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BECOMING TOO GREEDY.

The Pendleton Daily East Oregonian has an editorial which is pertinent at this time. It deals with a subject upon which the public should be fully informed in order that they may know the source from which newspaper articles and special publications emanate. The East Oregonian says:

"There are certain interests in this state that would like to see municipally owned public utilities placed under the supervision of the state utility commission and they are engaging in some publicity work to that end."

"They will bear watching." When public service corporations think they can put over any such scheme as that they are getting bold indeed. The purpose in municipal plants, such as water plants or light plants, is to provide service at the lowest possible rates to the consumers. The only possible reason for wanting them under the state commission must consist in a desire to force cities and towns to charge more so as not to compete so effectively with private corporations carrying watered stock and excessive overhead charges.

"If the public service corporations of Oregon can make headway with such a proposal it will next be in order for the transcontinental railroads to demand that the Panama canal rates be regulated by a commission so that the water rate will never be lower than the rail rate."

"The fact that times may be temporarily depressed is no reason why the halter of corporate feudalism should be fastened more tightly upon the country."

BILLY SUNDAY A "COPY CAT"?

Whoever attempts to set up a new idea or a new practice is at first contemptuously assailed as a crazy freak. Then, as his idea gains in popularity, he is accused of having stolen it. Finally, when his idea has become generally accepted, we "pooh-pooh" and complacently declare that we always knew it and were always for it.

Billy Sunday, heretofore sneered at as an unprecedented freak, has reached the point in progress to be accused of being only a cheap imitator. The Reverend Billy is coming up a notch.

London of 1729 had Rev. Mr. Henley, whom a contemporary described as entering behind the pulpit like a harlequin and "at one large leap jumping into it and falling to work. His notions the orator beat into the audience with hands, arms, legs and head, as if people's understandings were to be knocked down with blows."

Like Billy Sunday, Henley bade defiance to regular church methods; "if any bishop, clergyman or other subject of His Majesty" could equal the variety and results of his performance, he "would quit."

Striking descriptive portraits of Henley are found in Pope and in Leigh Hunt's "The Town."

It is somewhat comforting to know that such methods and the popular response to them are not peculiar to our time and country.

More interesting than all else is the fact that Rev. Billy's accusers and condemners have been compelled to take a long step backward. He has evolved the "freak" chrysalis.

Senator Bingham, of Lane county, is undoubtedly on the right track in fathering a bill to limit the tax levying power of the counties. It is well known by all who have studied the question of taxation carefully that the state levy is only a small part of the taxpayers' burden. The really heavy cost of government comes from county and school levies, and it is Senator Bingham's idea that the county courts, as well as the state officials, should be forced to prune their budgets carefully and exercise the greatest possible economy in expenditures. It is to be hoped that the proposed measure will pass the legislature and become a law.

The Lane county commissioners threaten to resign if their pay is cut to \$3 a day—but they won't do it. Judging from items of county expense that are filtering out of late, their salaries were not what they were working for, anyway.

The recent move of the city council to require a requisition from departmental heads before goods or supplies are purchased in the name of the city is a step in the direction of a business administration and will put an end to some indiscriminate buying. The fact that this rule has never been in force in Salem is indicative of the primitive methods that have prevailed in the past, not only in Salem but in other cities of the country. An inventory of the supplies on hand in the fire department and in the street department is being required for the first time, yet few successful merchants of this city started the new year without taking stock. The city councilmen and mayor have been selected as members of the board of directors of a \$15,000,000 corporation with thousands of stockholders. Truly a big business undertaking, and the new council seems to be plugging a number of small leaks in the city administration by the simple expedient of the business man carrying his business methods into the council chamber, instead of leaving them locked up in the downtown office and juggling municipal affairs as a recreation.

The Oregonian has at last found something to be optimistic over, as the following from its news columns would indicate: "Orders for ties, structural material and a general assortment of lumber aggregating 10,000,000 feet, to be exported to the United Kingdom between March 1 and June 30, have been placed with the Westport Lumber company. Three steamers will be required to transport the lumber, and, with two other cargoes placed by Dant & Russell, a fleet of five already is assured for the first half of the year. A number of inquiries for lumber from the Columbia river district are reported and there is a growing feeling that, in advance of any termination of the war abroad, a considerable amount of material will be cut for the British market."

Between nine hundred and a thousand savings banks in the state of Kansas have nearly a hundred and seventeen millions of deposits, not to mention the big amount the farmers have deposited in automobiles and modern farm machinery. Kansas has been making something of a showing in the accumulation of wealth since her people quit making a business of talking politics and growing whiskers and went to work farming.

Some chicken fancier has figured it out that it costs a cent and a half a day to board a hen, and still there are folks who say there's no money in keeping chickens because it costs so much to feed them. You can't argue that point with the fellow who has just bought a dozen eggs.

Those Germans are certainly keeping the Englishmen guessing. A short while ago they had them all watching the sea for submarine attacks from below, and now they strike from airships and again take the little island by complete surprise.

Now that congress has made liberal appropriations for Oregon rivers and harbors, we may expect the Oregonian to begin its "pork barrel" fight, and thus destroy all the work of the state delegation at Washington.

Senator Dimmick refuses to let the state buy him five newspapers during the session. And they might benefit him so much!

Abolishing the lobbyist may be regarded in certain quarters as striking down another important Oregon industry.

LITTLE BOBBIE'S PA

By William F. Kirk,
Husband, dear, said Ma to Pa last
nite, a old maid front of mine is cum-
ming to the home tonite and she is
very fond of English Litratur, I told
her that her tale on that subject wad
be very interesting to you and that
you wud be at home.
I am sorry, said Pa, I had two tickets
to the ring to see Battling Buff-
housky go ten rounds with Yung Geli-
beth, and I asked my friend Billy
Kooser to go along with us, and I hate
to disappoint him. Thare isent any-
thing elevating in a fite, sed Ma, and
you can't improve yure mind watching
two lones lumbering each other
around a ring? You must stay here and
visit this evening with Miss Newwill.
And just then hoodor Pa could say
any more Ma's frenal came. She was
kind of thin and her nose was kind of
blue. It looked funny along side of
Pa's nose, his nose is red. Pa looked
at her kind of like he looks at the gas
collektor for he sed nice count wad
you sit down, my wife tells me that
you are very fond of English Litratur.
It is my very life, my whole existens,
sed Ma's frenal. Without communing
with the old English masters I cud
not be happy no moment, she sed. Do
you know the Deserated Villiage? she
sed Pa.
I know one, sed Pa, it is where a real
estate man sold me two lots one nite
when I was slipping too much Tom and
Jerry. You ought to see the burg them
lots in, sed Pa.
Oh, but I mean the hotifol poem
wich was wote by Oliver Goldsmith,
sed Ma, it was in that poem that she
wrote the delectable utturance wich says:
Oh, faces the land to hastening ille-
—prey,
Wane worth accumulate and men de-
—kay.
Oh, yes, sed Pa, I was always very
fond of that poem, I used to read it in
school. Be rote another grand thing,
sed Pa, the Face on the Bar room floor.
I do not recall it, sed Ma's frenal,
are you sure it was wote by Oliver
Goldsmith.
Pretty sure, sed Pa, bet I wudnot
bet you a box of candy against a kiss

or anything like gambling. Sum of the
lines run back to me, though, like this:
You lie, I seen you stand that arst
A crashing blow rifle in the face,
A pistol's shot and deith's disgrace
Was in that pack of cards.
Then Ma's frenal began to look at
Pa kind of hard. I fear you are trying
to just with me, she sed. I am
sereeris in my conversation, but I fear
you are trying to be comickal.
No, my dear, sed Ma to her frenal,
my husband isent comickal, he is
hoppis. His ideas of humor are about
as funny as a fore-closure of a mort-
—gage. Why dont you talk sensibol to
my frenal about English Litratur? she
sed to Pa.
Beekas I want to go to that fite,
sed Pa, and Pa went, too.
Wen I grow up I am going to go to
fites beekas I don't like old moids
and English Litratur any moar than
Pa.

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Today American fathers are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in order that their sons may go to college and learn how to smoke a sheet pipe and play the mandolin.

OREGON NEWS AND COMMENT

Rugene Register: James Fullerton, who has a plan on foot to bring to the University of Oregon, to be placed on the campus or in the museum, the skeleton of a whale which lies on the shore of the ocean near Florence, reported yesterday that he had obtained subscriptions to the amount of about \$50 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of bringing the bones here.

Klamath Falls Northwestern: Fifty-four out of 100 Klamath county horses inspected at the J. Frank Adams ranch yesterday by L. Lagrain and R. Parrot, representatives of the French government in buying cavalry and artillery horses in America, were accepted. Today a large number of horses will be inspected at the Adams ranch.

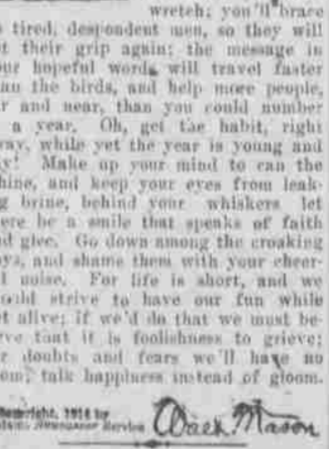
Albany Democrat: The open season on geese came to an end Friday, January 15, but this did not prevent William Sutter, who lives a few miles from Albany, from catching one of the birds in the streets of Albany last night. The lights of the city proved a lure that was irresistible to a flock of geese passing over at about eight o'clock and they became tangled up in the fog and had to land to get their bearings. This was Sutter's chance and he made a run for the birds, succeeding in capturing one of the fattest of the bunch.

Eugene Register: The war department at Washington yesterday notified the local army recruiting office that the cavalry arm of the service is filled. Applicants will have other arms suggested to them when they apply for enlistment. If, however, they will not enlist for any other arm, they may be accepted for cavalry for the present, as it is not desired to stop recruiting for that arm unless it is absolutely necessary.

Marshfield Record: V. C. Gorst, of the Gorst and King auto stage line between Coos Bay and the Umpqua river, related a story yesterday to the Record of a capture of a young snake yesterday morning by himself and others who were in the automobile coming down from Winchester bay. The deer had evidently been buffeted and its strength was quite gone and was unable to get ashore, the breakers taking it back and forward as they washed in and receded. Mr. Gorst and the passengers waded into the ocean and helped the animal ashore, wrapped it in a blanket and took it to the garage at Jarvis landing where warmth and care soon revived its spent strength.

Talk Happiness

Talk happiness instead of gloom, and keep your face with smiles abloom. There's so much sorrow everywhere, so much of fear and enking care, that one who would increase the wee wee size up as a public foe. Too many people hie and knock; we hear too much depressing talk, too much of doubt and gloom and doom—talk gloom! Talk happiness and you will fetch new courage to some hapless wretch; you'll brace up tired, dependent men, so they will get their grip again; the message in your hopeful words will travel faster than the birds, and help more people, far and near, than you could number in a year. Oh, get the habit, right away, while yet the year is young and gay! Make up your mind to can the whine, and keep your eyes from leaking brine, behind your whiskers let there be a smile that speaks of faith and cheer. Go down among the croaking boys, and shame them with your cheerful voice. For life is short, and we should strive to have our fun while yet alive; if we'd do that we must believe that it is foolishness to gripe; for doubts and fears we'll have no room; talk happiness instead of gloom.



PRATUM NOTES

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Pratum, Ore., Jan. 21.—Miss Louisa Leley has returned home from Silverton, where she has been for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Knoc's Melty spent last Saturday and Sunday in Salem, visiting friends and relatives.

The Christian Endeavor of the Menomnie church had a discussion last Sunday evening on the following topic:
"Resolved, That the life of Joseph has resulted in more practical good to humanity than the life of Daniel." Such discussions, on similar topics, will be part of the program in the future.

Many of the children, as well as several of the grown folks of the community, are suffering from severe colds and sore throats. Some are quite ill.

Miss Anna Gerber left last week for Salem.

Mrs. Gideon Welty has been very ill, but is reported to be improving.

Several young people of this vicinity walked up to Central Howell last Friday evening, expecting to attend a program. Upon arriving at the place they found the hall locked up, no lights, and an appalling quiet everywhere. After waiting awhile they returned home dejectedly. The program has been postponed until next Friday evening.

The Pratum Literary society holds its next meeting January 22. Every-body is invited to attend.

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BUYING AT HOME.

(Eugene Register.)
C. D. Borer was absolutely right when he asserted at the annual meeting of the Lane County Credit association night before last that the practice of buying away from home is against good public policy. When a dollar that might be kept at home is sent away, it is exactly the same as bidding a good customer good-bye, for it will do the community no more good. Trading at home is one of the first principles of good business.

Mail order house buying is a custom that should be checked if the home community is to be built up as it should be, but it is by no means the only "buy away from home" evil. Eugene, for instance, brings in from elsewhere over \$100 worth of butter every day and sells it in competition with the butter that is made here. Eugene has an excellent canner, but it buys most of its canned goods somewhere else. Eugene has many factories making articles of everyday use, yet they are compelled to look elsewhere for their market. This is wrong.

The home merchant thunders against the mail order house. He tells—and tells truthfully—of the damage that is done to home development by buying at points that are far removed from the buyer's home. He is right in his contention, for mail order house buying is a menace to local prosperity. But he should make sure that he, too, buys at home wherever possible.

a public or private school where sex hygiene is discussed in public, in their hearing and in the hearing of children of their tender age."

Ex-Governor Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, who is now such a prominent figure in federal investigation work, is on record as strongly opposed to this proposed innovation. Bishop Charles P. Anderson, of Chicago, Rev. George P. Williams, D. D., of Philadelphia, Superintendent Benoverly, of the San Francisco public schools, and President Tierney, of Woodstock college, Maryland, are among the distinguished clergymen and educators who have registered their protest; while the objections advanced by such men as Dr. Howell T. Perkins, an alumnus of national-wide repute, and Dr. Richard C. Cabot, of Harvard Medical school, are highly significant, coming as they do from trained thinkers whose conclusions are based on critical observations.

Friends of our public schools should hesitate long before endorsing a subject that arouses such pronounced opposition from leading thinkers representing many shades of opinion, and most sensible persons will no doubt agree with those citizens who deplore the hasty action of the United States commissioner of education in endorsing teachings and theories that, if introduced into the public schools, would impair the usefulness of these institutions, by impelling many conscientious citizens to take their children from the public schools, as Governor Dunne declares he would do if, sex hygiene were taught.

MANY LEADING THINKERS OPPOSE SEX HYGIENE

The United States commissioner of education has of late come in for considerable criticism, because of an endorsement, in his recent annual report, of sex hygiene for public schools. This is not surprising, in view of the wide-spread resistance to this attempted innovation in our popular education.

Leading statesmen, educators, clergymen, and even physicians of national reputation, are on record as being uncompromising in their opposition. Ex-President Taft, in addressing the graduates of the Pierce Business School of Philadelphia, held that pursuit of education in sex hygiene is full of dangers, if carried on in the general public schools. "I deny," he said, "that the so-called prudishness and avoidance of nasty subjects in the last generation has ever blinded any substantial number of girls or boys to the wickedness of vice, or made them easier victims of temptation."

Governor Edward F. Dunne, of Illinois, in a letter addressed to the president of the state university, expressed the conviction that the teaching of sex hygiene "will induce rather than suppress immorality and unhealthiness." "Personally," said Governor Dunne, "I would not permit my young and innocent daughters to be sent to either

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