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THE GOODNESS OF GOD
On that men would praise the
Lord for his goodness, and for his
wonderful works to the children of
men.—Psalm 107:21.

What "Supreme Court" Means

Oregon has started on that turbulent sea of "Supreme Courting," which means that statute after statute will be washed out, inspected and ground down to see what it is made of, with the result that no one can guess what is law until the supreme court gets through.

This state has a higher court that is perfectly willing to let the laws stand as they are passed, for no one ever heard of any member even suggesting that a test case be made on a statute, and for a number of years Oregon people have dwelt in reasonable harmony with old laws and new ones.

Lately, however, a measure that cut taxes in the different counties, was attacked by several counties which seem determined to spend heavily, and the supreme court was asked to pass on this law. Its decision nullified the law. So easy and so simple was the speedy answer that there is a desire on the part of several in the state to have the supreme court do some nullifying. Multnomah county may test out the market roads law which does not benefit her directly but for which she has to pay her share. There are other laws that need the acid test, according to men who do not approve of them, hence it would not be surprising to find our supreme court burning the midnight oil, so to speak, to pass upon all that will be asked of it.

Its great doings when a state goes a "Supreme Courting," for it shows a deep unrest and a desire to upset everything in sight. However, the people have one hope left—and that is in the supreme court—that very tribunal which so many hope to see render nullifying opinions.

Extra Meeker is 93 years old and hale and hearty. What kind of tobacco did he use? Some tobacco house is overlooking a big bet by not using his picture in their advertising.

Recognition of the soviet depends on its willingness to change itself beyond recognition.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

Py Stanley



Editorials From Over the Nation

THE CHILD AND THE THREE "R's"

Brooklyn Eagle: When Mr. Dooley visited the kindergarten to get the vote of the janitor for something or other, he ran in for a moment on Mary Ellen, the teacher, whom he had known from babyhood. He said to one hopeful youngster, "Spell 'cat'." But Mary Ellen remonstrated. "Oh, Mr. Dooley," she said, "you mustn't ask 'em to spell anything," says she. "They don't learn that till they go to college," says she, "and sometimes not even then," she says.

Which reflection from that mature philosopher, Finley Peter Dunne, is recalled by the address of Mrs. Marietta Johnson of the Fairhope summer school at Greenwicks Conn., at the Detroit session of the American Child Health association. Mrs. Johnson advises the postponement of all intellectual activities, such as reading, writing and arithmetic, until the child is 8 or 9 years old. She is sure this would "make for an improvement of the body, mind and spirit."

Let us own at once to a lingering skepticism on this "new education." We are inclined to believe that a little shaver of 4 or 5 can get as much fun out of lettered blocks as out of mud pies, with much less damage to pinpoints and stockings. And the boy or girl who has reached the eighth year without realizing that two and two do not make five isn't a wholly inspiring study. Most of us

can still recall even in age the pleasure we got before we were 9 years old from reading picture-book stories. Deprivation of reading would even then have been a affliction.

Of course, granted a nursery in the house, and a governess in charge, the question depends absolutely on the personal equation. Children are no more cast in one mold than are grown folks. But few houses of today have nurseries, and governesses are very rare. The average mother would be a bit shocked at the notion of no school till after the ninth year. The treatment house mother would be inclined to start a proletarian rebellion at once. The Greenwich Conn. idea cannot be made to fit in with the educational methods of New York city or any other large municipality.

"AS YOUR PERSONAL FRIEND"

Chicago Tribune: When Leo Koretz was a boy he was regarded as idealistic and of scrupulous character. He was one out of his first thousand dollars by a man who allowed him to invent it in a rice field. Koretz went to look at the place. There wasn't any rice. That probably gave him the idea. The idea made him the world's greatest fraud. There couldn't be any oil. All there need be are maps and false reports. Then trim everybody, beginning in the family and allowing personal friends to be swindled as a favor.

Koretz dealt with the wealthy men of a money wise race. In retrospect it seems as if his bubble must have exploded in a month. He kept it in the air, growing bigger, for over ten years. His story proves that there is one born every minute. He was the greatest ex-

ponent of the doctrine. "Always see to it that the sucker never gets an even break," he added that your personal friends are the biggest suckers you can find. Swindle them, and they'll think it's a favor. Koretz showed up the human race. There is no limit to its credulity. It believes there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The biggest sucker of all was Koretz himself. He swindled himself. He has done himself a worse trick than he played on any one else. No matter what happens to him now, he has given himself the worst of it. He began nearer home than he thought. He began with himself.



A CAT IS AN ANIMAL THAT STICKS ITS TAIL UNDER YOUR CHAIR.

"It would be out of order," said the absent-minded La Grande man as he took to fill his ever-sharp pencil in the ink well.

Now that the basketball season is coming on, the male sex feels that an ideal girl is one who takes a rule book to the basketball game and looks up the answers to her questions instead of asking "him."

"Ma'am," said the La Grande boy, just 3 years old, who had been sent to the fire to dry a towel. "Is it done when it turns brown?"

THE BANANA SONG ISN'T AS POPULAR AS IT WAS. THERE'S STILL HOPE FOR THE WORLD.

A Kitchen Calamity. The fire died in the kitchen range and an investigation as to the cause of her death was started.

Questions asked were:
Did the stove poker?
Did the coal burner?
Did the lawn mower?
Did the meat grinder?
Did the biscuit cutter?
And then some one asked: Where was the coal bin?

Soapy advertising can bring customers to a store almost as fast as a money clerk can drive them away.

"I simply can't keep my son in check," groaned a La Grande dad as he filled in a blank one for another \$25.

THE FASHION EDITOR DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER GAIOSIES ARE STILL IN STYLE OR NOT, BUT TAKE BOBBED HAIR THEY'RE STILL WITH US.

"Love Thy Neighbor," is a fine thought—but how the "ell can you do same when he shovels snow from his walk onto yours?"

"I'm the cat's eyebrows," said a wisp of hair as it fell from the forehead of the lady next door, a La Grande matron as he heard.

Now that the basketball season is on, the reformers will probably order their wife (2) together and launch a tirade against permitting our young men to appear in nothing but—er—"short pants and abbreviated jerseys, toucherknow!" It is to laugh.

The height of the blue law period will probably be reached when a campaign against safety pins will be started on account of the fact that they occasionally prick the baby.

Colorado announces that tourists last summer left behind them 45 million dollars. Wonder if it could be merely a gentle hint to 1924 tourists?

SOMEBODY SAID THAT THE BOUDOIR CAP WILL COUNT IN THE NEXT ELECTION. THE SUNBONNET VOTE WILL BE WORTH MORE.

A La Grande man went a swimmin'. His custom he looked very slim in. Some dames happened by— Took his duds on the fly— This winter he's still chasing them swimmin'.

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Mystery of Lost Pets Solved
Hamburg, (AP) Residents of Hamburg and the adjoining city of Altona have found the skins of many of their pet cats and dogs for sale in fur-shops; that the police have begun a general prosecution of fur-dealers who buy skins from the general public. The charge made against them is receiving stolen goods.

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