

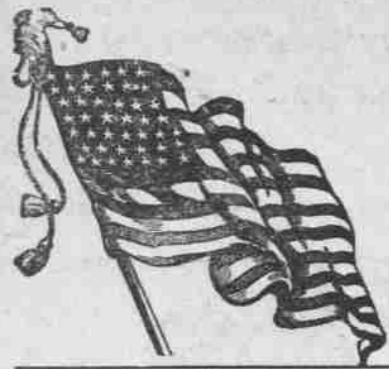
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"Flag of the free heart's hope and home!
By Angels' hands to valor given;
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in Heaven.
Forever float that standard shaght!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us.
With Freedom's soil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



LET US GIVE THANKS.—Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.—Revelations 7:12.

THE GOVERNOR'S CHOICE

GOVERNOR-ELECT PIERCE, during the recent campaign, held up the state highway department as a feature of state government in which there was extravagance supreme. To emphasize this claim he held up the number of autos in this department as numbering over four hundred and the gasoline bill as enormous. Voters expect Mr. Pierce to make good his promise to reduce expenses here, as well as elsewhere, in the departments of the state government.

And this means that the appointment of a new highway commission is up to the new governor. Whom he will appoint is an absorbing political topic just now. The personnel of the present commission is Republican. The men composing it are men of vast business experience. Their task has been gigantic and through it all there has been no suggestion of graft or negligence of duty. Errors have been made and there will occur others, no doubt, even with the past experiences as warnings, in the future, whomsoever may be appointed.

Members of this commission, though one of the most important in the state, and with millions of dollars entrusted to them to spend, receive no compensation. They are selected from three different portions of the state. The demands upon their time are large and exacting, leaving little or no time for their own private business. Hence, these appointees must be men of means sufficient to enable them to serve the state without pay. Of course, added to this qualification, they should be efficient. Oregon has been fortunate in finding such men and there are others from whom Mr. Pierce may select, no doubt, those who will continue to sacrifice thus in the name of and for the good of the state. (The desirability of compensation for the commission will be subject to special consideration in a succeeding issue of this paper.)

The hope just now is that the governor-elect will select the best men obtainable for this department. Neither friendship nor partisanship is sufficient recommendation. Efficiency alone should be the deciding factor.

Several men, prominent in the councils of the governor's own party and among the opposition, are being mentioned for commissioners. The name of Harvey G. Starkweather, a Clackamas county man, is one of the most prominent.

Mr. Starkweather is a man of large experience in civic, educational and financial affairs. He has been, on many occasions, entrusted with matters of state, including the regency of the state normal school, master of Pomona Grange and is a good roads enthusiast.

He is at present chairman of the Jackson Club, the leading democratic organization of the state. His service to his county, party and state has always been highly efficient. In his selection the Governor-elect would please a very large constituency.

THE VERY ETHICAL EDITOR.

ON Sunday last, the casual readers of the "Morning Corkscrew's" variety columns, in the southwest corner of the "office cat" page, read with profound grief of the pathetic editorial hallucinations of the acting editor, court-reporter and assistant executor of the said "Corkscrew's" variegated political stunts.

The cause of this very unusual sorrow and suffering was a very severe case of compound fracture of "professional" ethics which the said assistant executor brought upon himself on account of worry over the recent election of F. J. Tooze to the state senate.

Only the practiced eye of a literary genius could discern the connection of even the "Corkscrew" brand of ethics with the Sunday morning editorial inspiration. But the real microbe which so seriously affected the morning sheet is the election of the next Clackamas county senator and editor of its contemporary. Horrors be the thought which the "Corkscrew" tries to thus

eliminate from its editorial system. A published photo gave rise to the effort. Sad to relate, these attacks are more or less periodical. One occurred a few hours before the primary election, when this rock-ribbed Republican side-stepper sheet threw mud at the successful candidate for the senate and followed by loud lamentations belittling his decisive lead. The most severe attack to date however, suffered by the "editor-executor" was a very painful and dangerous species of "psychology" to which the readers of the "Corkscrew" were exposed through its editorial columns. Fortunately, as usual, everybody was immune.

This last Sunday attack was hardly unexpected, following the terrific strain of the Recall upon the assistant editor, and publication of the photo of the senator-elect without common courtesy favor or dictation from the sagacious and highly (?) successful political manipulator and great ethical teacher—the "Morning Corkscrew."

OVERDUE

IN the past the tiny blueback salmon swarmed the Columbia river and were so plentiful that during one season over four million pounds were canned on the Oregon side of the river. Today they are extinct. The blueback was a wonderful little salmon. It averaged between six and eight pounds and its meat was firey red. When canned it was second only to the fancy grades of Royal Chinook. It was the same salmon as the sockeye and Alaska red.

The Columbia river blueback was a lake spawning salmon, most of them being born in Lake Wallowa, which is hundreds of miles from the ocean. They left the sea bunched in schools, following an accepted leader like a band of sheep. Being small they swam through the nets, whose apertures were sized for the larger chinook. But, when they arrived in the upper river, where artificial streams had been dynamited out of solid rock, they fell an easy prey to the fish-wheels. They followed their leader, which knowing his flock had not the strength of the larger salmon, would lead them around the falls and rapids on all these narrow channels and the blueback was exterminated.

The Columbia could be restocked with these wonderful little salmon in five years, if there were no fish-wheels to stop them from getting to Wallowa Lake to breed. Artificial propagation can never take the place of nature's reproduction process, but nature cannot overcome artificial obstructions which prevent salmon from reaching their spawning grounds.

How much longer will the State of Oregon sit by and thus see one of her valuable natural resources exterminated by contraptions which serve only to produce millionaires? How much longer will her legislators provide from the public treasury well stocked streams of finest fish and allow selfish and opulent interests to dictate a policy of destruction to the fishing possibilities of the state? It is time to consider fishing as a perpetual industry in which men may engage for permanent livelihood or for recreation. Some equitable, definite and sane fishing laws are overdue.

OPENING OF THE BRIDGE.

THE new bridge across the Willamette is nearing completion. It is a marvel of architecture, of attractive design and will serve the highest purposes. Its cost is approximately \$325,000. In comparison with other structures of its kind, it is reputed to be one of the best on the continent. Like other unusually valuable and attractive features of the home locality, it may not be thoroughly appreciated by those who should appreciate it most.

Hence the plan to celebrate the opening of this magnificent span is most commendable. Too great pains to make the event of general concern will be impossible. Oregon City, West Linn, Clackamas County, and, indeed, the whole Willamette Valley, through which passes the Pacific Highway, should take some vital part in this program.

The opening of this magnificent thoroughfare over the beautiful Willamette to public use and enjoyment, is an event not likely to be duplicated within the present generation. Let the celebration be noteworthy and appropriate.

ADVERTISE

THE attempt to hold the 1927 Exposition in Portland was defeated through an adverse vote of the state. The proposition to allow the metropolis to bond herself for \$3,000,000, with which to finance the Exposition, was killed by the electors because they believed there would be a future demand upon them for money for exhibits from the counties and from the state as a whole. Whether this cause was justified is not pertinent now.

The defeat of this great advertising scheme should be followed by judicious effort in this direction, however. The various civic and commercial bodies of the state should hold this branch of activity as of first importance. The magnificent resources of Clackamas county, including Oregon City and sister municipalities, should be heralded abroad in the interests of those who desire to make for themselves homes in this land of delightful climate, diversified resources and glorious rivers, mountains and sunsets. Nor would real, genuine advertising be of less value to our own home folk.

CASH BASIS FOR SCHOOLS

TOMORROW night Oregon City school district, number 62, will hold a meeting at the High school building for the purpose of giving the voters opportunity to raise two additional mills for school purposes. In order to do this it will be necessary to exceed the six per cent limitation, which requires the popular vote.

The board found themselves recently with a warrant indebtedness of over \$56,000, and disposed of bonds to the amount of \$50,000 with which they took up warrants. The purpose of the board now is to pay all outstanding debts and provide sufficient funds for a future cash basis. This, it is urged, is better business for the district that it is to incur warrant, interest-bearing indebtedness.

The public's interest in education will, it is believed, endorse the plan at the meeting tomorrow night.

A QUERY.

BY the way, what must be the chagrin of the Minister to Siam, now basking in the sunshine of the administration's favor, to read during the recent strenuous campaign to retain party power NOT ONE ARTICLE boosting Ben Olcott or Republicanism in his own morning sheet? In political ETHICS the "Corkscrew" has no parallel.

TRAINING LITTLE CITIZENS

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

Pictures For Children
By Edith Riland Cross.

Let us give our children special training in the early years of their lives, in the knowledge of beautiful pictures. Help them to enjoy the pictures in the home.

When our children were babies, we often talked to them about our pictures. As a result, they could point out such pictures as Raeburn's "Boy and the Rabbit," Sargent's "Frieze of the Prophets," pictures of the Boy John, the Aurora, Hofmann's "Head of Christ," several of the Madonnas and Sir Calahad.

It always gave them great pleasure when they would find these pictures in

other homes. It also gave them an appreciation of art, and stimulated their interest and observation.

One day, my oldest boy, age five, pointed to the picture of Burne-Jones' "Golden Stairway," and said, "Mother, did they take that picture with a kodak, or did someone paint it?" Then and there we talked together of how prints were made from great pictures, and of the galleries where the originals are kept.

While teaching kindergarten, I had bought a large plain oak picture frame with a hinged back, so that pictures could easily be changed during the year. As I recalled this, I decided it would be a good thing to have one in the home. So I had two such frames

BANNER THOUGHTS IN POETRY

Hymn

For Summer's bloom and Autumn's blight,
For bending wheat and blasted maize,
For health and sickness, Lord of light,
And Lord of darkness, hear our praise!

We trace to Thee our joys and woes—
To Thee, of causes still the cause—
We thank Thee that Thy hand be-
stows;
We bless Thee that Thy love with-
draws.

We bring no sorrows to Thy throne;
We come to Thee with no com-
plaint,
In Providence Thy will is done,
And that is sacred to the saint.

Here, on this blest Thanksgiving
Night,
We raise to Thee our grateful
voices;
For what Thou doest, Lord, is right;
And, thus believing, we rejoice.
—From "Bitter-Sweet," by J. G.
Holland.

THE BLESSED

By Nancy Byrd Turner

November darkens to its close.
They kneel beside their flickering
hearth;
Without, no little wistful rose
Is drooping toward the barren earth.
A frost had bitten the April fruit,
A blight had seared the summer corn,
Sharp hail had smitten to the root
The golden barley, overborn.

"But oh," he cries, "I love you, sweet!
What shall we seek of wind or weather
So long as we can surely meet
The sunshine and the storm together?"

Her meager little garden prayed
All long July for quenching rain;
The sad-eyed cattle left the shade
To seek their cooling creek in vain;
The flowers that her hands had cherished,
That made the borders beauty-bright,
They bowed their lovely heads and per-
ished;
Her tears had fallen at the sight.

"But ah," she breathes, "I love you,
dear!
It cannot truly matter whether
We gain the year or lose the year,
Just so we live the year together."

Then on the hearth a fagot falls
And breaks a sudden leaping light;
A cricket in a corner calls;
Slow silence deepens down the night.
The circle of his young arm makes
A shelter where the dark had been;
The old clock on the mantel wakes
And cries Thanksgiving in.
—Youth's Companion.

made. The boys are so proud to have their very own framed pictures hang-
ing by their little white beds.

And it has been interesting to see the enjoyment they take in changing the pictures, and in making their own selections.

It has resulted in a good collection of pictures which the children add to as they find those that interest them. To this I have added many of the Perry and Brown prints which I have used in my kindergarten work, and we save the covers of magazines that depict child life and activities.

I have noticed that the children prefer colors to the black and white studies. They care for pictures of people or animals rather than for those of inanimate objects. Boys like pictures showing strength, as knights and soldiers; while girls like those portraying daintiness, beautiful children and ideal surroundings. Both boys and girls like pictures of activities and sports and once in a while they fancy a beautiful landscape.

Of course, to be honest, a mother must add that the pictures sometimes found in their frames are not always the most esthetic. For I have often noticed prints of the football heroes, in their season; the attractive advertisements for Campbell's soups, and posters for a coming circus. Yet it is best to let it be the children's choice.


I was happy to note that when I returned from the hospital with a new baby boy, the pictures in their frames were "Jesus Blessing Little Children" and Jessie Wilcox Smith's Mother and Baby picture, the cover of the January Good Housekeeping.

Another suggestion which I have found helpful in the home is to have the pictures in the children's bed rooms or play room hung on a level with their eyes. It is surprising to see how much keener is their observation when this is done. Let the children climb up or be lifted up to see those pictures which are hung higher so that they can readily study them. Always take time to help them understand pictures, for you thus begin their appreciation of art.

These suggestions could be carried out in any home, for, with the present wealth of good magazines, such a collection could be easily made, and at little cost, while a very inexpensive frame would suffice.

THE PEOPLE'S SAY

As the time approaches for the annual budget meeting, it is interesting to note the movements of the medical fraternity and its adjunct, the "Institute of Nursing." Already the names of some of our distinguished physi-
cians and "heads" of our nursing schools are found in print in favor of an outlet for some of their graduates to practice upon your children and mine. Once more, fellow citizens, we are going to be told how little we know about taking care of our children, and how little we care about them. Once again our dull (?) intellects are to be informed, if possible, that it is abso-
lutely necessary to have some lady come around regularly and inspect our own. The phrenologist tells us that the number seven marks the highest peak of development; any "bump" of our brain can reach. But judging these men and women by their pretensions, their "bump" of self-esteem should be marked ten or above. Friends, let us



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JOHN M. SCOTT,
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show these well-meaning though mis-guided folks at our next meeting, as we did at our last, that our love for our children has not diminished and that we are as unwilling today to turn our children over to the tender mercies of a so-called County Nurse, as we ever have been. Let us inform them that we hold both the doctor and the nurse in high esteem as individuals in their work, but that we consider it very un-ladylike and ungentlemanly for them to force their attentions upon us without our asking them.

ROBERT GINTHER.

Logan, Nov. 19, 1922.

Editor Banner-Courier:


I believe I am justified in again asking valuable space to discuss the matter of choosing the kind of road on which to spend the large sum that is yet to be raised by bonding. This is, just now, a very important matter and as every road district is allowed to choose the manner of spending the levy to be made at special meetings on Nov. 25, we are liable to have a crazy, patchwork road system, and if mistakes are made in any of the districts, the whole county will invariably suffer for them. I have some positive ideas on this subject, formed from the observation, study, and experience of others and myself, which I desire to offer. But if you, Mr. Editor, Judge Cross (who seems to differ with me), or any one else, has any better plan to offer, duty to the public demands that they do so.

I charge that so all forms of pavement made with asphalt, are well-proven failures and that the huge sums the paving companies have received for that kind of work have been obtained under false pretenses, as such roads are neither hard surfaced nor permanent.

A horse's shoe will not sink into a hard-surfaced road, and such a road will not sink under a heavy load without breaking. The binding material of a permanent road will not be continually coming to the top in warm weather, to be carried away by wheels and washed away by water from the top and under the edges. If you think I am mistaken, go to any asphalt road in this county, that has been there six years or over without repairs, and the sunken spots at the edges and note that there is little left but loose rock. If water could be kept away from the road and especially from underneath it, the service would be much better and longer.

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