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ABOUT REDUCING SALARIES

The Portland Telegram has taken up the matter of reducing expenses of running the state. A few weeks ago when this subject was first broached following the passing of the six per cent tax limitation law, the Capital Journal called attention to the fact that the first persons whose salaries would be cut would be the janitors, those who took care of the state house lawns, the clerks under the smallest pay and the stenographers. That is where the Telegram suggests the savings should be made. The proposal is to take from \$10 to \$25 a month off the salaries of those who can least afford to lose it, and make no cuts in salaries of those who could stand a reduction. We are not advocating a reduction of salaries anywhere, but if they are to be cut, it strikes us that the saving of a few dollars that could be made in this way would not prove of any material benefit to the taxpayers. We do not know how many small salaried clerks and stenographers there are around the capitol, but let us suppose there are 75 and their salaries should be cut an average of 15 dollars a month. That would make a saving of \$13,500 a year. Secretary Olcott says the state can get along under the new law, and if it can, it can certainly get along without taking its savings out of the pay envelopes already small enough. The saving of \$13,500 a year will go but a short distance toward meeting the \$715,000 deficiency that is worrying the state treasurer and the governor. It might be possible if those who really want to save the state something worth while would examine into the boards and commissions with which the state is abundantly blessed, they could by the simple process of elimination and consolidation make a saving that would amount to something. If salaries are to be pruned it would be well to commence at the top rather than the bottom. If an employe getting \$900 a year can stand a reduction of 20 per cent, why can't the employe getting \$3,000 or \$4,000 do the same thing? We are not suggesting that this be done, but if cuts are to be made it is evident those employes with the larger salaries can stand it with the greater ease.

One of the features of the coming session of the legislature that will prevent the meeting being one glad round of pleasure, is that in connection with the passing of six per cent tax limitation law practically all the departments are demanding increased appropriations. On the one hand the people have said to the legislature: "You must conduct the affairs of the state within a certain limitation of funds." On the other hand the departments are already telling the people of the state they must have more money, or their branch of the state's business will suffer. It is nice to be an Oregon legislator and draw three big plunks every day while facing demands for more coin by everyone else. The members of the legislature can hardly keep even and live within their salaries, but they have to do it. They might call attention to themselves as a living example that some departments have to stay within the limits prescribed by law.

A cheering bit of news to Americans generally is that during the year 1916, 1066 ships were built in this country with a total of 488,446 tons. Of these 127,276 tons were of wooden construction. Next year, or rather this one, gives promise of a greatly increased output from American shipyards, and a still higher per centage of wooden ships. The northwest will add materially to this result.

The dopesters had it figured out to within a point of what the results would be. They had it 15 to 0, while it was 14 to a big cipher. Another small error in the calculation was that the wise ones had both the 15 and the 0 on the wrong sides. Maybe their wires were crossed.

It is interesting to learn that a steamer built at Coos Bay last July is on her way to the Columbia river to load lumber. When we have Oregon ships carrying Oregon products to the world, ideal conditions will have been reached.

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LIBELLING THE ANTIQUE

The supreme court of Washington has solemnly decided that the publishing of matter liable to cause a dead person to be thought ill of, or holding such an one up to contempt, was a libel and consequently that the man who published some matter reflecting on the habits of George Washington was guilty of publishing a libel, and he must therefore languish in jail for several months.

Conceding that it is wrong to speak ill of anyone especially of the dead, it looks as though the Washington supreme court was salving public sentiment, rather than interpreting the law. However as the supreme court has so decided it behooves all of us to be a bit careful in speaking of those old fellows who passed away in the long ago. We confess now with due humility that we have been guilty of libel though unwittingly. We have spoken lightly of Cleopatra, and made some insinuations as to the character of good queen Bess, otherwise Elizabeth of England. We remember also once jesting about Semiramis; and indulging in some remarks about Potiphar's wife that were distinctly libelous since they might, if taken seriously, have held the parties up to contempt and ridicule. We have deliberately criticised the costume of our common ancestress, Eve, and this in spite of the fact that she has many descendants who could if they felt that way, take offense at the flippancy displayed in speaking of the first lady of the land.

We can understand now after the matter has been passed upon by a supreme court, why it was that Mark Twain wept at the tomb of Adam; why so many had their ancestors come over in the Mayflower; and why is an aristocrat? It is that innate veneration of the dead, which by the way, might bring one within reach of the decision of the Washington supreme court should he say anything liable to hold it or its members up to ridicule. If it was not for that we would be tempted to comment on the court's decision.

Football fans back east will come to the conclusion that W. J. B. of Nebraska had the ratio too high. Last year at Pasadena the Washington State College team walloped Brown University with the finals 14 to 0. Yesterday the same trimming was handed Pennsylvania by the brawny boys from the U. of O. at Eugene. It may be added that when the boys get back from their trip, Eugene will be all red and the burden of the song hummed in that live wire city will be, "There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight."

An Oregonian headline Sunday read: "Portland in grip of Siberian cold." The maximum temperature for the day is given in another column of the same page as 29, with the minimum 24. The one three degrees below freezing point, the other seven degrees. This is an eloquent illustration of the Oregon climate. What is looked upon as "Siberian cold," back east would be thought only good corn-husking weather.

The car shortage is getting shorter slowly. That is the scarcity is not so great, or there are more cars or something. Anyway the situation is not so exasperating.



H. C. OF PAPER
The men who make the white print paper are trying out a get-rich caper. No pent-up Utica contracts them, and no sane statute counteracts them. They view Ye Printer's protests sourly, and keep on raising prices hourly. At noon they send the price up higher, and laugh to scorn the frenzied buyer; and in the solemn midnight watches, they raise the price a few more notches. There is no reason for this plunder, for doubling prices up like thunder, save that the paper sharks are greedy, and are not loath to strip the needy. From every section of the nation come cries of grief and agitation, from publishers and kindred colonels, who say they must suspend their journals, and take in washing for a livin', unless relief to them is given. The paper makers hear the roaring, and see the flood of briny pouring--the storm of wrath around them thickens--and raise the price, to beat the dickens. Before the finish of this winter, we shall behold, methinks, Ye Printer, shorn of his old time smile and chortle, draw near the gloomy soup-house portal, and draw a free and filling ration provided by a weeping nation.

CONGRESS WANTS TO KNOW

Washington, Jan. 2.—Identical resolutions, calling upon the attorney general and the secretaries of war and the treasury to furnish to congress "if not incompatible with the public interest, information concerning the exportation of arms and ammunition into Mexico in violation of the president's embargo," were introduced today in the house by Representative Kahn of California.

WANTS NEW DISTRICT

Washington, Jan. 2.—Creation of a new farm loan bank district is sought in a bill offered today by Senator Shafroth, who seeks to have Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico designated at the thirteenth district with the farm loan bank located at Denver.

PNEUMONIA VICTIMS

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 2.—A double funeral will be held here today for Corporal Joseph H. Wederburn, company I and Private Harry W. Remley, company D, Thirty Michigan, who died at the base hospital here yesterday of pneumonia. Wederburn came from East Jordan, Mich., and Remley from Alpena. Both men were only 19 years old.

BREWERY LOST CHARTER

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 2.—The Lone Star Brewing company was sold at auction from the courthouse steps today, in compliance with the court order taking away its charter for violating state laws in contributing to political campaign funds. The property was sold to Franz Groos, banker, for \$577,500.

DEO FOR CRACKED and CHAPPED HANDS
Dennis Eucalyptus Ointment
AT ALL DRUG STORES
TUBES 25c JARS 50c

STATE NEWS

Oregon's 1916 fruit crop will net growers fully \$9,000,000. This is the valuation placed on the commercial shipping crop, and does not include the value of fruit consumed at home. Taking altogether, the crop was worth \$1,000,000 more than in any previous year. The apple crop proved to be better than had been anticipated. The total shipping crop is estimated at about 2000 cars. On account of the continued car shortage, a large proportion of the crop remains yet to be moved. While apples lead the list in point of value the prune crop takes first rank for the amount of outside money brought into the state. The 1916 production of Oregon Italian prunes reached the 40,000,000-pound mark, the shipping value of which was \$3,000,000. There was a creditable showing in other varieties of fruit.—Oregonian.

Citizens of Vale have presented a petition asking the public service commission to restrain the Oregon Short Line railroad from putting into effect its order to discontinue on Saturday, December 23, the morning and evening trains and also the Sunday train from that point. It is alleged the discontinuance of these trains will work a hardship on the town, and compel the people to stop over night and Sunday at a town 16 miles away.

Prospect for the sale of jackrabbit skins by the wholesale came to Representative Sinnott today from Funston Bros., St. Louis, who claim to be the largest handlers in the world. "There is no trouble about the market; the trouble is in getting the skins collected," Sinnott was informed.

"We believe we can find a market for all skins produced in the country at 15 to 18 cents per pound delivered at St. Louis."

Sinnott thinks this may lead to practicable business for eastern Oregon.

Coos Bay Harbor: Saturday morning Kruse and Banks launched their third ship in a year. The Florence Olson, built for Oliver Olson, was successfully launched while a large crowd cheered. The stormy weather kept many from seeing the ship take the water. The boat will be taken to San Francisco in about two weeks, where it will be fitted with steam power.

Coos Bay Harbor: Coal shipments are no unusual thing for the North Bend Condensing company, for that concern has been sending out canned milk in large quantities of that size for years but heretofore always by steamer. Today the company is loading a box car with milk and will ship it on the Sunset route to the south. This is the first car to go out by rail.

One of the biggest quartz strikes in

A MOTHER'S TROUBLES
A mother's unending work and devotion drains and strains her physical strength and leaves its mark in dimmed eyes and careworn expressions—she ages before her time.
Any mother who is weary and languid should start taking Scott's Emulsion of Norwegian Cod Liver Oil as a strengthening food and health tonic to add richness to her blood, and build up her nerves before it is too late. Start Scott's Emulsion today—its fame is world-wide. It is free from alcohol.
Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

MY HUSBAND AND I
By Jane Phelps

LIFE IS MADE UP OF TRIFLES
CHAPTER CX.
Does it seem that my story is made up of unimportant happenings? But isn't life all like that? Isn't it the small, insignificant things instead of the important events that make for either our happiness or our unhappiness? It seems so to me; and so I am telling of my life just as it was—rather of OUR lives, Clifford's and mine.
I used to wonder if there were any rules by which one could win happiness; if books were published giving poor misguided people hints as to how they could hold the affection of those they loved. But I have made up my mind that life is an endless experiment. That the old "try, try again," is the only possible way to succeed in marriage as in all other things we attempt. But at this time I thought to dissemble, act a part, meet Clifford's coldness with deceptions, if necessary—was the only way. Now I know better.
Experience is a severe teacher, but we all must go to school to her. I think it is Emerson who says:
"The man is only half himself, the other half is his expression."
So I think it was with me. And the half that was my expression was not free, because I could give no confidence to the man with whom I lived and whom I loved.
A Resolve.
All my life I had left nothing but contempt for the girl or woman who would

The Power of the Press

PERSISTENT, PULSATING, PUBLIC POWER, POSSESSED PERMANENTLY BY PAINSTAKING AND PATIENT POPULAR PEOPLE'S PAPERS.

By James M. Heady

Each day and each HOUR, I feel I'm a POWER that makes for the upbuild of MEN.

O'er earth as I ROAM on street and in HOME I'm bringing my message AGAIN.

There are many who WAIT and who grieve when I'm LATE--for them I've a story of CHEER. There are others who DREAD to read what I've SAID--the thought of my coming brings FEAR.

For 'tis in my DOMINION to mould men's OPINION concerning the acts that are DONE. I lend my ASSISTANCE and strength and PERSISTENCE oft times when a battle is WON.

In the thick of the FIGHT, I stand for the RIGHT and care not for censure or BLAME. I know in the END the wrong's bound to BEND and I have not sullied my NAME.

I'm the felon's one FEAR for he knows that my EAR is more keen than the ear of the LAW. And he dreads my white GLARE and my clarion BLARE; of me every criminal's in AWE.

But he is my FRIEND who good tidings doth SEND to the uttermost parts of the EARTH. The people worth WHILE, with no wish to BEGUILÉ, the folk who possess sterling WORTH.

No man is so GREAT that he may DICTATE or order my voice to be STILLED. 'Tis by breaking my WORD that vengeance is STIRRED and by my own act I am KILLED.

Each day as I TELL of what folks have to SELL in the shops and the marts of the NATION I'm creating a PART fast becoming the HEART and the soul of my very CREATION.

But I'd have you REMEMBER in June or DECEMBER that though I have many an AD, the thing that ENDURES is not the "Corn CURES", is not that which makes me most GLAD.

To know that the PEOPLE in home--neath church STEEPLE and everywhere join in my PRAISE is my reason for BEING and helps in the SEEING of paths and the parting of WAYS.

So I the NEWSPAPER and Destiny SHAPER have made me this place in the WORLD and men stand BEFORE me and none can IGNORE me wherever my banner's UNFURLED.

To be just and RIGHT and on time every NIGHT, and not to bring sorrow or PAIN--This is my DESIRE--and of it I ne'er TIRE. I strive to bring smiles once AGAIN, to the care-worn of EARTH, some of whom from their BIRTH never seem to have had a fair PORTION--I would be mankind's FRIEND from the start to the END and embrace EARTH from Ocean to OCEAN.

"THE DAILY NEWSPAPER"
Especially The Daily Capital Journal of Salem, Oregon."

Gossip About the Naval Base Location

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—Although members of the United States commission on naval yards and naval bases were silent today, it was rumored here that the commission would recommend Hunters Point as the site for the proposed Pacific base and San Pedro as the site for a submarine base. The commission will leave tonight for Portland and Seattle. No confirmation of these reports could be obtained.
Other rumors were that the commission would recommend the transfer of the United States naval training station from Goat Island to some other point.

years was reported by Albert and Frank Geiser, owners of the Connor creek mine on the Snake river in Baker county. They brought in two retorts containing nearly \$21,000 in gold. The deposit represented a seven-day output of the new stamp mill at the mine.
Cranberry growers of Oregon met at Astoria recently and organized a Pacific Cranberry Growers' association. It is estimated that 10,000 barrels of cranberries will be grown on the marshes of the Pacific coast in 1917, and to market that amount means no small undertaking.
You can lead a baseball player to a contract, but you can't make him think

(Tomorrow—Muriel Franklyn's Attitude.)