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First Prize in 1911

at Spokane National Apple Show won by carload of Newtowns.

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JOLTS AND JINGLES
By Ad Brown

The greatest place I know of for all questions to be decided is around a table in a restaurant. Everything from politics to the morals on the South Sea Islands is settled with neatness and dispatch.

Jevver notice that nine out of ten railroad passenger agents have close cropped mustaches and fat necks?

Times are picking up. I saw a minister buying a new hat the other day.

A sign at a summer resort reads: "Boys, no bathing allowed while ladies are around without suits."

Following a slip of an eastern editor we say: "We print this colmun to go into the homes and fireplaces of our people."

A Los Angeles bank clerk whose accounts were short $150,000 has been sentenced to ten years. And yet some people kick when Governor West paroles a man who stole a ham.

Of course you are going to the fair. It is the only time some of you ever make a speaking acquaintance of a hog, other than in the bacon form.

A lot of Medford husbands rise to remark that there are human models in their homes who display more gowns than can be paid for in a year.

As straw hat season draws to a close some of us who never had one chortle in glee.

KELLAHER WITHDRAWS AS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR

PORTLAND, Sept. 20.—D. J. Kellaher, republican and progressive candidate for presidential elector and republican nominee for state senator, today withdrew his candidacy as presidential elector from both tickets, following a notification from the secretary of state that that official would recognize Kellaher's nomination as state senator only, the state law prohibiting more than one candidacy.

Tonight an assembly of republicans named Phil Metschan, Jr., to fill the vacancy caused by Kellaher's withdrawal and John L. Rand of Baker to fill that caused by the declination to serve of William Hanley.

They also repudiated Kellaher entirely by naming C. W. Nottingham of Portland to run independent for state senator in opposition to Kellaher, and the executive committee of the progressive party tonight named A. L. Geddes of La Grande to fill the vacancy caused by Kellaher's withdrawal from the ticket.

Petition Bourne's Candidacy

SALEM, Sept. 20.—The secretary of state today received the nomination by petition of Jonathan Bourne, Jr., for United States senator. The petition was signed by thirteen names. Twelve gave their places of residence as Sparta and Baker. The petitioners ask the slogan, "Independent progressive" be placed after his name on the ballot.

GOOD ROADS BILLS

JACKSON county residents should not forget that they have a constitutional amendment before the people to be voted upon next November providing county home rule in the matter of road building. If this amendment passes, a bond election can be called at once and next season witness the inauguration of an extensive program of highway construction.

The home rule road bill appears upon the ballot in the following form:

For amendment of Section 10 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon empowering the court of any county to issue and sell bonds or other securities to build and maintain roads within the county when authorized by a majority of the voters of the county, and empowering the county court to present the question at any general election or to call a special election for such purposes and repealing all constitutional amendments and acts in conflict with the proposed amendment, including those submitted to the people at this election. Vote YES or No

360. X YES.
361. No.

Vote Yes upon this measure.

Another county road measure on the ballot is the Grange bill, which provides unnecessary and bulky process for county road building. It is an enabling act to put into effect, by cumbersome process, the constitutional amendment voted two years ago. It appears upon the ballot in the following form:

A bill for an Act authorizing any county in this State to issue bonds for the construction of permanent roads, providing a mode of procedure by which a special election may be called within the county to vote whether bonds shall be issued and providing for the sale of bonds and the expenditure of the money realized therefrom in actual road construction. Vote YES or NO

324. Yes.
325. X No.

Vote No upon this measure.

Still other measures to be voted upon are the bills presented by Governor West's compromise committee—the compromise effectually destroying the merit of the bills. One of them is an amendment limiting the road expenditures to two per cent of the assessed valuation. This would practically stop road building in Jackson, Klamath and other counties which already have a large outstanding warrant indebtedness. It is the work of Portland men who evidently think that other counties cannot be trusted to spend their own money and would limit other counties to two per cent, while Portland's own indebtedness is six per cent. This amendment appears upon the ballot in the following form:

For amendment of Section 10, Article XI, of the Constitution of Oregon prohibiting counties from voting any indebtedness for roads, in excess of two per cent of assessed valuation of all property in the county. Vote YES or NO

346. Yes.
347. X No.

Vote No upon this amendment—it is a road killer.

The other measure is an enabling act to put this amendment into effect. It reads as follows:

A bill for an Act authorizing the respective counties of the State of Oregon to issue twenty-year bonds for building roads within the county, providing a method for expending the money in actual road construction and for calling and holding county elections to vote upon question of issuing bonds and authorizing county courts to levy taxes to pay principal and interest on bonds as they may mature. Vote YES or NO

344. Yes.
345. X No.

Vote No upon this measure.

The home rule amendment is self-executing and requires no other legislation. It solves in simple fashion the problem of permitting counties to build their own highways.

Remember the numbers on the ballot. Vote No on all the above except Number 360.

The Commercial club has had printed slips for this measure for gratuitous distribution and every person in the Rogue River valley is requested to secure some and insert one in every letter written to Oregon addresses from now until election time.

Equipoise Bookkeeping System

By E. L. McClure.

Descartes gave to the world the principles of double-entry bookkeeping, but habit and custom is so hard to overcome in the control of human action, that accurate accounting was not adopted by the people or government of Great Britian until the nineteenth century; and history relates that treasury accounts were kept by cutting notches in sticks until a fire in the exchequer building burned the kindling wood.

Double-entry bookkeeping takes into account all the assets and liabilities and keeps a record of earnings and expenses, profit and loss to exhibit exact results of the business periodically; proving the accuracy of the bookkeeping by a perfect balance of the assets and liabilities. The double-entry system began with daybook, cash book, journal and ledger, necessitating repetition entries for the exhibition of the details, which could be given in any minutia desired by copying the entries on auxilliary books and forms and carrying out the segregations in separate columns.

The enormous volume of business transacted by modern banks, clearing houses, manufactories, and mammoth mercantile houses, have been compelled to discard the rigid set of double-entry books and utilize the original entry made on a form for the record, listing the amounts to serve for the bookkeeping record, without copying them in a day book, cash book, journal or ledger.

The adding machine, typewriter, card index, vertical file, loose leaf books, and color and numerical designation of accounts, have revolutionized the double-entry system of bookkeeping. All the modern improvements are utilized to their full capacity and labor reduced to the minimum by the equipoise bookkeeping system, which utilizes the original entry, without repetitions, to give every detail and particular of the business required by listing the entries and segregations under account numbers on the adding machine, proving every segregation of the accounts by a perfect equipoise balance, without mental effort except touching the right button. The original entry is filed for the legal evidence to prove each account under its numerical designation in a vertical file. Every detail and particular for each account assembled in one, and only one, place.

The complications of the double-entry system of bookkeeping is simplified by providing a suitable form for all original entries to be utilized for the permanent record. Any competent clerk is capable of making the original entry, and when the number designating the account has been placed on it the sytem of recording and exhibiting individual balances, general accounts, and assets and liabilities, is completed by the perfect mechanism of the adding machine, which gives a more perfect and convenient record for audit and for reference than could possibly be made in a book with a pen.

Habit and custom still compel educational institutions to teach double-entry bookkeeping, because precedent and authority still rests with Descartes; but practical common sense business men have found that original entry systems save labor and give better results; retail stores are rapidly discarding book entries and make sale slips answer for their records of items; but habit and custom still compel nearly all the bookkeeping records to be made by hand, when the marvelous mechanism of the duplex adding machine makes a far more perfect record with a fraction of the labor that is required to list the amounts with a pen. Banks are all doing several times the labor necessary and their records are inferior to machine records by the equipoise bookkeeping system.

"MATTY" AND SOME OF THE GIANTS AS BOYS.

KENNEDY THIELMAN McGEE MATHEWSON DUPEE

In turning over a book of ancient history there was found between the leaves recently a photograph of the Giants, which will bring back some recollections of days when the New York team was little thought of as a pennant winner.

It is reproduced above. That square shouldered, hollow cheeked player on the end is "Roaring Bill" Kennedy. Next to him is Thielman, a pitcher who was all promise. By the side of Thielman is McGee.

The tall boy in the sweater is "Matty." "Matty," when he, too, was a boy and just beginning, looks a lot like the big fellow, and yet, if "Matty" of those days and the "Matty" of to-day could stand side by side in the flesh, it wouldn't take the "fans" long to see that "Matty," like Topsy, of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fame, has "growed."

The tall boy on the outside is Dupee. There was once a manager who said that Dupee would develop into one of the greatest pitchers in baseball, but he had doubts that Mathewson ever would succeed as a pitcher.

Agricultural Co-operation in Switzerland

(From the Department of State)

Though the great difference in conditions prevailing in Switzerland and in the United States prevents the adoption of many of the actual practices employed in that republic for the financial assistance of the farmer, yet there is much in principle which the American farmer, at the brink of strengthening his position through the doctrine of cooperation, can learn from the farmer of Switzerland. American Minister Boutell has recently forwarded to the state department a report upon this subject following his investigation in connection with President Taft's effort to establish cooperative credit in the United States for the benefit of the American farmer.

The farmers of Switzerland are the backbone of the nation. The government recognizes this. It is to the farmers that the country would turn if ever it became necessary for that confederation to defend its independence. Wisely the government has done all in its power to aid the farmer, to stiffen the backbone of the nation. Incidentally, however, the farmers have taken a hand in the question of the government's looking to their welfare. They have made themselves a strong factor in the government—that is, the cooperation practiced by the Swiss farmers is largely political.

Several years ago they formed an association—the Swiss Farmers' association—and established a central bureau at Brugg. This association is represented in the Swiss national council, corresponding to our own house of representatives, by many prominent politicians. One of the principal purposes of this association is more or less to fix and control the market prices of milk and other agricultural products in the interests of the farmers.

Similar associations have been established in the various cantons (states) bearing the name of Cantonal Farmers' association, which are members of the Swiss Farmers' association, with the same principles and purposes as the latter. Besides the federal and cantonal associations there exist a great number of local (district) farmers' cooperative societies which have as their purpose the securing of cheaper prices for seeds and fertilizers by purchasing these articles in large quantities, which are kept in storehouses and can be obtained as needed from the administrator of the respective local society.

The federal government can make no loans to any of the above-mentioned associations or cooperative societies, but it contributes annually an amount of 25,000 francs to the expenses of the permanent central bureau of the Swiss Farmers' association.

In the various cantons provisions are made to facilitate loans to farmers. In some of the cantons there exist mortgage banks, which are cantonal institutions and which are authorized to make loans to farmers, against a first mortgage, up to two-thirds of the real value of the farm property.

The chief advantage secured by the farmer in placing a mortgage with the cantonal or state mortgage banks is that he escapes the necessity of repaying the principal of his mortgage in a single payment, and he is practically relieved from the danger of foreclosure.

Improvements of the soil which enjoy the financial aid of the public authorities are: Irrigation, drainage, clearance of the land, road making, road mending, boundary walls (fencing in), and the erection of stables (shelters) on the Apls. Whenever a farmer possesses land of which the value could considerably be increased through the improvement of the soil, but cannot afford the expenses for such work, he can make application for a contribution to the costs of such undertaking to the government of his canton (state), and, through the latter, to the federal government. In many cantons (states) the municipal authorities do not contribute to an improvement of the soil if by such improvement only one individual farmer would profit, whilst they contribute in those cases where a number of farmers or a corporation is concerned.

It may be of interest to know that the Swiss federal government, as is done by the governments of agricultural cantons, encourages the raising of cattle for breeding purposes by appropriating every year in the budget a considerable amount for premiums to be given at the cattle shows to the raisers of the prize-winning cattle—bullocks and cows.

Large improvements were made in recent years with the financial aid from the federal and cantonal governments and much interest is taken by the public authorities in the welfare and prosperity of the population in rural districts. It is remarkable how the prosperity of the farmers has increased in the past 16 years, which is to a great extent due to the financial assistance rendered them by the cantonal and federal governments in the manner prescribed in the foregoing report.

The Inefficiency of Trusts

(Louis D. Brandies in Colliers')

First—No conspicuous American trust owes its existence to the desire for increased efficiency. "Expected economies from combination" figure largely in promotors' prospectuses; but they have never been a compelling motive in the formation of any trust. On the contrary, the purpose of combining has often been to curb efficiency or even to preserve in efficiency, thus frustrating the natural law of survival of the fittest.

Second—no conspicuously profitable trust owes its profits largely to superior efficiency. Some trusts have been very efficient, as have some independent concerns; but conspicuous profits have been secured mainly through control of the market—through the power of monopoly to fix prices—through this exercise of the taxing power.

Third—No conspicuous trust has been efficient enough to maintain long as against the independents its proportion of the business of the country without continuing to buy up, from time to time, its successful competitors.

These three propositions are, also, true of most of the lesser trusts. If there is any exception the explanation will, doubtless, be found in extraordinary ability on the part of the managers or unusual trade conditions.

And this further proposition may be added:

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