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GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS

Readers of this corner of The Statesman will recall the case of a high salaried functionary of the United States Department of Agriculture who, two or three weeks ago, visited Salem on official business, and that the fact was accidentally developed that this official of the department of our government supposed to look after the interests of our people on the land did not know that Oregon had a flax industry; did not know that we raised flax here; did not even know the name of the man at the head of the fiber bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Here is another case along the same line, brought out by the American Economist: There is a "bureau of foreign and domestic commerce" maintained by our government; but the American Economist says this has been a misnomer; that no one has been looking out for our domestic commerce. However, the last Congress appropriated \$50,000 for the purpose of developing domestic trade, and a chief of the "bureau of domestic commerce" has been appointed.

But the American Economist says interests have "got in on the ground floor" that have opposed every measure calculated to rebuild domestic trade and production on sound economic bases; their only idea apparently being to increase the importation of foreign competitive products; whereas, the American Economist contends, "the most important part of business life is production and still more production." The Economist goes on to say:

"The best thing that the new bureau of domestic commerce can do is to work for the greatest possible domestic production and the greatest possible consumption of domestic products. There is where the hope of prosperity lies. It is not in the export trade, except in a few selected industries. The greatest good to the greatest number lies in the greatest home consumption of home products.

"We should think that it would be within the province of the new bureau to point out cases of overproduction and failure of markets and to indicate where the situation might be improved by turning to some other line of production in which there is a domestic demand.

"The bureau of domestic commerce has a great future if it turns its activities in the right direction."

That is just what The Statesman has been contending for. This new bureau, if headed by a man with vision, say one built on the lines of Herbert Hoover, and with a taste of the money frittered away at Washington by statisticians and agricultural economists (like the one who visited Salem) and impractical visionaries on high salaries and large expense accounts with their heads in the clouds; frittered away on frippery and folderol and fiddlefaddle—

If such a man were put in charge of this bureau, with such an appropriation, he could quickly lead this country to the point of self sufficiency. He could bring about the production of all our wool and mutton at home; all our sugar in United States territory; all our flax and hemp products at home; all our potato flour and starch and dextrine, and all of a thousand other products for which we now depend on other countries—

And in doing this home demands would be built up for all our agricultural products of which we grow a surplus. We would soon be importing wheat instead of trying in vain to find a profitable foreign demand for our surplus—

And our whole country and every branch of our industries would become prosperous; and permanently so.

This is the line of action that would be taken by a man directing his own business or the affairs of a company of which he was the head—such a man as Jim Hill, the empire builder, for instance. It is what Edison would do; what Henry Ford would do; what any one of such men as leaders among the pioneers who laid Oregon's foundations would do—

Get down to brass tacks; back to first principles; find out what our resources are and develop them; find out the weak places in a program looking to self sufficiency, and repair them and build them up and make them strong.

Quit merely figuring and fooling and fooling, and put over a great program of constructive work.

Wanted, at Washington, men with visions who are not visionaries; statesmanship that is constructive.

KEEPING AT IT

The agitators for a recall are working within their legal rights, but they are showing themselves mighty poor citizens. The recall is a sacred weapon, adopted by the people for their protection on drastic occasions. It was never intended to be the instrument of unscrupulous politicians getting their way. Governor Pierce has not had a fair show. He has not had a real opportunity to put into operation his program.

It is charged that Governor Pierce has not reduced taxes. No sane man ever thought he could reduce taxes unless given a law making body in sympathy with program. With a legislature of one political faith and the governor of another it means little permanent good in the shape of forward legislation. Men are so shaped that it is mighty hard for them to forget partisan advantage and work with opposing forces to accomplish a public good. Oregon governors and legislators are no exception to the rule.

The Oregon Statesman does not believe Governor Pierce will be recalled. It still believes it is purely a game of politics and a mighty low brand of that.

A BAD SITUATION

The attorney general of the United States has issued a statement on the enforcement of the

uel. Wood is a stern man when anyone tries to work him. He has patience with the childlike but he has none with the perfidy of grown men.

Quezon takes exceptions to Gen. Wood's efforts to prevent the looting of the national bank there. Nearly a million had been wasted and the General put a stop to it. Probably Manuel found a little personal difficulty there. At any rate as a good friend we advise Manuel to have a care. Gen. Wood is about the worst man we know of to trifle with.

MISHANDLING FRUIT

A Washington court has decided that it is illegal to put an Oregon brand on Washington state fruit. This is sound. However the California people continue to make good money putting California brands on Oregon fruit.

The law ought to be broad in its source. Every state is entitled to the rewards of its own industry and to misbrand fruit is not only to cause deception but it discourages production. No man is in a position to do his best when he knows that the result of his labor will never be known.

Army officers are now permitted to wear civilian clothes in private life. The explanation is that the uniform is unpopular. This does not mean that the man in the uniform is unpopular, it just means that the people do not like to be reminded of war.

It is a shame. A child beater at Dallas was let off with a fine of \$75. This is a poor way to protect helpless children. The man said his temper was bad and got away with him. A little fine will not go far towards improving a bad temper. The pity is the whipping post is not in operation in Oregon.

It was a graceful act for the Oregon Methodist conference to elect Dr. Clarence True Wilson the first delegate to the general conference. Dr. Wilson is a national figure and in honoring him the church is honoring itself.

While the farmers are not getting much for their wheat they have the satisfaction of knowing that the government is maintaining a fine string of polo ponies for the army officers at Corvallis.

In the fifty years since its invention no piece of machinery has done more to vindicate itself than the typewriter. It has filled a long felt want. The typewriter is now indispensable.

Speaking of doing things on a big scale, there are more than one ten thousand egg incubators in the northwest.

HOLDING A HUSBAND

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER 408.

WHY DICKY EMPLOYED THE 'RUSE THAT NEVER FAILS.'

Katie was as good as her word. She went at the problem of cleaning the old Dacey farmhouse and getting it ready for the workmen with thoroughness and dispatch, kept Jim, Sam Ticer and Jerry on the jump with her autocratic but sensible and eminently necessary demands. To one person, Mrs. Ticer, she issued no orders, thus proving herself the possessor of more diplomacy than I had given her credit for.

I had feared a clash between these two women of quick tempers, who each guarded her prerogatives with jealous care, but they seemed to get along together wonderfully, and I gave myself up to the delightful task of selecting wall papers and seeing that the paint for the old hand-carved woodwork was of just the right ivory tint.

If Junior's adoration of Katie had not aroused his grandmother's jealousy, the problem of keeping my doughty mother-in-law out of Katie's way would have been an insuperable one. But with avidity she seized the chance of having her beloved grandson to herself and away from Katie, and as we did not wish the child to go near the Dacey farmhouse until it had been thoroughly renovated, she had no chance to exercise the tyrannical overbearing with which she was wont to make Katie's life miserable at cleaning time.

"Letter for You."

I went to the hospital Thursday, and again on Friday, finding things there apparently unchanged. Marion getting stronger, Lillian quiet, almost apathetic, Robert Savarin watchful, anxious. And each time I returned home with my heart heavy with apprehension for Lillian. Yet there was nothing in the world I could do to help her. Indeed, Miss

Jones intimated that my visits were unnecessary, that she wished her patient to have even more rest and quiet than she was experiencing. And while I felt unutterably sad at my impotence to help my friend, yet the fact that I was not needed—that everything possible was being done for her and Marion—left me with a sense of freedom to attend to my own affairs.

It was late Friday night when Jerry Ticer, returning home from Sag Harbor, put his head inside the door with his usual grin and duck of the head.

"Letter for you, Misses Graham."

"Oh, thank you, Jerry!" I answered, and he crossed the room with his awkward, shambling gait, and held the letter out to me.

"It's an awful purty hand-write," he volunteered confidentially. "Gee, I wish I could write like that! I ain't never see nobody write like that before, 'cept one teacher we had year before last. She was awful smart, and her writing looked like that."

Dicky, who was reading between grumbles at the heat of the kerosene lamp beside him, glanced at me keenly. I knew that Jerry's reference to the hand writing on the envelope practically had assured him that the expected answer from Grace Draper had arrived. For there are few scripts which equal in beauty and legibility that of the girl whose letter we had been so anxiously awaiting.

"Isn't That Junior?"

"If you practice every day, Jerry," Dicky spoke oracularly with a perfectly straight face, "you'll probably write just that way in a year or two."

"We all would, Jerry," Dicky sighed. "And here's something to enable you to select still another writing lesson. Good night."

He held out a piece of silver to the boy in adroit dismissal, Jerry took it and started for the door.

"Yes, ma'am, thank you," he grinned, and the door closed after him.

"Who is your correspondent with such remarkable chirography?" my mother-in-law asked curiously from her mending basket.

"I don't know yet," I responded mendaciously, slitting the envelope slowly, and racking my brain for some excuse which would satisfy Mother Graham and yet keep the truth from her.

"Isn't that Junior?" Dicky struck a listening attitude. I rose quickly, with the letter in my hand.

"I'll run up at once," I said. "I'll go with you," Dicky said carelessly. His mother swept us aside with a magnificent gesture.

"You'll only get him all excited," she said. "I was just going to bed, anyway, and I'll see to him."

She went out of the room, and Dicky grinned triumphantly at me.

"The ruse that never fails," he said. "Now let's hear what dear Grace has to say."

(To be continued.)

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

North America won.

The Latin races are out of luck in the prize ring when pitted against the Anglo-Saxons; they sleep too much; are too easily put to sleep.

There was an auction sale over in Polk county yesterday, attended by a big crowd. They had just heard of the reported recall movement against the governor. There was mild excitement and general discussion. A man who was in that crowd told the Bits for Breakfast man that every single person present at that sale, of all political parties, declared his or her intention to vote against the recall, in case it comes to a vote. This gives a definite line on the reaction to the proposition, at least at first blush.

As the world's shortage in prunes soaks in deeper, the market will keep picking up. The growers will have a say about prices, if they will only say it and stick to it.

This is a sizable country. President Harding and party were within 150 of the Arctic circle, and still well within United States territory.

Oregon State News

Recall of Pierce Wherever you go these days there is talk of recalling Governor Pierce, and it is asserted by the leading newspapers of the state that a fund of \$15,000 has been subscribed to spring the recall whenever the opportune time arrives. It is our prediction, however, that those favoring the recall will not get very far.

Analysis of the reasons for the insistent demand for the recall is to be found in politics. Pierce was elected by the open combination of a large number of republicans. Instead of listening to these men the governor has seen fit to reorganize the old democratic warhorses, a majority of whom are not his kind and who really voted for the republican candidate.

But to our way of thinking this is not sufficient reason for a recall.—Polk County Observer.

Will Observe Constitution Week

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 14.—Constitution week, September 16-22, will receive a full recognition in Grants Pass, with appropriate exercises to commemorate the adoption of the basic law of the country. Observance will start on Sunday with every minister in the city devoting his sermon to a text in keeping with the occasion. During the week that follows every opportunity will be taken in bringing the subject of the constitution to the front.

Every night at the Rivoli theatre, following the picture, a four-minute man will give a talk on some phase of the constitution.

More Seed Potatoes

CORVALLIS, Sept. 14.—Benton county will have some certified seed potatoes again this year if present prospects hold good, according to County Agent C. R. Briggs, who with Professor G. R. Hyslop, representing the Extension Service, has just finished the second field inspection of those in the county that had passed the first field inspection. At the time of the first inspection a number of fields failed to pass the rigid requirements because of too much mosaic. This was the disease that at that season was much worse.

Bring Dairy Along

MARSHFIELD, Sept. 14.—One traveler camped in the Marshfield auto camp is taking no chances about the condition of the milk wherever his wanderings may lead him. He drove into the camp last night with a trailer loaded with about half a dozen milk goats. This morning he and his wife were energetically engaged in getting their daily supply of milk from the animals.

Farmers Are Discouraged

ALBANY, Sept. 14.—"What is the farmer to do next year?" is the general question being asked and discussed by the farmers of this section of Oregon who are practically completing hauling their grain and hay crops to the warehouses for storage this week. One farmer today said he is going to stay with the ship, despite the unfavorable condition while it is said a larger number of farmers are having sales this year than ever before with the view of retiring from the business.

Community Fair

The Oak Lawn fair bureau will hold a community fair at the Norwegian Lutheran hall, one-half mile east of Monitor, Saturday, Sept. 15. It comprises Oak Lawn, Elliott Prairie, Monte Cristo and Manitor school districts, and promises to be one of the best attended affairs ever held in this section.—Woodburn Independent.

FUTURE DATES

- September 17, Monday—Constitution day. September 18, Sunday—YMCA setting-up program at Wallace farm. September 18, Tuesday—Marion county grand jury meets. September 19, Wednesday—Willamette university. September 20, Thursday—Marion county community federation to meet at Chamber of Commerce. September 20, Thursday—Willamette valley hardware and implement dealers to hold convention in Salem. September 20, 21, and 22—Pendleton Roundup. September 21, Friday—Children's clinic at Chamber of Commerce. September 21, Friday—City budget meeting at state penitentiary. September 24, Monday—County tax commission of all counties to meet in Salem. September 24 to 29—Oregon state fair. September 25, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Salem. October 1, Monday—Salem schools open. October 2, Tuesday—Naturalization day. October 6, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. Washington, at Seattle. October 20, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. Mt. Angel college, at Salem. October 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27—Annual show at state penitentiary. October 24 and 25, Wednesday and Thursday—Completion of paving of Pacific highway from California line to Vancouver, B. C. to be celebrated at Olympia, Portland and Salem. October 27, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. Chemawa, at Salem. November 2, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. College of Egret Sound, at Tacoma. November 3 to 10—Pacific International livestock exposition, Portland. November 6, Tuesday—Special election on income tax referendum. November 10, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. Linfield, at McMinnville. November 16, Friday—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Salem. November 23, Friday—Football, Willamette vs. Pacific, probably at Portland. November 29, Thursday—Football, Willamette vs. College of Idaho, at Boise.

Heavy Prune Crop CORVALLIS, Sept. 14.—Prune driers throughout the valley began their fall run the middle of the week, according to C. R. Widmer of the Spring Hill district, who was in the city this morning.

Mr. Widmer operates a 42-acre prune orchard on this farm, which he says will yield approximately three tons to the acre. He reports the prune crop in this section unusually heavy and the fruit this year of exceptional quality. The section of the country around Albany has an exceptional crop this season, while the territory around Salem has a light crop. Many of the orchards in that section have no fruit at all, Mr. Widmer stated.

Haze Caused by Fires

MEDFORD, Sept. 14.—Smoke and haze which has been hanging over the valley for the past three or four days is the result of a large forest fire in the Klamath national forest on the Klamath river and the south slope of the Skiskiyou, according to H. H. Rankin, supervisor of Crater national forest. Forty-five fires have occurred this season in Crater national forest but have caused little damage, as all of them were brought under control before attaining serious proportions. Twenty-nine of the 45 fires were caused by lightning, according to statistics of the forest service.

Another Prune Meeting

ROSEBURG, Sept. 14.—A meeting will be held in Roseburg in a few days of the members of the sub-committee of the Northwest Cooperative Prune exchange, at which time the final details of the organization plans will be considered. George Neuner, the retiring district attorney, who attended a meeting of the representatives of the various districts at Salem yesterday, was selected to continue the work of arranging the final draft of the plans, and is now working on the papers necessary for this purpose. As soon as he has the outline in

readiness the other members of the committee, G. J. Hard of Corvallis, A. B. Starbuck of Dallas, and Mr. Silver of the Dundee Prune association, will meet here to give their approval to the plans and make whatever are found necessary.

IS DRY, BUT IS FOR NEW VOTE

United Brethren Minister at Conference Praises Service Men

"More praise for the ex-soldier and less criticism toward him will make more former service men favorable toward prohibition," Rev. W. L. Blessing, 25, pastor of the United Brethren church at Vancouver, Wash., said last night.

"I am for the 18th amendment and prohibition, and don't get that wrong," he said. "We know that the open saloon is never coming back. We also know that light wines and beer have proved a failure in France."

Rev. Mr. Blessing said that the greatest help toward readjustment is in the absence of criticism, especially that which is unjust. He recently started his congregation and Vancouver citizens by an avowed stand for a referendum on the 18th amendment on the grounds that it was a "minority legislation." Though his stand is attacked by members of the WCTU, the church official board unanimously voted in favor of his return.

"Education and modern ideas in regard to religion will have a big place in the church curriculum next year," Rev. Mr. Blessing said. "During the year I have been pastor at Vancouver, 30 persons have united with the church, and it has made the best financial record in its history." Although he was only 17 at the time of the World war, Mr. Blessing saw action on the western front, participating in five major offensives as a member of a machine gun unit of the 37th division.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Charges Denied.

Editor Statesman: In your copy of The Statesman of Monday, Sept. 10, you published an account of one, Jane Doe Allen, having been arrested for assault and battery on Genevieve Karat.

I beg through the same medium to emphatically deny the charges, which I can prove are false.

Why should I hurt a child whom I know is not to blame for things she might do? Not to vindicate myself in the eyes of my false accusers, who, not having the facts, came out in full force; managed one blow in retaliation for which (being a mother myself, I have made due allowance) but for the sake of my loyal friends and family, am I offering this, the true facts in the case, the fundamental background of which rests on a trivial matter of blackberry vines which, like all of God's gifts to the children of men, lifted up their offering of fruit for us unworthy mortals to accept or reject.

—Jane Doe Allen.

Republican Heard From

Editor Statesman: Why is there such a great propaganda launched to keep Governor Pierce from appointing a new hospital head? Can it be possible that something is rotten in Denmark? There never was yet a man so big but others can fill his place. It is often good for the public to have a change. They learn a great deal of the inside of an institution that is news to them. Thousands of Republicans voted for Governor Pierce to get rid of the public sap suckers that had a pull. The recall bugaboo is boy's play, and if it shall come it means a bigger majority than ever for Governor Pierce. The public is with him. Give him a free rein to carry out the policies he advocated.

—A Fair-Minded Republican.

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FOOTBALL LESSON TWO Running with the Ball



(This is the second of a series of 12 lessons which bring out the most important points which every boy should know who wants to learn to play football right.)

When a player has learned how to hold and shift the ball, he is ready to learn how to run with it.

Run Low He should run low, bending the body at the hips, but keeping the head up and eyes to the front. He watches where he is going and picks the holes made by the line-men. The head should be kept up until he is about to hit some one, then he should put the head down and take the force of the bump on the headguard.

Speed is the most important thing, but the runner should also know a few tricks to fool tacklers. Quick change of direction is one method. This is done by shortening and quickening the step just as the tackled approaches.

Pivot Body Another method is to stop quickly at the proper time to cause the tackler to misdirect his tackle. Pivoting the body a full turn will also sometimes throw a tackler off his direction, and the runner can then go on. All these tricks must be carefully practiced, so that as little time as possible will be lost in using them.

Next Week: "The Kick-off."

Hard Times Co-ed: "What makes the tower of Pisa lean?" Ed: "It was built during a famine."

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

A ROBBERY IN THE HEN HOUSE

"A robbery!" Kenneth declared, and his voice on the why of it ailed; But to Kenneth's delight His Dad set him right And the truth of the "orbbery" bared.

"Mother! Mother!" Kenneth burst into the kitchen, his face flushed with excitement. "Somebody has robbed the hen house. A thief has stolen a lot of our chickens!"

"Oh, no! Are all the chickens gone?" Mrs. Babcock asked anxiously. "Well, not all of them, but lots of them are. I didn't count, but there must be at least 9 or 10 missing." Mrs. Babcock sighed in relief.

Answer to today's picture puzzle: The names of the authors are Longfellow, Bacon, Howells, Burns.

Flasher Old Man: "Young man, you're running amuck." Motorist: "No, sir, this is a Stutz."

HERE ARE THE NAMES OF FOUR AUTHORS:



"Well, I can account for that nest," she said. "There was an old setting hen, that I just couldn't make up, so I upset the nest to see if the wouldn't break her."

Kenneth looked disappointed. "But that doesn't prove there wasn't a thief in the chicken house last night," he insisted. "The hens are gone, and I guess you didn't steal them, did you?"

It was Mr. Babcock's turn to throw back his head with a hearty laugh. "No, I'm the guilty one there. I stole the chickens. We have too many, so I decided to lock up a bunch to fatten and sell."

"But all those broken eggs?" Kenneth persisted. "How do you account—"

"There were two. I stepped on them when I went in," his father laughed. "Yes, I took them out of the nest when I upset it and must have forgotten to pick them up," Mrs. Babcock explained.

Mrs. Babcock broke in with a

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