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The Prospect baseball team, of which Dewey Hill, hired man par excellence is 1st baseman, the outfield, advisor to the pitcher, purchaser of the team...

Some of the Older Girls are getting up with the sun to play golf, and some to pick peaches, before it gets hot, and so they won't miss the Wednesday meeting of the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club.

Dock Robinson of Jville is still in our midst, and gives the social whirl an extra whirl now and then.

A former resident has returned from Skakiyou, where he daily wrestles \$50 in golden flakes from Mother Earth.

A full moon is beaming over hill and dale, and the younger natives have started speeding and stopping in the glow, causing the preachers to predict that October will be a good month for marriage fees.

Sidney S. Barker of the Eagle Point district, wants to start another debate over the merits and demerits of gooseberries—but, he is not going to get it.

"You wrote about a month ago, that the gooseberry is united to this valley, as there are so many goose here; inferring that they believe all kinds of scandal, and that the gooseberry is too sour anyway.

THE LAW: Two-Gun Mulligan, racketeer, gangster, and murderer, runner of beer, Seventeen notches upon his gun, Public Enemy Number One.

Poor Mulligan's getting the axe, And they'll put you in jail If you carelessly fall To file your income tax.

One of the 800 cats has a bevy of Woolworth store kittens, and the crop is regarded as a failure.

The Real Power Against the Sales Tax

VERY peculiar situation exists in this state regarding the sales tax. Leaders of the Grange and leaders of Big Business, throughout the state, are fighting shoulder to shoulder against it.

BUT as usual "there is a reason." Realizing the partisan prejudice against the sales tax in the ranks of organized labor and the Grange, the big city "fellers" have cleverly capitalized this to their own advantage.

All the big department stores but one are opposing the sales tax, so are the large retailers, the chain store executives, and all those with large volumes of sales.

WE admit that under such circumstances the sales tax hasn't a Chinaman's chance. If those whom the tax would principally benefit, the small property owner and the farmer, CAN'T SEE IT, and are going to vote it down, then what chance has the measure got?

In fact with the election less than three weeks off, there is only one chance for the sales tax. That rests upon the possibility of a miracle happening. That miracle would be the awakening of the masses,—the rank and file—of Oregon to the true nature of this tax, and to their own self interest.

IF they SHOULD wake up, sense the flim-flam game the "higher ups" are trying to put over on them, realize just what the tax would do to benefit them, then victory for the sales tax would be certain.

WE repeat this sales tax, under conditions which exist at the present time will principally help the average man,—the small property owner and the farmer particularly.

The main burden of the tax will fall upon the large retailers, the big department and chain stores, for their volume of business is greatest.

AS in all such matters, the final decision is up to the people. If they WON'T take the time and trouble to dig into the sales tax problem for THEMSELVES, get the true facts concerning it, sense the nature of the emergency that demands it,—but blindly swallow the propaganda that is being circulated by politicians, hungry for public office; and Big Business interests against it—then of course it will be defeated.

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WELL, they can do a lot. We live in a democracy. Even more important than law, or law enforcement agencies, is public opinion. In spite of the cynics, public opinion is STILL supreme.

HERE is where the average citizen comes in—or should come in. If he believes in what a public official is doing—what he stands for—tell him about it. If he doesn't, tell him about THAT. Let your representatives in public office know how you feel about things. Just a line or two on paper or a few words over the phone.

It doesn't take much time or effort. But it IS extremely important. In fact just as a few drops of water wear away a stone—a few words—added to a few words, determine the nature and course of government.

ANOTHER thing. Did you notice what happened when Officer Balcom was shot down in cold blood the other day. The state police as usual, were immediately on the job, and also as usual "got their man." But WHY did they?

That's the sort of thing we mean. If you see a crime, report it! If you see a hit and run driver, report it. If you see something suspicious going on report THAT. The greatest single obstacle to good government, is public indifference.

Personal Health Service: Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Byrd, if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

AS A NEUROTIC UNDERSTANDS IT: As I understand it, writes a neurotic, of which class let the reader decide, as I understand, you hold the same view as anyone with a neurotic mind.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: Soft White Hands. Can you tell me something that will prevent redness and irritation of my hands? I suppose it is from my work—I have to use strong cleaners which are hard on the hands.

Communications: A Tribute to Milo Baucum. To the Editor: I wish to pay tribute to Milo Baucum, officer and gentleman. Because of his sudden passing our grief is deep, but our estimation of his character is very high.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, July 6.—Brooklyn, more than Manhattan, is a paradise for the saunterer. It requires more boommy adjectives than most writers command to pay tribute to the bright gusto of Flatbush avenue.

Shady open book-stalls in Brooklyn. And I found one blind alley, like a London mews, lined with stables for riding horses. Also a velvety old-fashioned green for bowling. Rows of dim, dusty houses with enormous entrance halls and dining rooms facing the street. In every yard a baby carriage!

One block of all alk brownstones near Fulton in Brooklyn displayed seven signs "Mid-Wife." Other signs proclaimed: "Rooms with use of bath." At most upstairs windows a refined white face. One wonders why so much altruism frequently running waste does not flow their way. Sensitive, lonely and neglected, they get stumbling along on the crumbling edge of things. Window gazing widows—flung haphazard at Fate!

A sudden emergency for typing brought a breezy and slightly elegant young lady from an agency. It was easy to see she was one of the innumerable with a chin-chin mind and a coney income—hobby toly!

Thingumabobs: Jimmy Cagney does not drink, smoke or permit gate-crashing at his Hollywood home. Jack Whiting sits through her husband's play once a week during a run. Lee Tracy tops all producing records with 12 talkies in 14 months.

Three celebrated New Yorkers, including a famous international banker, have a phobia about revolving doors and will not twirl through under any circumstance. Such a neurosis interested me. A neurologist over the phone tells me it is not uncommon in the metropolis. He has several patients so afflicted. The only one cure, that is to keep whirling through revolving doors until the dread vanishes. He further tells me of another New Yorker who is in deadly fear of scissors although he shaves with an old-fashioned razor and does not flinch from any other type of sharp-bladed instrument.

The late Don Byrne used to flutter with the ipuses in crowds. That was why he finally fled to Ireland's open spaces. This morbid dread of confined places, known medically as claustrophobia, has been a frequent ailment of writers down the centuries from Shakespeare to Robert Louis Stevenson. A reverse malady is called agoraphobia—a fear of open spaces. The only writer I ever heard suffered its twinges was Heywood Brown, years ago.

People who cannot afford such highliting ailments seldom have them. I always think of Bill Hogg's withering sarcasm for a mediocre actor indulging a fit of temperamental "Why is it," he inquired, "you have never get temperamental with a peilomean!"

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Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY July 6, 1923 (It Was Friday) City is crowded every day with tourists.

The M. F. & H. Co. has a unique display of fishing tackle.

Foley and Burke's Carnival in town all next week.

Official opening of Copco warehouse to be held next Saturday night.

Newton C. Chaney has been appointed to handle all prohibition work in valley.

Rogue River fishing fails to improve, and fishermen prepare rousing resolution for the governor.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY July 6, 1913 (It Was Sunday) Sports of city are "cleaned out" as a result of Bud Anderson, "Pride of Medford," falling from the blows of Leach. The city is dazed but still loyal to its hero.

Auto club to be organized in Jackson county.

The West Side stables announces a sale of 40 head of horses.

Sale of the Blue Ledge mine is again reported.

Greater Medford club names blue and white as the official colors.

Gov. West administers death blow to Demon Rum.

Road to Crater Lake will be opened this week, as far as Arant's camp.

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