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**PERSONAL SELF GOVERNMENT?**  
He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down without walls.—Proverbs 25:28.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### AN OPINION ON PANTS

The Oregon Emerald deserves commendation for its sane and unequivocal stand on the great pants issue recently raised at Stanford university. The question was whether male students should wear corduroys or knit knickers on the campus, and the editor was in a very unfortunate predicament. Either side of attire was so charming that seemingly they have hopelessly disagreed, since the eager world had not been further advised. The Emerald very sensibly observed that after all pants are largely, if not wholly, the affair of the wight who wears 'em.

One would not greatly desire, for that matter, to be limited to gait knickers or corduroys, or to both. Each style leaves something to be desired. To a young man with a thin calf knickers are fairly atrocious, while to another who is overplump they lend a constrained and hesitant air, as though he were afraid to get himself, unless they are strictly elastic in girth. Only the favored few enjoy admiring in knickers. Corduroys, as well, are desirable only for special occasions. It is not comfortable, either socially or privately, to be condemned to corduroys.

No, the Emerald so properly points out, the assinine corduroys has a right to its own. Moreover, it whipsaws to the side of the wicker, and as the two post legs clash, the result of the wearer is advertised for some faces. You can't substitute the corduroy. A splendid material for the trail and the open, but a little too horrid for everyday attire. 1525—Karin's Arthurs over, it is a proud burden in which to man himself straight, but there are times when it is a real pleasure to toss those corduroy pants aside and don the effete-but welcome worsted.

No, the Emerald has enunciated a great principle—the right of individual preference for pants. Whether the style be knickers or corduroy, or even that lately affected by the asphalt suit, it should declare the convictions of the wearer rather than reflect the impudent opinion of others.

**REFORESTATION? IMPOSSIBLE!**  
Milwaukee Journal: A lumbermen's association tells the reforestation committee of the United States senate that reforestation, by lumbermen, is an impossible project.

The lumberman holds to his ancient concept; he is a harvester; he finds a crop and gathers it. If, in the taking, he leaves devastation, that is unfortunate. If, in his relentless search across a continent, he tramples down the forest crop of the future, that is regrettable. But the concept of harvesting by making straight, not 100-year trees that stand in his way.

So he has profited. And if he must needs cut and slash and trample the growth in his way, to reach the growth he wants, by what appeal shall he be reached, to turn him back, and painfully replant the ground he has laid bare? Reforestation is "an impossible project."

The representative of these Northern lumbermen made perfectly plain, at a hearing before this same senate committee, at Madison, that reforestation isn't within their concept. Re-planting if profitable, yes; if unprofitable, no. Forest, crop, corn crop, or hay crop—they're all the same. Each is private property and each must be cut down to be made profitable.

The fact that nature plants the one crop and the farmer the other is beside the point. The fact that the farmer replants the one, and nature—because of man-made obstacles—can't replant the other, also is beside the point. Nor has the public any more claim upon trees than upon standing corn—so long as both are on private property.

That was the trend of the argument—the viewpoint of this group of lumbermen. Undoubtedly the position is legally tenable. Until it is made untenable by a public policy that will, with justice and fairness to private right, establish a public right that is paramount, no reforestation, no conservation ever for anything that is of the forests. Lumbermen will begin replanting trees when the public requires, with due distribution of the burdens that a tree he planted for every one that is harvested. They will preserve young growth when public policy imposes a penalty for every tree that is needlessly destroyed. They

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



RAPIDAL OTEY WALKER, WHO BROUGHT SOME POSIES TO SAINT SARAH PEABODY, LEFT THE PLACE IN ANGER, WHEN HE REALIZED HE HAD BEEN TRICKED BY JOCKEES. THE FLOWERS WERE SATURATED WITH BEEKER.

## THIS IS A GOOD ONE

Over in Pendleton they're telling a good one, so one of the fellows who spent Thanksgiving Day there says. One of the Pendletonians who practically owns an automobile put one over on the police—but that's getting ahead of the story. Said Pendletonian left his car parked downtown without the tall light burning and when he got ready to go home he found a police-shake-up on it. So what did he do but leave the car there and walk home!

When he got home he called the police by telephone and reported that his machine had been stolen. A couple of hours later he was informed that it had been found and he could get it at headquarters. He did. (We won't search for the variety of this story but the guy who heard it in Pendleton—who made us promise to keep his name a secret—did!—Ed. Note.)

**COUNTING BLESSINGS**  
Vancouver Daily World: Why do you moody today? Why allow yourself to be changed so constantly from grave to gay, from joy to sadness? You find yourself more and more subject to moods, where it seems that the world has gone wrong and, particularly in your case, something seems to be going wrong. Shake yourself loose from these thoughts. Each time you indulge such thoughts it becomes harder to get rid of them.

Count your blessings—you may have as many as the next one if you count them. A little more than just counting them. The weather may be depressing, there may be scores of others in the line ahead of you, you cannot get time to play your favorite game, some little fat has to be added and all these things interfere with your plans. Do you know that blessings are often wrapped up in dull and uninteresting activities? Make it your aim to find the blessing and cut out the "blame."

**Etiquette Hints**  
There are meters for lights. There are meters of time. Hit the best way to meet her. It is meter alone.

**Second Spain**  
There are letters of receipt. There are letters of front. Hit the best way to let her. It is letter alone.

**The Height of vanity!** The man who feels self-consistent when he reads about a male beauty contest.

**Do your Christmas shopping early.** If you don't there is a chance that someone else will buy what you wanted to or that lobby will have spent his month's wages.

**One of our correspondents (we won't say which) sent this in:** "Christmas shopping is the order of the day. If everybody would do it early we might there wouldn't be so many injured in the last minute rush." —John Blank and folks spent Thanksgiving Day in La Grande. They come stuffed.

John Doe was a very pleasant caller at the service home Thanksgiving Day. John brought two good cigars. "News are very scarce this week." —But we hope to do better next week—Richard Roe's wife is expecting the stork.

AMEN

**Truckload Limit Raised.**  
EUGENE, Or.—The limit placed on loads of trucks on Lane county's gravel and macadam roads a short time ago has been raised, after a large number of truck owners had either appeared before the county court or had written, protesting against the limit as being so low that they would be unable to operate at a profit.

The limit was changed yesterday from 300 pounds to the inch width of tire per axle to 350 pounds. This said members of the county court yesterday after the order had been made, seemed to be entirely satisfactory to the truck drivers and owners who had protested.

**IT IS AGREED THAT THE BEST PLACE TO HAVE A BOB IS ON ONE'S HIRED HAND.**

**Have Kidneys Examined By Your Doctor**  
Take Salts to Wash Kidneys if Back Pains You or Bladder Bothers

Flush your kidneys by drinking a quart of water each day, also take salts occasionally, says a noted authority, who tells us that too much rich food forms acids which almost paralyze the kidneys in their efforts to expel from the blood. They become sluggish and weak; then you may suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the kidneys often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To help neutralize these irritating acids, to help cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's surplus waste, get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days, and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush out the sluggish kidneys; also to neutralize the acid in the system so they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

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## We Have No Democracy

During the World war the United States and even the world at large heard a great deal of democracy and its salvation. In fact as the war progressed it was accepted as the struggle to the death between democracy and monarchy.

That this was so is not surprising since the people of the United States and the other republic of the world have preferred to identify their countries as democracies. It will be surprising to many, however, to learn that they have been laboring under a mistaken identity.

Political science defines a pure democracy as direct government by the people and a republic as government by the people through their chosen representatives. In a true democracy there would be no president, congress, legislature, parliament or other such legislative bodies as exist under the republican form of government.

The seventh-grade history teacher used to tell her classes how Switzerland was a real democracy where all the people met at certain times, enacted their own laws, made their own treaties with other countries, levied taxes upon themselves and decided how those taxes should be spent. But Switzerland now is governed by a government much like that of the United States. Representatives are elected for a national assembly on the ratio of one to every 20,000 population.

The Swiss probably approach a pure democracy nearer than the United States does, for in Switzerland they have adopted the initiative and referendum. By the initiative the people directly make laws and submit them to the assembly for ratification. By the referendum the people act upon laws made by the assembly and may veto them if they desire to do so.

If the United States elected representatives to congress on the same ratio to the population as prevails in Switzerland, instead of a house of representatives numbering 435, we would elect more than 5,000 representatives to go to congress. The state of Pennsylvania which now sends thirty-six representatives to congress would send on the Swiss ratio of one to every 20,000, as many as now constitute the whole congress.

When the fathers charted out the governmental course in the days of the revolution they decided that one representative should be sent to congress for every 30,000 population. That was before the days of the immigrant rush. The proportion has been increased ever since then, until now a representative is elected for every 211,877 population.

## Recalls Wife Trading

The arrival of two German girls at Norfolk last week on the steamer Sesostria from Hamburg and the announcement by the authorities that they will be deported unless they find American husbands within a specified time recalls a similar incident in the history of the same state.

In 1619 twenty young women arrived at Jamestown. They had been brought over from England as wives for the Virginia colonists. History records that they were transported at the expense of the company and were married to men who were able to support them. These men, it is said, willingly defrayed the cost of their passage. The price for each girl brought over on the first voyage was 120 pounds of tobacco. On subsequent trips the charge was advanced to 150 pounds of tobacco and "even more," but as "the debt for a wife was a debt of honor," it was punctually paid.

In the present case no price seems to have been set, but as the girls were stowaways, discovered when the vessel was 10 days out from Hamburg, the captain can reasonably demand the price of their passage. If they are good cooks, as he says they proved themselves to be aboard his vessel, they should have no difficulty in getting suitable mates.

History repeats itself, no doubt, but always with a difference. The 20 women who arrived in Virginia over 300 years ago shared their husbands' hardships and perils. Today there are safety and comfort for the poorest. Thousands are coming to this country who would not have faced the toils and privation of an earlier day. Israel Zangwill complains: "You shut out immigrants, instead of holding out hospitable hands. And how did you get your country? You took it by force from the Indians, and your duty is to hold it in trust for humanity." In a country where all are immigrants or the descendants of immigrants it is not well to make too many distinctions, but this will remain true that the earliest immigrants were the ones who bore the heaviest burdens. They were men selected by the nature of the task, including "taking the land from the Indians," and their descendants should see to it that some sort of selection is still enforced in regard to all immigrants.

There were only five dissenters among 1,600 students of Columbia college who voted against "examinations." Public school pupils would have made it unanimous.

The British museum is delighted over a bequest of the largest collection of fleas in the world. A collection of fleas is one thing most folks would prefer to avoid.

There are some drawbacks to being president. He has to accept in good grace the dogs offered him when he may not need them at all.

The score of a football game is far more conclusive than predictions made in advance.

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