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I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name. — Psalm 52: 8, 9.

PICKING FLOWERS

In public parks in various cities we frequently see small signs warning visitors against picking the flowers. And many editorials have been written to persuade motorists that wild flowers are more beautiful in the natural state than when propped up in vases at home.

Of course, the highest type of public spirit would prompt one to leave the wild flowers as they are — scattered bountifully over the hills and through the woods — so that all may enjoy their natural beauty as long as they last.

However, we would advocate encouraging nature lovers to pick all the wild flowers they wish — if they would confine their efforts to WILD flowers. But the sad fact is that many La Grande citizens have recently reported the pilfering and destruction of their flower beds around their homes.

This is evidently the work of children who lack the proper moral training and have no regard for private property. Some children have been seen to pick flowers from neighbors' yards and take them home.

If children have such a highly developed love of beauty that they must steal flowers in order to satisfy the craving, most of us would say, "Let them have the flowers." And others would be willing to buy flowers for children who really want them, if they would not molest the flower beds.

But some of the offenders apparently have no other motive than wanton destruction. Some garden lovers have found tulips and other flowers pulled up and thrown on the ground. Such deliberate meanness is without excuse. The children who employ such tactics certainly cannot be credited with any appreciation of beauty.

What is to be done to remedy the situation is a question not easily solved. The parents of the children could legally be held responsible for the damage that is done. But the damage in these cases cannot be repaired, nor can it be reckoned in terms of dollars and cents. It takes time to grow flowers, and a child may destroy in a minute what has been weeks or months in growing.

In some instances owners of gardens and flower beds have seen and recognized children stealing flowers, but have said nothing to the parents because of the embarrassment it would cause. It would be for the best interests of child and parents alike to report every such delinquency.

A child allowed to "get by" with minor offenses is very likely to drift into more serious crimes, bringing disgrace upon himself and his parents. If warned in time his parents may be able to correct his wayward tendencies and avoid future difficulties.

Perhaps this editorial may accomplish nothing toward the correction of the evil. But it may serve as a warning to parents — all parents — that they cannot start too early to instill in their children's minds the appreciation for the beauties of nature, and the respect for private property.

COWARDICE IN POLITICS

Cowardice, as Rodney Dutcher pointed out in a dispatch from Washington the other day, has become one of the most common characteristics in American public life.

Our political leaders, he remarked, possess an extraordinary amount of caution. They fear nothing so much as a real live issue. When they fight they take good care to get all the big guns on their side. They reserve their heaviest blasts for insignificant opponents who cannot fight back effectively.

The commonest explanation for this sad state of affairs is that it is inevitable in a democracy. Office holders depend on votes for their jobs. If they make enemies they lose votes. The pressure to straddle, to compromise, to placate powerful minorities and minority leaders, is almost overwhelming.

Oddly enough, though, a casual glance at American political history will show that this sort of thing isn't in the least necessary. The politicians are revealing, not the fundamental fault of democracy, but their own weakness.

What has happened is that the politicians have made the mistake of underestimating the common sense and good judgment of the electorate.

The greatest figures in American political history are the men who dared to make enemies — the men who were willing to follow their own conceptions of right and trust to the electorate for an accurate understanding of them.

Jackson, Lincoln, Cleveland, Roosevelt, Wilson — they

were, one and all, fighters, enemy-makers. They knew politics, of course; they could compromise when they had to; but they could also adopt an unpopular line of attack and stick to it no matter how great the risks to their own personal fortunes. And it is worth remembering that the electorate stood by them time and again.

The cowardice of our politicians, in other words, isn't an inevitable part of democracy. Let a really bold and determined political leader appear today and the response he would get might be astonishing.

We hope the medal that was awarded Gandhi by a New York church was equipped with a string instead of a pin.

Other Papers Say:

Oregon as well as other states is fortunate in having in its judiciary system men of outstanding ability, honest, fearless, just exponents of American law. They reach their pinnacle by plain hard work, conscientious application and thorough study. But not all of them have imagination—even dreams, if you will. Not all of them have the ability to really progress in the interpretation of the statutes. One of the few is Judge James T. Brand of Marshfield, Circuit court judge of the second district and candidate on the non-partisan ballot for Oregon supreme court position No. 2.

Judge Brand recently outlined a national system of parole which already has met with widespread approval from fellow jurists and from American Legion and auxiliary officials throughout the state. The plan is based on the close co-operation of the American courts of justice and the American Legion and auxiliary, and is devised expressly to aid young Americans throughout the nation in becoming finer and more useful citizens.

The parole system would be applied to worthy young first offenders haled into court. It would make possible the paroling of the violator to a member of the legion or its auxiliary, and would permit his freedom of movement by enlisting the aid of posts in all parts of the nation in keeping track of his wards. Boys paroled in Marshfield could be permitted to go to Bend, Klamath Falls, or elsewhere, with instructions to report to the legion for a new "guardian" at those places. No judge, no matter his ability, can adequately check up on paroled youths through the present system of a once-a-month report. Under the new plan, a legionnaire, equipped with police powers, would be close enough to the boy to understand his trials, temptations and actual living conditions, and could lend advice and friendly counsel as he saw fit.

By a similar application of the plan, the auxiliary with its thousands of posts would play "big sister" to girls, who through ignorance or innocence have been led into trouble, and to neglected infants who through no fault of their own have become wards of society.

With the united force of the American Legion and auxiliary looming above every boy and girl paroled, it stands to reason that Judge Brand's contention that such a system would be a monument to the ideals of America would be borne out.

The plan recently revealed by Judge Brand is the result of five years of study on the circuit court bench of Southwestern Oregon. It is based on a thorough sociological application of law, and recognizes the true human equation with which the law is constantly dealing.

Judge Brand has made an outstanding success during his stay in Marshfield. As president of the chamber of commerce, president of the good roads association, chairman of the Marshfield school board, vice president of the League of Oregon Cities and district attorney of this city — his record is one of constant achievement.

In five years of continual trial work on the circuit court bench, not one jury case has ever been reversed on appeal to the supreme court. He advocates "respect for law and laws worthy of respect."

His platform is based on the following: "The law was made for man, not man for the law."

"As to the courts, a trial must be a search for the truth, not a game or a gamble. A judge's duty is to hear, but not with his ear to the ground. Decisions must be prompt, just, simple, consistent. The public has a right to know that a decision once wisely made is a rule for the future upon which to rely. To these principles I stand committed."

The jurist is a man of keen intellect — a thorough student of his profession. He is a tireless and enthusiastic worker, and his law practice and judicial career is without a blemish.—Coos Bay Times.

ROOSEVELT FADES FROM VIEW
California has just decreed that

LIBERTY

FRIDAY — SATURDAY

SEE!!

PLAY GIRL

with Loretta YOUNG

Franklin D. Roosevelt shall never be president of the United States. With the obstreperous Al Smith controlling the Massachusetts and Rhode Island delegations in addition to a number following from Pennsylvania and New York, Roosevelt's chances for the Democratic nomination were already slim. They became almost nil when W. E. Hearst and W. G. McAdoo delivered to Garner of Texas the huge California vote.

The big question now is which of the several powerful Democratic tongs will dictate the platform and name the candidate. The California situation may put Mr. McAdoo to the front as the "King Maker" in opposition to Al Smith. Much of the Roosevelt strength, especially that from the "dry" states may gravitate to Mr. McAdoo because the Roosevelt following has been made up of many who have loved him not except as a most likely winner.

That Democratic convention should be worth the price of admission this year. No telling what may happen. Compromise talk runs largely to Newton D. Baker but he is a man whose views and abilities are so pronounced that party warhorses look upon him with some fear. Garner may be more to the liking of the "practical politicians."

About the only thing that can be said with certainty about the Democratic situation is that things there certainly are breaking for Herbert Hoover.—Eugene Register-Guard.

COMPROMISE PLAN IS TAKING SHAPE

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plify and "put into concrete form" various relief proposals. First of all, however, is placed a balancing of the budget.

Senators Watson and Robinson, Republican and Democratic leaders respectively, were visitors at the White House. Others there were President Dawes, of the reconstruction corporation, Eugene Meyer, chairman of the federal reserve board, and Secretary Mills.

The president went over the situation separately with Watson at breakfast and later with Robinson. Watson stated later a "tentative agreement" was in prospect.

Robinson yesterday proposed a two billion dollar bond issue for federal construction and \$300,000,000 for assistance to the unemployed. He discussed this with the president.

There is every indication the president desires to work the problem out through the two billion dollar reconstruction corporation.

A non-partisan relief program is expected to pry loose the wedge that will make possible an adjournment of congress by June 10.

Speaker Garner and Representative Snell, of New York, Republican leader of the house, have been in on the relief consultations, it is understood. The text of President Hoover's statement follows:

"At a conference this morning, the president and Senator Robinson canvassed the plan of Senator Robinson."

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Much Interest Being Shown In Five-Act Drama

Enthusiastic comments have come to Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore, pastor of the local Church of Christ, regarding the five-act drama, "Nero," which is to be produced at the local church Saturday evening by the Wright California players. From many places in California, Washington and Oregon where this drama has been produced, pastors of Mr. Mortimore's acquaintance have written in glowing terms of the splendid performance given by the Wright Co. From the opening scene when Saul of Tarsus is overtaken by a strange experience on the Damascus highway to the closing scene where the Emperor, Nero, stands gazing at the burning city of Rome there is intense dramatic interest. Humorous sections occurring in the early acts of the drama prevent it from being stuffily heavy and the production is unusually well balanced throughout.

In some cities the advance ticket sale completely sold out the evening performance and it was necessary to accommodate the crowds who wished to attend. Mr. Mortimore states that the advance ticket sale is going ahead very well here with indications pointing to a packed house Saturday night.

son and the plans of the president to provide for relief and to stimulate enlarged employment.

"Methods were considered of combining, simplifying and putting into concrete form the different proposals so as to secure united non-partisan and immediate action and not to delay completion of the work at this session.

"The president expressed his high appreciation of Senator Robinson's action in opening the way for unified action and his confidence that a solution will be found.

"It was agreed that the prerequisite of any plan is balancing of the budget."

The Robinson program calls for a \$300,000,000 relief fund and a \$2,000,000,000 construction plan, both to be financed by bond issues. Among the items for employment purposes are Alfred E. Smith, Owen D. Young and Bernard M. Baruch.

DR. KERR IS NOT BEING CONSIDERED

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newspapers Wednesday, no such statement was given by the president.

Instead, E. C. Allworth, secretary of the alumni association, observed that the move in the direction of Dr. Kerr's appointment was taken without the president's consent and that it is "definitely understood that he was not a candidate and was not interested in the position."

Allworth concluded that the association feels Dr. Kerr "is the outstanding man for the position," and "we are still convinced he should be appointed."

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12 PETITIONERS COMPLAIN AGAINST "DOUBLE" TAXATION

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November warrants in that amount. Cash on hand at the end of the week amounted to \$6153.34 of which \$5467.58 was in the First National bank.

Bob Fuss, right fielder for Wichita Falls in the Texas circuit, set a league mark last year with but one error in 146 games.

The University of Minnesota will not reduce football ticket prices next fall, but has had a \$2.50 top limit for a number of years.

HAWLEY BILL IS GIVEN SUPPORT

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community distress has reached an acute stage.

"West coast lumber mills compete with lumber, shingles and logs imported from Canada, whose currency

has been from 10 to 20 per cent below par since last September. Depreciated currency has given the Canadian industry a material advantage over the American industry in competing for the greatly restricted lumber market of the United States.

"The depreciation in foreign currencies has become a wide-spread cause of market instability, declining commodity prices and reduced wages in the United States. It is an important cause of unemployment.

"We ask only for an equalization of import duties that would restore the protection intended for American industries under our present laws before the exodus from the gold standards began."

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