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## REASONING WITH LAWLESSNESS.

The lawlessness of children is the subject of frequent complaint and it is particularly annoying in the fruit season. Two women were exchanging experiences the other day of their dealings with the boys of the neighborhood. One woman told how she had been annoyed by a gang of kids who have persistently committed depredations in her orchard. She would go out and order them off with many threats. But just as soon as they got beyond her reach they would insult her and go off rejoicing in their plunder, evidently determined to return on the first dark night. The other lady went at it differently. She assembled a group of the marauders one day and talked to them. "Now boys," she said, "do your mothers make nice doughnuts and cookies?" They enthusiastically responded, "Yes." "Well, now, suppose that some day your mother, after working all the morning, had made up a nice jar full of crisp cookies, and you were thinking what a good time you were going to have eating them. Then suppose that next day when you were off playing ball, and your mother had gone out shopping, the kids from the next street should sneak in and swipe all those cookies. What would you think of them?" The indignation of the boys rose beyond all bounds, and violent threats were made of the action they would take in such a hypothetical case. "Well, now, why would those kids be any worse than you are right now?" asked the lady. "I have worked just as hard to raise this fruit as your mother would to make the cookies. You have spoiled my pleasure by coming here and stealing it, just as if some one had come in and stolen your cookies." The kids saw the point. After the lady had shown her good feeling by giving them all a nice doughnut, they walked off in a humble frame of mind, and since then have made no trouble. A little reasoning with children will save many outbreaks.

## "WILL ACT INTELLIGENTLY."

One of Roseburg's local citizens, who recently visited Washington, D. C., and had the distinguishing privilege of interviewing Congressman W. C. Hawley, brings back this bit of encouraging information regarding the postmastership of Roseburg:

"I met our congressman and discussed some of our needs with him. You asked what about the postmastership. That is a matter that I think will be decided by Mr. Hawley very shortly. He is being bombarded by the advocates of the three candidates by letters and communications and is seeking to get all available information so that he can act intelligently and decide the question to the pleasure of the majority of the republicans of this county."

If Congressman Hawley is lacking the pedigree of the three aspirants seeking the postmastership of Roseburg so that he can "act intelligently to the majority of the republicans in Douglas county," we advise the gentleman to get a little radio action with Mars. Of course, we want to see the congressman "act intelligently." This is a rare virtue with both senators and congressmen who control political appointments.

One of Roseburg's city councilmen dropped into the News-Review sanctum this morning and said, in all earnestness: "We are going to clean this city up from a weed standpoint. Orders have been given the city marshal on numerous occasions to start a weed cleanup campaign, but to date there has been little results. Now, it is about time for definite action and the city council is going to see that something is done in this respect." Fine stuff, fine stuff! Now, let's cut out talking about the matter and commence to exercise a little authority in reference to the weed nuisance. Mayor Hamilton with one stroke of the pen could put the dilapidated vacant lots in this city, including the city parkings in North Roseburg, in tip-top shape. There is no need of carrying a valley of weeds from one year into another. Each succeeding year should show an improvement until within a very brief period the city would be entirely free from the nuisance. Why "razz" private owners when the city is so neglectful of an important duty? We hope the city councilmen will "slip into high" and mow down some of the miniature weed forests throughout and within the city limits. The seeds will begin to scatter soon then the work is doubled for next year.

Logan, Utah, is a city that does a progressive thing, in giving a banquet which will probably become an annual event, to welcome young voters about to cast their first ballot. The idea was prompted by the feeling of many people that when they cast their first vote, they had no conception of the duties of citizenship. These older folks felt that the young crowd just coming along should realize better the nature and importance of the responsibility they were about to take up. They should feel that the ballot is a sacred trust and privilege, to be exercised with gratitude to the fathers who build up the nation, and with an earnest purpose to make a still better country. These are ideas that should be promoted so that when young people cast their first ballot, they shall realize that a mighty force is put into their hands, and what sacrifices and labors it costs to give it to them.

The recall law has received another body blow in the election held at Medford Saturday. A certain clique got it into their craniums that Sheriff Terrill should be unseated. They appealed to that most farcical and idiotic law designed and framed to appease the wishes of any particular set of gossipers who might desire to oil up its machinery with a venom-like lubricant intended to disrupt peaceful and law abiding communities. Sheriff Terrill won the day, but enough strife and dissension has been stirred up during the past six weeks in Medford to make a red hot lava spitting volcano look like an innocent mole hill. The recall law is a wonderful piece of machinery to chew up a law-abiding and peaceful community. It is about the biggest piece of legislative bunk ever put on Oregon's statute books.

## Prune Pickin's



By BERT G. BATES.

### HOT UNDER THE COLLAR?

Roses are red—  
Violets are blue—  
Liquor is scarce—  
How is it with you—

If people keep on leaving on their vacations there soon won't be anyone left but ye ed. and his typewriter.

Jever go deep sea fishin? Well, don't do it. Ye ed. went over the bar in a scow about the size of a bath-tub Saturday a. m., flivvered past the three-mile limit and anchored to a flopped dog-salmon and served a banquet fit for the fish.

### THE BEAUTY CONTEST.

Prune Pickin's beauty contest today enters the final week and on next Sat. eve the final announcement of the winner will be made and the prize awarded. The contestants today start a house to house canvass to secure votes and it looks as though a 11th hour campaign is in progress. Vote for your favorite man and let him be crowned kink of the town beauties.

A prospective candidate for the beauty contest rushed into our sanctum, that a. m. and asked that his name be entered. We put him thru the usual questioning, which was as follows:

Ye ed.—"Name please?"  
Applicant—"Sam Colin."  
Ye ed.—"Born?"  
A.—"Yes, sir."  
Ye ed.—"Married or single?"  
A.—"Yes."  
Ye ed.—"Yes, what?"  
A.—"Yes, sir."  
Ye ed.—"Are you foolish?"  
A.—"No, Jewish."  
Ye ed.—"Drink anything?"  
A.—"Yes, anything."

In view of his high intellectual ability he at once handed him the goat-skin snuff box.

Will wonders never cease? I guess they won't. At least ye ed. can't for the life of us see how the women who have discarded corsets keep their stockings up.

Bill Warner told Bill Broadway this a. m. that he caught a salmon that weighed "about" 30-some pounds with the head off and we can't see why Bill would want to go around hooking fish without heads.

Reub Marsters erstwhile Roseburgian, is in the village today chinning the boys and sampling the town pump's contents. Reub's waist-line remains the same despite his jolting over the detours to get here.

The gawfers continue to gawif. Doc Sether and Doc Nerbas, vying for honors, on the links, held the following conversation yesterday on the club grounds:

Doc N.—"I found another ball."  
Doc S.—"Gosh, you're lucky."  
Doc N.—"Nope, I just use my head. They ain't no use waiting for the ball to stop rolling till ya pick it up."  
And now Doc Sether knows why he's lost so many balls this season.

Life is just one derved detour after another.

But the apex is reached when you hit the one just north of our fair village.

George Neuner, Junior, has returned from the east where he shook hands with Pags, Harding.

In these grand old days of flappers and cake-eaters we're glad we still have our eyesight.

HERE'S A DEEP ONE.  
Father—"I've told you time and again not to see that young man, and now for the last time I tell you not to have anything to do with him."  
She (sobbing)—"Oh, father, I want Jack, I do want Jack."  
Father—"All right. Here's a hundred dollars, but remember what I said."

A day is coming when the aristocracy will have to work. Our pessimism goes considerably further; we foresee a time when even the working classes will have to work.

The feller with a sun-burned back ain't hankerin' for the slap-'em-on-the-back brand of friends.

Gosh, we can't hardly wait for the circus to get here.

Charley Lockwood still maintains that two can fix as cheaply as one.

LAFE PERKINS SET:  
"Lyn" and fishin' are in the same category."

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## State Press Comments

### THE CASE OF DR. BRUMFIELD

Since the supreme court has denied a new trial for Dr. Brumfield, it may be assumed that the convicted murderer will pay the death penalty. Probably a rehearing will be granted; then the execution will be further delayed. As the day for death by the hand of the law approaches, several months hence, normal men and women who permit their emotion to overcome their reason will say that the law is unjust and inhumane.

Abnormal men and women—in colloquial speech, "sob sisters"—will tell you that the murderer has suffered enough, that he doubtless regrets his diabolical deed, that he ought to be forgiven, and that he is entitled to the opportunity to lead a new and righteous life. The stereotyped plea and a lot of maudlin sentiment will be voiced by certain flabby newspapers who will quote the Sixth Commandment and interpret it as a mandate to organized society to refrain from "murdering" murderers.

Those who are opposed to the death penalty should ask themselves, "Why does organized society enact laws?" and then give themselves an honest answer. There can be but one answer; organized society enacts laws to protect itself. Associated with the idea of self-protection there is always the organized sense of justice, ideas of justice are a varying and a variable quantity. Our sense of justice may not always lead us to fixing just punishment; the majority may not always have an accurate sense of righteousness, but it is absolutely true that vengeance does not enter into criminal law as written and administered in this country.

In judging the case of Dr. Brumfield or any other murderer, and in forming a private opinion of what the punishment ought to be, you cannot reach just judgment unless you eliminate the personal equation and view the case quite impersonally as a unit of organized society. Against whom did this murderer commit an offense? Against the State of Oregon, against you and your 800,000 fellow citizens. Murder is an atrocity against mankind.

Exceedingly few normal men and women who oppose the death penalty would oppose life imprisonment, but experience in Oregon since 1852 is that life imprisonment means short incarceration. The records since the first penitentiary was established show that the average time of imprisonment of those who were sentenced for life was a few days under five and one-half years. Life imprisonment in this state is a farce.—Portland Telegram.

### OLCOTT COUNTER-SUITS

Olcott is evidently admitting that the charges made by Hall of irregularities in the recent republican primary are correct, for he is coming back in answer to the charge with an exact duplicate of those made by Hall simply changing the word Hall to Olcott.

We don't give a hang about the settlement of this republican subversive deposit. The more they stir it, the worse it stinks, and both men, men who believe they are big enough to be governor of Oregon, are out with their paddles stirring to beat the band. They have covered the entire republican party with a stench that is driving old-line republicans away from the party like rats leaving a burning ship. Either way the argument is decided, the result will be that Walter Pierce will be the next governor of Oregon as sure as the Lord made little apples.—Benton County Courier.

### MORE WAGE REDUCTIONS

Mexico is a backward land, and all of us know it. The United States is the most progressive country in the world, and we admit it. All the same, we cannot but confess our interest in the latest vagary of the land below the Rio Grande.

The Mexican government, by presidential decree, has just announced the reduction of the salaries of all

federal employes. Cuts range from 5 per cent to 15 per cent, according to the rate of pay. Those receiving less than 5 pesos a day are to get 5 per cent less hereafter. Those whose salaries are between 5 pesos and 15 pesos a day are docked 10 per cent, and all who enjoy larger emolument, 15 per cent. The cut is not effective in the cases of men chosen for office by popular vote, but in view of the fact that the proclamation bears the signature of President Obregon, it is expected that the chief executive, the justices of the republic's supreme court, senators, deputies and all others will be affected.

Most Americans have a rather low opinion of the political morality of their Latin-American neighbors and none too high a one of politics in this republic. The drastic action of President Obregon taken in the course of a program of rigid economy, can hardly fail to excite favorable comment as well as much surprise.—Albany Democrat.

### RAILROAD HARMONY

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### RAGS WANTED.

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Medal Received—  
Miss Helen Wyman, who won the last school year won a state save contest, writing on the subject "The Name Oregon and Its Significance," today received here a medal from the Oregon State Historical Society. A prize of \$50 was also awarded. Miss Wyman's essay was one of the three best in the state.

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