# THE GATE CITY JOURNAL heavy rain clouds when the "sunny" south is jammed with visitors attending some convention. To satisfy our curiosity as to just how many supply days.

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#### SUNSHINE—THE YEAR AROUND

Late November sees bleak winter in less fortunate places but here November weather is like summer. At night and morning, the air may be a bit frosty but day after day has remained warm and comfortable. We can safely say that sunshine will continue, if not every day at

lions of dollars upon the friendliness of Old Sol. And at be reclaimed. that, he has a mischievous trick of hiding his face behind

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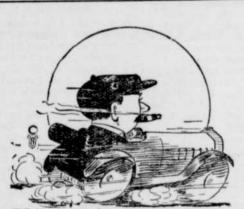
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we have in a year, we would like the weather man at Adrian, H. R. Otis, to give us the statistics on Malheur county sunshine. We have been told that the sun shines 365 days in the year except on Leap Year when it shines 366.

This may be exaggerating a bit, but we do know this, sunshine is one of our most important resources.

#### ONIONS AND RECLAMATION

We wonder if a more convincing argument in favor of the federal reclamation program was advanced at the nat- believes these to be practical ideas, and will be held on November 27. Who ional convention of the grange in Boise than the huge and the men in the front ranks, so she Malheur county onion which found its way to the desk of thinks, and there won't be any war. the national master. Grangers from all states marveled at Something of the sort has previously We don't often speak of our sunshine. They do that in California and Florida, where they place values of milland next door to desert land in Malheur county which will war, but because nobody is going to give

The prejudice against the irrigation of the arid west show that war is absurd and included the show that war is absurd to the show that war is a show that war is a shown that war comes from the east which opposes the expenditure of and that it is sheer folly to slaughter money on this form of development. The east forgets that the young at the behest of the old. reclamation funds came from resources of the west while Oregonian. the west contends that it is right that these revenues should be expended in the west.

There is another angle to be considered. The west is Around the Country coming into its own. Great power developments will bring new industries, manufacturing of all kinds. As the west develops, the west will consume more and more of its crop er Dr. Robt. C. Coffey of Portland. who production. There is no justification in the contention that was killed in a recent airplane crash, the west must remain undeveloped in order that produce Dr. Wm. Coffey performed a serious from the middle states can be freighted over the Rocky stabler of Butte, Mont, whom the mountains and into the west. An example of this is the father had promised to serve without fact that 70 per cent of the pork consumed on the coast charge. The operation was reported now comes from the farms of the middle states. No, we must be awake to all angles.

Growth of the west must be based upon vision and un- man of San Jose, Cal., was killed by derstanding, in the light of what the future will bring. was demanded from his parents. Two Reclamation of rich, desert lands will play a tremendous men. members of respected San Jose

#### **DOLLARS AND DINNER PAILS**

Strangely enough, there's no economic subject the average citizen knows less about than money. He uses it daily, but the tokens with which he barters aren't really money at all. Their only value lies in t hecredit of the government issuing them. Real money is seldom seen—it is gold and is prehension is that they fear that under jealously hoarded by treasuries.

As a result ,the average citizen was pretty well puzzled when the U. S. Government announced that it had start- have booted the dollar about at pleased a world buying campaign in an effort to raise commod- ure. Now the situation has been reverity prices. He couldn't see the connection. As a matter of sed. fact, the connection is simple enough if simply explained -it's very much like an auction. The more people you get to bid for an object, the more valuable it becomes. That's true of gold. When the United States went into the market there was another important bidder for the yellow metal, and its price rose accordingly. At the same time, the value of the dollar, which has a definite gold backing, declined, and commodity prices went up. Briefly described, the dollar has been cheapened, and it is worth less wheat, clothing and gasoline than it was a while ago.

### NO VIRTUE IN TAX PENALTIES

Clint Haight, publisher at Canyon City, a writer who has a habit of hitting the nail on the head, advances his ideas about the tax delimma. Clint says:

To escape the tax debacle there seems to exist a mass mouthing for increased penalities for tax delinquencies and some have carried it to the extreme of 10 per cent interest; an immoral, illegal, vicious rate for individuals, but justified, in the helpless confusion of things, for the state. We tried that and it failed and the penalties were rescinded. We have tried al kinds of interest rates and penalties and they failed and now let's go to the other route and have the legislature abolish all interest and penalties for delinquent taxes.

By mandatory provision require publication of delinquencies each year, followed by the mandatory tax foreclosure at the end of the three-year period and permitting taxes to be paid quarterly. That is all of the tax laws that we need. No interest, no penalty, publication each year of delinquencies and tax foreclosure each year. Make this all required by law and no discretion left to court, officer or person. No one who can help it will allow his taxes to go three years. We have laws now, but no one pays any attention to a penalty of 10 or 12 per cent, and there will be no incentive to own real estate.

Ten per cent is immoral, and there should be no interest and no penalty, but a certain fixed, definite date for a county blanket foreclosure of tax delinquencies, with publicity of the delinquents.

This will solve the tax problem as far as it is humanly possible. Heavy penalty and high interest will only con-

Do you agree with Clint?

### EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

Scientists say a milion flu germs can sit on the head of pin. Yet one could wish that, when in convention assembled, they'd stick to the point.

A biologist finds that "human beings are taller in the morning than at night." Yeah! But what about us who are short all the time.

Relief will be greatest when it ceases to be a major prob-

Chancellor Kerr no doubt considers that if he resigns in order to placate his enemies he will disappoint his friends.

The problem is, as we understand it, to make the price of whiskey low enough to put the bootlegger out of business, and high enough to keep Uncle Sam in business.

AMELIA'S PLAN TO END WAR

other day. She believes that women, new rate being the lowest enjoyed by too, should be conscripted, that they car owners for many yars. A return to may have a real taste of carnage, "in- the earlier plan of registering motor stead of dressing up and parading down vehicles on a calendar-year basis brings women ought to be left, she said, until twelve months, as well as restoring the last. Her suggestion is that the old- Oregon to a schedule similar with other est people be drafted first, for "they states. are the ones that start wars." Amelia

really deserves. In effect, you mean to

Taking the place of his famous fath

Brooke L. Hart, 22, wealthy young kidnappers before \$40,000 ransom families, are charged with the crime.

Oregon State college defeated Fordham at New York Saturday 9 to 6, while Oregon lost to Southern Califor nia in Los Angles, 26 to 0.

English and French statesmen are worrying some in regard to President Roosevelt's manipulation of the value of the gold dollar. The reason for this apthe plan invoked this country will make inroads on British and French trade Heretofore, the English and French

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