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"Flag of the free hearts' hope and
home!
By Angels' hands to valor given;
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in
Heaven.
Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls be-
fore us.
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,
And Freedom's banner streaming
o'er us."

—JOSEPH DRAKE.

THE CITY HALL

That the City Hall cannot be legally located in McLaughlin Park is the recent circuit court decision. This decision was not generally unexpected and an appeal to the higher court is not probable. And unfortunately the bitterness engendered thru the attempted location is not eliminated by the decision. The majority of the electorate voted for the particular hill position but now they find that in this case the majority do not rule. The decision of the court is to the effect that according to the donor's will the property can be used for no other purposes than park and that the will of the donor is supreme.

And since this phase of the city hall proposition is presumably settled forever why not the public turn its attention to the next best alternative? That the city would be benefitted by the erection of a new municipal building admits no argument. Then why block the wheels of progress by eliminating the possibility of going on in any way with the project?

The council has the right of way to use for this purpose city property at no cost to the city. And there is an available site for the hall, belonging to the city only a block away from the site denied.

Further, the one mill tax for the interest and one mill for the retirement fund—no bonds having been sold—has been collected and is now in the city treasury and amounts to \$7000.00. The bonds have been ordered sold and buyers, we are informed, are ready to pay a premium on them. Furthermore men are in need of work and building materials are lower than for a long time past. And these conditions argue for the construction of the hall. To use the present accommodations and hold down taxes is argument for the bond recall.

It is understood that the primary reason, however, for the recall movement against the bonds is the proposition to put the building below the bluff. The council should exercise their rights in the matter without delay and according to the will of the people as they understand this will.

AN OREGON CITY ASSET—FIRE DEPARTMENT

After many moons amid trials, tribulations and dissensions the electors of this city placed their stamp of approval upon a modern fire truck and a paid department composed of three men who should devote their time to the department.

Then there was general contention over the kind of apparatus which should be purchased some claiming the superior merits of this kind of truck, some that and others the other kind. Finally this part of the program was complete with the purchase of a LaFrance truck at \$13,500.00 upon which WOW—WOW—WOWEE! What EX-TRAVAGANCE moaned the "knockers".

And then cometh another scrap general—WHERE should it be HOUSED? Some said on the hill. Others said down town. Gloves were discarded and the public



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eye was in danger of being swathed in deep and dark blue hues.

A happy, hideous thought—and the beautiful new and shining steed was given quarters in the number three firehouse which was renovated, sanitized, painted and whitewashed in royal style for the occasion. Quarters were provided for the department force, the municipal typhoon passed away over the hills leaving here and there traces of its former self. And here begins a NEW chapter in the municipal diary:—

The department has more than justified its existence. It has saved within the past few months many times the department's cost to the taxpayers. Not only has it saved property on fire and property adjoining fire but has prohibited the spread of fires which might have destroyed not only other property but life as well.

The working organization is efficient and the individual service of the firemen is worthy of the highest commendation. The department should be supplied with additional modern equipment for efficient work and for the men's personal safety convenience and comfort.

The fire department of this city is one of our most valuable assets. It adds to the safety of our citizens, to the value of our property and to the pride of the city. Here's to Chief Priebe, his assistants, the fire committee and others responsible for the good work of the department.

To the "knockers", if there be any left, what do you NOW think of it?

A PROGRESSIVE STEP

Compelled by public opinion congress has passed the Four-Power Treaty. It is a forward step in diplomacy and no matter how offensive to narrow partianship the term may be, the treaty is a league of nations for the purpose of preserving peace in the lands of the Pacific. In this treaty there is planned international conference, understanding and cooperation and in this forward step in diplomacy America takes her place and in which she should be recognized as counsel and leader.

THE MENACE OF THE BILLBOARD

By Meta Finley Hedden
To club women much credit is due for the good work which has been done in combating the menace of the billboard. Various civic clubs composed of men are giving hearty cooperation, the State Highway Commission is warring on the signboard evil along the state rights of way, public sentiment is strongly behind their efforts, and it is now not so much a matter of fighting as of watching. When we see an offensive billboard we are too prone to say: "Somebody should do something about that." Instead, we should everyone of us say: "I must do something." Tell the club about it.

Our highways are fringed with every known shade of green, from the majestic firs to the dainty maiden-hair. Bends in the road disclose stretches of blue water. Our mountains are indescribable. Unbidden the words of the Bible come to our minds: "And God saw everything that he had made and behold it was very good."

We are urging tourists to enjoy our scenery. Just when they are enraptured by the beauties of the road their nerve centers are shocked by a glaring sign telling them to buy Can't Bust Em overalls. The highway south of Oregon City is plastered by hideous new real estate signs advertising the Hugh McGuire firm of Portland. Our very feminine friend complained plaintively: "Aren't they awful—and Mr. McGuire is such a handsome man, too."

It rests with the women to say whether disfiguring advertising is to be permitted. If we women pledged ourselves to buy no goods advertised in an offensive manner, we could clean up our beautiful scenery in short order, but we do not anticipate the necessity for such extreme methods. The menace of the billboard is not altogether a matter of scenery. It is something more subtle than mere unsightliness, and that is—What is being conveyed to the public mind by the billboard.

You all know of cases where people have been made ill by repeated suggestions from acquaintances that they were not looking well. A prominent politician in Portland was the victim of such a plot. To the first inquiry he replied: "I am all right. I feel well." The acquaintance said: "You certainly don't look it." The second false friend approached him with: "What have you been doing with yourself—you look sort of pasty." The politician grew less positive as to his state of health, and the ultimate result was that he spent two days in bed recovering from the joke, and no one yet has dared tell him that they were simply trying an experiment and chose him because he was notoriously strong minded. From this we can get some idea of the effect on the weaker brothers and sisters of constantly reiterated suggestions to take Tanlac, try toasted tobacco, ask dad who smoked sweet caporal cigarettes, and eat yeast—whatever you do, eat yeast. Are you tired, have you corns, are you losing your hair? Eat yeast. Yeast has its proper usages, but it is not a cure-all and good authorities strongly advise consulting the family physician before committing oneself to a yeast diet. We are all aware that Fleischman Yeast Co.'s sudden interest in vitamins as applied to public welfare is due to the curtailment of their other activities by the Volstead act, yet such is the effect of their repeated suggestion that while we preach the foregoing, in practice, if we are feeling pale, we sometimes think: Now, perhaps if I ate a yeast cake—

Some of our California friends inform us that all the ills of man can be avoided by eating raisins. "Have you had your iron today?" they politely inquire on their bill boards. Another bill board does not appeal, it commands. "Mother, is your child treful? Give him pepsonized prune punch." We here have at least average minds, but how many of us have

yielded to the suggestion and given the peevish child prune punch when down in our hearts we knew perfectly well that for real efficiency there are no substitutes for old fashioned castor oil and the discreet application of a carpet slipper.

Also there is the suggestion to spend. If you have no money, use your credit. Invest in haste and pay at your leisure. Then, too, the Motion Picture Board of Censorship seems not at all concerned with the advertising of the plays they censor—the advertising is frequently much more salacious than the play itself.

If you are all ready to say "Down with the billboard," I should like to relate the only thing I can think of in its favor. When a small child is taken on what seemed to me a long journey. Out of sight of town and my friends I became depressed and miserably homesick. There were not so many bill boards then, but as we travelled I began to notice on the barns and fences the familiar pictures of the child crying for Castoria, the benign and bearded faces on a box of Smith Brothers cough drops and the Waterbury watch just like the one in my pocket. After all, I reasoned I surely could not be VERY far from home, and was comforted.

ELWOOD

Aubrey and Warren Towell, who are working in Oregon City, were home over the week end.

Geo. Brown is doing some slashing on the land, which he recently bought in this vicinity at one time owned by C. E. Surtus.

L. N. Vallen is doing some team work for Mr. Geo. Bittner.

At a special school meeting Saturday night Mr. S. W. Jones and Stanford Cox, were elected as directors to fill the vacancies, caused by Mr. W. T. Henderson and Mr. T. G. Munson, resigning. Mr. Munson is planning on moving away and Mr. Henderson's illness making it impossible for him to hold the office longer.

There was no school Monday on account of Miss Say, having to make a trip to the dentist's office.

Quite an enjoyable time was had by the young folks at Mr. Nelson's home Saturday night in the form of a surprise party for Donald Nelson.

Harry Bittner is not gaining very fast from his recent illness and is confined to his bed the last few days. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rotter are making a few improvements on their homestead, by getting rid of a few logs and stumps, but find it rather slow clearing on account of the wet weather.



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GLADSTONE

Mrs. J. H. Prater, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Mrs. F. A. Burdon, who has been seriously ill for the past three months, was brought to her home from the St. Vincent's hospital last week. Mrs. Burdon is improving and gradually regaining her strength.

Wednesday evening of last week, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Riley had as their dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Riley, of Ocean Falls, B. C., and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Baxter of Oregon City. Miss Anna McMillan left last week for Astoria where she expects to remain several months.

Mrs. C. D. Legler and daughter, Mildred, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Legler in Portland Sunday.

All books loaned by the Gladstone library belonging to the state library have been called in and as soon as all are received they will be returned to Salem in exchange for a new shipment of books.

Rev. Samuel Kimball had charge of both the morning and evening services at the Christian church Sunday.

J. C. Paddock, well known resident, died at the family home here Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock, after a three week's illness. Deceased is survived by three children, Arthur Paddock, Miss Lura Paddock and Miss Jessie Paddock. His wife died in June, 1918, and his son, Harry Paddock, died in December 1918. Two grandchildren survive, Hal and Willis Paddock of Marshfield. Funeral services with Rev. G. E. Williams of Foster, officiating, were held at the Christian church at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Interment took place in Clackamas cemetery.

EAST CLACKAMAS

Mrs. Geo. Preist spent Wednesday in Portland.

Mrs. J. Enghouse and Fletta Perist called on Mrs. R. R. Putman Wednesday.

Mrs. Lund and son, Fred, called on Mrs. E. R. Boyer last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. R. Heartel has a shopper in Portland last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Preist spent Sunday in Portland with the former's father and mother who left Monday for South Dakota, their home.

Mrs. J. Enghouse and Mrs. J. E. Welch spent last Friday in Portland shopping.

Miss Minnie Eckert spent Sunday afternoon with Edna Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterson and sons of Portland spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arnett.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Putman and daughter, Vivian, were callers at Cedar Springs last Sunday afternoon.

Clarence Enghouse who has been spending a short vacation at home left Monday for school at the O. A. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith took in the show at the Baker last Sunday.

Mrs. Crane and daughter of Portland, were visitors with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith last Wednesday and Saturday.

Mrs. W. S. Daywalt was a visitor with Mrs. A. Dae last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lund and son Fred and grandson Buddy and Edna Boyer visited Arthur Lund at Salem last Wednesday.

Mrs. C. Hansen and son, James, of Portland and a Mr. Hansen of near Omaha, Neb., were visitors with Mrs. R. Heartel last Wednesday.

Last Saturday night Mrs. Lund gave a reception to her son Alfred who was married last week and son Fred as it was his 24th birthday. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Branson and daughter, Vivian, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Eckert and son, Mr. and Mrs. Svendsen, Miss Samuelson, Mr. and Mrs. Talstrom and sons Mr. Farin, Mr. H. Gerhardus, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lund, Mr. and Mrs. Laye and daughter, Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Boyer and daughter, Edna. Everyone enjoyed themselves very much until a late hour when refreshments were served such a good lunch as Mrs. Lund is capable of serving with plenty of wedding cake to go with it.

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BONNIE CREST

WILSONVILLE

Mrs. Geo. Seely is quite ill at her home attended by a trained nurse.

The family of Mr. Arthur Seely, who have all been down with the flu are reported better.

Mr. M. C. Young and little babe, Ruth, are much improved from the flu.

Mrs. Fred Prahl of Portland spent the week end among friends here.

Mrs. M. C. Howard and Miss Resetta, Graham of Portland spent a few days at Mr. Robt. Graham's this week. Miss Graham is taking nurses training at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland.

Mr. Westgate is again very seriously ill of blood poisoning from an infection in his foot.

We are all glad indeed to welcome our old friend, Johnnie Peters home after an absence of six years.

Mrs. Wm. Flynn's sister and two small children of Portland, are spending a week with her.

Mrs. John Davis of Oswego, and Miss Helen Murray of Portland, were week end visitors of Mrs. M. C. Young. Dr. Jobskey and Mr. W. Smiley are

opening a new road from Dr. Jobskey's farm through Mr. Smiley's acreage to the main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hasslebrink are in Oregon City at the hospital at the bedside of their very ill little seven year old son, Loral, who has typhoid and their niece, Miss Martha Stangel, who is just recovering from the same.

The M. B. A. Hall now owned by H. D. Aden is on the way to town and moved about two blocks while the sun shone one day this week and now stands east and west with us and the world.

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