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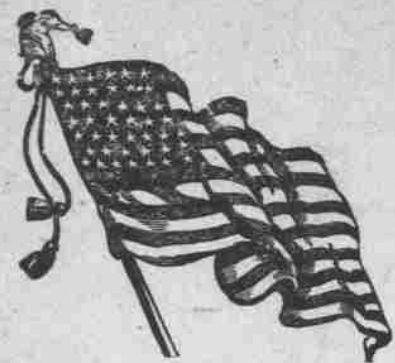
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"Flag of the free heart's hope and  
home!  
By Angels' hands to valor given;  
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,  
And all thy hues were born in  
Heaven.  
Forever float that standard sheet!  
Where breathes the foe but falls be-  
fore us.  
With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

—JOSEPH DRAKE



WORLD'S BEST NEWS:—The angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2: 10, 11.

## A SALARIED COMMISSION.

G OVERNOR-ELECT PIERCE will recommend to the legislature that the members of the state highway commission be paid salaries. The members of the present commission receive no compensation for their services. Their expenses including traveling, are paid by the state.

The governor's recommendation calls for differences of opinion. The governor has the appointment of the commission. The present membership will resign and give him free hand in these appointments and improvements in the personnel of the commission and the highway program will be up to him. His criticism of the present highway department has been severe.

The present commission are men of means and their friends and friends of the no-salary system declare that the change to paid membership means change from a type of service actuated by motives of loyalty to the state to service by the politician whose party service is one, at least, of his chief recommendations. Then, too, the saving in money to the state where men serve for expenses only is another claim of the friends of the present plan.

On the other hand, endorsing the plan of the governor-elect are those who claim: 1. That the first qualification of members under the present plan is that they shall possess sufficient wealth to live without compensation or that they must earn their living elsewhere. No person of moderate means can serve, is the final analysis. And this is not in accord with the basic principles of democracy. And the job is big enough to demand full time of the commission.

2. The fact that men should be selected for this and other positions of trust and service which occupies the major portion of their time on the basis of their qualifications for the particular job and not because they are so situated that they can give of their time, is another argument favoring the compensation plan.

3. And, again, it has been demonstrated as a general principle that the best service is generally obtained thru compensation therefor. The "dollar" positions during the world war are now recognized as very expensive "gifts." The Banner-Courier believes the services of R. A. Booth, who has served longest on the commission have been given conscientiously and have resulted in lasting good to the state. Of his associates much favorable comment may be also made, and the services of all—admitting the errors which have crept into the pioneer work of permanent road construction, should be fairly recognized by the people of the state.

And if the new governor, in his selection, should recognize Mr. Booth with reappointment this act alone would elevate him above the level of partisanship and merit much favor.

The Banner-Courier agrees with Mr. Pierce in "That the laborer is worthy of his hire" and that the servant of the state should earn his salary the same as the private employee. The only question to be answered is "Will the compensated employee save the state in improved service, his compensation. Reduction of taxes commensurate with service is after all the chief problem of the governor and his associates at this time.

## THE FERRY SURPLUS.

THE Oregon City—West Linn Ferry company dissolved on Saturday last at a meeting of the board of directors. The company was formed last summer for the purpose of operating a ferry across the Willamette for the convenience of the public on both sides of the river, while the new bridge has been under construction. This being now open to foot traffic and its dedication to the use of the public only a few days off, the directors felt justified in closing up the affairs of the company.

The undertaking has gone thru all the difficulties usually besetting such an enterprise but on the whole the results in service to the communities af-

fecting have more than justified the faith of the promoters.

Financially there is a balance of \$457.46 on the right side of the ledger. This is encouraging and is a tribute to the managing officials. W. A. Huntley, James Brady, Henry Larsen, Hiram Straight, Linn Jones, William Anderson, Clarence Farr and secretary A. G. Beattie.

It is reported, however, that the board of directors decided to hold the balance on hand in a fund for "some civic purpose." This decision the Banner-Courier deems ill-advised. Such disposition of the funds is not in keeping with promises made to contributors to the fund which made the ferry possible. Those who contributed were told that any surplus would be returned to them prorata. There were no conditions attached. It was a definite promise and as such should be observed to the letter. If there are contingencies known to the board of directors which may yet call for more of these funds the contributors who are really stockholders in the company should be notified. At least there should be a meeting called of all the contributors, a full and complete report laid before them and they given a choice as to the use of the surplus. If they waive their rights to the prorata return—and it is entirely probable that they would—then it might be properly distributed where it will accomplish the most good. To ignore the promises made to the contributors will have a decided tendency to kill similar future efforts.

## COASTING SAFELY.

THE first coasting of the season has brought sorrow as well as joy to Oregon City. Edgar Miller, the eleven year old son of Mrs. Helen Miller, lies in a critical condition in Good Samaritan hospital as the result of an accident on Seventh street while coasting with a number of playmates down the incline Saturday evening. The sled came in contact with an auto whose driver is unknown. Not even the number of the car was obtained.

The impact resulted in a terrible wound in the boy's side. Small hopes are had of his recovering. This is the moral to this sad story:

The accident emphasizes, as has been emphasized every year, the need of setting aside a street or streets for coasting. And this section so et aside by the city authorities should be guarded against vehicular traffic.

In Oregon where coasting is for the boys and girls a luxury seldom enjoyed, there is a tendency for youth to take exceptional chance with life and limb in order to avail itself of this fine sport. And no other city in the state is more blessed with long inclines and other ideal conditions for sleighing which is a healthful, fascinating pastime. Boys and girls should be encouraged in it. And the city could thus inculcate love for itself in these young hearts by making safe provision for coasting. A single life saved or even a single accident such as this prevented would be a wise municipal investment. To ignore the necessary precaution in the setting aside and protecting a section of the city for coasting is gross negligence. The time to act is before the first snowfall. However, action NOW is essential in order to be prepared for the future.

## ALTOGETHER.

The first thing necessary to impress the new highway commission favorably in regard to the outlet south thru the city is a genuine get-together of all the business interests of Oregon City.

There will soon be traffic enough for all the outlets possible but the big problem is how under present conditions of opposition, to obtain any adequate route at all.

ALTOGETHER NOW, is the all important slogan.

## BUY AT HOME.

For beautifully decorated stores and complete assortments of pretty and useful Christmas merchandise the credit is due Oregon City merchants. "Buy at Home" and thus bring about local prosperity.

## QUERY.

What has become of the Publicity Committee of the Commercial Club? Is a pertinent question often asked. Is this well defined arm of the organization broken or out of joint? Or was it made for a "buffer" anyway?

## GOOD BUSINESS.

Trade with those who help build our streets, light our city, support our churches and our schools—the home merchants. It is good business for the shopper, and all.

The humane officer isn't interested in cruelty to your farm machinery evidenced by leaving it to the elements in winter, but your punishment will come when you write a check next spring for the repair bill.

A few more days and the demand to electrify the elevator will be unanimous.

With the rain comes health in Old Oregon.

To All, a Merry Christmas—Banner-Courier.

## TRAINING LITTLE CITIZENS

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

Making The Most Of Stories.  
By Mary Frances Davis.

One of the most valuable assets of the mother of small children is the ability to search through her treasure-house of stories and find just the right one for the need of the moment.

All children love stories, and are eager to listen to any interesting one, but by giving careful thought to the selection of her stories a mother may make them contribute directly to the mental and spiritual development of her children. The real purpose of telling stories is to give joy, and of course this primary aim should always be uppermost in the mind of the narrator.

The simplest way to classify stories is according to the age of the hearers. Nursery rhymes are used universally as the very first stories, for they delight children who are still mere babies. The jingling rhyme first attracts the attention, and after many repetitions, as the little minds develop the words begin to convey mental pictures, and the story is gradually understood. Many babies only two years old recognize and enjoy most of the Mother Goose rhymes.

There is a slight gap between the Mother Goose tales and the first stories given in story-books. We have found that two-year old children greatly enjoy simple tales relating their own personal experiences, when told in a clear, direct manner. For instance—"Once a little boy named Preston went out for a walk, and he friend, the squirrel ran down from a tree, and looked at him. Then his big friend, the dog, ran to him and barked 'Bow-wow.' Then along came his sister, and said, 'Don't cry, little boy stopped crying and stood up, and smiled at all his friends.' Mothers will find ample material for these

home-made stories in every-day happenings, and should use simple words and keep the action brief.

The stories that naturally follow these fall into two classes, those which relate incidents that might really have happened, and those which open up the world of fables and make-believe.

Children of kindergarten age delight in fairy tales, because they stimulate the imagination. In this stage of mental development the imaginative powers are very alert, and little children live almost as much in the world of make-believe as they do in the real world. Because of this their minds crave fairy tales.

Nature lessons may be taught beautifully and impressively through stories. Children enjoy these, and at the same time gather much valuable information.

Boys are especially interested in true stories of heroes, and many historical facts may be presented in this way.

Several recent collections of children's stories are indexed according to the moral lessons they contain. This method of classification is very useful to mothers who like to use stories as a means of discipline. A skillful story-teller may relate her story with the idea of correcting some childish fault, without losing the fresh, appealing charm of the story itself. Perhaps this is the supreme test of a good story-teller.

List of stories for Kindergarten 1st and 2nd grade, by L. C. of Int. Kgt. Union, c/o Mary Murray, Secretary, Springfield, Mass., 15c.

Salmon pack of Columbia river district amounted to 415,000 cases, with average value of \$6.50 a case, or total of \$2,697,500.

## THE PEOPLE'S SAY

To the Editor:

Since my last communication, we teachers in the county have received an official letter from our school superintendent and countersigned by our school supervisor to the effect that we shall use our every influence to persuade our board of directors to use their influence in connection with our own to convince the patrons and taxpayers of our respective districts, including ourselves, of course, that it is of the utmost importance that we have a county nurse. While, in my opinion, our superintendent shows poor judgment in using his official position to further the cause of this Ladies' Organization in their effort to gain control of our children, he is entitled to his private opinion. I doubt very much that his private opinion, as a father, corresponds to his public endorsement of this menace to our homes. It has become a habit with those who are always trying to put something over us, to use some elected official, if possible, to give it the dignity of official sanction, and these officials seldom have the backbone to resist, and, of course, sometimes think the "common herd" need some one to look after them anyway.

Fellow citizens, I wish fathers and mothers who I know have greater ability to fight this menace than I, would speak in defense of our homes. I recognize my lack of words to paint this cunning organization with its proper colors. They have a purpose but no just principle. They harangue with a sneering smile at our stupidity(?) Who are they? Women and men of the idle class, mostly who have no children of their own, or have left their care to others. Having lived, and still living this unnatural life, they seem to have the idea that all others are like themselves. They don't seem to know that fathers and mothers of the common class love their children above all earthly things. They don't seem to know that our highest aim and strongest desire is to bring our children up strong and healthy in every way. They don't seem to know—but why continue the monotony? Then they have the nerve to tell us that we need a county nurse to look after our own. Doesn't that jar you? And, friends, if you fail to be at the budget meeting, they'll try to put it over. A principle is at stake. Shall we look after our own in our own way, governed by our natural love and instinct, or shall we become merely breeders for the state and be controlled by an upper (?) class. Think it over.

Fearing they will lose out again at our budget meeting, they are taking advantage of our generous and sympathetic feelings with the Xmas seals again, 35% of the money to remain in the hands of the local branch of the Tuberculosis association to be used in hiring a county nurse. Thus taxing ourselves indirectly to hire one anyway. Can you beat it? If they can't get us one way, they will try another. In order that we may respond to our impulse to do good, and at the same time check their intent, let us give with the written understanding that none of our contribution is to be used in hiring a county nurse.

ROBERT GINTHER.

## Christmas Tree Fires

While this is a season of the year when all is hospitality, there will always be one thing that is never welcome, and that is fire. Yet, fire often chooses Christmas-time for its visit because then, in many American homes, conditions are favorable to its reception.

According to a reliable estimate by The National Board of Fire Underwriters, an average of one in every ten Christmas fires, last year, resulted in a fatality. This is scarcely a pleasant thought to associate with the Yuletide, and it is because there is no wish to see the spirit of the observance dampened by tragedy that a little sane advice will not be out of place. Some regard for fire-safety, in preparing for the celebration, will make the day all the happier, by removing any cause for anxiety.

Christmas trees unstably set up, sometimes near heating and lighting fixtures, and hung with candles, constitute the chief cause of danger. If trees are firmly erected, away from anything that may ignite them or their flimsy trimmings, and lighted by colored electric lamps instead of dangerous candles—if they must be illuminated—two of the principal causes of Christmas fires will be removed.

Candels always are dangerous and especially so when they are placed in windows where curtains, other draperies and temporary decorations are in proximity. If fire would be avoided, no better start could be made than by eliminating all lighted candles in the home. Their presence is by no means essential to the enjoyment of the day.

## Oregon Industries

Payrolls and Factories are Holding up Well into the Approaching Winter—Manufacturers Report Orders Crowding onto Their Books—Building and Lumber Industry Keeping Strongly Active—Many Reported Wage Increases.

Portland—Wells Fargo building to be remodeled at cost of \$100,000.

Portland—In spite of tax supervisors cut of \$94,753, taxes to rise 5 mills.

Silverton logging camps close down for winter.

General cut proposed in state and legislative salaries. Total state taxes collected increased in 10 years \$32,088,240.

Portland—Wages in four trades increase 10 per cent. Plasterers to get \$10, bricklayers \$9, hod-carriers \$8, lathers \$9, carpenters \$8; in effect January 1.

State bounty law now costing annually \$435,000.

Newport has adopted commission form of government.

Astoria—Hammond Lumber Co. to rebuild \$7,000,000 mill.

Forest Service to build 58 miles road at cost of \$83,000 in Walla Walla county.



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## YULETIDE HAZARDS

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Don't use candles on trees, keep your open fires screened, be generally careful—and protect yourself by a Hartford Fire Insurance Company policy. Then you'll have no regrets.

**Merry Christmas!**

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