

JOHN STARK'S COMMENT COLUMN

LETTERS ALWAYS READ BUT NEVER REPLIED TO.

Comments on Some Live and Dead Public Matters.

One of the greatest discoveries of the age was noted in the Journal recently and like all great things it did not get the notice it deserves. It is a cure for the social evil. This does not consist in the law of Moses to stone to death the women in the case. While the man is attending to his duties at the Sanhedrin. Nor yet even the rack or the thumb screw. Not even our modern civilized way of police levying blackmail. This is entirely new and decidedly practical and takes into account "human nature"—what ever that is. But let me quote from the Journal. "A philanthropist (mark that) in one of our western cities has established a colony of small plots of ground, each containing a comfortable bungalow, also an up to date chicken house with all necessary appliances. The dependant young women from the city are placed on these small plants, and are paying good rent (get that?) and living in luxury. You see the Journal is modest enough not to claim original discovery of this short cut to decent, honorable lives by the "fallen women." Just let me here remark that the "fallen man" is no more, either there never was but one, and he has been dead a long time, or if there were any after him they have been "redeemed" because the priests and politicians killed the walking delegate of the Carpenters' Union two thousand years ago.

Now just read that quotation again to slow meter. This benefactor is getting "good rent" just like the owners of the houses in the burnt district. Then it looks to me like this; when any of our sisters are no longer fit for the sex market—become unprofitable—enter the rent grafter on a chicken ranch; that's it, putting her to raising chickens and trapping chicken lice and—pay a "good rent."

I suppose the O. A. C. or the S. P. will run a chicken demonstration train to the north end under the guidance of the Journal editor and induce all of the market discards to become "honest farmers." I wonder what mighty brain gave birth to that idea? The Journal seems to act as midwife and do it nicely.

No rescue home foolishness about this, not even the time honored diversion of some idlers or well intentioned, but poorly informed chumps slumming. Nor even become an object of pity and contempt by holding prayer meetings among the denizens of the underworld. No casting out of devils from our Magdalines. No sit! Just a plain business proposition. Whenever one of the unfortunates becomes out of date our "philanthropist" is Johnny on the spot with a rent contract, while the Journal editor is just behind with a setting of Buff Orpingtons guaranteed trap nested.

I say men, and brothers to these our sisters, let us stop the accursed traffic by making woman socially and economically free even if your "philanthropic" rent lord and land lord must eat eat his bread in the sweat of his own face!

I observe that the editor and publishers of the Boise Idaho News have been sentenced to ten days in jail and a fine of \$500 by the supreme court of that state on a charge of contempt of court. The dispatches say "There is no appeal." Well now, it seems to this scribbler that no better appeal could be desired than to get back into the editorial chair and "bear down on the pencil." I only wish about half of the editors of this judge cursed land could spend ten days in jail. I'll bet a railroad doughnut there would be some appeal.

The case was over an editorial criticism of the court's decision in regard to placing the electors of the Progressive party on the ballot. Just what language editor Broxon used I do not know, but this much can be taken for granted, no one can speak more contemptible of courts than some courts will act. Recall the judges!

What is the meaning of all this noise proposing intervention in Mexico "to protect American interests?" There are no American interests in Mexico. When any man or company of men go to Mexico, or anywhere else for that matter, they turn their backs upon American protection. They expatriate themselves and whatever of property they may accumulate belongs to that country. They acquired such property under that country's rules and must be bound by them. They take their own chances; if such persons wish the protection of this country let them remain here. Human life is too dear to pay out in protection of a bunch of humaneers.

When you read the reports of the many hungry men, women and children that received their annual feed at the hands of charity, did you remember the wording of the Thanksgiving proclamation by Taft and West?

One of the most significant signs of the times was the federation of churches effected at Chicago last month, wherein the church program came down out

of the clouds to material things; to deal with the social and economic affairs of mankind, the outline of which reads very much closer to the Socialist platform than anything ever written outside of that party's councils. One other noteworthy incident of that gathering was that vice-president elect Gov. Marshall was there to tell the churches to keep up in the air so as not to interfere with human affairs; giving a better "stand-pat" speech than Mark Hanna would have done and this from that great progressive (?) democrat.

Can anyone in this meeting tell me who it was that said "Where the carcass is there the buzzards will gather?" Must have had in mind the patriotic army of soft-handed, unemployed going to Washington. Did you notice any of the Mudsills among them; I mean those who toil and pay taxes and who come in for so much fulsome flattery up to Nov. 5? As a part of the same problem in a slightly different way, can you give me any information regarding what kind of workmen were in the three big conventions? You know the "workingmen's friends" were there in full force. "Oh workingmen don't understand these questions," you tell me and so somebody must do it for them. Nobody does the work for them, nor fights for them, nor starves for them. Just eats taxes and wears fine clothes for them, that's all!

I observe that the fruit growers of the four Pacific Northwest states are forming a union taking all the important commercial fruit sections in one big union instead of local sections as heretofore. That is what must come and then a national union will be the next inevitable step. Indeed not far from that will come an organization to handle all farm crops from a national clearing house, which, by the way, is the plan of the Farmers' Society of Equity. Co-operation is the coming rule of all affairs and just as soon as these co-operative societies are formed and become effective they must grow larger until we get to the national goal which is the co-operative commonwealth, or, to use a shorter and more expressive term, Socialism.

A man held up a Seattle editor and demanded \$1,000 from him. It is reported that he is evidently insane. Is the Idaho supreme court insane for trying to hold up the Boise News or is the court only crooked?

JOHN F. STARK.

GLARING MISSTATEMENTS. Writer Says P. W. Meredith is Entirely Wrong on Figures.

Editor Courier:— In a recent issue of the Courier, an article signed by P. W. Meredith, contained a slighting statement in regard to Parcel Post. As it did not make any direct misstatement of facts, I took no notice of it. But in last week's paper he comes back with an article so grossly incorrect as to occasion the query "which express company is he working for?"

I hope the article was a misprint, for surely a man wouldn't write of a subject unless he was better informed than the article shows. If he will call at the office and get the rate on, say a 10 lb. package, he will get a rating of \$1.40 to Chicago, Ill. the point he cited in his article against his rate of 85 cents, which is grossly incorrect. If he should then ask at the Post Office for the Parcel Post rate, on 10 lbs. to the same point, he would be told that the charge is \$1.01, a direct saving to the shippers of 39 cents. This charge, \$1.01, pays as well for the delivery, to any desired address, while the express rate does not pay for delivery, only in certain towns and cities.

I had so many people asking whether or not they could send cheaper by express that I investigated for myself and prepared a very complete schedule of express rates to important places East. I can show a saving, to any interested shipper, of as high as 43 cents for 10 lb. packages down to a few cents for the 1 lb. packages at the same distance.

Parcel Post rates will carry an 11 lb. package anywhere in the world for less than express rates will carry the same package from Oregon City, Oregon to Denver, Colo.

I am not trying to knock anybody's business, but merely to correct a published mistake, which might influence persons who do not know the correct rate. Parcel Post matter includes only merchandise or fourth class matter.

R. H. Trullinger.

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THE FARMER, 40 PER CENT MAN

CASTRO'S PRACTICAL TALK OF FARMING AND METHODS

What the Farmer is Now, and What he Might Be.

Editor Courier:— Having read with great interest the article in last week's issue written by A. J. Kelhofer, I wish to say that I co-incide with him in every particular. The farmer should and must soon come into his own as the occupation of farming is becoming to be nothing more than a mere "job." It is true most farming conditions are much better now than they were a number of years ago, but the one most vital principle, the very one that makes farming a success has been sadly neglected and has been allowed to become the prey of speculators and market-manipulators. That principle is the selling and marketing of the products of the farms. We are being taught more strongly every day how to raise larger crops; how to specialize; how to raise finer and better stock; but never a word do we hear regarding better methods of selling and marketing of these great crops.

As has been aptly said, "It is not that the farmer needs more and better crops but more money." Farming should be and is, a business proposition and the end in view of a business proposition is money. The question is then, by whom and how is this result to be accomplished? To me

can be seen from these principles that it is not offered in a spirit of antagonism. The objects embrace equity to all. Farmers simply must have their just dues. When we consider, as has been shown by statistics, that the farmer is receiving only an average of 40 per cent on all farm products, is it any wonder that 75 per cent of the farmers of the United States are renters. Why are such a large per cent renters? Simply because they are forced to dispose of their products at unprofitable prices.

We recognize the fact that we are unable to do away with the middle man entirely but we know that we can eliminate a large part of the cost thus benefitting both the consumer and the producer. Mr. Kelhofer has shown briefly how the Society proposes to do this. We expect soon to have a broad and definite plan of publicity in Clackamas County and will be glad to impart fully information to all who may apply. S. L. CASTO.

LOST, THREE OLD MEN.

Taxpayers of Clackamas County, Last Seen in Portland.

Editor Courier:— There are three Clackamas county farmers with long whiskers that I would like to locate. Arise ye and come forth. Who are you, and from whence come you? Mr. Taxpayer, on September 23 last I introduced a resolution in the Milwaukee Grange covering the bridge matters of this county, and on the next day, the 24th, it came out in the Portland Journal, and there it was in the mouths of a great many that E. D. Olds the bridge man, was after the county court.

And then a certain man by the name of A. E. Eberhart of Port-

in his office, while the third went out, was gone about twenty minutes and came back and handed him (Mr. Eberhart) two \$20 gold pieces and one \$10, and then they left.

I talked bridge business with him for I think about an hour and a half, and finally told him it was necessary for me to know those long whiskered taxpayers before I would have anything to do with him, as he (Mr. Eberhart) was a stranger to me. But after I had got home and had thought the matter over carefully, I concluded that he could not put one over very far on me on the bridge business if he desired to (and perhaps he thought the same after his talk with me) so I phoned to him and told him that I would go with him. He was to furnish the automobile and the day was set, but Mr. Eberhart never showed up.

And quite a while afterwards a certain man told me in Portland that this man Eberhart was indirectly connected with the Coast Bridge Company. Now what I want is the pleasure of meeting those poor, old, grey whiskered taxpayers and to extend my sympathy to them for losing the \$50.

Come forth, you veterans, and receive my heartfelt sympathy. E. D. OLDS.

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SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clackamas. George A. McClurg, Plaintiff, vs. Lillian V. McClurg, Defendant. To the above named defendant, Lillian V. McClurg: In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the 22nd day of February, 1913, that being the date fixed by the Court for you to appear and answer herein and being six weeks from the date of the first publication of the summons, in default whereof, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: for a decree of divorce dissolving the marriage contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment and desertion.

and for such other and further relief as this Court may deem equitable. This summons is published once a week for six consecutive weeks by order of J. A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court. Dated this 8th day of January, 1913, directing the first publication to be made on the 10th day of January, 1913, and the last on the 21st day of February, 1913. W. F. Klinemank and A. M. Brunswick, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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