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THE "WELCOME STRANGER" BAND.

The following editorial was clipped from the Oroville Mercury. A few weeks ago, J. H. Dungan, editor of the Mercury, spent a week or so in Ashland. It is not hard to figure out the "certain city" of which he speaks. And there is something more than a pat on the back for us in reading the editorial. Mr. Dungan would not have carried away the pleasant impression which he apparently did, had not there actually been the "welcome stranger" band. Let us make the "welcome stranger" tendency a habit:

"In a certain city, not any larger than Oroville, the whole population have combined into a 'welcome stranger' band. Every time any of the residents of this little city meet a stranger on their streets they greet him with a smile and a few words of welcome. If he stops to talk they spend a few minutes with him and give their home town a big boost. They tell him of points of interest and give him the impression they are interested in him—which they are.

"Last year one man brought twelve families into this city by greeting strangers and making them feel at home. Strangers appreciate this kind of a welcome. They don't feel as if they are strangers when they are given a pleasant greeting by the town folks.

"In this city they have the habit of speaking cheerfully to all strangers on the streets, no matter what time they see him. This is a regular custom and makes a great impression on the visitors.

"This is a custom Oroville should adopt. Every resident of this city should resolve himself or herself into a committee of one to greet all strangers pleasantly. It is time that Oroville forgot all grouches and came to the front as a friendly city. Make it pleasant for strangers and they will go away with a good impression of your city, which will bear fruit later. Witness the twelve families one man alone settled in his city by following the custom of greeting strangers.

"It doesn't hurt anyone to give a stranger a pleasant greeting. It's not words wasted, either, but reflects to the credit of your city.

"So let's form an informal 'Welcome Stranger' league here in Oroville, greet all visitors with a smile and a 'good-day' if nothing else. If they stop and ask you questions about your city, give them all the information you can. If you don't know, take them to someone who does. It won't hurt you and it will help your city considerably. Try this 'welcome stranger' plan for a few months.

FOOLING THE PEOPLE.

Eugene Register: The simple and unadorned fact is that the really valuable agricultural land in the Oregon & California grant was sold off long ago. The railroad did not want to retain anything but the timber. The so-called agricultural land that still remains is either worthless in character or is so completely isolated that making a living on it would be impossible. The grant lands are valuable principally for their timber, and land with 300,000 feet of timber to the forty can not be taken up. It is not right to lead the people to believe that happy homes are waiting for them in the O. & C. grant and then cruelly disappoint them.

It is reported that the Smith-Powers Company contemplates developing a coal mine on their Eden Ridge holdings near Marshfield.

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CAN YOU CONCEIVE OF SUCH A SITUATION?

The so-called "Land and Loan Measure" (single tax) on the November ballot provides for loaning \$1,500 without interest for five years to anyone who with his family has failed to accumulate property of a total value of \$2,250. It's hard to imagine a more absurd proposition. Every pauper in the United States would come to Oregon.

A sane man cannot conceive of such a condition. A man and his family who have failed to accumulate a home are unfortunate. Would it help them, however, to loan them \$1,500? Nothing is easier to get rid of than cash, and the next thing the borrower would know, his money would be gone and he would be worse in the hole than ever.

A man who has failed to accumulate a home would stand small chance of paying back \$1,500. Why not change the law and simply give the propertyless person \$1,500 outright. There would be as much sense to it.

The proposed land and loan law penalizes thrift and puts a premium upon shiftlessness and extravagance at taxpayers' expense.

From an industrial standpoint it would kill the state, as industry could not assume such a burden and survive.

AN EXPENSIVE SCHOOL MACHINE.

Oregon has the most complicated and expensive school machinery of almost any state in the Union, and the end is not yet.

The same machine is reaching out for more power, more laws and more institutions, and its net product is more professionalism.

It is a well-known practical fact that with an expensive state printing plant, the smaller text-books could be printed for one-half. With large expert forces at the higher institutions of learning the texts could be supplied adapted to the needs of the people.

At each session of the legislature ten to twenty new laws are ground out by the "machine" leaders, raising the taxes. This legislation is often conceived entirely by impractical "educators" bent upon higher salaries and getting softer jobs.

The Hillsboro Independent shows the conflicting and careless character of this legislation from the records of the county superintendent, as relating to high schools.

There will be no reform in high overhead cost of education until officials are made to serve the taxpayers and the people instead of log-rolling for each other.

In order that the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company of Grants Pass may compete on a parity with California refineries in shipment of its product, the Southern Pacific Company has applied to the Oregon Public Service Commission for authority to establish same freight rates from Grants Pass to points in Oregon as are now in effect from San Francisco to same points.

Heard and Overheard

(By Lynn D. Mowat)

We kind of pity these poor fellows who made the awful mistake of starting a column in a newspaper and religiously sticking to one style, one system, and one deplorable lack of elasticity. Take it from us, gentle reader, this column is going to remain as unbridled as a range colt. It's going to be free to limp into halting verse, compound tabloid sermonoid editorials, print stolen jokes or technical expositions on politics as expounded to us by E. J. Kaiser. This ought to keep it fresh. Please rattle before you strike if we get too fresh. N. B.—We will even be susceptible to printing puns if we get despondent.

American as She Is Spoke.

Around the new billiard table in Grieve's:

Joe Alnutt—"Me un thu ol' man'll take yawn."

Coley Jr.—"Aw whatcha handin' us? Yuh youldn' stan' a chanet."

Coley Sr.—"Can thu chatter'n grab a stick, can'tja?"

Howard E.—"Spotch ten or morn that if yuh got a hunch yuh'll need 'em."

Translated from pure American as she is spoken into English as it is written.

J. A.—"The elderly Mr. Coleman and myself would be perfectly willing to engage in a sociable game of billiards with you."

C. Jr.—"Really, are you perpetrating a jest? In my humble opinion our ability far exceeds yours and such a contest would hardly be equitable."

C. Sr.—"This argument is altogether needless. Secure a cue and we will at once enter into a friendly contest which will decided the mooted question."

H. E.—"I am perfectly willing, aye, even anxious, to assure all concerned of an interesting competition, and am inclined toward advancing you ten counters upon your counting string, or even a greater number if in the opinion of all concerned it would result in a more impartial distribution of the—may I be common and call it 'handicap'."

Reciprocity—"Did the doctor pay a visit?"

"Yes, and the visit paid the doctor."—The Mule.

Shopping in Butler's.

Queen Mary—"Now see here, little girl, I have something else to do besides show you penny candies. Do you want the whole town done up in tissue paper with a ring around it for one cent?"

Little Girl—"Let me see it."

The Milky Way of Co-operation.

Just speakin' of co-operation. Word came to me the other day of a homespun piece of that material, and how two fellers made it pay. You all remember, if you think back just about a month or more, every mornin' two milk wagons clattered by your kitchen door. One was driven by Mr. Norton, 'tother bore H. Sander's name. Although their patrons alternated, the route of each was 'bout the same. And before the milk delivery, two barns housed two fine sets of cows; two buckets, cans and separators; two pastures for the herds to brouse. One day, by happy concomitance, these worthy milkmen had a chat. Got to talking about their business. Findin' out where each was at. Kind o' got their heads together. Figured out a simple plan. How a job that took two fellers could be done by just one man. Now one crew does all the milkin'; one wagon carries all the milk. Things slip along a durn sight smoother. Everythin' is fine as silk. Milk don't come a blame cent higher, but I got a feeble hunch that if the truth was told by them two, savin' 'mounts to quite a bunch. If you are a dad-blamed knocker, run your business your own way, but don't go tellin' them two fellers co-operatin' doesn't pay.

Kumagae, the sensational Japanese tennis player who defeated National Champion William M. Johnson in the Newport tourney although losing out in the national championship, is a young college graduate

from Japan, not even able to speak English fluently. An idea of the character-building tendency of tennis may be gained from his word picture of the way he had been treated over here. He is quoted as saying: "Of course, I had heard a lot about the American sportsman before I sailed, his sense of fair play and all that, you know. The American doesn't play fair at all, as a matter of fact. He cheats himself right along."

Mayor Johnson says he received a lesson in economy the other day. A fellow asked him for a dime to get something to eat. He gave the dime and told the fellow to go across to the restaurant and get a cup of coffee and a doughnut with it. "You don't know anything about economy," replied the man. "I'll go over and buy a dozen doughnuts and then ask the baker for a handful of coffee to make a little drink, and then I'll go down by the railroad and boll up about five cups of coffee out of it and have a feed." "And he did," says the mayor.

The bucks had better look wild. "Dad" Cornelius, councilman from the First ward, has been granted a ten days' vacation.

Charles Alnutt and R. P. Cornelius were engaging in the national pastime of arguing politics.

Cornelius—"I'll bet you a hat Wilson is elected."

Abbott—"Oh, make it worth while. I'll bet you a cow."

Cornelius—"Nope, I can't afford to lose a cow."

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