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THE FLAG

The flag ever grows, like the Union it symbolizes; and on April 4, 1818, Congress made permanent provision for its growth by providing for the addition of a new star whenever a new state should be born...

Or, to put it in another way, the stripes signify permanency of the principles, while the stars indicate progressiveness of application of the principles...

We do not, we cannot know how completely the federal principle may come to be applied by Americans in the decades and the centuries to come...

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Beneficiaries under the law should take heed of the commission's enunciated policy. They are advised that all legal beneficiaries under the law will receive consideration without the aid of an agent or attorney and that none other need apply.

There are always shysters and grafters lying in wait for easy prey and the enactment of a law opening up a fortune to the ex-soldier and ex-sailor would present an attractive opportunity for this class of human spiders if no restriction were placed upon their nefarious activities...

The thing for the veteran of the world war to remember is that he will not need the services of an attorney or agent to secure what is rightfully due him.

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It is apparent that if such an increase was necessary, that educational facilities in 1915 were far from being what they should have been.

The per capita tax in Columbia, based on a population of 13,960, is \$57.11. The cost to run the county government, not including school or road tax, shows a big increase.

Another interesting bit of information contained in The Voter shows the amount of mortgages on farms in Columbia there are 485 farms unencumbered and 818 farms upon which there are mortgages, an average of 39.6 per cent.

SPEED OF SPEED COPS

From our own observation and reports of reliable persons who travel the highway, the "speed cop" is well named, for in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, the speed cop will exceed the speed limit.

A motorcycle when driven at 50 to 60 miles per hour is just about as much menace to the public safety as an automobile driven at 49 miles per hour, with the possible exception that a motorcycle does not take up as much space on the highway.

In our opinion the "speed cop" has no more right to travel at a speed in excess of the state law, unless it be when he is chasing a speeding auto, than has the lowly and humble taxpayer who pays the bill, builds the road and drives at the speed specified by law.

Speed cops are necessary but they should drive as they tell others to do. They are a portion of the strong arm of the law and should set an example for the ordinary motorist.

A DECALOGUE OF CANONS FOR OBSERVATION IN LIFE.

- 1. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today. 2. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself. 3. Never spend money before you have it. 4. Never buy what you don't want because it is cheap; it will be dear to you. 5. Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst, or cold. 6. We never repent having eaten too little. 7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly. 8. How much pain have cost us the evils which have never happened. 9. Take things always by the smooth handle. 10. When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, then a hundred.—Thomas Jefferson.

Whiskey found in a wrecked car does not necessarily mean that the driver had been imbibing and that whiskey was the cause of the wreck, but it is mighty good circumstantial evidence.

Mayor Ballagh says that a speed cop is hired to enforce the traffic regulations and not to return sufficient fines to cover his salary, Shake.

When a young person thinks he is a genius it is practically impossible to get any work out of him.

Women indulge in too much gossip but not many men go around with cotton in their ears.

Don't expect anybody but yourself to take more than a polite interest in your troubles.

It isn't how many years you've lived or expect to live, but what you are doing with today.

After tomorrow we will read little of Carpenter or Dempsey—for a while.

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PUBLIC FORUM

AS TO BERRY CULTURE.

To the Editor: The past few weeks I have been investigating berry fields from Portland to Astoria, also the berries as they were picked and delivered for shipment also examined them upon their arrival at the wholesale and retail market and as they were sold and delivered to the consumer.

I also have marketed berries four different ways of different sizes and pack with varying success. It is not the small or the large berry that brings the best price, but a small, solid berry of good bright color is preferable to a large, mushy berry.

I find many growers who are trying to grow fine market berries on highly enriched soil and produce a fruit poor in color, flavor and shipping qualities and thereby net a poor return to the grower.

Others have set fields to a variety not adapted to the soil and locality and are a failure. And yet others have a variety of berries that produce a large per cent of culls, but a large per cent are making culls out of good berries before they reach the box.

About 80 per cent are losing out on short weight and a poor pack. The greatest factor that causes the heaviest loss to all the growers is the lack of a standard pack. The grower who puts up a poor short weight pack is not only losing on his own fruit but is causing the grower who puts up a good pack to lose also, because poor pack and quality will break the market in spite of anything the wholesaler can do without he dumps them (which he does if the shipments are not too heavy compared to the stock of good quality), and sends the grower or shipper a blank return.

Mr. Grover, what are you going to do? Get together and adopt a standard pack for Columbia county, either a jumble or a solid pack or both and all get a better price or go on haphazard and cut each others' profits? It is up to the growers whether or not farming is a success or a failure.

F. H. TAYLOR

THE REAL CAUSES

To the Editor:

While reading the last Review articles on the defeat of the Rainier Union high school project all sorts of funny, sober, condemning and elegic thoughts come to me; above all I am haunted by a profound sympathy for the poor Editor of the Review who, it seems, no less volens became the victim of some schemers and who nobly went to defeat, when he and the other high school exponents could no longer beguile the awakening country voters. Am however happy to think that, according to his editorial, "his conscience is clear and that spite, envy, jealousy, prejudice and lies did more than anything else to defeat the project."

While I have done no electioneering for or against the high school, inasmuch as the matter did not concern me, I had nevertheless numerous occasions to find the real sentiments of the country people, and they are briefly condensed these: "A town that has done nothing for our material comfort; a town that cannot even afford a decent place for our horses; a town that is looting us by outrageous ordinances, until one of us cannot in a neighborly way accommodate the other one by bringing merchandise without being subject to a license of five dollars; a town that commercially never has considered the 'live and let live' motto; and should be called 'Hogtown' instead of Rainier, shall impose no more taxes on us; judging the past we about know what is coming in the future."

These were in the main the "suspicious" of the country voters, and well founded they were; these were the causes that evaporated another beautiful Rainier dream, and will evaporate them, until proper considerations are shown the country people by the business clique of the town. In conclusion let me applaud the country voters, who used their thinking cap in the case, and at the same time let me shed a few tears in commiseration for the poor Editor of the Review.

JOS HACKENBERG, Doraville, June 26, 1921.

Homesickness. Bridget was suffering from nostalgia.

"You ought to be contented and not pine for your old home, Bridget," said her mistress. "You are earning good wages, your work is light, every one is kind to you and you have lots of friends here."

"Yes, mum," sadly replied Bridget, "but it's not the place where I be that makes me homesick, it's the place where I don't be."—Boston Transcript.



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"Optimistic reports are continuing from the territory surrounding Deer Island. Hay is being harvested with better than average return and quality very good. Oats and vetch also promise well. The strawberry yield is about over after one of the heaviest crops on record. The Columbia river is falling now and it is hoped that flocks now feeding on high lands can be returned soon to their flooded pasturage. Grains are responding grandly to recent rains."

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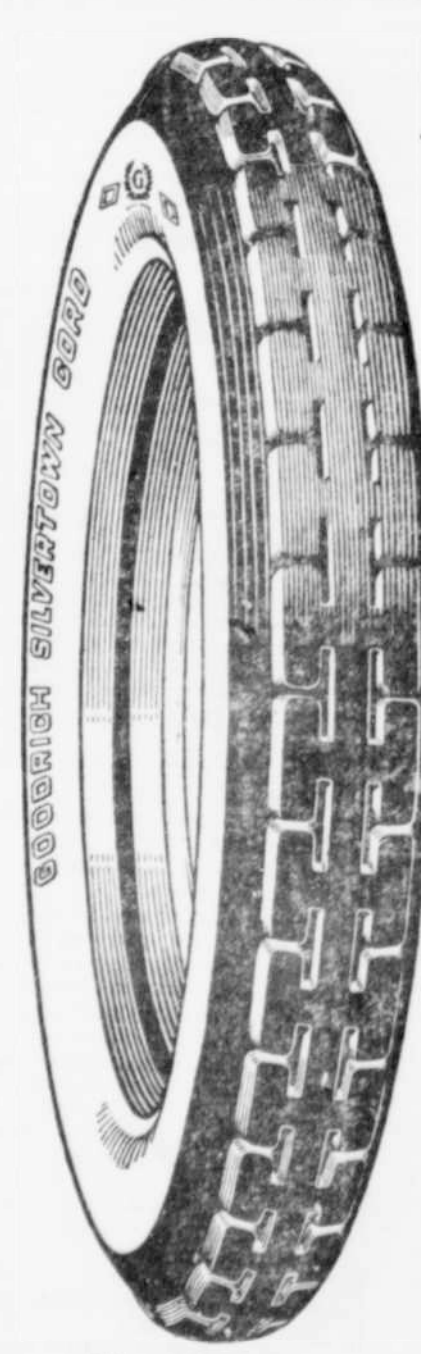
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