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SCHURMAN ON THE RECALL

RESIDENT Jacob G. Schurman of Cornell university, speaking in Denver, declared that the recall is dangerous. With the referendum, he said, it invites "the man on horseback" or despotic one-man rule, and it "undermines both the independence and feeling of responsibility of public men." He defended representative government in toto and declared that it had been proved wise by the experience of years. The trouble with representative government as we have had it is that it has not recently been representative of the desires and interests of the people. It has not been so in municipal affairs nor in state and national affairs. Men chosen to represent people forget their obligation to the people or ignore it. The recall and the referendum have come in response to the popular demand for a way of making their representatives really represent them. These reforms give the people a hold upon their public officials that they never had before. The recall and the referendum should heighten the feeling of responsibility to the people in every public official, not lessen it. In private business management there is a rule of a sort of referendum and recall, and it is effective. Why should it not be in public business matters? Independence and responsibility are needed in public officials, but not independence of the popular will and popular interests, nor responsibility to others than to the people. The referendum and recall make sure that officials have the right sort of independence and that they feel responsibility in the right direction.

"BURNING THE HAMMER" A STEP FORWARD.

SEATTLE the other night inaugurated a custom that many other communities in all parts of the country may sooner or later be induced to follow after another fashion. Without going into the local conditions that led up to it, or taking sides in the controversy resulting from it, it would seem perfectly proper to present the matter in an educational light. All cities suffer more or less from thoughtless or malicious home criticism. At times this criticism becomes something more than annoying. It affects not only the reputation but the business of the community. Seattle claims to have suffered severely from it in the last two or three years. It is called, in the vernacular of the times, "knocking." Those who follow the practice of "knocking" are called "knockers." Under the liberal latitude given the vernacular by popular consent, the tool used by the "knocker" is, figuratively speaking, a "hammer." The Post Intelligencer of Seattle tells us that "30,000 joy-mad citizens, men and women, sang, danced and cheered" on the night referred to around a fire in which was placed a hammer weighing 600 pounds. The ceremony of "burning the hammer" began with a procession, headed by a band of music. Fully 100,000 people, we are told, witnessed the parade, which passed slowly, and to solemn strains from the band, through the principal business streets. In the procession were past and present city officials and prominent citizens. There was much cheering on the part of the "boosters," the element that opposes "knocking." We have the journalistic word for it that the dem-

onstrator was one that will discourage "knocking" in the future and result in great good to the city. Regardless of Seattle's local controversies and disputes, it must occur to the thoughtful reader that the idea of "burning the hammer" is not a bad one. There is hardly a need of the ceremonial attending the demonstration in Seattle. It is not necessary that there shall be even a real fire or a real hammer. All that is necessary is that the public of every community in which criticism of a thoughtless reckless and injurious character seems to be gaining ground shall, metaphorically speaking, "burn the hammer."

We believe nothing worth mentioning is ever accomplished by chronic faultfinding. Public officials are too often used as targets. Small politics is too often at the bottom of the criticism directed toward those in positions of prominence and responsibility. The encouraging, kindly, charitable word goes much farther than the harsh or sneering remark in bringing about desirable conditions. Hammer burning might be practised, we think, with great profit in communities far removed from Seattle. It would be a splendid substitute for avid criticism.—C. S. Monitor.

Coos Bay's hammer may not be as large as Seattle's but it would be a good thing to burn it. But even the small Coos Bay hammer would be better burned. This community would grow faster and prosper more if she had the old "Seattle spirit"—which the Seattle boosters are now seeking to revive.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

THE GIRL WHO SMILED The wind was east and the chimney smoked, And the old brown house seemed dreary; For nobody smiled and nobody joked, The young folks grumbled, the old folks croaked— They had come home chilled and weary.

Then opened the door, and a girl came in, Oh, she was homely—very! Her nose was pug and her cheek was thin; There wasn't a dimple from brow to chin, But her smile was bright and cheery.

She spoke not a word of the cold and damp, Nor yet of the gloom about her; But she mended the fire and lighted the lamp, And she put on the place a different stamp From that it had had without her. Her dress, which was something in sober brown, And with dampness nearly dripping, She changed for a bright, warm, crimson gown; And she looked so gay, when she so came down, They forgot that the air was nipping.

They forgot that the house was a dull old place, And smoky from base to rafter; And gloom departed from every face As they felt the charm of her mirthful grace And the cheer of her happy laughter. O, give me the girl who will smile and sing, And make all glad together! To be plain or fair is a lesser thing; But a kind, unselfish heart can bring Good cheer in the darkest weather. —Selected.

The Lighter Mood. Just a little loafing as we trudge the road along! Just a moment here and there for smiling and for song! The mountain grave and splendid roars its head into the blue But it gives a kindly shelter to the blossoms and the dew.

The deepest sea makes plaything of the waves that roll and break The stormcloud so majestic has a rainbow in its wake. So, be you ne'er so wise and good and be you ne'er so strong, There's no disgrace in pausing for a smile and for a song.

The enormous cabin space of the new German giants of the sea makes possible many luxuries never before enjoyed at sea. Considerable space has been set aside for reproduction of the Roman baths. Great swimming pools filled with sea water are surrounded by broad galleries, luxuriously furnished, where the bathers

may rest. The broad decks nearly one-fifth of a mile in length, will afford ample room for deck sports of every kind. Special squash courts will be added to the completely equipped gymnasium. Luxurious sun parlors will be found on these steamers, large rooms enclosed in glass, where passengers may enjoy an uninterrupted view of the sea in all weather. There will be a number of luxurious private suites, including private dining rooms. In addition to the regular libraries, music rooms, parlors and smoking rooms, these ships will carry rathskellers with stone pavements and vaulted ceilings.



(By Douglas Malloch. They wanted him to buy a farm A thousand miles remote, In regions that were full of charm, The proud promoter wrote, The more he thought and thought of it, The more he liked the scheme; To think of it he used to sit— And then he had a dream.

(Now, dreams are very foolish things Undoubtedly, it's true— Your brain puts on its fairy wings And flies away from you; And yet it seems that some of us Our cash would never keep Unless we learned a lesson, thus, By falling fast asleep.)



He had a dream a dollar came, A dollar came and called his name In anger and regret, The coin was shedding silver tears From out its silver eye, He asked the reason for its fears; The dollar made reply:

"They tell me you intend to send Me many miles away, They tell me you intend to spend In speculation gay The dollar that has been to you A servant many years, To send me to some region new— And hence these silver tears.

"I've lived in this community Almost as long as you; I've been in ev'ry family, I guess, but one or two— But one or two who, sad to say, Had such a scheme in mind And sent their hard-earned cash away With tears its features wet; Some other land to find.

"I am the dollar that was paid To Johnson for his wheat, That Johnson gave again in trade To Murphy for his meat, That Murphy gave to Smith, you see, For furnishing a knife, That Smith left at the grocery For candy for his wife.

"The grocer gave me up to Jones, Who runs the drygoods store, And that the doctor set his bones This Jones can thank me for, The doctor paid me out for oats To feed his dapple gray, The feedman paid me on some notes Fell due a certain day.

"The Banker bought a book or two, And so the thing went on— Each night I had an owner new, A new one at the dawn, A welcome waited when I came, A godspeed when I went, In fact, a thousand ways the same On errands I was sent.

"But now you say that I must go, A wanderer to be, Afar from all the friends I know Who know and honor me, I wonder that you dare to look Me fairly in the face; And in your empty pocketbook, Oh, who will take my place?"

The speculator then awoke, The dollar in his hand, And softly to himself he spoke, "At last I understand," He gave it to the druggist's clerk And bought a brush and comb— He found a dollar does its work The best right here at home.

"THE WATERMELON AM A SMILING ON THE VINE" at Lewis' Sunday.

FOR A PUBLIC RAILWAY TRACK

Dr. E. Mingus Offers Solution Coos Bay Waterfront Railroad Problem.

Editor Times: I do not believe in the municipal ownership of public utility measures; it is the duty of a government to govern and not to compete with its citizens in various enterprises. Those things which are done by a municipal government should affect every one alike, these introductory remarks are for the purpose of presenting my views on the construction of a railroad along the waterfront of Marshfield. On account of the location of Front street relative to the waterfront and the intimate relation it will bear to gaining access to docks and water traffic special consideration must be given it. The port of Coos Bay is going to spend several hundred thousand dollars in dredging a suitable channel for the accommodation and use of boats and vessels in this harbor, this will be done and maintained at the expense of the people. Along this same line let us have a "public railroad track" along the waterfront which shall be free for all cars. I do not mean for the city to operate any cars over the track but simply have a railway track constructed by the municipality and under the charge of an "official train dispatcher" who is a city officer and having the powers and authority of a policeman to regulate the running of trains over the track. Let the cars passing over that track be assessed pro rata for the up keep of the track the same as the city now taxes teamsters in the city for the up keep of the streets. A railway track of this nature should be so constructed that it will stand up under the largest engine now in use by railroad companies and be able to handle any amount of traffic conditions justify. Let private railway tracks make connections with it at convenient points and be propelled over it under their own motive power whatever that may be. "A public railroad track" of this character guarantees equal treatment to all and protection to the economic handling of all transportation business. The principle has been tried out on our existing public highways and found satisfactory. It is the application of that principle to street railway that I am now advocating at strategic points where the necessity of common use exists. Bond the city to raise money for the building of "a public railroad track" with the same understanding that the people have bonded the port of Coos Bay for the purpose of providing a suitable channel for navigation and there will be no disappointments in the granting of common user clauses to private parties. I take this position solely in the interest of the development of the commerce of Coos Bay. No one can object to it any more than they can object to the improvement of a street to provide means for safe and efficient street business for the building of a county road to accommodate teams passing from one part to any other part of the county. E. MINGUS.

IS This Your Fix?

It isn't a question of where I shall go When my two weeks' vacation I pull, I'm not much beset with a yearning to know The place to get sober or full, I'm not gnoming maps nor consulting the guide, Nor booklets of bunk and come-on. This point, before leaving, I fain would decide: Will the job remain put while I'm gone? When the matter was broached in a casual way In a brief interview with the boss, The look in his eye was as much as to say, "We hardly would notice the loss." Then there's a meecher who's piping my shoes, As if eager for trying them on, The question is not the retreat I shall choose— Will the job remain put while I'm gone?

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN. We want fresh salmon and are prepared to pay the highest cash price for them. For further particulars see C. G. HOCKETT, Empire City, or GEO. F. SMITH, Coos River.

DISGRACE CAUSES SUICIDE.

Los Angeles Man Accused of Small Theft Hangs Himself. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 29.— Because the police accused him of having stolen a bottle of cream and locked him up in the city jail, C. Pfister, 80 years of age, hanged himself with his scarf to the bars of his cell last night.

THE WHEAT MARKET

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) TACOMA, Wash., Bluestem wheat 90 to 92c; Fortyfold, 84c; Club, 82c; Red Russian, 80c. CHICAGO, Ill., July wheat 87 3-4c; September, 90 1-8c; December, 93 7-8c; May, 98c.

Practical Inquiry.

The town council of a thriving burg in the west of Scotland recently acquired a piano for the town hall and appointed three of its number to inspect and report on the purchase. The councilors were not musical experts, but one, a joiner, bending down and applying his eye to the several corners of the instrument, remarked, "I'm no judge of music, but I'll warrant ye a' the boards are plumb."

To avoid buying lobsters which have been cooked and laid on ice until all their firmness and sweetness have been sacrificed lay the creature on its back and straighten out the tail. If when the tail is released it springs back into its normal curled position it may be considered fresh, but if it stays back and seems limp and flabby it is unfit for use.

Easily Answered.

"Mention the name of some well known Greek," said the teacher of the juvenile class in history. "George," spoke up the curly haired little boy. "George who?" "I don't know the rest of his name, ma'am. He comes around to our house every Thursday with bananas and oranges."—Chicago Tribune.

Drying an Umbrella.

An umbrella should never be opened in order to dry it, as the ribs get sprung, and it will never roll up neatly and tightly after once dried in this manner. Doing this will also spoil the cover by straining the weave unnaturally. The correct way to dry an umbrella is to stand it on the handle that the water may run off the points instead of gathering at the ferrule and thus rotting the material.

Setting Her Right.

A little child was seen walking around near "the bearded lady" at one of the sideshows at a county fair. The child being evidently on good terms with the barker indicated to the onlooker that it was probably related to the bewhiskered female, so she asked the child, "Is the bearded lady your mother?" "No," answered the child; "she is my father."

A Short Sermon.

It is reported that a young man, being examined preparatory to joining the church, was asked, "Under whose preaching were you converted?" "Under nobody's preaching," was the prompt reply. "I was converted under my mother's practicing."

Did any preacher ever utter so powerful a sermon as the young man embodied in those few words?

Galvani's Discovery.

It is to the wife of Professor Galvani of Bologna that is due the credit of having discovered the electrical battery which bears his name. Some skinned frogs lay upon the table, and, noticing a convulsive movement in their limbs, she called her husband's attention to the strange fact, and he instituted a series of experiments, and in 1791 he laid the foundation of the galvanic battery.

A Bull For a God.

The ancient Egyptians believed that the spirit of their greatest god, Osiris, dwelt among them in the form of a pure white bull marked by a certain sign. Herodotus mentions two of these signs—a black eagle on the back and a black forehead with a square of white in its center. These creatures when found were worshiped during life and mummified after death.

Window Mirrors.

In continental towns one frequently sees a mirror at the side of a window so placed that people in the room may see reflected therein the view up or down the street. In some bygone periods of English street architecture it was customary to bay almost all the windows at least enough to enable the occupants of the houses to look along the streets.—Craftsman.

Dr. Johnson's Appearance. Dr. Johnson, who was extremely careless of his personal appearance, called at the house of a friend one night to induce him to call with him upon Goldsmith. The philosopher was sprucely dressed, as neat in every way as any one could wish, and his friend, noticing the change, inquired why he had got himself up so spick and span. "Why, sir," replied Dr. Johnson, "I hear that Goldsmith, who is a very great sinner, justifies his disregard of cleanliness by quoting my practice, and I am desirous this night to show him a better example."

SUNDAY GAME WILL BE CORKER

Marshfield Fire Department Will Play North Bend Fire Laddies.

Chief Traver and his men are going to North Bend tomorrow afternoon to meet the fire laddies of that place on the diamond at 2:30, prepared to win. They have strengthened the Marshfield team and say there will not be enough of the North Bend boys left to play "one old cat" when the game is finished. They will make a Chicago-New York game look like a bush league contest. Here's the line-up, but you should see the game, it will be classy:

Table with 2 columns: North Bend and Marshfield. Lists names of players for both teams.

SOME REAL ESTATE DEALS

Week's Transaction in Marshfield Property Is Large. The following sales have been made by the Title Guarantee and Abstract Company: Johnson lot adjoining Chandler hotel, sold to E. W. Wright for \$6,000. Harry G. Hoy, 100x100, corner 10th street and Greenwood avenue, in Sengstacken's Addition, sold to Alexander Haglund for \$700. Alex. Haglund, 2 lots in Block 14, Railroad Addition, to F. A. Warner for \$800. D. L. Rood, corner Ingersoll and Second streets, to F. W. Payne for \$1,500. Dennis McCarthy, 2 lots in Block 22, Railroad Addition, to F. W. Payne for \$1,000. Dennis McCarthy, 40x100, on Hall and Second streets, sold to Messrs. Murch and Quist for \$1,400. Rose Baines Peterson, 3 lots on Ingersoll and Second streets, to F. W. Payne for \$1,800.

APPEAL MERGER SUIT.

Government Thinks It Can Beat Railways in Higher Court. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.— The government will appeal to the Supreme Court the Harriman merger suit which was decided in favor of the railroads by the United States circuit court at St. Louis. Attorney General Wickesham yesterday directed C. A. Severance, the government's special counsel in the case, to prepare an appeal and file it quickly as possible. Severance has reported to the attorney general his belief that the government had a good chance of winning on appeal.

WILL SIGN TREATY.

Pact Between United States, Great Britain and France Effective. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.— The general arbitration treaty of United States, Great Britain and France will be signed at Washington next week.

DRASTIC LIQUOR BILL.

Kansas Congressman Wants to Stop Interstate Liquor Traffic. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.— Fines of \$500 to \$5,000 for each offense for sending intoxicants from one state to another is provided in a bill introduced by Representative Jackson of Kansas.

SPOILS SYSTEM SCORED.

Counter Charges by Politicians on Office Holding Grant. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.— Senator Kern of Indiana, speaking on a resolution to add several employees to the pay rolls, charged that a "spoils system has run mad" in the Senate, where patronage was divided so systematically that members often were awarded a "half a man" Senator Dixon, republican, retorted that the democratic House had discharged all republican employees.

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