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Official Paper for the Farmers Society of Equity of Clackamas Co. M. J. BROWN, EDITOR

Sulzer, impeached as governor of New York, has been nominated by the Progressives for member of the state legislature.

The Buffalo, N. Y., Enquirer says judges who insist on intervention in Mexico would neither fight nor pay any more war taxes than they could help.

There is a recall election on at Hood River for the entire county court, and the charges are extravagance, waste of public money, etc. The campaign is causing much excitement and both sides are working hard for the women vote.

Governor Foss of Massachusetts, has Haney of California, skinned in jumping sideways. A few years ago he was an ardent Republican, then he went over to the Democrats long enough to be made governor, and now he is out as a candidate on the Independent ticket.

Remember on election day you will vote on the bills as passed by the legislature, not on the matter of sustaining or rejecting the referendums. You will vote as if the measures were simply handed you from the legislature for your approval or rejection. The question is shall the bill be a law—that's all.

The Salem Journal says of the commission form of government: Running a city is as much a matter of business as any other business, and certainly no business man would consider for a moment the idea of allowing his business to be managed by a committee even of his friends, yet that is the way city affairs are now managed.

Ex-Senator Bourne has been up to Eugene talking his national good roads bonding scheme. Wouldn't it jar you if he were yet to ride into the senate on this hobby?—Telephone Register, McMinnville.

What? Jar one to ride into the U. S. senate on roads that cost \$1,500,000,000? That is the kind of a hobby that doesn't hit the low places.

In answer to Mr. Heinbotham's question last week permit me to say that there is no local or special law proposed for a county public library in Clackamas County.

The County Court has power, without a referendum vote, to levy a special tax for a county public library and to establish branches. The law granting this power to the court is on page 205 of the Session Laws of 1911 and in sections 4346 to 4359 of the Oregon Laws.

Judge Anderson and the commissioners will not make the levy nor establish the library unless the people vote for it. Therefore they ordered the question on the ballot for the election which is to be held on the 4th of November.

If a majority of those voting on the question vote for the library, the court will make the levy and establish a county library with branches. If the people vote "no" the court will take no further action.

HOME MADE LAW In Maryland some of the well to do negroes have been purchasing property in a fashionable neighborhood.

The whites objected. A handy judge of the Humphries type, was appealed to.

He issued an order that thereafter colored people should not be permitted to own land or build houses in that locality, or live there except as servants.

Where will these judges go, if allowed the limit? Suppose we should ordain that only blondes would be allowed to own land or live on Knob Hill in Portland?

Just as much justice in such a decision as the one in Maryland. Court made law and government by injunction are putting the judiciary in wrong, very, very fast.

Frost and Green Win Jack Frost and S. R. Green, ex-politicians, won their suit against the city last week, when Justice Sleviers gave them a judgement for \$78 for pay during vacation.

This claim had been rejected by the city council and suit was brought. N. B. Hicks was attorney for Frost and Green and City Attorney Stone for defendants.

SOME DAY, PERHAPS Here are a few ideas the lawyers may not think judicially sound, but I have an idea the common fellows will cotton to them somewhat.

They are not original reforms the Courier dug out by hard thinking, but stolen from a little dinkie island, New Zealand, that little country of progression that but a few years ago was classed as an island of savages.

I take the civil cases where less than \$400 is involved and have them settled by an arbitration board of three, with no appeal from the verdict only on proof of corruption of one or more of the board. The plaintiff picks one man, the defendant one man and the Justice of the Peace acts as the third.

They are allowed pay for one day's work as arbitrators. A majority renders the verdict. Both sides to the case are stated to the arbitrators by the parties in disagreement.

There are no lawyers' fees, no court costs, no appeals, no delays. The matter is simply presented by the principals, a verdict rendered the same day and it is ended.

Here a man brings action for perhaps \$50. It goes into the circuit court for trial, with court expenses and attorneys' fees. If either party is hard headed enough, the case is appealed to the supreme court, and again come the expenses. When the case is ended the lawyers on both sides get many times the amount sued for, and on top of this come the court cost. And on top of them the worry and uneasiness.

Then go a little further and put a time limit on criminal cases and misdemeanors, to be tried before the court, and you have shortened up the work of judges and juries so that it will not be necessary to have additional ones.

But we will never get such a law through the legislature. The only way is through the people, via the initiative, and some day, when we have had a few more Judge Humphries, the people will take hold of some such proposition, add to the amendment a few more short cuts, and the people will pass it.

But as Ex-Governor Hughes of New York once said, it takes an earthquake to stir the masses, but once aroused they move.

REASONS FOR KILLING The following reasons for defeating the sterilization law are given in a circular letter sent out from Portland, which we are requested to publish.

If this law is approved by the people and is constitutional, it will be possible for only two men, one a superintendent of a State Asylum, with or without an affidavit, without a trial or hearing, without a notice to the insane person or prisoner, or to any friend, relative or guardian, to cause any insane person in the State institutions to be sterilized, spayed, castrated or otherwise mutilated by any "surgical operation" the State Board of Health may be pleased to order. Nothing is required by law but approval by the State Board of the reports of the superintendent.

then steering the market to swallow up that money. The New York political grafters have for scores of years handled and used the governors of New York state, and Democratic Tammany Murphy and Republican Ben J. Barnes, and their disciples have played the game together and divided the spoils.

Hughes, when governor, would not play the grafting game, and the gang had to go to spineless Taft and have him remove him by the gift of a supreme court judgeship—and to the dishonor of Hughes, he accepted and left the masses who believed in him and made him.

Sulzer would not graft the people or permit the gangs to do so. There were no bribes that dared be offered him. He was a menace to Tammany and its Republican half brothers. It was a case of kill Sulzer or ruin him. The latter was safer, and the bunch of character assassins framed up the dishonorable, criminal deal and plugged it to an end through its handy men in the New York legislature.

But the end is not yet in New York. An outraged and disgusted people, which has repeatedly tried for relief in both parties, will soon break up the looters and by sheer force of numbers elect legislators pledged to give them political powers, and when New York does get direct primaries, the initiative, referendum and recall, then there will be a cleaning out of cess pools that will smell to heaven.

At the state meeting of the Farmers Society of Equity, held in the court house in Portland last week, the proposed U'Ren \$1500 exemption measure was unanimously adopted, by the passage of a resolution, and without a word of argument against the resolution. The farmers know this proposed amendment favors the little man and the worker, and they realize it puts more taxation on those who should pay more of it.

Exempting taxation from certain forms of industry may be class legislation, but it appears to be about the only means under our present unjust system of assessments to get anyone near to forcing those who should pay more to come to the rack. Exempting \$1500 from homes, livestock, improvements, etc., will force the amounts exempted to be raised on other property, and perhaps it will make such property as the Mock Bottoms in Portland, assessed for \$600 an acre, and which the owners asked \$3,000 an acre, come through with a little more state and county revenue, and the farmer and laborer have a little less to pay.

The Grange and the Farmers Union should back up the Equity in its stand, as the exemption bill is clearly in favor of the masses.

THE EFFECTIVE WAY The findings of the state health officer in this city has caused no end of talk, and it is sad to observe that will bring action for damages against the newspapers that publish the report—on the ground that the publication has seriously injured his business.

If this man's place had been kept as it should have been kept, if it was clean and sanitary, there would have been no such report to publish. The newspaper that publishes the news of a grocer being caught short weighing, does an injury to the business of the grocer, but the grocer is himself to blame.

The publication of the grand jury indictments and the trial jury verdicts injure the convicted parties, but it is the guilty ones, not the newspapers, that are responsible.

It is argued that the state inspector might have made his reports privately and that the conditions could have been remedied just as well.

They COULD have but they would not have. People who come here have a right to know under what conditions their goods come to them, and publicity has a punch behind it that any man or any business fears when that man or that business is not what it should be.

There will be more cleanliness and more sanitary conditions around food-stuffs in Oregon City from now on. It might weigh more ruin any man's business to have many such reports as some of the business places got last week.

And when they offer us food under such filthy conditions, the sooner they are ruined the better.

The state inspectors and county health officer did a splendid work for Oregon City last week.

WHY? The state board of health comes to Oregon City, investigates the causes of typhoid, closes a dairy and forbids it do business for a stated time—because the water it washed its cans in contained typhoid germs.

The state pure food commissioners come to Oregon City, arrest a meat dealer and scare others for unsanitary conditions under which food is sold.

But the stinking Willamette, the filthy sewer water, the fluid that has killed and will continue to kill—the vile stuff that is poison and as dangerous as poison—how about it?

Do they forbid the city to serve it? Do they have the city officials arrested for serving it, after they have had positive knowledge of its danger thru their own analysis?

No. They simply tell you to disinfect it, to boil it.

Might just as well tell a meat market which has rotten meat to embalm it before selling it?

Isn't water of as much importance as meat or groceries? Isn't water that is taken out of the river and drunk by our people as dangerous as the same water used in washing milk cans?

Hadn't the state officials better get onto the WHOLE job?

NEEDED LEGISLATION Oregon is one of a few states that still clings to the system of the days of the circuit rider in the matter of a district attorney covering territory.

There is little doubt but the people will do away with this antiquated system November 4, and sustain the law passed by the last legislature, giving to each county its own prosecuting attorney.

And after this will come the same needed legislation along judgeship lines. If the referendum is voted down and the county attorney law upheld, there is little doubt but what the next legislature will pass a companion law, giving to each county a circuit court judge.

We should have it, it is needed legislation. If we had both a circuit

judge and a district attorney in every county there would be a wonderful shortening up of the docket. A man arrested for a crime would not have a speedy trial, he would not have to lay in jail for weeks at the county's expense, and in case of innocence, and where he could not get bail, he would not have to serve time for a crime he did not commit.

The Courier believes the county attorney law is a move for reform, and that justice demands it. It gives every county an attorney and makes him responsible. It will cut out delays in trials and county expenses.

It will result in more justice, vigorous prosecutions, will cut out the deputies and give each county its own management. Clackamas county is going for the County attorney bill and going hard, and there is every reason to think the vote will vote "ye".

Vote 306 ye, if you want this reform law.

TAKE IT, OR LOOK OUT The Richmond, Cal., Tribune says of the Democratic currency bill that the bankers had better take what is offered and look pleasant, for just as sure as the sun shines and God reigns, if they undertake to balk at these needed reforms the government will do the banking business itself, and the people will furnish all the money needed at the five per cent interest which the government will pay. They can easily do this by withdrawing from the savings banks the FOUR BILLION DOLLARS they have in them at three and four per cent. The fact that they would not hesitate a minute to do this is made plain by the fact that they are already keeping with the postal savings banks something like \$33,000,000 at only three per cent. The time for bank making money panics is passed. There will be no more of them tolerated.

THE LOG ROLLING WAY Senator Hal D. Patton of Salem, gives the Statesman an interview in which he declares emphatically that the University of Oregon is entitled to the appropriations made by the last legislature. He has a right to vote with thousands of others, but he unwittingly shows how legislation is brought about in the "tickle-me-and-I'll-tickle-you" system in vogue in the sacred precincts of legislative halls at Salem. Here are his own words: "The Lane county delegation was only too willing to support the thousands appropriated for Salem and vicinity and it ill becomes us to withhold our support at the polls for the neighboring institution." Salem wanted much; Eugene wanted something; they helped us and we will help them. Here's the argument, concise, cogent and relevant. Is it not?—McMinnville News-Reporter.

REST I wish I was a rock A-sittin' on a hill, A-doin' nothin' all day long. But just a-sittin' still, I wouldn't sleep; I wouldn't eat; I wouldn't even wash; I'd just sit still a thousand years.

Let me rest myself, by gosh! Funny, isn't it? I confessed I laughed when I read it first. It seemed so good an expression of the inmost feelings of the man who is "tired of it all" and just wants to "let everything slide."

We all have those times when nothing seems to matter, when the work we are doing seems not worth while, when we seem to have accomplished nothing and the future is not a blank page to be written on anew, but already scrawled over with the ugly records of foreordained failure.

That's when we want to just sit still a thousand years and rest ourselves. Of course those moments come more often in summer, when moving a little finger is work and hoisting a row of beans or hitting a typewriter is arduous work, but the other three seasons of the year are not free from them.

Even when the air is filled with snow and the icicles hang from the eaves there will come times when all seems vanity and nothing is worth while.

But do you really think you could sit still like a rock for a thousand years and rest yourself? You couldn't, and you know you couldn't. If you could you would be resting more than even the rock. That disintegrates in the summer heat and the winter snow and gives of its substance to enrich the neighboring fields.

The eternal law of satisfied life is not take, but give. When you rest—really rest—you do not give, but take in preparation for giving. You take in fresh strength and inspiration for the work which you must do, for the energy which you must give, if you are a real, true man or woman.

When you feel really "tired out" and ready to rest a thousand years or any considerable fraction of that long stretch of time you are like a storage battery that has been exhausted. You need recharging. You must be taken or must take yourself to the great central station of nature and fill your cells with the current of life.

Then, when you are fully charged, you can go back to the business of life, which is not resting, but doing. Resting is good in its proper place and time, but too much resting is not really resting. It is rusting.

I have a client that wants to borrow \$1,000, good farm security given. I also have several good mortgages for sale. If you wish to loan your money to me, over Bank of Oregon City, see me, over Charles T. Toole.

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Naming the Order. Among the many names or titles suggested for the Order of Patrons of Husbandry when it was being instituted, these were most to the point: "The Independent Order of Progressive Farmers," "Knights of the Plow," "Lords of the Soil," and in place of calling it a "Lodge" to name it a "garden," "arbor" or simply "Home."

How Much is a Rose Worth? The Panama-Pacific exposition, to be held in 1915, offers a trophy valued at \$1,000 for the finest named rose shown that year.—News Item.

How much is a rose worth to you? Nothing, you say. You have a whole gardenful of roses, and you don't bother much about them. Oh, yes; of course mother and the girls like to fuss around the bushes and decorate the house with the flowers, but you are too busy to think about them.

It is a mistake, friend. Think a bit about the rose and what it means. You will learn not only to love the fragrant flower, but will acquire a new outlook on life. The rose is worth a good deal, you see.

The man who does not love roses has missed a great thing. Into his life has never come in all likelihood the thought that perhaps, after all, life was made to be filled with sweetness and beauty and fragrance and not with gloom and bitterness and disappointment. Such is the lesson of the rose, and it is a lesson that is worth learning.

Every man on earth may have his roses. If he is walled up in a city and his lot is cast in rigid, unyielding lines of stone and brick he may still see the rose of life blooming on the cheek of a little child; he may find its fragrance in the holy odor of a good deed; he may read its lesson in the beauty of usefulness lives lived uncomplainingly amid hardship and privation.

All such are akin to the rose. All open their petals to the sun that may see them and rejoice. The spirit of the rose is found everywhere.

Yes, but the rose has thorns? True we cannot deny the thorns. They prick, and they make difficult the cutting of the roses. But the thorns have their reason and their purpose, since in the great plan which rules the world nothing is made without reason. They protect the rose from foes.

And in the lives which seem to be all thorns and oh, such few blossoms!—may it not be that the thorns will be found to have their uses when the final reckoning is cast?

The world can well afford to pay \$1,000 for a new rose. The price is low for an addition to the stock of beauty represented by the queen of flowers. Other flowers may come and go in popular favor, but the rose remains the favorite it has been since the first man took note of the beautiful bloom.

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