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A JUST AND AN HONEST VOTE

"Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measure, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have."

So reads the ancient statute of Moses, written in Leviticus for the observance of the children of men.

So honesty is enjoined down the long ages. The people of Oregon made a solemn covenant with the 34,500 men who joined the colors and went forth to offer their lives that a government of the people, by the people, for the people might live; that free governments might not perish from the earth; that the world might be safe to the end of time for democracy.

The covenant on the part of the people of Oregon with these men, made by word of mouth on ten thousand platforms, and reiterated in written and printed form in a million ways, was that they should not lack for evidences of appreciation and gratitude if they should return to Oregon, where the home fires were to be kept burning.

These men performed their part of the covenant; 1000 of them sleep under the poppies of France; 1000 more suffered wounds that handicap them; the rest suffered loss of time and opportunity.

The performance of this covenant on the part of the people of Oregon will be by an affirmative vote on June 7 in favor of the amendment that will entail a cost of a half mill tax for one year on the assessable property of Oregon for a cash bonus for some of them; and the putting of the credit of the state behind the rest of them, in order that they may be able to borrow as much as \$3000 each for the building of homes and the improvement of farms—to be fully repaid under an amortization plan.

The people of Oregon are asked merely to be honest; to be just; to perform in a small way a part of their covenant. And at no cost to themselves; yes, in the long run at a profit to themselves; for the new taxable property thus created will yield a revenue to the state for all time—

So that we will by voting favorably be merely responding to the maxim that honesty is the best policy—

Though the occasion demands a higher level for the movements of the springs of action. It is so high an obligation as to warrant its full performance if it involved a free gift of the total sum involved, instead of a mere loan of credit in order to enable these men in a measure to redeem the time they lost in the service of their state, their country, and humanity.

KEEP THE FLAG AND THE DAY

During the Civil war the commander of a certain division had occasion to present a newly organized Negro regiment with its colors. The color guard advanced to the General's presence and were handed the Flag with the commander's orders to keep it and bring it back. The color sergeant, a stalwart black man, who a month before had been a slave under the overseer's eye, took the Flag in his hands, proudly saluted his commander and said: "We will keep it and bring it back or report to God the reason why."

The old soldiers who at Lincoln's call lifted the Flag out of the dust and placed it again at masthead, and the younger soldiers who have kept it there and will keep it, plead with their fellow citizens to discourage all suggestions to make Memorial Day an occasion for sports and diversions of any kind that tend to detract from the tender and sacred associations of that day. Let us make it a festival of flowers in memory of our dead friends and comrades who have gone before us by just a few days, and comfort ourselves with the hope that we, too, may be remembered by what we have done to make the world better. Signed, —ALBERT LOUGHRIDGE, Commander of Sedgwick Post, G. A. R.

Poultry slogan next week. The slogan editor wants something from every live poultry breeder in the Salem district.

Now it appears that there is danger of a hiatus in the Pacific highway through Marion county—the stretch of road from the fair grounds corner to the plant of the Valley Packing company. Something must be done about it. Perhaps, while we are at it, that grade crossing should be eliminated. Who has a suggestion? Suggestions are strictly in order.

FUTURE DATES: May 28, Saturday—Track meet, Salem high school and James Johns high school of Portland, on Salem field. May 29, Sunday—Memorial Sunday service. May 30, Monday—Memorial day. May 31, Tuesday—Senior social of public speaking department, Willamette university. Program, Knorr Arden, Oregon. June 1, Friday—Annual senior play by June 7, Tuesday—Auction sale of Wooded property of state fair grounds. June 8, 9 and 10.—Portland Rose Festival. June 14, Tuesday—Elks annual flag day program. June 15 to 29—Oregon National grand movements at Camp Lewis and Fort Stevens. June 16, Thursday—49th Reunion of Oregon Pioneer association. June 17, Friday—High school graduation exercises. High School. June 17, Saturday—Annual Iowa picnic, State fair grounds. June 20, Monday—School election. July 23, Saturday—Marion county county school picnic, state fair grounds.

ment of fate on his sense of imperial greatness came the other day when he returned to a virtual imprisonment from the bier of the faithful companion of his glory and his humiliation, forbidden even to accompany the body to its tomb in the land he once ruled and in which he cannot now even set foot.—Baltimore American.

Judge Gary says the unions are archaic. He, of course, has in mind unionism as at present manifest in its prevailing practices. With a different kind of unionism, one that would perceive that capital and labor are co-operators and are both interested in increasing production, he would, of course, as a sensible and practical man, be not only willing but glad to have close relations.—New York Tribune.

One of the most convincing evidences of a general return to sanity is the big slump in the sale of ouija boards. The ouija craze is ebbing even more markedly than the craze for jazz music. There are fewer ouija parties and there is far less faith in the diabolical lit's contraption on the part of its devotees. This is doubtless more than the natural reaction which always follows abandonment to a fad. It means a growth in education and common sense.

OLD TIMES COME AGAIN. The president has many callers and manages to see them all. Some have business with him. Some desire simply to pay their respects. Others have in purpose speaking words of approval of what he has done since assuming the duties of his office and wishing him good luck for the future.

Politics is absent. In this company are Republicans, Democrats, Socialists and men and women without party classification. All alike make pleasant reports as to their reception. It is to be noted with gratification that among the callers are many senators and representatives, both parties contributing. Sometimes Republicans and Democrats call together and are received with equal cordiality.

Connection thus between the White House and Capitol Hill seems to have been re-established. With the president visiting Capitol Hill when he has business here and legislators visiting the White House when they have business there should make for such agreeable relations between the two localities as will inure to the benefit of the country.—Washington Star.

LOVE OR MONEY. They are still arguing whether it is best to marry for love or money. The opinion largely prevails that whichever is undertaken, at least one of the parties will wish it had been the other idea. The man who marries for love will some day grieve that he did not wed money. The girl who gives her hand to money will prefer to give her heart to love. It is a fine thing to have a little of both.

AMONG THE POETS. The project for an American academy of poetry and song will not materialize without some friction. Neither would the institution be maintained without more controversy. If it were just

a clearing house for poetry it would be easier; but even that might furnish argument. There is such a difference of opinion as to what really constitutes poetry. There is a large school willing to admit as poetry anything which has neither rhyme nor reason. Others who follow such purists as Bryant and Longfellow insist that real poetry must have both. Possibly it would be best to compromise on a home for bards and let them tilt before a nonpartisan committee for admission. Even a hall of fame for poets might start a fight.

BOOKS FOR GIRLS. Dr. Frank Crane has published a list of books suitable for girls of 15, doubtless with a view to protecting their morals and training them in the way they should go. And this engaging list includes Omar Khayyam's Rubaiyat, with its "bottle of wine and thou" ethics and Macaulay's "Lays of Ancient Rome" alongside of "Alice in Wonderland" and Andersen's "Fairy Tales."

PATHS OF GLORY. The Hall of Fame is slowly but surely filling up. Twenty-six more tablets were unveiled this week, making 63 reservations altogether out of a possible 100. By the time some of Salem's leading citizens get their glory there won't be any room left in the main hall and they'll have to hang out on the sleeping porch.

WE SPEAK WELL OF THE DEAD. And now it's Secretary Weeks who comes out with words of praise for his predecessor. Democrats are beginning to realize for the first time what a bully cabinet President Wilson had.—Charleston News and Courier.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST. It was fair and cooler. The Statesman is speaking these days to practically all the fruit men of the Salem district. Here is a piece of advice from the Bits for Breakfast man: Pick all your berries; harvest all your crops; co-operate with the canners and shippers; take a chance; help bear the financial burden, if necessary. There will be a demand for every pound of your fruit; though advance orders may not be had for it at this time. The fruit crops in the rest of the country are short. There will be need for all your fruit, and it will all be bought, and you will finally get your money—every cent of it.

"An Oregon man spent \$10,000 on a lady barber. He must have ordered everything she had in the shop in the way of treatment."—Los Angeles Times.

A way must be found to get the Pacific highway through Salem without going through mud holes. This has reference to the property holders down below the fair grounds, who have remonstrated

the improvement of that strip of the highway. Look out for the Pons-Winnecke comet next month. Sounds like a winning game of bridge whist; or a new cough drop.

Looks like it will be unanimous for the soldier loan bill; and a boom for Salomon and Marion county and the rest of Oregon.

The maraschino crowd ought to be connecting up with our Royal Anne cherry growers pretty soon. The emergency tariff puts the kibosh and the ausgespielt mark on the Italian and Spanish supply.

MEMORIES AT SEVENTY-FIVE. "Elder Flowers" He crowned me with elder flowers, And whistling, mocked the thrush-lay. We did not heed the fleeting hours in that long-vanished happy May. We saw the sheen of Summer's train. We caught the rose's scented breath. We did not see the battle plain. We could not hear the tread of death. My soldier's humble, unknown tomb. Live in the Southland, far away. And so my wreath of elder bloom. Rests on his comrade's grave today. And thus I pray some other hand. May strew my loved one's lowly bed With fair, sweet things by south winds fanned. A myrtle spray—some roses red. Ah! we may say that I am old— My brow is furrowed, my hair is gray. I care not, for my heart doth hold The glory of life's brightest day. Oh, grave so deep! Oh, years so long! Ye cannot hide my love from me; I hear his voice in thrush's song, In elder flowers his face I see. Phoenix, Arizona. —Anna Blank

Irrigation Land Loans Will Not Be Renewed. Because of an opinion of Attorney General Van Winkle, holding that under the law funds of the Irreducible school fund should not be loaned on irrigation district lands that have been bonded, loans on such lands will not be renewed as soon as the period of loan has expired. Some of the funds are loaned on lands of this character. The state land board, however, will not foreclose as a method of withdrawing the loans.

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