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TRUST IN THE LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.—Proverbs 3:5.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



Shall Oregon Advance?

(By BRUCE DENNIS)

STATE HOUSE, Salem (By Mail)
—Shall we continue to lag in Oregon, falling to get people as have Washington and California, or shall we bid for the people of the east and middle west who have wealth to ring in industry, thus furnishing more employment for labor and greater markets for products? This is the question that is embodied in Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 which drew a heavy fight in the senate when we asked that it be submitted to the people, which has been many years since a more bitter fight was waged than fell upon the writer by the very men who claim to "want the people to rule" men who have stood on the stump and talked loudly about the "voice of the people." Yet, when an opportunity was offered for the people to consider and decide a future policy, which has the support of thousands of substantial citizens, we found those "people's advocates" making a last ditch fight to prevent this constitutional measure from going to the people.

We knew it would be a fight for we know that hundreds of the politicians who talk long and loud about "the people" do so in order to carry favor in a political way and have little conscientious scruples about what they are saying. We expected some of the granges to pound us, and they did for we encountered resolutions from Mr. Geckeler's pen on the desks of all the senators. This was all right. Mr. Geckeler is sincere and believes our suggested plan might wreck the state. But listen to this, the farming industry of Oregon is almost wrecked now. They talk about the farms not being able to pay their taxes. They are not able, and unless Oregon gets in wealth and more industry to tax this state is going to be in a bad way. Especially in this time since there is no possible chance of making an income tax a permanent thing.

All we ask, is for the people of the state to listen to reasonable, sane argument before they close their minds on this very important issue. When already more than a hundred million dollars worth of new wealth is pledged to make Oregon its home if Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 becomes a fact, it can readily be seen that the direct tax on this wealth will far exceed any indirect tax now collected. The great trouble with Oregon is the politician who is talking and working for popular favor rather than considering the welfare of the state as a whole. We lost the first battle on the resolution, for the vote stood 15 to 15. Parliamentary usage prompted us to change our vote so that, under the rules, we could move for a reconsideration the following day. This was done, the resolution was sent back to the committee on resolutions on our motion for a slight amendment and then it passed the senate by a vote of 16 to 14. It is now in the house and those who believe with us that Oregon will be benefited should at once get busy with house members so they may understand and support the resolution. This is the biggest step Oregon can take. It is worth more than all the money that has been spent in promoting the state since she entered the union. It is larger than a dozen world's fairs. It is merely a vote to establish permanent policy and confidence thus inviting to this state wealthy people who can and will engage in industry.

We sincerely hope that every person will think it over calmly and dispassionately. There will be nothing gained by abusing the authority, nor sending us comic valentines. For those things pass at once, and the issue still remains "shall Oregon advance or shall she continue to go very, very slowly?"

Girls will have to be shorter. They couldn't be lighter, not without walking out wrinkles.

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A travelling Oregonian paused one night at a small up-state town, one of those places where trains don't really stop—merely hesitate. Its lone hotel, opposite the railway station was kept by an aged negro, who was proprietor, clerk, cook, waiter, bellhop and everything. "Call me for the 3:15 train," ordered the guest, stirring early—so deep soundly until awakened by a loud hammering on his door. "Hey, boss," came a voice outside, "didn't you-all left a call for the 3:15 train?" "Sure," gasped the roomer sleepily. "Well, sah," was the response, "she's at de station now."

An old-timer is one who can remember when anybody who wore riding pants and a black moustache was a villain. It is easy for nations to be friends; the hard part is to get the people to like one another. Cross-word puzzle: A four-letter word, beginning with "w" and meaning a feminine ruler.

The truth lies at the bottom of the well, but the angler never goes there to fish. "Where would a woman be without her clothes?" Well, let us say, in her bath. Our out-of-door rights are gradually narrowing to right-of-way and right of walk. What is Herbert Hoover so angry about, every time he has his picture taken? The most expensive way to buy a chicken is to run over it while the farmer is looking. Isn't it strange that when somebody's wife gets in a new hat or dress every woman in the block knows what it costs within a couple of hours.

In the old days, making faces was simply making faces. Now it is called registering emotion. Nobody has started a drive yet for better moonlight. "Yes, nature certainly is wonderful." "Did you ever see a pair of lips that wouldn't fit?" A Brooklyn, N. Y., lady, on being told that her cousin's new husband was a bathophile, said she thought Sarah would have preferred to marry a Hungarian or something.

"Our wild life in the country is nearly all shot," asserts Field and Stream. Yes, and much of the wild life in our cities is half shot. A lot of us think we are good just because we pretend to be shocked at the sins of others. Australopithecus Africanus is the name of London scientist greek to what he calls the missing link. Remember it, please.

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Cause, Cure of Rickets In Children Is Investigated

NEW YORK (AP)—Three out of four infants in a New York tenement district develop rickets before they are a year old, according to a report made public today by the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, giving the results of a campaign to combat this disease which the A. I. C. P. has been carrying on for the last five years. The report indicates that rickets, a winter disease, the most marked effect of which is to retard the development of the bony tissues of the very young child, particularly the long bones of arms and legs, is at present a serious obstacle to child health. It is responsible, the A. I. C. P. finds, for the fact that fully 25 per cent of the children in one New York tenement district have serious orthopedic defects, such as bow legs, knock knees, "funnel-chest" and spinal curvatures and this malady is also held to be largely responsible for the appalling death rate of young children in this district from pneumonia and other respiratory diseases. The report, in part, follows:

"The Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor in carrying on its annual campaign against rickets in the Mulberry district in New York city. Five years of intensive work has shown that rickets in early infancy presents a real obstacle to child health. It is no exaggeration to say that 75 per cent of the babies in this district develop rickets before they are a year old. The after effects of this condition are seen in the large number of children from two to six years of age (fully 25 per cent) who have serious orthopedic defects, and in the appalling death-rate of young children from pneumonia and respiratory diseases largely due to the narrow chest and confined breathing space so characteristic of the rachitic child. "That child has bow legs because his mother lets him walk too soon," is the popular explanation of the two or three-year-old youngster with badly bowed legs. This thoroughly unscientific theory is, after all, not so far from the truth. Such children usually have suffered from rickets. The most marked effect of this disease is to retard the development of the long bones of the arms and legs. Their legs, therefore, may be said to be too young, physiologically, to support the weight of their bodies. When they attempt to stand on their feet, the bones of the legs bend under the weight of the body like a tender green twig. "Rickets may be occasioned by one of two factors, or by both together: (1) inadequate exposure to sunlight, (2) a diet deficient in a food accessory vitamin, whose nature is as yet unknown, but which enables the body to store calcium and phosphorus in the bones from the food taken into the body. The disease is most prevalent during the winter months in north temperate climates, particularly among races with dark skins in which the pigment still further retards the effects of the sun's rays. On the other hand, the disease is practically unknown among negroes in the West Indies who are receiving an abundance of sunlight, or among Eskimos, who are used to little sunlight but whose diet from early infancy consists largely of fats and oils of fish. Babies between three months and one year of age are most susceptible to the disease, particularly if they are within this age period during the late winter months when the seasonal incidence is at its peak. "Physiologists are at a loss to explain how the sun's rays or the oil of fish livers can deposit calcium in the bones, but the fact that they do has been amply demonstrated clinically and in experiments with animals. There are, therefore, two methods of attacking rickets: (1) Exposing the babies directly to the rays of the sun or to the ultra-violet rays of a quartz lamp; or (2) giving doses of fish liver oil three times a day during the period of life when rickets is most likely to occur. Sunlight in congested city districts is a rare commodity. For this reason, moderate dosages of fish liver oil is a safe, prophylactic measure."

UNION HONORS 'HONEST ABE'

UNION, Ore. (Special — The Union bank was closed last Thursday in honor of Lincoln's birthday anniversary. Wednesday evening the Mount Glou M. I. A. came over and staged a three-act comedy, "The arrival of Kitty," at the local Mormon church. H. B. Larsen, Gene Bonham, Lida Allen, Jessie Murray, Chester Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. William Watson, Pearl Murray, and several others came down from Perry Tuesday night with the boys when they played a basketball game here with a local team. Emerson Haggerty, a local boy, has been elected a member of Beta Alpha Psi fraternity at the state university, where he is majoring in accounting. The "Gang" will go to Perry Monday evening to play a return game with the boys there. Several fans are planning to accompany the boys to Perry. County School Superintendent E. L. Sayre was over Friday finishing up his club work organization in the grades. He visited the South building where four clubs were started, Sewing, Cooking, Gardening and a Pig club. Miss Vona Conley will lead the sewing class, but leaders have not yet been secured for the other four clubs. The Woman's club will meet this Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Alice Caldwell in North Union, Washington, D. C. will be the subject for discussion at this meeting. Mrs. A. H. Hiller is working as a special nurse at Hot Lake. Father Breen transferred. Father Breen, who has been in charge of the local Catholic church, has been transferred to Wallawa county for all his work, and his place here will be filled by Father Huel of Baker. About 50 Hungarian pheasants have been received by local sportsmen and turned loose at the state experiment station. The birds came from Umattila county. Following the basketball games Saturday evening the Firemen's association put on a dance, the proceeds to be placed in a fire truck fund, which the local company is securing. In the hope of purchasing a suitable truck some time in the future. Following each of the high school games on the local basketball floor last week, the chatting and local teams and the officials were entertained by some class of the high school with light refreshments in the domestic section.



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Yesterday In Congress

The nomination of Frank B. Kellogg as secretary of state was confirmed by the senate. The senate substituted its postal pay and rate increase bill for that passed by the house. Senate and house agriculture committees continue to hear witnesses on proposed farm legislation. A bill to increase salaries of once rooms. Postmaster Tony D. Smith, who has been "under the weather" for a few days and unable to look after his work, is again back in the office, much improved in health. Secretary Weeks and Secretary Wilbur were asked by the house aircraft committee to designate witnesses to testify how the United States could be defended against an air attack. A shirt is a garment which always seems to be too long, too short, too tight or too something.

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