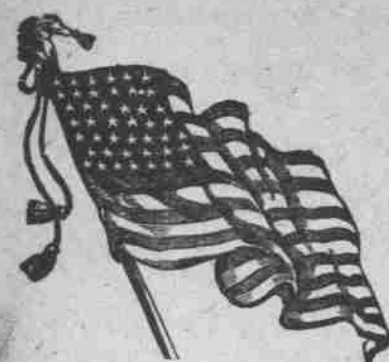


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"Flag of the free heart's hope and home!
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Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in Heaven.
Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us.
With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



SELF-PRAISE:—Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.—Proverbs 27:2.

THE RECALL

WE are assured that by the time this issue of the Banner-Courier is off the press a sufficient number of names will have been secured to place the petitions on file for the recall of the Clackamas County Judge. These names will be carefully checked and those passed as qualified will be allowed to stand on the county records as final sponsors of the recall.

The number of signatures obtained throughout the county, it is asserted by many well acquainted with the conditions of the recall movement, and the expressions from over the county generally, represents the bulk of the opposition at the polls. This belief they base upon the general effort that has been made in quest of signatures. Current rumor is afloat to the effect, that additional charges are to be brought forth against the lone target of the county court. The plot "thickens" and the "thickness" should act as a boomerang favoring the Judge.

This recall movement, or any other based on similar grounds and carried forward in such manner as this, should and, we believe, will fail. The American people, including the citizens of this county, ADMIRE him who fights for a SUFFICIENT CAUSE, and IN THE OPEN. The REVERSE they CONDEMN. This movement concerns the public. It is directed at a public official, elected by a majority of all the people in an open, publicly advertised campaign. No meetings of the recallers have been open to the public for public expression on both sides. Nor has the opposition proven, to even a reasonable degree, ANY ONE of the charges contained in the petitions or in all that has been said or written.

It has been deemed necessary to "EMPLOY" a "Manager," thus giving the movement the stamp of a real political campaign. The charges ought to be sound enough and plain enough to influence the voters without "hired campaigners" to dig up and drag forward new charges in order to make more votes.

The Banner-Courier holds that the recall statute was never intended for the use to which it is being put in this case. And to continue to employ it as a club wielded by personal spite or to further financial, personal or political interests will soon bring about its condemnation and repeal.

PLAYING WITH THE FIREBRAND

THE recent discussion over the enforcement of the ordinance regulating the construction or repair of buildings brings to mind one of the shortcomings of popular government. This is to falter in enforcement of laws and regulations even though sworn to obey and enforce them. Friendships, business connections and devious pleadings win oftentimes over plain necessity and duty.

Officials move along lines of least resistance too generally when, to subserve the public interests, they must face opposition. This condition in public official positions is probably more general in the city than in rural communities.

There has been for several years in the Oregon City charter, an ordinance passed by an Oregon City council, providing that only certain classes of buildings shall be built within the fire limits of this city, which limits include the main business portion below the bluff. This ordinance was passed because there was a demand for it as a guard against the spread of fire. It was copied from the laws of other cities and to protect and preserve property and human life. It was intended, no doubt, that its provisions should be observed.

Other councils assumed the reins of government. In the course of progress constructions and repairs of wooden buildings within the fire limit have been undertaken. Protests, in the name of the protecting ordinance, have been made time after time without avail.

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Owners have entered such pleas for breaking the ordinance as "Fireproof buildings do not pay rates sufficiently high on the investment to justify the lawful improvement"; "the owner is a good citizen"; or "that the construction and repairs were begun in ignorance of the ordinance." Not once have the pleadings failed, since the passage of the ordinance, to obtain the council's expressed or passive consent to disobey the law of the city.

The council yielded for the first time reluctantly, but in permitting the ordinance to be ignored the FIRST TIME paved the way for disobedience to it ever after. For now, in every instance, comes the banter: "Why deny to me the same privilege as others?" And while a hundred wrong or disobedient acts make not one righteous cause, the frailties of official nature are usually overcome by this plea.

In Oregon City this ordinance has been so continuously ignored that future usefulness seems beyond hope. And every additional wooden structure within the fire limits is added danger, added insurance and a block to civic progress. To longer play with this firebrand ought not to be.

PUNISHMENT DESERVED

WITH the present congested conditions on the highways of the state, those who attempt to drive an automobile while unnerfed and rendered unfit by intoxication to drive are a menace to the safety and lives of every other person. In fact, they are a menace to themselves. In regard to results they should be put in the class with those who are bent on crime. Fines are not sufficient to rid the highways of them. Jail sentences are their due and anyone convicted of driving an auto while drunk should have his license revoked till "kingdom kum."

TRAINING LITTLE CITIZENS

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THE USES OF NATURE MATERIAL IN THE HOME

By Emma B. Dashley

The little child should make nature's acquaintance as a friend and playmate and in so doing he will store up joy and peace for his after years. Knowledge of nature makes a child realize more fully his part in the infinite conception and gives him a background of beauty. Through play the child can first be introduced to the absorbing world of nature about him.

The stringing of nature material in the fall is very fascinating to children because of the various colors and shapes available. Corn and peas, pumpkin and squash seeds may be gathered and strung. Rose-tips, thorn-apples, bitter-sweet and mountain-ash berries are very artistic strung with this joint-weed, combining one, two or three of the red with one of the green. We string them in the field using No. 3 Sharpe's needles and No. 30 thread, and let the children wear their chains home.

Milkweed pods give much pleasure, and many things can be made from them. By placing two, black pins near the thick end of the pod for eyes, slit along the side, look inside, and you see a fish with scales (seeds). The children take the contents out, and use the empty pod for a boat, putting an inch stick across the center for a seat, and sailing it on the water of the seeds up in the air, and try to keep them up.

Mothers can make beautiful buffy pillows from the down of the milkweed by taking off the seeds and putting the down in a case. Do this before the down becomes too dry, or it will fly all about. The pillows are very useful, as they are soft and fluffy. Even

the brown seeds may be utilized if saved. In the winter, the children and even the older people can play with them in masses on the table, making circles, squares, wreaths and other flat pictures.

Still another use can be made of the pods on the branches. They can be painted blue to resemble blue-birds, or other colors such as bronze, silver, or gold. Use thin oil paints. These, with bitter-sweet berries, sumac, cat-tails, colored teasels and grasses, make a pretty winter bouquet.

Ferns and sumac leaves, oak and maple leaves in clusters, may be pressed in books or between sheets of newspaper and pinned on the walls at Christmas time. They brighten the rooms wonderfully. Small ferns and pressed flowers may be used for place cards or favors.

Horse chestnuts afford a great deal of amusement. To make a baby doll, use three sizes of these nuts, the small one for the head, and the large one for the base. Punch a hole through the center of the middle and lower ones, and the base of the upper one. Then put a toothpick through to connect them and use half sticks for arms. Mark or pierce eyes, nose and mouth for the face. Select a large flat nut for a stool, using three pins for legs; or put a row of five pins on top along the edge and weave yarn in and out for a back, and we have a chair. Both nuts and cones can be used for hiding games and nine-pins.

In gathering seeds, look for as many of their seed houses as you can; and in opening the pods, emphasize the protection afforded by each. In this way, the children come to know more of nature and her tenderness of the species. These points can be amplified when the children grow older.

THE PEOPLE'S SAY

Oregon City, Oregon, Oct. 15, 1922.

To the members of the prospective Oregon Legislature:

The next session of the Oregon legislature will have more responsibilities resting upon it with reference to the public welfare than any legislature of recent years, both the individual member and the legislative body as a whole. If ambition is still a characteristic of the American, then for your own future's sakes, listen to the longings of the great mass of common people of the state, instead of paying too much attention to the cunning approaches of those who are stealthily fastening the fetters of absolutism upon us.

Among the various classes and professions into which our people are naturally divided, there are some that are slowly being "chained" and the process is so gradual and so sugar coated that we can hardly realize the fetters that are slowly being forged. May I call your attention then, gentlemen, to one of the classes? One in which every other class is interested very intimately—the teachers of Oregon.

By degrees, there is being built up in our state a machine among the "aristocratic" element of our profession that, unless the law-making body of the state will keep awake, will make serfs, humble and inanimate atoms, to be moved about at the will of a State Superintendent of Public Instruction, thru his lieutenants, so-called County Superintendents. The first step, or link in the chain, is already made. The Compulsory Reading Circle law, whereby a County Superintendent can, at his will, annul, and the State Superintendent can take away your certificate or diploma granted to a teacher by the educational board of this state at the head of which is the Governor of Oregon, unless you read some book designated by certain individuals each year.

What a reflection upon the common teacher! Are our memories so short, and is our intelligence so small in quantity, that we must read each year a certain book? This is the way they are looking down on us from the top. We have no choice but to dig up our money, and slowly but surely the public will feel the evil effects on their children of a class of teachers who like to be "serfs" instead of free, independent Americans. Imagine, if you can a law that would give the Master of the State Grange the power to take away the deed from any farmer who refused to read a cer-

tain book fundamentally designated by him each year! The favoritism that could be given, and is given, by Superintendents! Some must read and favorites don't have to.

The County Unit plan is the next link in the chain. A plan whereby the power to hire their own teachers will be taken from the districts. This next "badge of servility" I will explain in a future article.

ROBERT GINTHER.

Editor Banner-Courier:

I notice my name featured on the front page of last week's issue of the Banner-Courier under the signature of H. E. Cross, County Judge.

In reference to the County Physician, I have never had anything to do with that position, except to treat gratis county poor when they were unable to locate the County Physician. Before July 1, 1921, he was receiving \$60 per month. Since then he has received \$62.50 per month and drug bills are being paid by signature of H. E. Cross, the same as under the previous administration in spite of the "joker" in the court order of June 25, 1921. Where is the saving?

The bill of January, 1921, mentioned by the Judge, was O. K'd by H. E. Cross in his own handwriting and no objection was ever made to that bill until it was mentioned in last week's Banner-Courier. To give some idea of the amount of work connected therewith—57 cases of contagious diseases were reported through the office during the month in question, besides other health and sanitary matters. In reference to mileage, I was charging the amount agreed upon by the previous court, which was equitable and was saving the county money. The Health Officer is not required to furnish his own automobile, but may hire a conveyance as he needs it. Washington County, at that same time, was allowing her County Health Officer \$1 per mile mileage besides salary. If \$9,591.94 were spent by me for health matters during the period the Judge referred to up to July, 1921, it was less than the budget allowance for that period. However, the figures have been juggled. If we had spent what the U. S. Public Health Service says a well regulated Health Department is entitled to, the amount would have been several times what was spent. They say we are entitled to 1% of the amount raised by taxation for general purposes.

He says I refuse to give up the chance. I have never been given a chance to refuse. No one, even to this day, has ever asked me to give up the office. It is true, however, that on June 25, 1921, an order was entered

BANNER THOUGHTS IN POETRY

Depart
Pearl M. Bartlett
They asked for love—ye gave them hate
And loneliness and pain;
They asked for rest—ye gave them toil
And anguish and disdain.
They asked for bread—ye gave a stone
And cruel mocking jeers;
They craved a friend, then trod alone
Adown the weary years.
They asked for work—curses ye gave
And whispered slanderous lies;
They pleaded for hope, ye gave despair
And moans and groans and sighs.
Ye ask a seat at My right hand
Eternal life to see:
But—"As ye did it not to them
Ye did it not to Me."

appointing the Judge's neighbor to the office of County Health Officer at a salary of \$1,050 per year. It took the Judge five months after that before he could think of any charges he could talk about.

I was appointed to the office I now hold on February 6, 1919, by Judge H. S. Anderson. Chapter 264, L. O. L., 1919, the law concerning the appointment, term, duties, etc., of Health Officers, does not limit the term of Health Officer to four years, as stated by the Judge. You may consider these facts and judge for yourself the veracity of the Judge's statements.

I have heretofore been unable to agree with Judge Cross' article, but now, in closing, let me whole-heartedly and unqualifiedly agree with his last sentence, which reads: "A better day is coming for Clackamas County, but it seems we have to fight for it."
DR. O. A. WELSH,
County Health Officer.

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