

Our Correspondents' Views

A YANKEE HURT

Thinks the Editor has Forgotten His Colonial History Lessons

Editor Courier:—

In your paper July 9th you mentioned the burning of witches in New England. Now I lived in New England many years and I never heard of it. I heard there was a witch burned in Georgia but not in New England. I heard they hanged 10 witches at Salem, Mass., but that was a long time ago.—A. C. R.

The editor is very glad our correspondent has called our attention to this matter. We should be very sorry to be guilty of any injustice toward the estimable New Englanders, who were conscientious in their persecution of the supposed witches 250 years ago. We can scarcely be mistaken as to the facts however, unless the compiler of the writers' old school history was at fault. We still remember that particular history lesson very perfectly and even recall the incidents of the day it was studied.

It was one of those hot sunny days in early June when the air was full of the fragrance of the woods, the buzzing of bees and songs of birds—it was one of those perfect summer days when the call of nature is most alluring and the river bank is most inviting, and incidentally a history lesson most detestable; and as the hot sunshine poured into the school room through the south windows I could not keep my thoughts from wandering away to the old swimming hole under the shady weeping willows. I could not help noticing the vacant seats of certain brave youths who I well knew were paddling their canoes along the margin of the lake and hooking bass and croppies, and I wondered with much anxiety whether those conscienceless individuals had discovered where my precious first pole and bait can were hidden.

And as I thought of all these things and studied the lesson of the witches, I thought bitterly of the injustice of the world—the injustice of torturing witches with fire and boys with school lessons, and I resolved then and there to pay my respects some day to Rev. Cotton Mather and his crowd of witch torturing fanatics. Considering that there is 20 years' interest due on account I think I let them off very easy in stating that they burned their victims when they only hanged them. I might have stated with a clear conscience that the colonist not only cooked their witches but ate them as well; only the thought did not occur to me at the time I wrote it.

However there can be no doubt that persons suspected of being witches have been persecuted in America, and as persecution and fire are pretty much the same, the particular modus operandi of our early forefather does not greatly matter; and the fact also remains to be considered that while we may think with contempt of the men of old who were so ignorant as to believe in such silly notions as witchcraft, yet we of today have a brutal way of persecuting those whom we dislike, because they are old, helpless, poor and wretched, or because they differ with us in the color of their skin, the language they speak, or in their religious or political ideas. We are not so very much better than the men of old Salem after all.

THE BEST

Fruit Varieties for Willamette Valley (Contributed)

This is one of the hardest valleys concerning which to give advice as to the variety of fruit to plant, due to the large area of the valley and the many varied conditions that are found, and owing also to the fact that with apples especially, the industry is still in its infancy.

Apples: Yellow Newton, Jonathan, Grimes Golden, Rome Beauty, Gano, Rhode Island Greening, Gravenstein, Ortley, Wagner, Spitzenberg, Vanderpool Red, Northern Spy. Peaches: Bartlett, d'Anjou, Comice, Patrick Barry, and Clairgrou, Worthy of trial are Glou Moreau, Beaure Hardy, Rose, Howell, President Drouard, Duchess Bordeaux.

Peaches: Early Alexander, Amstein June, Waterloo, Triumph, Early Columbia, Hale's Early, Mamie Rose, Lovell Champion, Early Crawford, Early Charlotte, Tuscan Cling, Golden Cling, Muir, Late Crawford, Elberta, Globe, Fitzgerald, Salway. These varieties are named in their fruit order. Some of the most promising of the list are the Amstein June, Early Crawford, Early Charlotte, Mamie Rose, Muir, Elberta, Globe and Salway.

Prunes: Italian; Plums: The Peach Plum and the Satsuma. The Maynard is a good home plum. Cherries: Sweet—Royal Ann, Bing, and Lambert; sour—Olivet, Montmorency and Early Richmond, and May Duke and Late Duke for Duques which are especially fine for local cherries.

Walnuts: Franquet, Mayette, and Meylan. Grapes: Worden, Concord, Niagara, Delaware and Breighton. Apricots and almonds are rarely grown, but such almonds as Grosse Tender and Langueoloe should be tried.

Red Raspberries: Culbert, Marlboro, Superlative, Antwerp. Blackberries: Evergreen, Snyder, Mammoth. Gooseberries: The Oregon, Downing, Industry, Smith. Currants: Perfection, Fay, Victoria, White Grape.

Strawberries: Gold Dollar, Sixteen to one, Mazoon, Clark's Seedling, Autumn Bell, Marshall.

EDD OLDS SCORES HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES

Writes Withycombe a Letter Which Gets a Very Queer Answer

I still see a great deal said in your valuable paper about the liquor question, which I think is a very live issue. I see that Brother Spence has come out and taken a stand on the question, which I think is absolutely right. But, Brother Spence, will not the German Verein hold another meeting and instruct their society to show you under because you are a dry man, the same as they did before the primaries? They came very close to getting Chris Schuebel, but he happened to have too many German followers, being a German himself.

Now I know that was what beat me in the primaries—a simple case of a man taking a stand between right and wrong. I had the nerve to take the stand for the interest of the women and children as Mrs. J. L. Mumpower asserts in her article of the 16th, of which she is correct. Now you booze fighters and beer drinkers of Clackamas county, go to it. I am on the ticket again this fall as a progressive candidate; beat me again if you want to. I will laugh at you just the same, but don't you forget it—I am still here and am progressive and have got the nerve to fight you on any old turn of the road on the whiskey question.

You hop growers—you 15 cents a pound hop growers—don't you know that the brewers are the ones that make the money out of your crops? You don't make it. How many of you in the state in the last 24 years dug up your yards because you couldn't make it? The price was so low? And during that time how many breweries did you see dug up? (Not a one.) And they still charged you 5 cents for beer if your hops weren't worth 2 cents.

You Oregon City political rings, if a man has got a mind of his own and won't let you dictate to him of course you will show him under. You speak of Oregon City going dry and Milwaukee wet, and it hurting Oregon City. Live along the line awhile and see the class of people that take their money to Milwaukee. Who is it? It is about 90 percent of the kind that will do just what the political rings of Oregon City want them to do, and of course they don't want a man that has got a mind of his own in office.

Now voters and taxpayers of Clackamas County, you allowed yourselves to be beaten by a certain clique, and you have got Hunt and Kraxberger for your nominees, and you can have them if you want them, but here is a man who has got nerve enough to openly say that he is not going to swallow a pill that he doesn't like; for I want to state to you that the world wouldn't stop going 'round if you didn't get that revenue off of whiskey.

You wouldn't have me because I was too dry, and anybody that drinks, leans that way, or has not got the nerve to get off the fence on the question, need not apply to me this fall for a vote, for you won't get it. I am just as firm in my belief about the liquor question as you are and am going to stand pat.

The following is a letter to Dr. Withycombe written by me (and an answer) to explain where I stand. And I am a little bit afraid that he won't get my vote this fall. But say, you Democrats, don't swell up now for your candidate won't get it either, for he is just as bad if not worse. He is on the fence too and has not got the nerve to get off, but believe me they will fall pretty soon and are liable to light pretty hard.

The time has come when a man has got to take sides just the same in Oregon as they did in Kansas years ago, according to William Allen White, as he writes in the Post. Yours for a dry State and Nation and cleaner and better politics, E. D. Olds.

Withycombe To Olds Oak Grove, Ore., July 13th, 1914. Hon James Withycombe—Corvallis, Oregon.

My Dear Doctor:—In reading the papers I see that Hon. W. S. U'Ren has put the question to you direct how you stand on the question of National and State wide prohibition; and as yet I have failed to see where you have announced yourself in favor of this State and National prohibition. Now, as I am a life long Republican, and committeeman in my precinct, and do not want to vote for anybody but a Republican, and would like very much to vote for you on the 3rd day of November next, which I believe is going to be a Republican day, (but I believe that the liquor question is one of the greatest questions that confronts the people of this age, for you can take most any corruption in almost any line and lay it at the saloon door and be correct) but I have promised myself that I would not vote for a man this fall that would not get off the fence and state where he stood on this great question; and that he would have to stand on the dry side.

Now my dear friend I want to vote for you this fall and I believe your heart is in the right place; but I would like to see you come out square and flat-footed and face the issue as it now stands before us; and I also believe you will make votes by so doing.

Now I take the privilege of writing to you personally, to satisfy myself, and will you kindly answer this to let me know where you are on the question.

Sincerely hoping that you will grant this favor and that you will be on the right side this fall, I remain Yours truly, E. D. Olds.

Olds To Withycombe July 18, 1914. Corvallis, Oregon.

My Dear Mr. Olds:—Have your very interesting letter, and in reply beg to say that I have been a temperance man all of my life, but I find myself in a very embarrassing position and having that the situation over very seriously and conscientiously believe that I should not take sides for or against state prohibition for the reason that it is not a party question but a moral and economic one. As you know I am the nominee of the Republican party, a party which has not declared its

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self on the liquor question and I feel that I have no right as your candidate to declare for them. I may be wrong in this conclusion, but it is my honest opinion.

Now I will and do say that if prohibition is adopted by the people of Oregon and I become Governor, the law will be positively and rigidly enforced and the state shall be made dry even if I have to invoke every power given the executive under our constitution.

I would like very much to see you some time and talk this matter over. Thanking you for your kindness and with best regards, I am, Faithfully yours, James Withycombe.

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Daisy F. Leisy, Plaintiff, vs. Perry Leisy, Defendant. To Perry Leisy, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint in this case filed against you in the above entitled court and suit within six weeks from the date of the first

publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply for the relief demanded in her complaint, to-wit: For a decree of absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the plaintiff and defendant and for such further relief as the court may deem proper.

This summons is published in pursuance of an order of the Hon. J. U. Campbell, Judge of the above entitled court, made and entered on the 16th day of July, 1914.

Date of first publication, July 23, 1914. Date of last publication Sept. 3, 1914. ABRAHAM NELSON, Westbrook & Westbrook, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 307 Journal Bldg., Portland, Ore.

An Open Letter

To Mr. S. Macdonald:—I have before me what purports to be an "open letter" of June 30, to which you ask a reply by return mail. It is not an unusual thing for the loafing class to expect prompt attention from the workers. In this particular case the real masters of bread made a more insistent demand upon my time and service so I saw fit to delay reply to your "open letter."

By the law of the land I am provided with one vote and have no use for any more. So those who have votes to peddle must look elsewhere for a market. By consulting the roster of candidates of the capitalistic parties open to negotiations can be connected up with. Before the May primaries the files of local papers

presented an album of "approachables" together with testimonials of after taking results sandwiched between backache remedies and other patent medicine ads, where it seems to me a good market could have been found for the dealer in political influence.

A large number of these saviours of mankind are now engaged nursing sore spots upon some part of their anatomy and I recommend them to the services of the philanthropist out of a job.

A number of years ago I had the misfortune, or fortune, to sit as a member of a deliberative body controlled by lawyers, real estate fakers and other noxious vermin in a neighboring state. Being a spokesman of the working class and of course practically alone, I was the butt of ridicule by the representatives of the exploiting class, so as a matter of fact all that I ever asked of this body were simple reform measures to eliminate a few of the worst abuses from which the useful members of society were suffering. It may not

be out of place to say a pious fraud was put upon the payroll contrary to the law and this "sober brow blessed this damned error and approved it with a text."

While my efforts came to naught before this body it taught me the futility of all expedients. I therefore allied with a party having only working class interests for its program. This party has seen fit to place my name as a candidate for the law making body, the object being as I take it, to wipe out all laws granting any special privilege to any person or association of persons so that no one may eat bread in the sweat of his neighbor's face.

To make the matter more emphatic and clear the issue, will say, personally, that I advocate the confiscation of all industries by declaring the titles null and void and taking possession in the name of the people. Having therefore title and possession to these industries the workers may then do with them as they see fit to operate them at full capacity, reduce the output, or close them completely, all under such rules as the workers may see fit to apply.

I am not interested in the quarrel between groups of capitalists as to who shall operate this or that scheme for the debauching of workers or exploiting them with more refined devices for plunder. Straight ahead shines the beacon light to freedom, toward that is my goal—along the pathway stand the all and possibly the gallowas, but as we do not control our opinion, but our opinions control us, it is not for the revolutionist to falter the call of duty. The special propagandist never faces any greater danger than afternoon teas among

drawing-room reformers, the applause of fools and the flattery of scoundrels, many of whom are refined and all of them "respectable."

Personally the worst "misfortune" that could befall me would be a certificate of election and another trial among a bunch of political traffickers. There is not any cause for alarm, as against me in the contest will be arrayed every banker, capitalist, lawyer, real estate faker, interest taker, salvation attorney, tax-eaters, in short all persons who oppose the workers to enjoy the full fruit of their labor. There will also be that long list of misguided and terror stricken workers who have a world to gain and nothing but poverty to lose; persons who have no grasp of the word "freedom." As an illustration of how large that number may be let me cite you the case of the chief officers of the four organizations of work people in this state, passing resolutions "in regard to so-called "farm credits" in which these misleaders resolved in favor of a bondage to extend "say 50 or 100 years." Had the rank and file of the members understood those resolutions they would "have plucked the doublet over their (leaders') heads, to show to the world what these foul birds had done to their own nest."

Having on other occasions found my communications suppressed, I take the liberty to pass it over your head to the editor of the Courier for publication. Hoping I have made my position clear to you and the voters in general, with malice toward none, having in view the cherished hope of freedom, I am sincerely yours, John F. Stark.

HOW CHILDREN GROW

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