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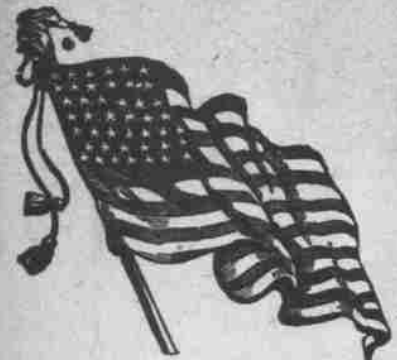
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"Flag of the free heart's hope and home!
By Angels' hands to valor given;
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in Heaven.
Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us.
With Freedom's soil beneath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

PARTISAN MEET.

THE Republicans of Oregon have scheduled a meeting for September 26th, at which it is proposed to adopt a platform of party principles for the guidance of candidates and electorate. A committee composed of leading Republicans from over the state has been appointed to formulate these principles for discussion and adoption or rejection at this time.

There are three things involved in the purposes of this meeting: (1) To strengthen the party organization; (2) adopt a platform of party principles; (3) to open the way for reformation of the direct primary law.

In regard to the first of these purposes, it is obvious that party loyalty is now at low ebb; that individualism has been substituted to large degree for party fealty, with the result that party organization has suffered disintegration to a degree dangerous to party success.

It is both fitting and essential that every honorable effort should be put forth at this time to cement together all members of the party for united effort in the present campaign. In this proposed platform, however, there must be nothing of the old convention, one man rule, clique, or political autocracy. There must be genuine service political for the whole electorate. If this is the case the platform will aid materially in providing a united party front which will achieve victory at the polls in November.

With reference to the second purpose, there must be extreme caution. Principles, broadgaged, progressive and free from taint of factional or sectional strife, and dealing with matters economic and moral, which will relieve the present burdens of the people, are the types which will solidify and strengthen the party.

There must be no threat or inkling of attempt at destruction of the direct primary. Neither should there be any attempt to tie the hands of future legislators against doing the will of their constituency. Whatever defects there are in the present law may be remedied by the incoming legislature, whose membership will be bound by their duty to so remedy it that all present rights of the individual citizen will remain intact.

Just now is a critical moment in political affairs of the state and nation. Only conscientious and wise adjustment should be planned for both the present and the future.

THE FINAL RECKONING.

EVERY few days we learn of some land or house-holder who is approached by some sleek, sly, law-defying moonshine parasite with the proposition to "hire" out to said land or house-holder for little or nothing, or to "lease" the privilege of doing a moonshine business while working (?) or while he has the lease (?) privilege.

Occasionally those approached have the honor and the courage to inform the proper authorities, and in such cases the sleek gentry usually cease their negotiations for the privilege of labor (?) or lease(?). And semi-occasionally, some poor dupe, whose desire to obtain a few dollars without working for it and whose sentiments against the booze traffic and law breaking are only passive, yield to the conscienceless tricksters. The result is that the poor dupes obtain no money, are caught with the moonshine and are made to pay the penalty in fines or in jail, or both.

It's the same old story. The sharper works his game and the victim pays the bill. To feel pity for the victim is human, but to condone his acts in helping to defy the law is to encourage defiance to law and poor grade citizenship.

The moonshine gentry who "works" the other fellow so that in case of detection he, himself, can sneak away, is the type of "critter" for whom the laws are not yet severe enough.

In the meantime, those who permit themselves to be thus duped have no reasonable kick on the day of final reckoning in court. They should FIRST count the cost.

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THE EXCEPTION.

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The money thus invested is absorbed largely by wealth, which pays thus no taxes on these billions and clip the coupons which the average business man and farmer is called upon to pay in taxes. The tax exempt bonds pay no taxes, furnish no permanent industry. They should not be longer issued. Let every dollar pay its proportionate share of taxes.

PRESERVE AND CORRECT IT.

THAT the intent of the Initiative is ignored is obvious. And that the state is full of those who will take advantage of this political privilege to pull off graft for their own benefit is equally certain. But this does not mean that the law is wholly or even in large part bad. The Initiative privilege is a right of the individual to expression, recently recognized. It is on trial and its defects are being brought to light. It will be one of the first duties of the legislature to cure these defects. It will be an equally specific duty of this same body to see to it that this law is stripped of none of its rights and privileges for honest public service.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

THE poultry housing accommodations on the Canby fair grounds are inadequate, so great is the demand for exhibit space. This result is due largely to poultry extension work of the O. A. C. and the club work of boys and girls. And yet there are those shortsighted enough to want to curtail extension service. It requires only ordinary vision to see tremendously profitable results within a few years hence from this kind of educational training.

WORTHY IS THE LABORER.

THIS is the season of results. The husbandman has sown and now he is nearing the end of the harvest season of the year. To him is due a substantial reward for his efforts which mean food, clothing and, to a certain extent, shelter for his fellowmen. To compensate him fairly there should be direct effort, thru legislation and co-operation.

The laborer is worthy of his hire and to this end government should give attention and to the same end his fellow men should co-operate.

GO TO THE FAIR.

Clackamas county would do herself honor by an overwhelming attendance at her county fair. The exhibits will encourage competition, improvement in industrial agricultural and industrial effort, and furnish the basis for a more progressive community.

NEWBERRYISM NOT A VICTORY.

SENATOR TOWNSEND has been re-elected in Michigan. This should not be taken seriously as an endorsement of Newberryism. There were several candidates, more local issues and a flood of isms to divide the vote.

TRAINING LITTLE CITIZENS

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

THE CURL MADE PEGGY CRY.

By Minerva Hunter.

Mrs. Ivy was sitting at her living room window sewing buttons on a new gingham dress when Mrs. Baxter came to her dining room window and looked out. "I've had such a scare!" shivered Mrs. Baxter.

"Peggy?" inquired Mrs. Ivy anxiously rising from her chair. "Do you want me to come over and help you?"

"No, no, Peggy isn't really hurt," said Mrs. Baxter, "but Oman nearly put her eye out with the scissors. When I went out of the nursery to empty the bath water, he cut one of her curls off. I happened to look through the door and there he stood with the curl in one hand and the point of the scissors within an inch of Peggy's eye! I was never so frightened in my life. Every mother has anxious times with her children, but when one undertakes to rear another person's baby the responsibility seems to double. Peggy's father is so pitifully grateful because we have consented to care for the baby that I feel even more responsible for her than I did for Oman. If my child should injure Peggy's eye I'd never get over it!"

"Oman is very fond of Peggy," said the neighbor. "I never saw greater devotion on the part of a little four-year-old boy. He would do anything to keep her from crying."

"Yes," agreed Mrs. Baxter, "that is true, but why did he go near her with the scissors? He is never allowed to play with them—in fact, I punish him every time he handles any but his blunt pair."

"It may be he had a really good reason for cutting Peggy's curl," suggested Mrs. Ivy. "I mean a good reason from a child's point of view. Did you ask him why he did it?"

"No. I put him to bed as fast as I could and brought Peggy in here and put her in the kiddie coop. Now that you mention it, Oman did look quite puzzled and once or twice he tried to tell me something, but I was so faint with fright I did not listen. Oman is a good child and does love Peggy. I'm sure he had a reason for what he did. Maybe I was too quick in my judgment. I'll go now and talk with him."

It was afternoon. Once more Mrs. Ivy sat beside her living room window. Presently a childish voice addressed her. "Scissors are dangerous," announced little Oman Baxter, looking at her very seriously.

"Yes," agreed Mrs. Ivy, "very, very dangerous."

"When a boy loves his little baby cousin," continued Oman in the tone of one reciting a lesson, "he never goes near her with the scissors. Even if the baby cries and cries because her curl hurts when it is brushed the boy does not cut the curl off. A baby jumps real often and might stick the scissors in its eye. You see, a baby can get over a curl that hurts, but a baby could never, never grow a new eye!"

BANNER THOTS IN POETRY.

The Wooden Water Trough.
Stella Adams.

There's a mossy wooden watering trough
All in the restful shade,
Where soil is soft and moist and wet
Within a sheltered glade,
And where a happy little brook
Spends all the gladsome day,
A-dancing and a-playing o'er
The stones along the way,
And down the road a dusty horse
Turns in the restful shade,
And drinks there from the watering trough
For thirsty horses made.
He shakes his happy, quivering sides,
The trough he tries to drain,
While little breezes play about
And fret his silky mane.
Oh! in the many years to come,
Where you are standing now,
May some descendant watering trough
A thirsty horse allow
A cool, refreshing, sparkling drink
Beneath a shading bough,
And make him feel that life is good
And men are kind, somehow.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL.

Our first student body meeting was held on Wednesday and our new president, Garnie Cranar, took charge.

THE PEOPLE'S SAY

To Editor of the Banner-Courier:

In part answer to the "Single-Tax" advocates: You advocate placing all taxes on land, don't you? You also claim that would solve the tax problem. Very well, but I would like to ask you a question—is this fair, or practical? Why should farmers and city land owners and other land owners, pay for the up-keep of the government and the rest of you folks go absolutely tax free? If you put a tax on land only, all people who pay tax on cars for road up-keep in the form of licenses, and those paying only personal property tax, will not pay one cent of tax to keep up our government! Do you think we farmers make all the money? We see mighty little of it and keep still less! Shall we landowners support the whole state government, county government, the schools and the road system and all? What right have these propertyless car owners, who aided in voting our enormous road tax onto us, to escape their share of the burden? Is this an equal tax measure, or a fair and practical one? If you are so anxious to advise upon new tax systems, please think up a system to tax all the people, instead of a one-class affair like single tax. This is a government of all the people, for all the people, and is supposed to be carried on by all of the people. Let's make it that way and not compel a part of the people to support the whole bunch. Think of some manner in which to compel these propertyless laboring people, and their monthly, weekly and yearly salaried brothers in good positions, to pay a tax in support of the government which protects them. A small percentage of their yearly earnings would be a good starter.—C. W. M.

CITIZENS ADD TO GLORY OF ADOPTED COUNTRY.

From his home in far-off Denmark there came to Oregon thirty-six years ago August Mickelson. For a decade past Canby has been his home. Unpretentious, almost unobserved, he has through the years struggled on in his little shoe shop "around the corner," a worthy example of fatherhood and good citizenship.

We have men known for the products of their genius, others for their ability to accumulate wealth, or for special talents in politics or religion. But it is with respect to a product seldom referred to in the public press, that one is impressed with Mr. and Mrs. Mickelson. Five boys and three girls, with aspirations toward intellectual development, is the special product of this adopted couple.

Backed by a strong paternal love, a moral and spiritual bearing, as strong as human fortitude permits, they have pulled together against adverse circumstances, toward a goal at which their children might stand and face the world as good and useful citizens. As a result their son John left Canby last Saturday for Harvard University, where he will finish a literary course. He is twenty-three years of age, an ex-service man, and does not smoke cigarettes, drink, play cards, dance or use profanity.

A daughter, Lillie has been a student in Boston University for one year, and will continue her studies in that institution.

Two other sons, William and Charles, are working their way through Lincoln High school in Portland.

In a recent letter to his father, William wrote that he was up at 5:30 a. m., worked until school time, and at the close of school hours returned to his home and did a heavy washing for the family. These boys, in their Portland homes, are working before and after school hours for their board and room and \$15 per month and schooling, while back home in the old shoe shop at Canby, the father is pegging away, as though every nail driven into a shoe sole spelled pennies for the education of his children, and every waxed thread pulled thru a leather patch added to their intellectual strength.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickelson, we congratulate you. You came to us from your far away home, accepted our country's hospitality, became one of us and you have taught us a beautiful lesson.

Moral—If every father and mother who live in the ten districts aspiring for a union high school in the neighborhood of Canby, as proposed in our recent movement, would get the vision and inspiration for the intellectual development of our boys and girls that these adopted people have, our future citizenship would rank with the best of our country's produce.

Ambition and progress will place a bright star on the distant hill tops of life, which may be reached by every boy and girl, even if the start be made from humble homes in the valley of dark shadows.

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