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ROSEBURG, OREGON, FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1930.

## WE DISAGREE

THE News-Review finds itself unable to agree with the views of those citizens of Roseburg who seek to recall two of the members of the school board.

The recall is a tool to be used judiciously and carefully by the people as a protection against political scamps and crooks. When used otherwise it is dangerous and tends to weaken the structure of government. Good men, the type of men who should be active in public affairs, will take no part if, when in office, they find themselves continually threatened with the embarrassment of a recall action sponsored by those with whom they feel compelled to disagree.

The present recall action arises from the fact that the school board deemed it advisable to make a change in the personnel of the teaching staff. One of the duties of the board is that it shall maintain the highest possible standard in teaching talent. In doing this the board must rely upon its own informed judgment. To assume that it acted otherwise in the present instance is to cast reflection upon the character and personal integrity of the two directors named in the recall petition.

That is where we disagree with those responsible for the recall move. We believe that both Dr. Shoemaker and Dr. Finlay represent the highest type of public spirited American citizenship.

All that a community, a state or the nation can ask of any man elected to public office is that he be honest, capable of holding the position to which he has been elected, and willing to do his best. Both Dr. Shoemaker and Dr. Finlay have these qualifications to the fullest extent. To invoke the recall under such circumstances is to abuse the recall privilege.

## A Political Crime

FOR perhaps the first time since

the creation of the Oregon state highway commission, it has been charged with political crime.

The removal of Highway Commissioner Sawyer by Governor Norblad is an astounding piece of business. Mr. Sawyer is an extremely capable man and has been looked upon by nearly everyone as a splendid commissioner.

The Oregon highway commission has spent upwards of \$140,000,000 in the past few years and the entire highway program, as carried out by the commission, has been outstandingly free from favoritism and graft. Many other states have sent men from their highway departments to Oregon to learn how we achieved such a high degree of efficiency in our highway work.

The success of the highway commission has been due very largely to the fact that good men were appointed and left alone. In all of the political strife of Oregon in the past, the highway commission has been unmolested. Now, a short-term governor has let down the bars. He has swooped down on the highway commission treating it as one of the spoils of his office. It takes unscrupulous daring to do what he has done.

Was it done in a spirit of anger at the outcome of the primaries? Or, as seems likely based on pre-election rumors, has he used the highway commission to pay for political support? One is as bad as the other. Apparently when we elect a governor we also elect a new highway commission.

If the governor actually has the power to remove a highway commissioner, the legality of this action should be tested then the next legislature should enact a measure making such a thing impossible. Every effort should be made to put the highway commission back on its former plane.

## Oregon Editors' Opinions

Oregon's Cow Dollars

OREGON'S dairy industry is still small when measured by its possibilities and yet it produced for the farmers engaged in it nearly \$100,000,000 last year.

J. D. Mickle, dairy and food commissioner of the state, has a record of the production of milk and milk products and recently translated this into terms of dollars and cents, estimating the average price received for market milk at \$2.12 per hundred, the average for butterfat manufactured into butter at 48 cents, that manufactured into cheese at 55 cents, the value of milk used by condensaries at 60 cents per pound butterfat. The total value of dairy products for the year at these prices was \$25,591,556.58 on the farm.

The estimates show \$10,238,110.22 paid for market milk, \$9,500,654.64 for butterfat, \$2,814,561.22 for butterfat for cheese, \$3,496,112.60 for milk used by condensaries, \$2,204,713.70 for ice cream and \$230,372.40 for milk

## BRINGING UP FATHER



## By Geo. McManus



## Maybe I'm Wrong

By J. P. MEDBURY

A CIRCUS skeleton has just filed suit for divorce. He says he's tired of being picked on.

Auto-Suggestion—A woman motorist doesn't have to be a magician to turn her sedan into a telegraph pole.

Pitiful Cases—The absent-minded professor who took up parachute jumping.

Social Accomplishments—A washerwoman's idea of success is being able to send her own clothes to the laundry.

Matrimonial Martyrs—It's not considered manslaughter when your wife talks you to death.

Momentous Moments—When a cross-eyed man proposed to a blind twin and the wrong one accepted him.

Today's Tightwad—The fellow who tried to buy a wireless fence for his back yard.

Vital Statistics—Any of King Solomon's wives was one girl in a thousand.

Our Own Vaudeville—Mr. Jones: Did you call me, dear? Mrs. Jones: Yes. Go put on your hunting costume and set the mouse traps. Copyright, 1930, King Features Syndicate, Inc.

## Talks on Health

By DR. R. S. COPELAND

TOO few people realize the importance of drinking plenty of water. This is very much a matter of habit, and it is an exceedingly good habit to acquire. It is so simple that we forget it and overlook it.

Probably the most common trouble of mankind today is constipation. The intestines need flushing out with water taken as a daily beverage and they can not work properly without it.

Water is the most important substance of the body. The weight of the body is made up of seven-tenths water. That is, if you weigh one hundred pounds, seventy pounds of that weight is water.

Water is the basis of every fluid in the body, as well as being a part of all the tissues. Water in the form of perspiration is being given off from the body at all times. In the blood and gastric juices it acts still further to supply body needs.

You can see for yourself that we need a great intake of water every day. If you don't consume enough, something unpleasant is bound to happen.

An adult needs to drink as much as six glasses of water every day, and a child a little less. Some of it, of course, is taken in other drinks of various kinds and in foods, but an adequate supply can not be gotten in this manner. You just have to drink a certain amount of clear water every single day if you want to keep in good health.

Sometimes it is a time when the most of us are nomads that we are on the "go" somewhere or other much of the time. People are vacationing everywhere. There is lots of mischief done by drinking impure water during these summer days. On a hot day thirst excruciates us in the most unexpected places. The boy or girl on a hike through the country, or in woody places, drinks at the first drinking place, not questioning whether the water is pure or not.

Every autumn at the end of the vacation season single cases or epidemics of typhoid fever appear in various places. Invariably these originated in some rural places where careless persons drank of contaminated water.

You cannot trust to the appearance of water in strange places, even though it appears to be crystal clear. It may contain deadly germs from unknown sources.

## Advice to Girls

By NANCY LEE

DEAR NANCY LEE: I am a girl of nearly seventeen, and am in love with a young man almost twenty. I have been going steadily with him, but not often. I really think I should not settle myself down to one fellow but my friends advise me to go with him because he is so gentlemanly.

What shall I do? Also when I go with other fellows he thinks I don't care for him and rather avoids me until I ask him why he is acting that way. He has told me and has written letters telling me he loves me and I mean all the world to him. I received a letter from him the other day and it read as though he thought I didn't want to go with him any more, but he hasn't asked me lately, even though he knows that I would rather go with him than anyone else.

Now please don't say forget him but tell me what to do.

WONDERING: There is no need for you to forget your friend. He is evidently either moody or temperamental. When you see him be pleasant and friendly, and I am sure that from your attitude, he will readily surmise how much his friendship means to you. You might answer his letter with a cordial little note letting him know how much you have always enjoyed his friendship and the pleasant times that you have had together.

## Editorials on News

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proportion to population.

IN the United States as a whole, there is one automobile to each 5.3 persons. In Oregon there is one automobile to each 3.72 persons.

In the entire country, there are only four states that have more automobiles in proportion to population than Oregon. These states are California, Nevada, Iowa and Kansas.

The next four AFTER Oregon are Nebraska, Michigan, South Dakota and North Dakota.

PLEASE note that none of these states having high automobile ownership in proportion to population is located in the far east.

They have greater AGGREGATE wealth back there, but out here we have greater AVERAGE wealth.

## EDWARDS TO FILL ASHLAND PULPIT

Rev. C. A. Edwards, pastor of the local Methodist church, is leaving tomorrow for Ashland, where he will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church there Sunday morning, substituting for Rev. George Falls, who has been called to Victoria, B. C., by the critical illness of his wife. A special children's day program is being presented in the local church Sunday morning.

## RIVER YIELDS BODY OF SLAIN WOMAN

(Associated Press Licensed Wire) NEW YORK, May 29.—The body of a woman, upon whose finger was a diamond studded ring, and who was a blond and was found today in the Harlem river, a few blocks from the Yankee stadium.

Police estimated the corpse had been in the water for two months or more.

## VOTE ON HOOVER'S VETO DUE MONDAY

(Associated Press Licensed Wire) WASHINGTON, May 29.—The senate agreed today to vote at 2 p. m. Monday on whether to override President Hoover's veto of the Spanish war veterans' pension bill.

President Hoover today signed the war department appropriation bill for 1931, setting at \$329,106,431 for military activities and \$117,427,632 for non-military activities.

## Future Burbanks May Patent Plants Under Bill Before Hoover

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(A. P.)—A cherished dream of Luther Burbank, and a thing for which the plant wizard worked unceasingly during his life, is about to be realized.

The other day, the house of representatives passed and sent to the president for his signature a bill giving the man who creates a new fruit or vegetable or plant the right to patent his creation.

It was Burbank's fondest hope that congress eventually would do such a thing.

"A man can patent a mousetrap or a nasty song," he once wrote, "but if he gives to the world a new fruit that will add millions to the value of the earth's annual harvests, he will be fortunate if he is rewarded by so much as having his name connected with the result."

Thomas Edison thinks the bill just passed by congress "will give us many Burbanks." He so informed the legislators when the matter was up for consideration.

Congress, after years of study of the question, was convinced finally that the idea is practical. Fruits, flowers and vegetables under the bill can be patented as easily as automobiles, airplanes or any other mechanical device.

The bill does not include seeds. Asexual plants are affected only. Seeds were exempted for the reason that when a seed of an experimental plant is planted it does not always reproduce the hybrid from which it comes.

There is no danger, under the bill, of a farmer, who plants seeds of a new creation, being subject to penalties of the patent law or being enjoined from harvesting his crop.

Ben Farnell, who engineered the bill through the house, believes that nothing that congress could do to help farming is of greater value and permanence than this bill, which gives the plant breeder the same status as the mechanical and chemical inventors now have through the patent law.

## News Briefs

(Associated Press Licensed Wire) ALHAMBRA, Calif., May 29.—In a sudden fit of insanity, Mrs. Kime Matsumoto, 34, killed three of her six children here yesterday and committed suicide.

PATTERSON, N. J., May 29.—Fred Thompson, policeman, is pleased over his success with a celebrity. He requested a lift of a motorist and asked if the driver wasn't so and so. The motorist merely smiled. The policeman remarked on the nice run the motorist's father-in-law was making. There was no answer. Then there were remarks about the weather. Colonel Lindbergh agreed that it was atrocious.

NEW YORK, May 29.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., addressed 20 union artisans as "fellow workers" in presenting diplomas and gold buttons for excellence in construction of the Riverside church.

## WATERS DOWNS JONES

(Associated Press Licensed Wire) EUGENE, Ore., May 30.—Texas Teddy Waters, Amarillo, Texas, middleweight wrestler, won two out of three falls from Henry Jones, Provo, Utah, champion junior middleweight, here last night. Jones won the first fall with a whip wristlock. Waters took the other two with head scissors. The title was not at stake.

O. S. C. Student Here—Truman Green, student in the Oregon State college in Corvallis, is spending the week-end in this city at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green, in Laurelwood.

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