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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



ROAD TO SUCCESS:—Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass . . . Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him.—Psalm 37:5, 7.

A LIVE QUESTION

THE following is one angle of the salmon question in the state of Oregon. It is offered here for study to the voters of the commonwealth and an argument in favor of increasing the future salmon supply.

The fish bill, which has been ruled off the ballot, had for its object the elimination of seines, traps and fishing wheels for catching salmon in any of the waters of the state or over which it has concurrent jurisdiction.

The measure was ruled off the ballot on the illegality of the petitions. It should be remembered that this ruling in no way affects the merits of the bill itself, and the question of propagating salmon is still alive and will remain so until it is settled right and in the interests of the common people of this state. And when it is so settled there will be justice for the hook and line fisherman, the canneries and the consumers.

Measured in dollars the annual crop of salmon in the Columbia river is greater than that of Oregon's entire wheat harvest, but in a few years this grand old river will be cropped to death. Destructive fishing by mechanical gear, namely seines, traps and fish wheels prevent enough salmon reaching their natural maternity grounds to breed and reproduce future crops.

About the time the summer and fall runs of salmon pass the junction of the Sandy and Columbia rivers, a few miles below Crown Point, they are obviously in the throes of maternity—and unfit to be canned for food. Yet it is beyond this point in the river that this terrible destruction of the fish wheels and the seines in the pools below the wheels goes on. If these salmon were unmolested after passing this point they would become mothers in their natural maternity home a few miles above The Dalles.

The early Chinook, the Royal Chinook, which enters the river as early as January and February, arrives opposite Crown Point with eggs merely budding. This species must get far up in the reaches of the Columbia before their eggs are ripe enough for them to become mothers. The fish wheels and the barriers to these wheels effectually prevent the Chinook from their natural privilege of motherhood. Their eggs are too green to hatch and these mothers of thoroughbreds become so much canned salmon. Thus the Royal Chinook is being exterminated.

In vain effort to overcome this ruthless destruction of food, which costs nothing to house, care for or feed, artificial methods of breeding and raising are being employed in fish hatcheries. However, these hatcheries are so located below the natural maternity beds of the upper river and its branches that only the eggs of the lazy, white meated, lean fall fish are being hatched.

It is time to call a halt to such destructive methods of fishing when salmon cost more than beef, mutton and veal. The situation is so acute that business and professional men of Oregon and Washington, interested only in the protection of salmon, have formed a league to that end. When the Columbia river is restocked with quality salmon this league will advocate the utilization of the hatcheries for propagation of trout and every stream in the Northwest will be made to teem with baskets of speckled game fish.

A CHAPEL IN THE HOME

AN INTELLIGENT reverence for God is the very foundation of American respect for governmental authority. Loose government and loose allegiance to it are both directly traceable to a loose habit of thought regarding the character and authority of God. That a disregard for Deity, a belittling of the God of our fathers, is not only creeping into American society, but is being boldly propagated in this country, is not to be denied. Such propaganda strikes a deadly blow at our country's foundations.

The pulpit and public platform may be used powerfully to combat this evil, but they alone will never suffice to defeat it. There is just one institu-

tion that can successfully counteract this moral disintegration of American society and that is the godly home. In the average good American home today the name of God is not honored as it was in the ideal home of our father's day.

A prominent Western journal proposes a recall to family worship by setting apart in the home a room dedicated to this purpose; in the home of wealth, a chapel, in other homes, a room. There is merit in this suggestion. Anything that serves to make more prominent and more honorable the daily worship of God should water the flower of reverence that is withering in the American heart.

But a chapel or a worship room in the house is but a form. In our boyhood days, when the kitchen served as living room, parlor and dining room, and the family slept in small, unheated bedrooms or in the attic, our chapel was the kitchen. It was the only warmed room in the house. The family Bible was in the book cupboard on the wall; the hymn book was in the memory of parents and children, and the music was in the heart. For fifteen minutes every morning, just before breakfast, the whole house was a consecrated house of worship, and the kitchen its holy of holies.

It was here that the young folk learned that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. It was here that godly parents earned the respect of the children they had dedicated to the Lord. It was in such families that the reverence for God and the respect for authority were immovably planted. It was here that the firm foundation of the Republic were laid.—Portland Telegram.

"CHESTNUTS" FOR THE PUBLIC

THE Banner-Courier has urged expression thru its columns by the sponsors of the recall of the county judge, but has received no response from them. Only one paper in Clackamas county seems favored with "information" by the boosters for the recall and this favored sheet has ceased its campaign of publicity in the matter. Why this sudden silence, this soft pedal with but a half dozen more suns to rise and set o'er the political horizon before the final date for filing these petitions?

Why this masked and pussy-footed attempt at so public a matter as the recall of a public official? If the charges published can be shown conclusively to exist, why should not the committee responsible for starting the recall and for circulating the petitions come out from under cover and declare their case? If they are sincere in a desire to recall the judge for the public good, they will be glad to meet the public gaze and submit publicly the proofs for their charges.

At this time the whole move looks like an attempt of a ring of individuals, sore either because of shattered aims, personal grudge or for selfish reasons, to use the recall as an instrument to gain control of the county court. Why this is desired ought to be clear to all who have watched the struggle of the court to equalize opportunities for all Clackamas county institutions and individuals.

To employ the recall in the way it is now being used—as a dagger unsheathed only in the twilight, as a means of punishment based on flimsy charges, which its sponsors are either unable or unwilling to prove, is serious. Those responsible for the whole procedure should be rebuked by refusal of the voters to sign the petitions.

The recall is intended only to provide for the removal of officials for such official misconduct as dishonesty, immorality, refusal or inability to perform the duties of the office. Not one of these charges has been brought forward or is mentioned in the recall.

Even its sponsors disown it, while urging the public to pull the "chestnuts from the fire."

THE DOUBLE-HEADER

THE location of the city hall will be the privilege and duty of the voters on November 7. It will be possible, owing to the manner in which the matter is placed on the ballot, to elect both locations, defeat them both or to pass one of them. A careful study of the ballot is necessary to avoid confusion and a possible vote for the very thing not wanted.

If the hill site is desired, vote for it and against the downtown site. If the present site is desired, vote for it and against the hill site. You vote "double header" on this question to make your vote effective.

We do not want two city halls. We do want and need one.

THE REMEDY

THE Oregon State Labor Union went on record, at its recent convention, against any move which shall in any way detract from the privileges of the initiative. In this the convention was absolutely right. Under present conditions every citizen has equal chance of political preference with every other. The call of the boss need not be heeded. Principles and personal effectiveness are allowed to predominate over the permission of the political slate.

That there are defects which at present are taken advantage of; that unscrupulous men are using it for degraded purposes; that it makes easy disintegration of party, there is no longer question. But to repeal or otherwise destroy the law is not to be tolerated. It would be suicide for any party advocating such procedure.

The first duty of legislators and partisans is to eradicate existing weaknesses in the law, make it more effective and of even greater service.

THE COMPENSATION LAW

THAT the State Law of Compensation should be strengthened is the appeal of the commission charged with its operation. The position is well taken and in the process its application should be broadened so that industries, including agriculture, will more generally avail themselves of it.

TRAINING LITTLE CITIZENS

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The Desire To Please

By Minerva Hunter

The telephone gave a sharp ring. Mrs. Kent lifted the receiver and her old schoolmate heard this one-sided conversation: "Yes, this is Mrs. Kent." "All right, Mrs. Drake." "He did!" "We'll have it replaced today, Mrs. Drake. I cannot tell you how sorry I am that it happened." "Have you sent him home?" "As if in answer to her question the side door opened and Hilman went to his room. Half an hour later when he had departed for his father's office, Mrs. Kent sat down beside her guest. "I suppose you have a pretty good idea what has happened," she remarked with a rueful smile.

"I should say that Hilman broke a window." "Exactly!" exclaimed his mother. "That is the second he has broken this vacation. We made him pay for the first out of his savings and thought that lesson would be enough, but he has done it again. Why do boys enjoy destroying things? Tell me, Susan." "I hardly think Hilman enjoyed it."

I heard his explanation and it seemed to me he disliked every minute of the rock throwing because his first experience told him he was likely to break a window.

"Yes, I gathered that from what he said," the mother agreed, "but he went on playing just the same. Sometimes I lose all patience with Hilman. If you can think of some explanation that will give me sympathy for him, Susan, please tell me what it is."

"Even if it brings you up for criticism?" Susan's eyes twinkled.

"Yes," Mrs. Kent consented, "it may be if I can criticize myself I can understand Hilman better."

"I remember that when you were much older than Hilman you were destructive in a far more serious way than he." "How?" gasped Ms. Kent. "When I knew you at boarding school we attended many mid-night feasts together. Salmon salad—" "Uh!" shuddered Mrs. Kent. "As I was saying, salmon salad was the chief dish at all these revels. You knew it would make you sick, but still you never refused to eat it." "Pray, wise friend, what has salmon

salad to do with broken window?" "Salmon salad injured your digestion; a broken window injures a house. I had rather break a window than ruin my digestion."

"It is more sensible," Mrs. Kent agreed, "but you see I almost had to eat salmon salad. The girls never would have understood it if I hadn't. Why, I believe they would have hated me."

"I gathered from what Hilman said that was the trouble in his case."

"What?" "A desire to please and be understood."

"Yes?" questioned the mother.

"When all the other boys threw rocks at the tin sign on Mrs. Drake's garage, Hilman could not endure being different and risking being misunderstood. He wanted to be pleasant and friendly and agreeable."

"You're right," Mrs. Kent nodded, "and now that you have discovered the cause, can you prescribe a cure?" "Of course, Hilman should not break windows. Make him pay for every destructive act, just as you are now doing, but remember he is a human being and dislikes being different and for that reason he is likely to follow the crowd even when he knows better. He is going through a trying time in his effort to adjust himself to the ways of the world. The desire to please is commendable; not for anything would you have him rude or unpleasant. Grown people cannot always tell where the line is drawn between politeness and destructiveness. Deal firmly with Hilman, but always remember that this sin is really an over-worked virtue."

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Great Law Enforcement MASS MEETING

at Congregational Church, 7.30 p.m. sharp
Sunday, October 15

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EVERY RED-BLOODED CITIZEN INVITED

For A Rainy Day

The rainy day of sickness, adversity, or hard times, is pretty sure to come to every man at some time in life. When your rainy day comes, will it find you prepared with a sum of ready money, or will it find you dependent upon relatives or friends? Don't put off starting to save. Be ready for adversity. A dollar or more will start an account in our savings department, and we will pay you four per cent interest on your money, until you need it.

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