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THE JUDICIAL RECALL.

Advocates of certain new doctrines profess great confidence in the people, but are very suspicious of men who are elected to office. They must believe that a lawyer is a person of great honesty until he becomes a judge, when he will fall under the control of trusts or corporations. If officeholders are all corruptible, the body politic from whom they are chosen must be reeking with contamination.

It has been charged that a political boss in Ohio endeavored to influence the judiciary, elected and nominated judges, and even attempted to direct their decisions. If decisions made in this manner were referred to the people would not the political boss be able to secure their ratification on a popular vote? If trusts and corporations have the power to nominate and elect judges, would they not also dominate the ballot box, if the decisions of the courts were submitted to a vote of the people?

It is fundamentally absurd to say that officers, including judges, are inferior to the average citizen in morality and intelligence. When people elect their worst men to office, then surely popular government is a failure. We cannot prolong the existence of free institutions by calling upon the people in their collective capacity to fulfill responsibilities that officers have failed to perform. When the people are unable to distinguish a good man from a bad man they will not be able to distinguish a good law from a bad law or a good decision from a bad decision of a court. When the champions of these new doctrines express so much faith in the people, why do they not anticipate that they will elect worthy men to office, unless they are convinced that there are not enough of honest and competent men with political aspirations in the state or nation to fill the offices?

When judges would declare a law unconstitutional and the people would recall the decision of the court, judicial system would be destroyed. If the law was actually unconstitutional, in future decisions the courts would be compelled to abandon reason and resort to sophistication. Since courts are better qualified to decide the question than the people, wisdom would demand that we follow the traditional custom of amending the constitution. While it is true that evils afflict the courts, this condition is primarily chargeable to the negligence of the people. When they devote as much time to the selection of judges and consider their qualifications with as much scrutiny as they give to executive and legislative officers, complaints against the judiciary will be greatly reduced, if not wholly eradicated. No radical or revolutionary proceeding is necessary to accomplish this result.

POEM FOR TODAY.

Popping Corn.

And there they sat a-popping corn,
John Styles and Susan Culler
John Styles as fat as any ox,
And Susan fat as butter.

And there they sat and shelled the corn,
And raked and stirred the fire,
And talked of different kinds of corn,
And hitched their chairs up higher.

Then Susan she the popper shook,
Then John he shook the popper,
Till both their faces grew as red
As saucers made of copper.

And then they shelled and popped
and ate,
All kinds of fun a-popping,
While he haw-hawed at her remarks
And she laughed at his joking.

And still they popped, and still they ate—
John's mouth was like a popper
And stirred the fire and sprinkled salt
And shook and shook the popper.

The clock struck nine, the clock
struck ten
And still the corn kept popping,
It struck eleven and then struck
twelve,
And still no signs of stopping.

And John he ate, and Sue she
thought,
The corn did pop and patter,
Till John cried out: "The corn's
afire!"
Why, Susan, what's the matter?"

Said she: "John Styles, it's one
o'clock.
You'll die of indigestion.
I'm sick of all this popping corn—
Why don't you pop the question?"
—Unidentified.

FOR RENT.

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Little Pitchers.

"Miss Banks, won't let me hear its bone rattle some?"
"Bless the child! What do you mean, Tommy? What bones?"
"The skellington's that pop says you've got in your closet."—Baltimore American.

ORCHARD DEMONSTRATION AT RIDDLE SATURDAY.

Prof. C. I. Lewis, of Corvallis, and Prof. F. C. Reimer, superintendent of the Southern Oregon experiment station will be in Riddle Saturday of this week, the 16th, and will hold an orchard demonstration in Judge Riddle's prime orchard near town. Orchard heating, pruning, cultivating and other topics will be treated. The demonstration will be held at 2 p. m. and at 4 p. m. a meeting will be held in the Riddle opera house. All Douglas county fruit growers who are interested in better fruit for Douglas county should plan to attend.

Mrs. Terry, of Glendale, who has been receiving eye treatment at the hands of Dr. A. C. Seely, left for her home this morning.

District Attorney Geo. M. Brown and Attorney O. P. Coshaw returned here late last evening from Myrtle Creek where they conducted the preliminary hearing of S. S. Johns, a prominent lumberman, who is accused of obstructing a government stream. The case was taken under advisement by Justice of the Peace Galtner, and it is not probable that a decision will be forthcoming for several days.

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