

MATTERS WE DO NOT READ OF

JOHN STARK TAKES UP A SUBJECT THE PAPERS SKIP.

Caustic Comments and Observations from Maple Lane.

You may have noticed the word "Eugenics," lately. That has no particular reference to the town up the valley but refers to the idea which some people have in regard to improving the race...

erly, the greatest of all crimes; all the legal doctoring seems to be of no avail, even though legislative bodies are convening at so much per, asking for divine guidance, all to no effect.

Others take a sort of a hold, merely because it gives some distinction and maybe a few lines of brevity, so the rest of us dub as may gaze at them with open faces, because we do not understand such intricate problems.

THE COUNTY COURT SYSTEM.

The Wy a County Farmer Looks at the Ins and Outs.

Editor Courier:—In this week's paper appears an article on the doings of the county court. Why not every one tell of their treatment by the court?

There are many actions of this court that would give cause for the use of the recall and perhaps if we gave some of them the dose, it would bring them to terms.

I have heard men, who were opposed to the recall, when it was broached before, say that they wished now that it had been carried through, and that they would sign it any time it was presented to them.

Now few words as to the township system of administration of county affairs. This system is one in which the county judge as we know him is unknown.

These men are elected by the people and are responsible to them directly. The road supervisor is also elected by the people and not appointed by the powers that be and responsible to them only.

This part, the election of supervisors by the people, was tried for a few years, but it did not prove to be a good thing from the point of view of the political boss.

Another thing that was considered against it was the fact that the bosses pats were not always the ones that were favored at home by the law repealed, thus declaring that the people didn't have sense enough to know what they wanted, and the boss and the county court knew better what they wanted than the people themselves.

It is the thing to have somebody who knows it all and can tell us poor devils what to do.

Keep Foley's Honey and Tar Compound always on hand, and you can't be misled off a cold by its prompt use. It contains no opiates, heals and soothes the inflamed air passages, stops the cough, and may save a big doctor's bill. In the yellow package. Huntley Bros. Co.

DANGER FROM GRIPPE Lies in That Cough and Weak, Worn-out Condition. Grippe, pleurisy, pneumonia, these are greatly to be feared at this time of the year.

To prevent grippe from being followed by either pleurisy or pneumonia, it is important to drive the last traces of it out of the system quickly.

Our advice is to take Vinol, our delicious cod liver and iron preparation without oil, and get your strength and vitality back quickly.

Mr. A. A. Grubill, of Strasburg, Va. says: "Grippe left me weak, run down and with a severe cough, from which I suffered four years. I tried different remedies, but nothing seemed to do me any good until I took Vinol, from which I received great benefit. My cough is almost entirely gone, and I am strong and well again, and I am glad to recommend Vinol to others who suffer as I did."

Try Vinol with the certainty that if it does not benefit you we will give back your money.

Huntley Bros. Co., Druggists Oregon City, Ore.

A SOCIALISTIC IDEA.

A Scheme that Would Force the Churches to Make Good.

Colton, Ore., Jan. 4 Editor Courier:—Here is a definition given by the Encyclopedia Britannica: "Ethics of Socialism and the ethics of Christianity are identical. The general tendency is to regard as socialistic any interference undertaken by society in behalf of the poor. In general it may be described as that movement which seeks, by economic changes, to destroy the existing qualities of the world's social condition."

Here is another by the standard dictionary of the English language: "Christianity applied to social reform in accordance with the views of Maurice and Ludlow. These views are opposition to the Manchester competitive system, elimination of the working classes, by a just and generous appreciation of their rights and essential brotherhood insistence on ethical and spiritual principles as the true basis of society and promotion of co-operation associations."

Now how in the name of all that is supposed to be preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ get up in his pulpit and denounce a set of men that believe in these definitions, and are trying to live them out? It is more than I can account for. Christ said if the blind lead the blind they should both fall into the ditch.

How much benefit is it, Brother Farmer, to you? Another fine thing these scientific politicians have inaugurated is the Parcel Post. We can now send a package of eleven pounds to Chicago for one dollar sixty cents by parcel post. We can send by express for 85c.

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YOU FARMERS ANSWER.

How Many of these Advertised Benefits Have Helped You? Oregon City, Ore., January 6.

The farmers seem to be alive and waking up—thanks to organization, and papers like the Courier.

I want to ask the farmers a few questions in regard to their welfare. Scientific farmers who farm, the farmer tells us we must intensify our farming, rotate our crops, grow legumes and raise more bushels of food stuffs. During 1912 we raised two billions of bushels more than 1911 and the crop was worth five hundred million less. And they are teaching us for our benefit?

These same scientific journals a few years ago made an awful hard fight for us poor farmers for a denatured alcohol bill, so we could work our surplus crops into alcohol for our automobiles, etc. The bill passed. Did it do us any good?

Again these same scientific fellows who are so interested in the welfare of us farmers made another hard political fight for another scheme called the Postal Savings Bank. We got it. Now if we deposit our money in the postal savings bank we get two per cent interest if we leave it there for a year—and the local banks would pay you four.

Donald Badley has returned home after a short vacation with friends at Welches. He reports having had a pleasant time.

Miss Alice Wheeler will resume teaching school at this place after a two weeks' vacation.

Victor Bodley went to Portland Saturday on a pleasure trip.

DOVER.

Twelve above zero. That was our record here on the fifth of January.

Frank Morrison of Portland came out Saturday evening to visit his relatives at this place. Several of the Dover people attended a New Years' party given by Mr. E. R. Hart at Firwood. They reported a pleasant evening enjoyed by all present.

John Roberts returned to Corvallis after a week's visit here with his parents.

During the storm here Sunday, a large section of the roof from Mrs. Harriet Miller's barn was blown off.

Joseph Deshazer had a very narrow escape last Monday. He was driving a pair of mules hitched to a wagon. The team became unmanageable and ran away. Mr. Deshazer was thrown from the wagon beneath the wheels, the vehicle passing over him and bruising him up most painfully. Several of his ribs were broken.

Mrs. S. A. Cooper has been having her house remodeled, adding much to the appearance.

Harry Morrison returned to Portland after a short visit with relatives here.

W. P. Roberts had the misfortune of losing a valuable horse on New Years day.

ORDER YOUR NURSERY STOCK.

J. W. Hiatt, the Mt. Pleasant nurseryman, has a fine assortment of all kinds of nursery stock, roses, etc.

From the general appearance it looks as though our house needed two hundred and fifty dollars more expended to hold it up, as it is now propped in several places.

Mrs. S. A. Gillett's condition is not improved and no hopes are held out for her recovery.

John Copeland is quite feeble and not able to be up.

J. W. Imbler has sold three acres of his place, including residence to a gentleman from eastern Oregon, who will take possession in the spring.

Claude Van Hoy of Goldendale, Wash., is here spending the winter with his parents.

Mrs. Lizzie Nobles of Hillsboro was here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. S. A. Gillett.

The self-appointed mayor and council of Mountain View hold usually a daily session in the council room of Beverlin's store, Maxwell, Lewellen, Councilmen Brant, Stafford, Van Hoy and Brown usually present.

Mr. Alfred Berglund left for Corvallis last week to attend college.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Swartz of Portland, were visiting with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Clark of Bee Hill.

Gus Gottberg took a load of hogs to town Tuesday. Stromgreen were guests at Mr. and Mrs. P. Berglund's last Sunday.

Miss Esther Hult of Portland, is home visiting her parents at Colton.

L. O. Dix of Mulino was a business caller at Colton the latter part of the week.

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WILL COURT EXPLAIN?

Hubbard Farmer Thinks it is Up to Them to Say Something.

In your last week's issue Mr. Olds surely called the county court to book, and now in my opinion it is up to the county court to explain to us taxpayers why they paid \$17,000 for bridge material, which according to Mr. Olds' letter they could have purchased of another company for \$11,000.

Taxpayers time will soon be here and many a one will have to dig deep in his jeans to rake up enough to pay his share of the necessary expenses of the county. Eight thousand dollars to our way of thinking is quite a sum.

I wish also to commend your editorial in the same issue on the proposed road legislation. You are right in saying "give us the cross roads first and let the Pacific highway come after," or words to that effect. That is what we need, better roads from the foothills of the valley toward the railway lines and the river. If the auto fends, the speed maniacs and the Marathons racers want a speedway paralleling the railway lines and the river, let THEM build it. I for one will agree to keep out of their way.

You are right too in saying that any bill that proposes to build trunk lines first will be turned down by the people. And it should be so. The farmers of the valley have no more use for the much advertised Pacific highway than they have for another wheel to their wagons, and I hope that any legislation that tends in that direction will be turned down good and hard, and especially if the bill should carry with it some high salaried officials with powers to appoint as many deputies as they see fit.

J. S. Yoder.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

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KNOW OF THE DOCTRINE. Dec. 29.

"If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak myself."—John 6: 45.

THE word doctrine seems to be offensive to the majority of Christians. Each denomination realizes that its doctrines are undefeatable. Hence by mutual consent Christians seem disposed to ignore doctrines, believing that the matter never will be clear to anybody.

All this as presented by the Great Teacher and His Apostles, were a great message, of which none were ashamed. The difficulty is that we gradually fell away from those doctrines into bondage to human traditions and creeds. We need the doctrines of Christ and the Apostles to break down our creeds, which have separated God's people into various denominational folds, contrary to the Divine arrangement; for God has but one fold for all His "sheep" of this age.

If as God's people we put away our creeds, we shall find the "one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father over all, and one Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," and one "Church of the First-Born, whose names are written in heaven."

The Doctrines of Christ. What God's people need is to put away other gospels, other messages of hope, aside from the one which the Bible presents. Theology is one of these, Evolution another, New Theology another. These hold out a different gospel from that of Jesus and the Apostles—the one given to us for our sanctification.

The doctrines of Christ are those presented in the Bible by Jesus and the Apostles. These doctrines relate to the Church and to the world, and God's blessing for each; to sin and its forgiveness; the terms of forgiveness—the basis of that forgiveness—the death of Jesus—and the hope of that forgiveness, redemption from Divine wrath—condemnation, fellowship with God, and everlasting life through resurrection of the dead.

Someone may inquire, Why are the doctrines of Christ so misunderstood that six hundred different denominations have resulted from the differences of theory respecting them? The explanation is that, shortly after the death of the Apostles, the Adversary sowed the seeds of false doctrines, using human lips and pens in his service, through pride and ambition. The darkness became so great that we speak of the period as the "Dark Ages."

The various denominations of Christendom are evidences of honesty, perseverance and love of the Truth, because our forefathers who made these creeds were each trying to get back into the true Light. They all made the mistake, however, of holding too much to the creeds and theories of the past.

God, who foretold through the Prophets, the darkness, and who has blessed and guided His children throughout it, has promised that with the end of this Age will come a great enlightenment upon His people, scattering the darkness. "The wise shall understand, but none of the wicked shall understand." We are in the dawning of this New Age, and see clearly the Divine character and Plan for human salvation.

Willeth to Do His Will. Today's study is a message from the Master's own lips. He gives us the key to a clear knowledge of His doctrines; namely, that the student must be fully consecrated to God and fully desirous of knowing His will and His Plan. In order to see the Truth, from the standpoint of Divine Revelation, we must draw near to God in the spirit of our minds, consecrated in our heart. We must will to do His will.

God's will represents actual perfection of thought, word and deed toward God and toward all mankind. This is the Divine Standard, but we are no more able to fulfill its demands than were the Jews. The best we can do is to will to do right, and to the best of our ability carry out that covenant.

But for those who have come into harmony with God through Christ, their Advocate, a provision has been made whereby all desiring to do the Divine will and manifesting endeavors so to do, are counted as righteous—although they did the Divine will perfectly. This class are the prospective members of the Body of Christ. To these the promises of our text apply. They shall know if our Lord merely made up these teachings, or whether He was the active Agent of Jehovah.

On the threshold of a new year shall we not determine to give our hearts fully to the Lord—to do God's will? If so, we shall doubtless be enabled fully to understand the doctrines of Christ—the deep things of God, revealed to this Class by the Spirit of God.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson.

"Suffered day and night the torment of itching piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. The result was lasting."—Hon. John R. Garrett, Mayor, Girard, Ala.

Dr. L. G. ICE DENTIST Beaver Building Oregon City

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Advertisement for HART'S EASY JOB. Text: Slept For a Week and Made Enough to Live on For a Year. To sleep for one's living, says the London Chronicle, may appeal to some as a more attractive alternative than to work for one's living. But the feat has been achieved. In the Daily Courant of Aug. 9, 1711, the following advertisement appears: "Nicholas Hart, who slept last year in St. Bartholomew's hospital, intends to sleep this year at the Cock and Bottle in Little Britain." Some further particulars of this professional somnolent are to be found in the Spectator for Oct. 1 of that year. It appears that Hart was every year seized with a periodical fit of sleeping, which began on Aug. 5 and ended on the 11th: its various stages are thus described: "On the 1st of that month he grew dull; on the 2d, appeared drowsy; on the 3d, fell a-yawning; on the 4th, began to nod; on the 5th, dropped asleep; on the 6th, was heard to snore; on the 7th, turned himself in his bed; on the 8th, recovered his former posture; on the 9th, fell a-stretching; on the 10th, about midnight, awakened; on the 11th, in the morning, called for a little small beer." This performance it is asserted, gained for Hart "enough to support himself for a twelvemonth."

As an admirer of the other beautiful arrangement it is also proposed that candidates for matrimony shall submit to a fine hold-up, by one or a board of D. M. D. S. No there will be nothing wrong about this, ladies and gentlemen, everything will be on the square.

Now if Uncle Same did not pay in rent every year for postal cars more than the cars cost him, he might compete with Wells-Fargo & Co. But as it is what benefit Brother Farmer, are you getting out of it?

Old age as it comes in the orderly process of nature is a beautiful and majestic thing. It stands for experience, knowledge, wisdom, counsel. That is old age as it should be, but old age as it often is means a poor digestion, torpid bowels, a sluggish liver, and a general feeling of ill health, despondency and misery. This is almost every instance is wholly unnecessary. One of Chamberlain's Tablets taken immediately after supper will improve the digestion, tone up the liver and regulate the bowels. That feeling of despondency will give way to one of hope and good cheer. For sale by Huntley Bros. Co.