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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 heart is perfect toward him.—2 Chronicles 16:9.

EVERYDAY MERIT.

WHEN the telephone operator gamely stays at the switchboard during a fire and gives the alarm which results in the saving of life and property, she is heralded by the pulpit, press and public as a heroine. But this same operator is very seldom given due credit for her daily persistent "plugging" on, faithfully performing her routine duty which, though not spectacular, is, nevertheless, a distinctly important public service.

If there is one public servant, however, who is entitled to commendation for her efforts it is this same telephone girl. Admission of her shortcomings in point of service, still leaves a wide margin for tribute due and unrecognized. To sit amid the confusion of the switchboard, rallied at oftentimes by irate and impatient callers, racks both nerves and patience. To sit for hours at a time saying "Number please," "Thank you, we will call you," "Hold the line please," and keep the voice pleasant and proceed with the call speedily and effectively, is real accomplishment.

To accept, pleasantly, denunciations and orders which are hurled over the phone is a part of the program mapped out as a requirement of this type of public service is one condition of the job of telephone girl. Nevertheless, to meet this and the other exacting conditions of her position the operator who does her best merits every hour the "well done, thou good and faithful servant," of the patrons and the public.

SALARIES IN THE BALANCE.

ALREADY, with the 1923 session of the legislature a month away, come to the members requests for increased appropriations and for increased official salary schedules. No doubt there are many legitimate needs to be met requiring some readjustments, but these needs must be shown to be unusually pressing to justify increases.

With farm products at lowest ebb of prices, when apples, potatoes and taxpayer presents a type of individual most in need for increase of income in Oregon is the general expression. Likewise, at this time, legislators are being urged to use their efforts to reduce salaries of state and county officials. That the former officials will be subject to decreased salaries need not be surprising, since even the governor-elect has thus gone on record. And that the legislature will be put on record in this matter is very likely.

In the matter of "cuts" as in increases, however, discriminating judgment should be employed rather than political propaganda. The requirement is less not more taxes.

ASTORIA.

OUT of her ashes she will arise a more attractive, greater city. "It is darkest just before the dawning," is a trite saying. Out of the blackest ruins have risen other cities marvelously more ideal and beautiful than their predecessors, and so it will be in the building of another Astoria.

Her plans for wider streets, fireproof construction and other civic and business improvements indicate future excellence.

Her greatest asset at this time is her ability to work harmoniously in reconstruction. For others may pour out to her sympathy and tangible treasures of highest values, but her rise to future success and power must result from her own efforts.

Her expressions of determination to build again more attractively, more ideally, have the true ring. And that she will turn disaster into progress, defeat into victory, is the general belief and hope.

COUNTY JUDGES MEET.

THE meeting of Oregon's county judges in Portland this week should result in good for the members of the Judges' Association and for the counties represented. Various handicaps upon the official efforts of the judges

have been pointed out and suggestions offered for relief. Thus far, work has been done looking forward to simplifying the laws under which the judges operate. And this will mean a greater degree of county rule and a more definite location of responsibility.

The meeting should proceed to formulate legislation needed to clarify the state and county responsibilities concerning authority over road houses, dance halls and other public amusement places outside city limits.

Oregon City Live Wires found genuine pleasure in the tender of luncheon to the association upon the occasion of their visit to this city on Wednesday of this week.

DIRECT PRIMARY REFORM.

IN AN attempt to reform the present direct primary law, the next legislature will need to retain all of the equitable features of the law. The voters will tolerate no political tampering with the law for partisan advantage. Neither will they stand for its discard.

The right of voters to change their affiliations within reasonable limits of time of the date of elections must still be safeguarded. It is a right accorded to every citizen under the constitution, and a right which will always be insisted upon.

The great desire of those who would reform the present law, is to so change it that candidates will represent their party and no other. Thus will the American principle of government by party be strengthened. And while no definite proposition has yet been announced by any of the legislators, this is one of the problems for the coming session.

OPPORTUNITY.

WITH solicitations for the Red Cross, Astoria needs, Near East Relief and for the bridge dedication in full swing this week, the "cheerful giver" finds ample opportunity for full and free expression.

TRAINING LITTLE CITIZENS

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

Inculcating Truth in the Child
By Mary F. Scott.

First! Be truthful yourself!
Do not cherish the delusion that you can tell a child anything, and be believed. For you cannot!
At first the child will believe, but—after repeated misrepresentations, one will find that the thing told will be taken with a grain of salt.
As an illustration: If you have promised the child a visit to the park on a certain day, and then feel too tired, after a hard morning's work, how are you going to make him understand?
"Why, mother, you said you'd take Bobbie."
"Yes, I know," impatiently, "but you will have to amuse yourself at home

today. I'm too tired to walk that far."
A very grieved and disappointed child is left to his own devices, with a prodigious problem to be worked out as to why his playtime hour has not been realized.
If a promise is made to a child, keep it. If, as sometimes happens, it is impossible to carry out that promise, explain carefully just why it cannot be fulfilled at that time.
-Be truthful!
To questions asked—I know they are legion—answer truthfully, explain carefully. It may take time away from other duties, but one will be well repaid by the contented happy spirit born in the child when the information sought is gladly given.
Trust will be fostered, also—trust in the one who enlightens ignorance with

knowledge; then will come trust in the world at large. The fountain-head of knowledge for the children is centered in you who have the shaping of these young lives in your hands.

Let truthfulness be the basic test of your capability.

Oregon Industries.

Workingsmen's compensation commission receipts for November increased \$13,629. Decrease in expenses with same month 1921, \$1181. Receipts for 5 months increased \$118,753; operating expense decreased \$11,627. Department to be made self-sustaining without expense to general taxpayer.

Stayton—Santiam woolen mill employing 150 persons; planning extension.

Westport to build \$7,000 church. Lane county ships 80,000 pounds dressed turkeys to San Francisco.

One day last week Portland had seven ships loading with 1,000 men at work.

Pendleton planting 100 maple trees on Columbia highway.

Cases of starvation and cruel neglect of livestock in any county in this state reported to the Oregon Humane Society will be prosecuted through the district attorney's office in each county.

Oregon shipping trees by the carload to other states.

Huntington—Large cement plant to be built on Homestead branch O. W. R. & N.

Oregon harbors to get \$3,429,470—Coos Bay \$1,200,000—Columbia \$107,000,000.

Eugene—Mill race, opposite U. of O. campus, to be straightened at cost of \$2,000.

Eugene—Woolen mill employing 80 people.

Scio—Gymnasium completed.

Portland—New Chapman school to be absolutely fireproof.

Garibaldi showing much building activity—30 houses, office building and several business houses under construction.

Oregon planning 4458 miles road improvements.

Bend—L. O. O. F. to build \$150,000 home.

Albany—W. C. T. U. building \$18,000 children's home on 250-acre tract.

Oregon's outstanding debt, September 29, was \$50,138,722.53.

Eugene may get box factory.

State's disbursements increased from five million in 1908 to more than 70 million in 1921 and 1922.

FLOURS AND FEEDS

Retailed at Wholesale Prices

Mulino Flour Mills
Mulino, Oregon.

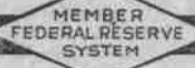


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- (3) If the second deposit is not made within 6 months the 50 cent coupon will be deducted when the account is closed, at which time the Liberty Bell savings bank must be returned.

THIS BANNER-COURIER THRIFT COUPON IS WORTH 50 CENTS.

The Banner-Courier has arranged with the Clackamas County Bank, at Sandy, Oregon, to help every Banner-Courier reader START A BANK ACCOUNT

This coupon is worth 50 cents to you. Cut out the coupon. Take it to the Clackamas County Bank and open a Dollar savings account.

You will not only be credited with a Dollar savings account, but you will be given also a beautiful Liberty Bell savings bank, pictured here.



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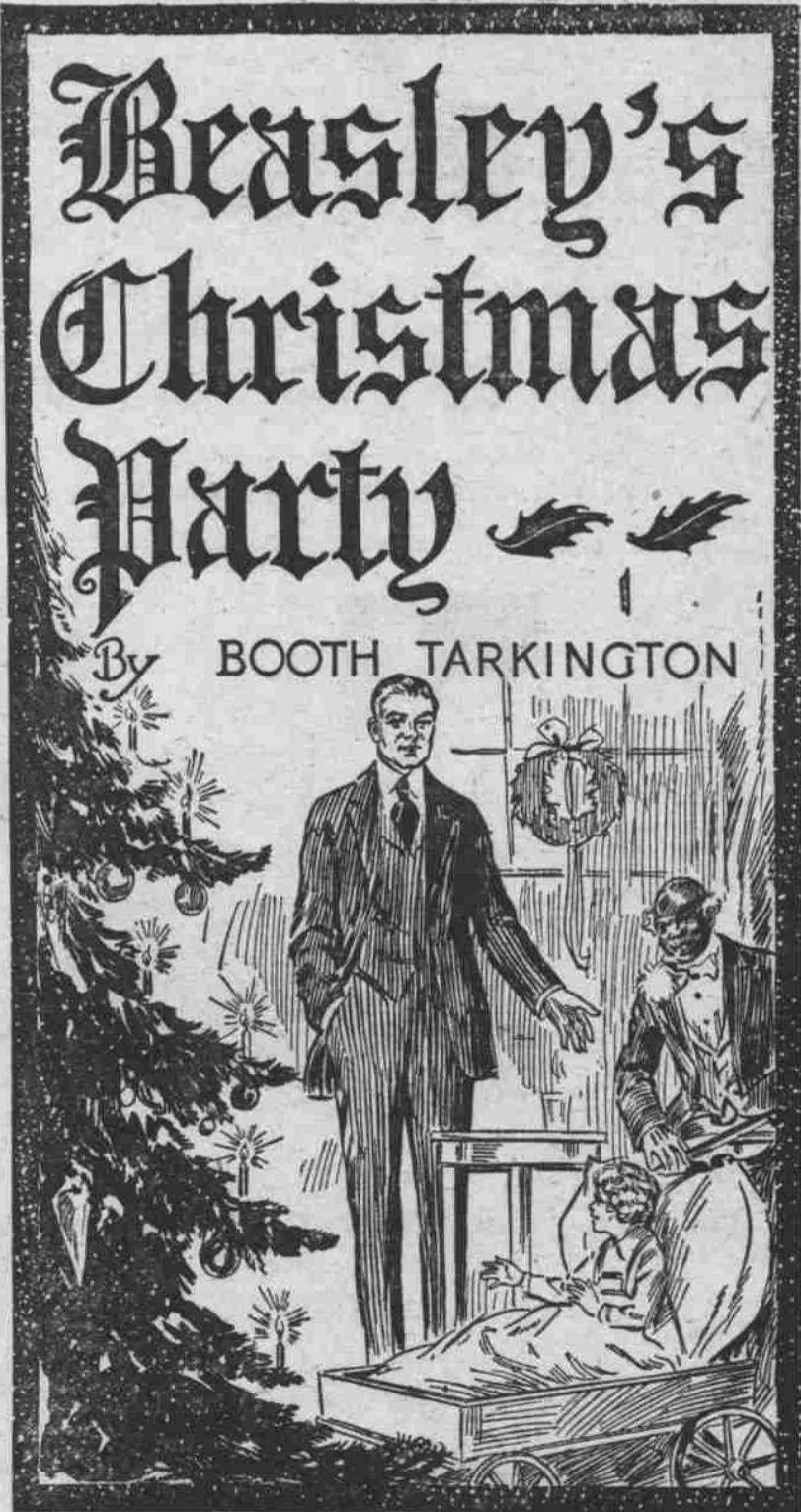
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"It looked like a house where there were a grandfather and a grandmother; where holidays were warmly kept; where there were boisterous family reunions to which uncles and aunts who had been born there would return from no matter what distances; a house where big turkeys would be on the table often; where 'the hired man' (named either Abner or Ole) would crack walnuts on a station clutched between his knees on the back porch; it looked like a house where they played charades; where there would be long streamers of evergreen and dozens of wreaths of holly at Christmas time; where there were tearful, happy weddings and great throwings of rice after little brides from the front steps; in a word, it was the sort of a house to make the hearts of spinsters and bachelors very lonely and wistful — — —"

Instead of the above, it was the abode of a single, lonely man. Within its walls occurred the strangest Christmas party ever held; recorded by America's great and many-sided story-teller with the singular magic which he alone knows how to employ.

Read the first installment of this interesting serial in the Banner-Courier next week.