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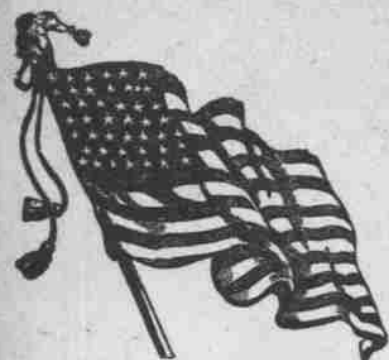
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"Flag of the free heart's hope and home!
By Angels' hands to valor given;
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in Heaven.
Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us.
With Freedom's soil beneath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

—JOSEPH DRAKE.



LORD SEES ALL:—For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward him.—2 Chronicles 16:9.

THE FARM "BLOC"

THE development of various blocs has been rapid. These cohesive units amount to the same proposition as class legislation. Among those making their influence felt in congress are the farm bloc, timber bloc, and railroad bloc.

The chief cause of these rapidly developing blocs is lack of response to needs of those elements in the nation around which now group those representing these blocs. For long years corporate interests retained their representatives in legislation halls to look out at all times for their welfare. Other interests have held vantage grounds for themselves also. And during this period other elements commercial, or industrial have just as surely been allowed to drift.

The farmer has been the last to profit from what he has seen in others. He has been the last to "take the cue," to "fight fire with fire." He has raised, for example, the livestock, grains and other products which have been used to clothe and feed the millions of every class and vocation. He has stood back after the toil and expense of producing the crops have been met to see the "fine art" gamblers and market manipulators so fix prices as to make of themselves millionaires and leave for the producers a net sum oftentimes less than cost of production.

The farmer or producer waited in vain for congress as a whole to help him. He complained, pleaded and threatened in vain. Then he, thru the various organizations where finds expression began to round up, define and organize his forces at the nation's capitol and in the state legislatures.

And today the farmers of the nation are demanding recognition thru increase of representation and organization under the term "farm bloc". The result should be a fairer recognition of agriculture's needs. It should and does mean that legislation shall be more favorable to this great national industry. If it runs to class legislation it is no more than should be expected under past political manipulations which have forced it to the front.

"THE JUICE."

STANDARD OIL interests of Ohio have declared dividends of 100 per cent. This is the second 100 per cent stock dividend paid by this company since the supreme court dissolved the Standard Oil trust ten years ago. Since 1916, the common stock of this company has increased four times. It is now \$14,000,000.

Just think of it! Dividends 100 per cent clip? The farmer, the truck owner and the average citizen who use either fuel or motor oil or both furnish the juice for these delightful melons. John D. and his associates do the squeezing. The public kicks but goes on exchanging juice for rinds.

And yet after threat upon threat is hurled upon the great oil companies by congress; after investigation upon investigation is "opened up for the purpose of showing up profiteering, the great periodic legislative wave settles back from its roar and bluster to an almost perfect calm awaiting the gathering of another new and equally impotent storm.

Meanwhile J. D. smiles, cuts "coups," endows colleges and plays golf, with the safe assurance that big "biz" is still safe.

BREADTH OF VISION.

THE PEOPLE of Oregon demand of their legislators reduction of taxes, less boards and commissions and greater efficiency in government of the state. These conditions cannot be obtained thru factional, sectional or even partisan irritation. And the legislator who has no broader vision, nor more backbone than to allow himself to be used for a buffet for quarrelling or dic-



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tatorial elements of any kind in the legislature would confer a favor on the constituency by prompt resignation before the session opens.

There should be neither "blocs" nor class nor sectional nor factional legislation. There should be no Eastern Oregon, no Portland and no Valley blocs fighting to obtain exclusive favors. It is not necessary. The legislator of sufficient calibre to sit in the Senate of the House, should possess judgment, justice and courage enough to help solve the problems of the entire state in a fair and progressive manner.

CLEMENCEAU CRITICISM.

IF GEORGES CLEMENCEAU, citizen of a foreign nation, is permitted to use sarcasm and invective against this government while its guest and while traveling in luxury, feted and protected by his country and his countrymen both abroad and here, what shall be done with those local citizens who, stung by misfortune, and the result of social and industrial inequalities shall criticize the government of the U. S. A.

Even admitting Clemenceau's arguments as possessing more or less merit, his attitude is strangely converse to that of his government when urging the American soldiers into Europe to fight for France only a few months ago.

What Georges' excuse is for his country's shameful attitude toward the Turks in their recent revelry in spilling Christian blood at Smyrna, he would better make clear before pushing further his "back to Europe" propaganda.

TRAINING LITTLE CITIZENS

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

Right Habits For Children—Obedience
By Gertrude E. Skinner.

The life of every individual is largely made up of habits. The time when habits are most easily formed is during the early years of life. It is therefore more important not only that habits are formed which will develop the best children today and the most useful citizens in the future, but that the formation of all good habits begin very early in life.

Everyone interested in the children of today desires to see them develop into good boys and girls and later into the right kind of citizens. Good habits are, however, essential in the child's life if he is to become a good citizen.

There are many ideals and standards to be desired, many good habits that should be formed in early childhood—truthfulness, honesty, justice, cleanliness, service, courtesy and obedience. In this brief article we are to consider but one, obedience, to the laws of home, school, state and country.

The lack of respect for and obedience to the laws of the group in both adults and children is one of the greatest dangers of our country today, yet the great men of our country—Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt—had the utmost respect for law and order. If we are to have law-abiding citizens, we must have obedient children in the home and school.

It is a common criticism today that children do not obey. If this is a just

criticism, the fault is with the adult not the child. It is often too much trouble to insist upon obedience but this course will lead only to greater trouble in the future. Sometimes it is the right of the child to be told the reason for a request or command, but there are times when prompt and unquestioning obedience is essential. If a child is in danger, there may be no time to reason, argue or explain—in such a case prompt obedience may be necessary to save him from serious injury. The habit of obedience will never be formed through making unreasonable or unjust demands, but a demand once made should be followed to the end—absolute obedience.

There is no place in society where the law-breaker is welcome—there is no gang or group in child life in which the child is wanted who does not respect the law of the group. The child who does not obey will develop into a citizen having little or no respect for the laws of the community.

A free country is not a place where every individual does as he pleases, regardless of the rights of his neighbor, but a place where every individual has a right to the opportunities of the land and the privilege of making the most of them, provided he does not interfere with the rights of other members of society.

It is the duty of each to obey the laws of the group, and the place in which this respect for law, order and the rights of others should be inculcated is the home.

Roses red in my garden call;
Like drops of rich wine their petals fall.
Coral-hued roses nod and smile,
Coral-hued roses nod and smile,
Coquette with hearts that are free from guile.

Stately white roses, pure as snow,
Whisper of deathlands where spirits go.
Soft yellow roses, fragrant and rare,
Offer me gold untouched by care.
Which shall I choose for the crystal urn?
My heart decides—to the red I turn.

For the red rose means love and I love it best.
Of all that bloom in the rose-famed west.
—Jannette Martin.

The "Christ of the Andes" is a statue of the Savior, cast in the bronze from the cannon of opposing Argentines and

Chileans, standing nearly 13,000 feet above the level of the sea at Cambre Pass, on the mountain frontier between Argentine Republic and Chile. It was placed there in March, 1904, as a symbol of the perpetual peace which was then sworn to by the opposing nations. An inscription on its base reads, "Sooner shall these mountains crumble to dust than shall the people of Argentine and Chile break the peace which they have pledged themselves at the feet of Christ the Redeemer."

Indian characters, centuries old, cover the walls of an Indian cave hidden away from the white man's eyes and recently discovered on the estate of Valentine Hememan at Boothbay Harbor, Maine. The cave runs back 40 feet under the hillside and can only be reached by a sudden drop of 15 feet over the ledges.

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Peace is Mine
Grace M. Parker.

Before Truth came, my heart knew naught but sadness;
Until I learned of Love, my world was drear.

But now into my life is woven gladness,
And peace is mine, for Good is ever near.

I did not know the birds could sing so sweetly,
I did not know the flowers could bloom so rare;

But since Truth came to fill my life completely,
The light of Love divine is everywhere.

Without this Love the world would lose its brightness;
Without this light the sky would seem so gray;

Without this Truth to give my heart its lightness
The night would never turn into the day.

When erring thought would change my right endeavor,
I turn to God and find sustaining rest;

Divine Love doth indeed endure forever,
And I rejoice, for I am truly blest.
—Christian Science Monitor.

In the interior of Argentina, cattle are so plentiful that beef on the hoof often sells for less than two cents a pound and cattle are sometimes given to the butcher on condition that he shall return the hide to the owner.

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Freight earnings are 300% greater than passenger earnings, which is indicative of the tremendous importance of transportation to commerce.

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