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"Flag of the free heart's 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 before us.
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,
And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us."
—JOSEPH DRAKE



WAY TO LIFE:—He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?—Micah 6: 8.

MAKE THEM PERMANENT

Reports are current of the costs of road maintenance throughout the country and among these roads is the great Lincoln Highway traversing eleven states.

Last year it cost Ohio \$1573 per mile for upkeep including stretches of old macadam, and other general repairs. It cost Indiana \$633 a mile and Pennsylvania \$2333.

These are tremendous drains on the resources of the states and are bound to increase every year on the same surfaces. The only means of reduction are to either replace the present surface with more enduring materials or reduce the wear upon them made by heavy trucks and other vehicles.

The latter seems, under the present insistence upon truck transportation, capable of slight reduction only and the former means the substitution of concrete for the bituminous mixtures now used.

The expense of road upkeep in the middle West and East, owing to the cost of snow removals during the winter months renders a comparison with the upkeep of Oregon roads difficult. Then, too, the problem of greater water pressure on disintegration of roads here must be taken into account in any comparisons undertaken.

One thing is certain however, and it is that the cost of maintenance here will be tremendous and hence the most enduring materials only should be used. Concrete whose initial cost is more than that of other materials, is being laid because of its permanency and this permanency is absolutely essential to the taxpayers of Clackamas county if they are to survive the costs of future road maintenance.

RETRENCH

In Oregon last year the people paid \$41,000,000 general purpose taxes on property; \$2,300,000 in auto licenses; and to the national government \$28,000,000 income and internal revenue taxes. Other special fees, license taxes, etc., were paid also running our taxes up to a total of over \$100,000,000. And this in a state where we are less than 700,000 men, women and children.

Here the \$69,000,000 for general state and national taxes demands a per capita tax of over \$89. Add to this financial requirement over \$31,000,000 more in special financial demands and the sum per capita sails beyond ones vision. And how far we are willing to run on in this mad race toward financial disaster seems to be increased only by our ability to see new places for expenditures.

In November we shall vote on nine initiated measures and not one of them is intended to reduce taxes. Two of them, income tax measures, are designed to raise the money from additional sources and the proponents of these two measures are already pointing out defects in the other measure with the possible result that both will be defeated.

While any means for more justly placing the burden of taxation upon the people of the state should be welcomed it must be borne in mind that taxes will not be reduced until genuine RETRENCHMENT is undertaken. Shifting

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TRAINING LITTLE CITIZENS

These Articles published weekly in these columns are Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, New York City

WALKS AND TALKS By Elsie F. Kartack

We were in the garden one morning, shortly after my arrival, John, Mary, Bobby and I. Mother had gone away for a vacation.

The garden was beautiful, and we were quietly enjoying all its loveliness when suddenly Mary cried, "Oh, there's an ugly old toad, I'm afraid of it!"

John and Bobby ran toward it in eager anticipation of destroying it. "I hate toads," said John with a vengeance.

"I'll step on it," exclaimed Bobby at the same time.

I was just in time with my "Wait, Bobby. Why are you going to kill it?" "Because I hate it," he answered. "And why do you hate it?"

"It's ugly."
"Oh, it is? I don't think so. Let's take a better look at it. Why, see, it has beautiful jewels on its back, and look here at its gold rimmed spectacles."

The children looked surprised. "Suppose we sit down and watch it while I tell you all about it," I continued.

"Don't do that, you'll get warts." This from John as I reached out to stroke the toad. "No, you won't," I replied. "Not any of the books that I have ever read about toads say that you get warts from stroking them. The toad likes it and he sometimes sings a song, just as a cat purrs when it is stroked. Do you see the pouch under his mouth? That swells as he sings. He cries too, when he is hurt. There are different kinds of toads. The tree toad becomes the color of the surface on which he finds himself so that people or animals cannot see him."

"I wish I could do that when I'm playing hide-and-go-seek," said Mary.

"Our place in the world, the happiness of our people, the perpetuity of our free institutions—all are dependent upon the opportunity for education which is provided in our public schools."

Mary moved nearer. "I don't believe I'm afraid of you any more, nice old Mr. Toad."

"Say, Bobby," said John. "Let's be good to this toad and then he'll stay and maybe some day we'll see him change his coat. Anyway, we can take him into partnership in our garden work."

—George D. Strayer.

of the burden with the consequent temptation to raise more taxes is not enough. The first duty of the next legislature will be to Hold Down Expenditures to Genuine Essentials and see that every body pays a just share.

WHOS WHO IN THE PRIMARY

The claim that the direct primary keeps men of moderate means from office is not borne out by the facts in the case. It is far easier to purchase the nomination thru personal appeals to the pocket book for support than it is to buy the masses thru newspaper or other methods of advertising. Masses of people are not bought. Even in Newberry's case the convention system is seen inasmuch as the most effective use of money was in the purchase of the individual workers, the "faithful" which always haunted the convention halls, newspapers and poster advertising played as great part of the vast amount spent in the purchase of the senatorial toga.

It is ideas which decide in the primary. The candidate with the definite ideas of most value to the voters and backed up by sincere purpose, courage and aggressive service is in the political contest today privileged to make a campaign upon these merits—in the old convention system it was he who had the biggest pull with the henchmen.

DUTY OF THE PRESS

The number of law breakers haled before the courts of Clackamas County during the past few days might be thought at first to indicate that lawlessness including booze peddling and moonshine operations is on the increase.

This is not a safe conclusion, however. It may mean greater publicity on the part of news agencies or the greater activities of the officials whose duty it is to apprehend the law breakers. Both have helped to bring this condition about and in this condition there is a kind of cooperation which is indeed commendable as it is efficient. The press should stand for high ideals of morality and justice. It should be ready and fearless in its constructive criticism of law enforcement and as ready to commend the courage and activities of the executives and courts in the punishment of crime.

A SOLEMN DUTY

The governments insistence that coal as one of the chief necessities for the home, transportation and the industries shall be given precedence in transportation is as sensible as it is just.

Uncle Samuel should make it plain that the lives of his 110 million family must not be jeopardized while any dispute is in progress of settlement. Justice demands a settlement fair to the strikers as to everybody else but our Uncle Samuel is both big enough and good enough to make a fair settlement and keep on "bringing in the coal."

And while the complaint of hard times is heard thru-out the land, Oregon City with her big payroll at the Industrial plants should count herself most fortunate.

Marvelous are the productions of the Willamette Valley without rain for sixty days.

And the City Hall is still under construction--of Plans.

ELWOOD Della Vallen

Mr. and Mrs. Knowles are out on their homestead from Portland for a short visit.

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BANNER THOTS IN POETRY

TO A WATERFOWL

William Cullen Bryant

Whither midst falling dew,
While glow the heavens with the last
steps of day,
Far through their rosy depths dost
thou pursue
Thy solitary way.

Vainly the fowler's eye
Might mark thy distant flight to do
thee wrong.
As, darkly painted on the crimson sky,
Thy figure floats along.

Seek'st thou the plashy brink
Of weedy lake or marge of river wide,
Or where the rocking billows rise and
sink
On the chafed ocean-side.

There is a Power whose care
Teaches thy way along that pathless
coast,
The desert and illimitable air,
Lone wandering, but not lost.

All day thy wings have fanned
At that far height, the cold, thin atmosphere,
Yet stoop not weary, to the welcome
land,
Though the dark night be near.

And soon that toil shall end;
Soon shalt thou find a summer home,
and rest,
And scream among thy fellows; reeds
shall bend
Soon o'er thy sheltered nest.

Thou'rt gone; the abyss of heaven
Hath swallowed up thy form; yet on
my heart
Deeply hath sunk the lesson thou hast
given
And shall not soon depart.

He who, from zone to zone,
Guides through the boundless sky
thy certain flight
In the long way that I must tread alone
Will lead My steps aright.

The above beautiful poem was penned by Mr. Bryant at a time when his heart was full of discouragement and disappointment in his search for a position in which to apply himself to life's task. To read this poem is to renew one's courage and to increase faith in the guidance and guardianship of this Creator—Ed.

Banner-Courier classified ads bring home the bacon.

RECIPES

How To Serve Cucumbers

To make a cucumber boat pare the cucumber and slit lengthwise. Hollow out each half and refill it with a salad mixture of equal parts diced cucumbers, celery and tomato, with mayonnaise dressing. From white letter paper cut a small sail and insert it in a skewer or any small piece of clean wood. Put the sail in the center of the boat.

So many cucumbers are now growing on the vine that the O. A. C. farm news man asked the home economic specialists to tell him how to tell the editors how to tell their readers how to make present and future use of them. The foregoing and following were among the many ways suggested:

How To Salt 'Em Down

Have ready a perfectly clean jar, crock or keg. Use only good firm cucumbers, not too large and cut them from the vine with a pair of shears leaving about 1/2 inch stem on each. Never pull from vine and always handle them so carefully as not to bruise them. Wash clean and wipe dry. Put there a 2 or 3 layer of coarse salt in the bottom of the keg, then a layer of closely packed cucumbers, cover with salt and proceed in this way until all the cucumbers are used, stopping off with a layer of salt, and over that layer of freshly picked grape leaves.

Use plenty of salt. Pour in cold hard water to cover. Put a clean white cloth over the top, tucking in the edges snugly down the sides, then put in an inverted plate or a hardwood board to fit and weight it down with a large clean stone, to keep the cucumbers well under the brine.

Cover the keg and set in a cool place. Cucumbers may be added from time to time as they are gathered, with more salt until the crock is full. Be careful always to keep the cucumbers well under the brine and if there should be too much brine throw some of it away.

When removing cloth, plate and stone, do so carefully and if any scum has gathered wash thoroughly before returning to the crock. When the pickles are wanted for table use, take out enough to last about one week, freshen them in clear cold water baths until they are plump and just right to the taste, changing the water frequently and tasting a pickle occasionally to see if it is too salty.

The pickles are then ready to be put in cold vinegar with any preferred spices and in about 10 hours or less they will be ready for use. A small bunch of dill put in the vinegar imparts a delightful flavor. Cover the jar and set in a cool place.

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