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THE TRAINING SCHOOL FARM AGAIN

The Oregon state board of control is hereby authorized to use not to exceed fifty thousand dollars out of the funds now appropriated by the provisions of chapter 178, General Laws of Oregon, 1921, for the construction, furnishing and equipping of the Oregon state training school, for the purpose of purchasing land, if the board, in its judgment, deems such action advisable for the proper functioning of said school.

The above is the language of chapter 144, General Laws of Oregon, 1923 session of the Legislature.

It is the authority of the board of control for the purchase of a new farm for the state training school (boys' reform school), which has been hanging fire for a long time.

And now some people are coming forward with the assertion that it is not mandatory, and that therefore the matter might as well be put off.

But is it not mandatory? On its face, it is surely directory, and in all the circumstances of the case it is surely mandatory.

The Legislature of 1921, on the recommendation of Governor Olcott, appropriated money already collected and on hand from road funds, for the erection of a group of buildings designed to give the state training school a modern system, known as the "cottage system," or rather to make that system more efficient and complete, with separate buildings for each "family," on the same lines as for the children's farm home near Corvallis, and at a number of other such homes in this state.

Then followed an agitation on the part of welfare workers and others, protesting against the present location for such a new set of buildings, giving many reasons. Some of them were good, some of them not so well founded in fact and experience. But no matter. A halt was called, waiting for further legislative direction.

And this was given at the 1923 session, in the language quoted in the first paragraph above.

If in all the circumstances this is not in its nature mandatory, what is it? What does it mean? The law makers had before them a number of propositions, at the 1923 session. They were all debated and considered in committee and on the floor of the two houses. The conclusion of the whole matter was the enactment of the above quoted law. It is surely directory as giving the proper authority for the carrying out of the 1921 act; and it is mandatory, considered in all of the circumstances of the case.

It is not unusual for even high courts to find interpretations and make decisions according to such discussions and the surrounding and impelling circumstances.

Another thing: The state can use all the land it has, and the additional tract of farm land proposed to be purchased, and to advantage. It can use all the state training school buildings. More room is now needed for the institution for the feeble minded. Other state institutions are becoming over crowded. There would be, no waste in the buying of new land, or in the erection of new buildings, for the state training school; at least no waste for any great length of time.

Furthermore, if there is to be a new farm purchased for the state training school, it is the duty of the board to secure land that will lend itself to the best employment of the boys; of those in the institution now, and of all the thousands that will come in the future.

Not only this, but with a view to making the institution as nearly as possible self supporting. That matter also was in the discussions in the Legislature; it was in the minds of the members. That phase therefore also becomes directory and in its nature mandatory.

If the boys can be trained better with the employment of more and different land, and if they can at the same time give themselves a measure of self support, or render the entire institution self supporting, then that attempt is mandatory on the board.

By a mandate of the members of the Legislature and of the whole people of Oregon; for in this state all laws are enacted as of the whole people, with the right reserved of the referendum, and implied consent in the absence of such action.

DENBY TALKS

The Oregon Statesman took a position against Secretary Denby. It still thinks it was right and he should have been forced out of the cabinet. However, his side, as stated to his friends in Michigan, is worthy of consideration. He has outlined his defense in six presentations, as follows:

1. That the democratic administration, with the approval of Secretary Daniels, leased 88 producing wells in various parts of California Reserve No. 2.
2. That, with the written approval of Secretary Daniels, dated August 21, 1920, and subsequently approved by Secretary Paine and President Wilson, the Boston-Pacific Oil company was permitted to put down five new wells on reserve No. 2 on a royalty of 25 per cent.
3. That a little later, with the written approval of Secretary Daniels and of President Wilson, the Consolidated Mutual company was given a lease for 120 acres in the heart of naval reserve No. 2 at a royalty of from 12 1/2 to 25 per cent.
4. That all of these royalties were taken in cash and added in one way or another to the supply of fuel oil for the navy.
5. That hundreds of oil wells on private lands within or adjoining the reserves were draining the oil from under the government land in the reserves. The total number of these wells, as stated

6. That the highest royalty secured by the Wilson administration under any lease was 25 per cent, while the royalties by the succeeding administrations ranged from maximums of 25 to 77 per cent, most of them being from 35 to 55 per cent.

It is a reasonable assumption that Mr. Denby is telling the truth. Not even his severest critics have charged him with a lack of candor. At all events, his assertions either are true or untrue. If true, the practice and precedent of leasing the navy's oil reserves was under full swing before the Wilson administration went out of office.

If true, the government drove much better leasing bargains under the Harding administration than under the Wilson administration and made better provision for the national defense.

If Mr. Denby is untruthful or wrong, let his critics come forward and prove it. Let us have the good old American spirit and practice of fair play.

Mr. Denby has been fiercely attacked, palpably in partisan spirit and for partisan ends.

It is right that he should defend himself and that the public should hear and consider his defense.

A RECALL

The Marion county grand jury published a demand for an overture of the recall. It is time that

of unscrupulous people. The grangers want the life of the petition only 30 days. They should go further; a bought petition should have no standing whatever. Enough people in Oregon petitioned for the recall of Governor Pierce to call an election. It was discovered, however, that the petition was bought and paid for by one man who had a grudge. Under the law that petition can be held indefinitely over the head of the governor. It is all wrong.

The recall does not commend itself to a thoughtful people, although it apparently is going to save Multnomah county a lot of money this year. A recall petition should never represent a commercial proposition. It should be voluntarily circulated or not at all. There are thousands of people who will sign any petition, no matter what, and these people affect the recalling election but never the results.

We once knew some college boys who were asked if they didn't want a vacation. Like all college boys, they replied in the affirmative, whereupon a petition was produced and every boy signed it. The next week the petition and its signatures were published. It turned out to be a petition of every boy there to have his head cut off on a certain date. That is only a little more aggravating than the average petitions. Under the present form any man who has money can subject any official in the state to a recall election. The initiative and referendum are right, but the recall is a most dangerous weapon.

A SERIOUS SITUATION

The Southern Pacific railroad has deliberately defied the public utility commission and is apparently getting away with it. As we understand it the commission admits it is powerless to enforce its decision.

This is a most serious situation and opens the way for just one of two things. The commission should either be abolished altogether or it should be given a full set of teeth. It is intolerable that a railroad company, for any reason whatever, should defy the state board, and it is intolerable that the state board in such a case does not have power to put the railroad company out of business. The people of Oregon are not unreasonable; they have set up certain tribunals and every corporate body in the state, as well as every citizen, must obey these orders. If this is not done there is just one other thing to do, and that is to abolish the board altogether and let the railroad do as it pleases. This defiance is legal anarchy.

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The Fun Shop

MAXSON FEDERAL JEWELRY

The Inquisitive Reporter

Our inquisitive reporter yesterday asked this question of four people chosen at random:

"What is the subconscious feeling about the radio-activity of helium produced by spontaneous atomic disintegration, or do you favor an attitude more latitudinarian in specific content towards the universal use of red woolen ear-muffs?"

Gracie Mills, hotel clerk: "Now that us girls wear our hair bobbed, freshie, we don't need no ear-muffs."

Jim Crook, taxi driver: "I deny the charge. I was in Kankakee last Saturday night and I can prove it."

Mrs. K. Peattie, bookkeeper: "I always get that tired feeling in the spring, too; but have you tried sulphur and molasses?"

J. G. Frink, barber: "You certainly said an ear-full, Next!"

A Toast

Here's to those that love us—
If we only cared!
And to those that we'd love—
If we only dared.
—Anna E. Gumaer.

Hard to Understand

Bibbs: "Some people get everything they go after."
Gibbs: "Yes, and others don't seem to get what's coming to them."
—C. L. P.

A man is known by the car he drives; a woman by the car she rides in.

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MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adèle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 148.

THE WAY DICKY REVEALED SURPRISING FACTS TO MADGE.

Dicky's rough nonsense with its suppressed note of displeasure—suppressed, I knew, because of my injury—effectually extinguished my little blaze of childish temper and gave me a desire to make amends to my husband for my churlishness. I twisted swiftly around in his arms and put my palms on either side of his face.

"I'm sorry, Dicky," I said humbly. "I didn't mean to be horrid, but—"

His first answer was a tightening of his arms about me, a roughly tender kiss. Then he stared at me a bit curiously.

"Something in the course of the next hundred years or so," he said, with more than a touch of exasperation in his voice. "I'm going to take a month or two off, and find out just what's in the back of your head concerning poor old Edie, that you froth at the mouth every time there's a remark concerning anybody or anything in the same county with her. No, you needn't try to wriggle away. I'm not going to put you through any inquisition now; I'm just registering a threat or a promise, whichever way you mean to view it, for future use. Is this the gown you want to put on?"

Madge Wonders—

His manner decisively dismissed Edith Fairfax from our conversational horizon, and I was glad enough to pick up his cue.

"As it is the only dress I have with me, it is Hobson's choice," I returned airily. "And I don't need you now, dear. My head is better, and it would be absurd for me to fuss over my toilet with this awful eye. Do go out and talk to Dr. McDermott, and I'll follow in just a few minutes."

"Well—all right," Dicky assented reluctantly. "But call me if you want anything."

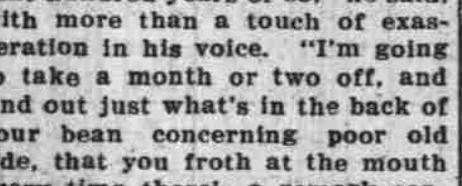
"Oh, surely," I returned, hoping that Dicky would not notice my feverish eagerness to get him out of the room.

For the revelation that he had given me concerning his knowledge of my antipathy to Edith Fairfax had shaken me deeply. I wondered if he had spoken as he

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STORIES OF PRECIOUS JEWELS

King Tut's Treasures of Lapis Lazuli

The recent excavations in Egypt which have brought to light the wonderful objects of art belonging to the reign of King Tut-ankh-Amen have revealed most beautiful and elaborate pieces inlaid with quantities of blue lapis lazuli. This stone is not considered a gem, but it has always been counted one of the most alluring materials for beads, earrings, and other barbaric jewelry as well as a favorite stone for inlay work in jewel boxes, vases and charms.

The most remarkable example of the way lapis lazuli was used by the ancients is the throne of old King Tut himself. It is an immense gold affair, with a sort of aisle of gold walls extending in front, and a high, fan-shaped piece for a back. Every single foot of it is carved in minute designs with inlays of lapis to mark the central motifs. The whole thing

is a glitter of gold imbedded with blue. Literally thousands of stones were used in its construction.

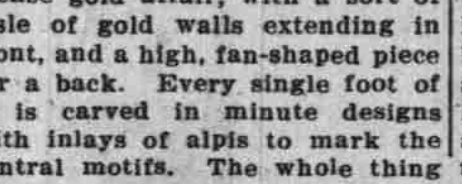
The picture which forms the tailpiece here shows one of the arms of the throne formed of gold in the shape of the winged cobra, a symbolic bird of the Egyptians. All the dark parts indicate inlays of lapis lazuli. The entire head was a boulder of the polished stone.

The ancient Arabians used lapis lazuli, calling it Azul. The Chinese also carved it into vases, caskets, buttons and cups and painted on it with porcelain paints. It is mined now in Chile and Siberia and used as a setting in modern jewelry. Often it is heated and blown into a blue glass for cheap imitations of high-grade material. Lapis lazuli frequently has a green cast to it or it may be turned green by heating it and adding saltpetre. It is opaque, has a slight lustre, and is generally mottled with brown or gold-tinted spots.

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A CORNUCOPIA FOR MAY DAY FLOWERS



The basket of flowers from the woods that you hang on your nicest friend's doorknob on May Day will be more of an individual gift if it is one you have made yourself. This one is quite easy. It is cut from an eight-inch square of paper. Rule off your paper into sixteen sections, marking centerwise each way, cornerwise each way with lines half-way between each center and corner line all the way around. You now have sixteen parts. Number them as in the diagram. Cut out the ones marked black, Nos. 3, 7, 11, 15. Crease and paste section 2 on 4, 6 on 8, 10 on 12, 14 on 16. Turn the top flaps back and paste on a slender strip for a handle.



True Enough

Feg: "What do you think of Czechoslovakia?"

Feg: "Well, it's hard to say."

triumphs—little more, in fact, than the newspaper public had been given in the war dispatches. But here, in confidential talk with the little physician—himself, as I guessed, a veteran with heroic field and hospital service to his credit—Dicky had dropped the barriers, and was unwittingly revealing a record which made me glow and thrill with wifely pride.

It was like listening to a saga of the old Norse warriors, I thought, as the evening wore on, and I found myself unconsciously falling into as worshipfully humble an attitude toward my husband as any wife of that long ago time and clime could have held.

Something of this feeling I tried to express to Dicky when at last the supper was over, and Dr. McDermott had bidden us farewell. But the spell had been broken, and my husband's only reply was an irritable—

"For the love of Mike, Madge, don't you try any of that here stuff on me! Glad you enjoyed the chin-chin if you like that sort of thing, but nothing doing on any hashed-over talky-talk now."

(To be continued.)

MR. PRUNE GROWER

"It's a Long Road That Has No Turn"

WHILE the prune market has been and is unfavorable, there is no reason for discouragement.

Prunes, like wheat, are an international commodity, and we must turn to foreign markets to absorb our surplus. European conditions are improving. The Dawes committee has furnished a program for the financial and economic rehabilitation of Europe. Europe will come back, and so will the prune.

Don't neglect your prune orchards—Keep them up, but don't be a one-crop man—This is an age of diversity and this is the ideal spot for diversity.

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