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## HIGH COST OF LIVING.

A railroad press bureau which operates out of Los Angeles sends out a screed on the "high cost of living," in which it attempts to show that the railroads are the only factors that do not properly belong in the category of contributors to the present state of high prices.

The introductory paragraph of the article is as follows: "Regarding the high cost of living, the eggs, coffee, rice, potatoes, onions, milk, cabbage, meat and poultry consumed in the city of New York during the year 1909 cost the residents of that city \$484,147,000, yet the farmers and producers of this vast amount of food stuff received but \$274,289,000 for it, according to government investigation.

As the bulk of the food was produced many miles from its place of consumption, the freight bill on it was \$25,045,000, while the middleman, whose share in producing and delivering the product mentioned to the ultimate consumer consisted of receiving it from the railroads, tacking on a profit and delivering it around the corner, received \$184,813,000 for his trouble."

The above may be a contribution to statistical information, but for common sense give us the declaration of the Hanford Sentinel, which says:

"Cut out this scream of 'high cost of living' and get down to earth.

The high cost of a spendthrift career is what is burning up the liver and the lights out of the American population.

When a man spends \$2 a day for non-essentials and grows because he has to pay 45 cents a pound for butter that will last his table a week, he ought to be kicked into kingdom come.

The butter is essential, and so is meat and bread.

His tobacco and liquor bill, and the wine on the table, are, of course, relegated out of sight when he figures up the surplus he owes at the end of the month.

Then the woman who wears a \$20 hat and has to buy a new gown every time there is a card party has no kick coming about the price of gloves and crats.

The whole hue and cry of the populace can be analyzed all right without the state and nation creating expensive bureaus to investigate the question 'why Pete does not pay Paul, and then some.'

Get down to earth, for 'unto earth thou shalt return.'

After all is said and done the principal reason for the increased cost of living is the increased demand for things that are considered necessities, but which a few years ago were listed as non-essentials.

## STRAW BALLOT ON LEGISLATORS

The first count of the straw ballot taken by the Capital Journal for suggestions for candidates for the legislature results as follows:

- F. A. Turner, Salem ..... 221
- Carl Abrams, Salem ..... 91
- D. C. Thoms, Jefferson ..... 166
- J. L. Stockton, Salem ..... 83
- Geo. W. Johnson, Salem ..... 90
- Geo. W. Weeks, Mission Bottom ..... 27
- Dr. A. E. Wrightman, Silverton ..... 31
- M. W. Mahoney, Fairfield ..... 60
- Dr. Chas. H. Brewer, Stayton ..... 17
- Jas. G. Heltzel, Salem ..... 110
- Dr. W. Carlton Smith, Salem ..... 235
- E. P. Morcom, Woodburn ..... 97

Five representatives are to be nominated from Marion county, and voters are urged to fill out the blank ballot below and return to this office. Another count will be made next week.

### STATE NEWS.

The Swedish Covenant Tabernacle at Portland was dedicated Sunday.

The Rainbow mine in Baker county is making a fine showing—turning out lots of gold.

The Portland police will have a big ball the night of Washington's birthday.

The bachelor Elks, of Albany, gave their married brothers a big banquet Saturday night.

Few Omaha bankers have purchased a 500-acre farm a mile and a half from Eugene, paying \$50,000 for it.

Governor West wants Uncle Sam to turn over to Oregon, as her right, the money obtained from leasing Sand Island for seining purpose.

Harney county paid bounties for killing 61,483 jack-rabbits in 1911. At five pounds each, and they will dress that, there was 150 tons of good meat, or an equivalent of 500 big steers.

Captain James Blakely, aged 39, and probably the oldest pioneer in the state, is seriously ill at his home in Brownsville, of which place he was one of the founders.

Brownsville is fighting for cheaper lights.

Cottage Grove reports damage to forest trees from some small animal, presumably some member of the squirrel family that eats the bark.

A lot in Portland fronting on Washington street and containing a three-story frame building, sold last week for \$250,000, or \$5,000 a front foot.

Astoria and Oregon City may get federal buildings, the former's to cost, with site, \$185,000 and the latter's \$175,000.

The bridge across the Sandy river, at Troutdale, was blown up by order of the county commissioners of Multnomah county, Saturday morning. The job was well done, the bridge being thrown into the river. A new one will replace it in a short time.

### X-RAYS AND SMILES.

The U. of O. co-eds have formed a suffragette association, and—shades of Susan B. Anthony—its president's name is "Birdie."

Plum blossoms at Cottage Grove and peach trees in bloom in Portland—and candidates for office blooming or in bud all over the state.

Edward J. Murray has bought the two Klamath dailies, and consolidated them and today issues in their place the Pioneer Press. The new owner is a Sunset magazine writer, but the name for his paper indicates a paucity of imagination—borrowed name from St. Paul.

Ben Selling has his ear to the post-office, and imagines there is a state-wide demand that he consent to accept the office of U. S. senator. The "spontaneous demand" for his services is in response to some thousands of letters sent out by him asking for the "demand."

Gomez has accepted the Mexican presidency—now, if he can get it—then, if he can hold it.

The principal of the Eugene high school is named Hug. He should be popular with the co-eds.

Roseburg is offered a railroad, provided it puts up \$100,000.

Half the Chinese' troubles are over, they don't have to mind their ps and qs any more—only the ps.

Wells-Fargo will build a fine brick in Roseburg—nothing doing in Salem and that company should shoot or give up the gun.

Colombians do not want Secretary Knox to visit them. As there is no reason why he should go junketing on a government cruiser, he might now take this as a hunch, and stay at home.

No use asking the other fellow for the loan of a dollar now—it's already lent.

If a fire engine is not one of the city's supplies, what is it?

Could not Taft find a man in the United States for the supreme bench, or had he to go over into New Jersey to get one?

According to the statement made by one of the municipal improvement league yesterday, it might be well to close the high school week days, while closing the cigar stores Sunday. His ruin started in one and was completed in the other.

The Portland Lincoln high school black face minstrels gave an entertainment at Corvallis Saturday evening, during which the lights went out, but still, says the Gazette-Times, "the boys made good." They must be all right, for a negro minstrel show given in the dark is certainly a gloomy affair.

### A TWO-STORY BRICK ON CENTER STREET

A good improvement is under way on Center street, just back of the auto garage of Otto J. Wilson and John Maurer. The building is 60x82 1/2 feet, and will be two stories in height. The cost of the building when completed will be \$5000, and is made of brick throughout.

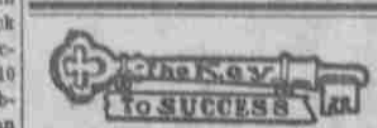
Messrs. Chase and Skaffe, the owners of the property, are showing their faith in Salem in a substantial manner in thus putting their money in such a substantial building.

### HOP LAND SELLS FOR \$500 AN ACRE

Mr. H. B. Brophy, of this city, has recently purchased the Gibson farm of 24 acres, just this side of Eola, paying \$12,000 for it. The place has 20 acres in hops, and has the buildings necessary for curing and marketing hops, but no other improvements. The price paid seems to be the record price for hop land in this locality, but Mr. Brophy feels that he has made a good buy, and no doubt will soon have a good paying investment.

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### BLADEN IS WANTED BY PORTLAND POLICE

Portland, Ore., Feb. 20.—That "John C. Wallace," under arrest at New Orleans, charged with the abduction of Hazel M. Ayleworth, of Suisun, Cal., aged 17, whom he married at Oakland, is none other than Harry Bladen, wanted in Portland for assault to commit murder, is the assertion of Captain of Detectives Baly today.

Baly identified "Wallace" as Bladen through photographs sent to the police here by the San Francisco authorities. An uncle of the young man here identified the photograph.

Certain that the New Orleans police have Bladen in custody, Chief of Police Slover has telegraphed the New Orleans authorities nine times asking for more information, but thus far has received no reply. A telegram will probably be sent to the mayor of the Louisiana city demanding an explanation.

Bladen is alleged to have assaulted a woman in a hotel here, and after beating her into unconsciousness with a beer bottle, robbed her of \$950. He is a son of a wealthy Sioux City, Ia., business man.

It was erroneously reported that Bladen was John Wallace, a piano salesman, formerly a resident of Portland, who now resides in San Francisco.

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