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SAYS PERSONAL TOUCH LACKS IN BIG UTILITIES

Under the title, "A Square Deal for Public Utilities" Collier's in its issue of March 12 says: "There is an explanation, somewhere, of the lack of good will be shown by the average community toward the public-utility company that serves it with light, heat, and power. One reason, we think, has never been fully stated: If the power and light companies were owned and controlled by one or two men, and named after people, as the majority of our big enterprises are, we would be apt to have a more friendly feeling toward them."

Collier's feels that the human element fails to enter into the public utility business to a sufficient extent. The customers of the utility fail to see or meet its managers and stockholders and they do not meet them as they do the proprietors of other large industries in the community. For the same reason employees of many of the utility companies fail to have a personal interest and reflect their attitude in their dealings with the public. On the other hand, in our leading western cities we often find the managers and directors of our great public utility enterprises, are among our most public-spirited citizens. They take a hand in every community activity and lead in public welfare, civic, commercial, and industrial activity, giving unsparingly of their time for the public good.

Collier's article states that according to figures prepared by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States "it will require \$352,500,000 properly to equip the 1,250,000 houses and apartments which this country now needs, with heat, light, transportation and telephone facilities. This money must come from the big and little pools of peoples' savings, and these pools will yield investment money only when tempted by securities which guarantee a fair return."

"One of New York's newspapers has lately been printing letters from the chairmen of public-service commissions of different states which tend to show that the outlook for public-utility securities is on the mend, that public-utility problems are gradually being taken out of politics, and that a better public attitude toward public-utility enterprises is being developed. But haste is being made slowly.

"America must move forward, and the speed and comfort with which she moves will depend in a large measure upon her ability to produce, at low costs, heat, power, and light. Let each community give some thought to its public-utility situation, to the end that we may more quickly give a square deal, not only to the hand that lights the gas stove or turns on the electric switch, but to the investment pocketbook which furnishes the capital as well."

FIGHTING FIRE HAZARD

"Safeguarding America Against Fire" is a monthly publication issued by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and it is a pity it cannot reach the hands of every person in this country.

By illustration and text this little magazine shows in a graphic manner the terrible loss caused by carelessness with fire.

In the March issue is shown the Laboratories' Plant in Chicago. It is the best example in America of Fire Resistant Construction for large buildings. In this plant scientific tests are made on everything that will burn, crack, crumble or be destroyed by heat. When the laboratory has finally tested and passed on an article it issues labels to the manufacturer, which are pasted on the article showing its fire resisting and safety qualities.

Thus are fire hazards and insurance costs being gradually reduced. The public derives the benefit free

of charge. A branch office of this testing laboratory is now maintained in San Francisco headquarters to facilitate western needs.

If the public would do its part by co-operating in this great work for fire prevention which is constantly carried on by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, wonderful results would be secured.

Have You Seen Kelley today?

At the Theaters

THE LIBERTY

Suppose your lover had been sent to prison—would you still believe that he was innocent though circumstantial evidence was against him? See how the loyalty of one girl saved the man she loved from worse than death—see it in "Blind Man's Eyes," at the Liberty Theatre today, starring Bert Lytell.

The sea always has a peculiar charm, but when you know you are going to see William Farnum aboard a big ship you know you are in for several reels of excitement and romance. Farnum will be seen at the Liberty Theatre tomorrow in "The Scuttlers".

"The Scuttlers" is replete with unusual incidents and is said to have thrills enough to satisfy the most eager Farnum fan. When the scuttlers begin their work Farnum is a prisoner in the hold of the ship. Then things happen that stir the blood. There are two typical Farnum fights, and the romance centers upon the mutual love of Farnum and the daughter of the ship's captain, Jackie Saunders, a most capable leading woman, plays opposite the star. Reports from other points indicate a picture of smashing force.

Owens Collection of Quaint Almanacs

KEENE, N. H. April 13.—Quaintly phrased weather warnings interlarded with old fashioned words of wisdom, including a prediction of a successful revolt in America, while the Colonists were still praying for the health of their English ruler, are contained in a collection of almanacs owned by M. E. Daniels of this city. Some of the paper bound booklets date back to 1754.

The prophecy dealing with the Revolution was printed in a copy issued about the time that Washington was following the peaceful pursuits of a surveyor. It was made by Lord Kames, a British nobleman who said:

"Our North American Colonies are in a prosperous condition increasing rapidly in population, in commerce and in opulence and they have the spirit of a free people and are enflamed with patriotism. Their population will equal that of Britain and Ireland in less than a century and they will be a match for the mother country if they choose to be independent. A people animated with the new blessings of liberty will not incline to a kingly form of government."

Young men are urged to go West into the wilds of Ohio and purchase land at 20 cents an acre in Spanish money, by an almanac Editor who wore knee breeches and ruffled shirt. In his mortuary statistics, based on reports received in 1797, he asserted that half of the persons in the United States died before reaching the age of 17 years, small pox, for instance, being more fatal to girls than boys at that period. However, one in every 3,125 of the population attained or passed the century mark in life.

Kansas City Makes Homes for Birds

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 13.—No housing shortage exists in Kansas City, as far as the several thousand wild birds who make their summer home in residence portions of the city are concerned. Throughout the southern parts of the city an abundance of bird houses, specially designed for different sorts of song birds, is to be found.

An interest in bird neighbors was cultivated by a real estate development company some years ago, and since then has been kept alive by residents of the section. Lecturers, expert on bird life, were brought to Kansas City, types of bird houses acceptable to different varieties of feathered songsters, were displayed, and a "no cat" rule established in the district.

Sporting goods houses here, finding the movement popular, laid in a supply of bird houses, guaranteed to attract desirable tenants and forgot they had ever purveyed air rifles and "22's". Boy scouts and camp fire girls have done much to foster a friendly attitude toward the little songsters whom Saint Francis of Assisi, according to tradition, used to call "my little brothers."

OLD POSTOFFICE BLOCK LIKELY WILL BE SOLD

Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Although the report of J. W. Roberts, superintendent of the San Francisco division of the office of the supervising architect of the treasury department, who recently visited Portland for the purpose of making an investigation into the need of additional building accommodations for the federal courts and the branch postoffice, has not yet been made public, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury J. H. Moyle has written to Representative McArthur and suggested that Congress either authorize the construction of an addition to the old postoffice building or the sale of property upon which the building is located and the purchase of other property and the erection thereon of a suitable building for the courts and growing business of the up-town branch postoffice.

Mr. Moyle's letter rather indicates that the department favors the latter course, provided the purchase price of other property and the new building will not exceed the sale price of the property upon which the old postoffice is now located. Mr. Moyle makes no recommendation as to the suggestion that the old postoffice property be turned over to the city of Portland for public park purposes, but Representative McArthur is opposed to the donation of this land by the federal government, believing that cities and other municipalities should pay for government property which is desired for local purposes.

The full text of Mr. Moyle's letter to Representative McArthur is as follows:

More Room Needed "Referring to our recent correspondence in regard to the building in Portland, Ore., now being used by the United States courts, and also as a postoffice station, the report of the department's representative sent to Portland to look into the situation has been received.

"The quarters provided in this building for the courts are inadequate and sufficient accommodations cannot be furnished in the building as now constructed, in view of the fact that the central uptown postoffice station occupies a portion of the first floor. It appears that this station is a very important one and its maintenance practically in its present location is necessary, as it serves the retail business section of the city and the volume of business transacted is very large, the average daily money order business amounting to \$5500, the daily average number of registered letters and packages handled 570, and the postal receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, were \$608,695.

"An extension of the building has been suggested to provide an additional court room, which it is estimated could be done at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

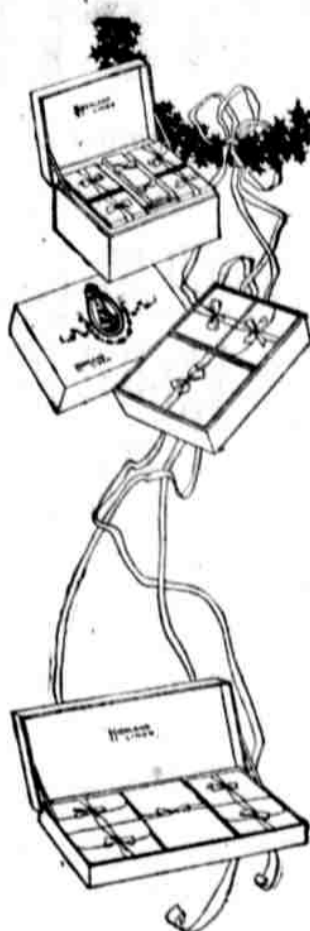
New Site Likely "The report above referred to would indicate that a new site could be obtained within a short distance of the present one and a building erected thereon to accommodate the courts and provide for the needs of the postal service in this section at a cost not exceeding the proceeds of sale of the present site and building. If this course should be adopted it is probable that a new building would afford more convenient facilities for the transaction of the public business than would result from the remodeling of the present court house, etc.

"As to the suggestion of the mayor, referred to in your letter of March 19, that the present site be transferred to the city of Portland to be used as a park, this department would prefer to make no comment, such action being a matter of public policy."

In connection with the proposed changes at Portland, Representative McArthur today gave out the following statement:

Donation Opposed "I am undecided as to whether I shall favor the construction of an annex to the old postoffice building at Portland or whether I shall introduce legislation authorizing the sale of the present site and purchase of property elsewhere and the erection thereon of a structure of sufficient proportions for a home for our federal courts and the uptown branch postoffice. I shall not decide this matter until I confer with the officials of the treasury department and the Oregon senators.

"I am not averse to having a park established on the property in question, but I am opposed to the plan for a donation by the federal government. If such a donation were made,



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NOTICE

Of Meeting of Landowners of Upper VanBrimmer Drainage District A meeting of the landowners of the Upper Van Brimmer Drainage District, of Klamath County, Oregon, will be held at the residence of Fred McKendree, on April 22, 1921, for the purpose of electing one director.

FRED M'KENDEREE, Secretary

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SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION NOTICE

State of Oregon, County of Klamath ss. School District No. One. Notice is hereby given that at the school district bond election hereby called to be held at Central School, Klamath Falls in and for School District No. One, of Klamath County, Oregon, the 18 day of April, A. D. 1921 between the hours of two o'clock p. m. and seven o'clock p. m., there will be submitted to the legal voters thereof the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness in the sum of \$60,000.00 for the purpose of building an addition to Mills Addition school at a cost of approximately \$12,000.00; building an addition to Fairview school at an approximate cost of \$12,000.00; purchasing all of Blocks Three and Four, Klamath Lake Addition at an approximate cost of Three Thousand Dollars, for a school site, and building and equipping a school house thereon at an approximate cost of \$33,000 in and for said school district.

The vote to be by ballot upon which shall be the words "Bonds—Yes" and "Bonds—No"; and the voter shall place a cross (X) between the word "Bonds" and the word "Yes" or between the word "Bonds" and the word "No" which indicates his choice. The polls for the reception of the ballots cast for or against the contraction of said indebtedness will, on said day and date and at the place

aforesaid, be opened at the hour of two o'clock p. m. and remain open until the hour of seven o'clock p. m. of the same day when the same shall be closed.

By order of the district school board of School District No. One of Klamath County, Oregon, made this 25 day of March A. D. 1921.

C. H. UNDERWOOD, Chairman, District School Board Attest: IDA B. MOMYER, District Clerk



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