with her bow or stern high out of the water, or else she sinks with a heavy list, or cant, to one side or the other. The reason for this is that the bulkheads, prevent the water which enters the vessel from finding its level. Consequently when one particular portion of the ship is full of water, while the remainder is practically water tight, that part which is water laden sinks first, owing to its greater weight.

It is for this reason that such terrible loss of life frequently occurs in modern shipwrecks. Owing to the uneven sinking it is often found impossible to lower the majority of the lifeboats, as they would fail to reach the water.—London Answers

Before the war there were 900,000 women in France employed as domestics.

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**Church Theaters.**  
Few people know that plays in England, Germany, Italy and France were fostered for religious purposes by the church centuries before they were taken up as a separate secular business. Moreover, few visitors to St. Paul's cathedral, in London, realize that the church during Elizabeth's reign and the first years of the reign of James I. set aside one of its adjacent buildings for use as a secular theater. Its little stage was famous, and the company of choir boys as actors presented many of the great plays of Shakespeare's time. They acted from about 1598 to 1608 under the management of Edward Pierce, their great master in music, who, as church almoner, had business control of these adjacent buildings owned by the church.—London Standard.

**Warding Off Cancer.**

Nurses, particularly those engaged in public health work, can do much to prevent unnecessary deaths from cancer, according to a bulletin of the American Society For the Control of Cancer. Many patients, especially women, it is pointed out, speak to a nurse about the danger signals of this disease, such as lumps, persistent sores, ulcerations and other irregularities, when they would hesitate to call a doctor. Attention to these apparently trivial conditions, says the bulletin, often means the actual prevention of cancer, or at least its discovery in the early stages, when a cure is possible.

**Deserved to Get It.**

"I want to ask you for a bit of advice," said the insinuating man. "What is it?"  
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A person is always startled when he hears himself seriously called old for the first time.—O. W. Holmes.

He that has no real esteem for any of the virtues can best assume the appearance of them all.—Colton.

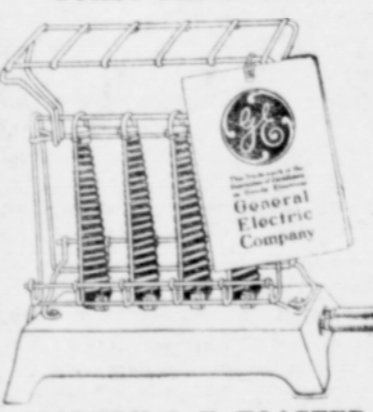
Discretion is the salt, and fancy, the sugar of life; the one preserves, the other sweetens it.—Bovee.

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