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CHANGING LEGAL PROCEDURE

MORE than a score of changes intended to make legal procedure in Oregon a swifter, cheaper and more certain instrument of justice are listed for consideration in a preliminary report by the committee which Governor Julius Meier appointed last September for the study of these problems.

One change has already become law. By vote of the people last May, the vote of 10 out of 12 jurors will be sufficient to decide any criminal case except where the death penalty is involved. This will minimize the troubles with "hung juries."

The other proposed changes may or may not come up for legislation soon because the committee wants to give every change careful study, but most of them are changes which have worked well in other states and need only to be adapted to Oregon habits and conditions. Some of the most interesting are:

To allow criminal prosecutions to be instituted upon "information" (written charges) by the prosecutor, minimizing use of grand jury indictments. This change was submitted to the voters in 1933 and rejected, but the plan is finding much favor in other states and may come up here again. (The case of the young man charged with causing the death of Patrolman Jackson is of the type which might have gone straight to trial in open court under the shorter procedure).

Permitting prosecutors to comment on failure of an accused to testify, a privilege which the state is now denied.

Permitting judges to give juries the benefit of their opinions as to the evidence, a privilege long accorded judges in the federal courts and usually helpful to bewildered laymen.

Recognizing the crime of "false swearing" as second only to out and out perjury.

Requiring prima facie cause to be established in appeals in criminal cases instead of granting them as a matter of right.

Requiring defense to give notice in advance where an "alibi" is to be used, preventing difficulty and cost of fighting surprise alibis.

Repeal of statute which deems confidential a communication from an employer to his stenographer.

Repeal of virtually all present exemptions from jury service.

Twenty-one lawyers and laymen make up the governor's committee, among them being Judge L. T. Harris, of Eugene; Wayne L. Morse, dean of the University law school; Rabbi Henry Berkowitz, of Portland; Elam J. Anderson, president of Linfield college; Robert W. Sawyer, Bend editor (and former judge); Ben T. Osborne, labor leader; Judge James T. Brand, of Marshfield; Dexter Rice, of Roseburg; Justice Rossman of the supreme court, and some of the most distinguished lawyers from all parts of the state.

This committee is one which should be continued by Governor Meier's successor. Laboring without funds for special help it is doing a needed piece of research from which all the people ultimately will benefit.

"THOSE WHO LIVE BY THE SWORD"

WITH blood and iron, Germany's dictator, Adolf Hitler, descends upon his political enemies within that unfortunate nation. Ranking officers of his "storm troops," leaders in the monarchist faction, the Catholic faction, and Protestants who have objected to his Nazi version of the church are being dragged out and shot or given the alternative of "honorable suicide."

With a bloody coup he has thwarted the alleged plot to overthrow him and he has made his answer to the rival groups which have embarrassed him lately by demanding that he swing either "right" or "left." It is apparently the Hitler plan to be absolute.

Possibly Hitler drew more inspiration from his recent conference with his neighbor Senor Mussolini than was indicated in press reports. The man is clever. The world must admit that. When Von Papen and others publicly disputed and debated his policies he disappeared into what looked like a retreat. When he emerged, it was to invite his foes to what they thought was a conciliatory conference. It was a "rendez-vous" with death. The meeting place was surrounded with Hitler's own picked troops. It was a deed bolder than any of Mussolini himself.

Germany is not Italy, however. It is doubtful if any man can dominate for long by sheer terrorism. The schisms in Germany are too many and too deep. Bloody vengeance is likely to answer bloody vengeance. Having failed to maintain a united Germany by directing its fury upon the Jews and communists, Hitler is not likely to keep it long in line by sheer force.

If there is any comfort in such a situation it may be found in the fact that a Germany torn by civil strife can hardly be a serious menace to European peace.

STUDY IN DEMOCRACY, JUSTICE.

DESPITE the fact that William Langer is governor of the great state of North Dakota, a jury in the federal court found him guilty of soliciting funds from CWA and FERA workers in his jurisdiction for the support of his political newspaper, "The Leader." Having the distribution of jobs under his control he was able to say: "No contribution, no job"—the old political racket, you know—and that sort of thing was strictly forbidden by the federal government which was putting up the funds.

However, William Langer happens to be a politician of the evangelical school, preaching some rather radical doctrines of what purports to be "reform." It was not of record that he solicited funds for his own use but for the "cause" to which he was devoted. So, despite the fact that he had been tried and found guilty and was awaiting sentence as a felon, the voters of the great state of North Dakota, the other day, handed him a renomination as the candidate of the Republican party in that state (though Langer doctrines could hardly be called Republican, but that doesn't seem to matter under a primary system).

Now comes the third chapter in the story. Despite the fact that Mr. Langer had been re-nominated by a very large majority, the hard-bitten federal judge handed him a sentence of 18 months in the penitentiary and $10,000 fine, not 24 hours after the votes had been counted. For to the judge, a conviction is a conviction, and the law requires punishments, and there is nothing in the law governing the use of federal funds which says that political zeal is an excuse for misusing funds.

So there you have a nice little study in moralities, ethics, justice and democratic institutions for philosophers and statesmen to wrangle over.

Like most zealots, Mr. Langer probably has the attitude that the end justifies any means, and apparently he has a large following who think the same and view him only as a persecuted man. Persecution is the safest refuge of the political racketeer, as can be learned from the antics of our communist friends.

On the other hand, if laws are to have any meaning at all, you can't accept that theory that the end justifies the means. Judge and jury could see nothing in Langer policies holy enough to sanctify the "chiseling" on charity funds.

In a broad philosophic sense, both sides are "right" in that each thinks sincerely it is doing what is for the good of mankind; in the practical sense, one of them must be wrong, and the majority of people in the United States will feel that the penitentiary is where Mr. Langer belongs, because he has been doing just what the political bosses and big-money grafters have been doing for years, diverting consecrated public funds.

It is like the Medford situation where the madman, Banks, and his wild followers figured their cause justified ballot-stealing. That way lies chaos and the end of all democracy and tyranny of gangs.

QUERY ON PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

CHALLENGING some of our recent criticisms of the program offered by Candidate Zimmerman, a reader wants to know why we favor municipal ownership in Eugene and not public ownership of all utilities, whether the agency be federal, state or local. That opens up a big field for discussion.

In general we favor the public ownership or control of all natural resources. When it comes to specific propositions for public operations in particular fields, you open up certain questions of pure business where business questions must be answered.

Is the field occupied by existing plant, and if so what is the condition of that plant? Does common sense indicate the taking over of that plant or an investment in new plant and the scrapping of the other? More important still, is the state or city or district in financial condition to pay for the venture? Has it an adequate market for the goods? Most important of all, is it in position to get the best management talent and keep the operation free of graft and mismanagement?

When you get down to actual operating technique, there is no inherent virtue in public ownership. It is just as silly to say that a city or a district can double plant capacity and sell for less than a private concern as it is to say that a city or district could buy Rolls-Royce cars and by reason of public ownership operate them more cheaply than Chevvies or Plymmies or Fords. Without business judgment and absolute honesty, public ownership can be very bad indeed.

The success of the Eugene venture has been due mainly to the fact that it started in a small way and has been expanded only as needed, and even so, when the truth is told, there have been some expensive blunders, and politics has been an ever-present danger.

If we, the people, had been conspicuously efficient in managing even our schools and necessary institutions, we might be a little more sure of ourselves. But when politicians begin to talk of spending borrowed millions, an old, old maxim occurs: "Be sure you're right; then go ahead!"

CONCENTRATE ON SISKIYOU PASS.

VERY wisely, the Pacific Highway Association meeting at Grants Pass, votes to concentrate on the rebuilding of the wicked Siskiyou section at the California gateway before asking for any more big jobs on that road, although many are badly needed. The highway commission has already signified its willingness to give the Siskiyou section this year as liberal an appropriation as can be made from this year's limited funds which are only $3,000,000 for the entire state compared with $6,000,000 last year.

Nearly $200,000 was spent in starting the Siskiyou rebuilding last year. By concentrating on this one section a similar fund may be available out of this year's depleted funds. But once the Siskiyou section has been rebuilt the greatest barrier to travel into Oregon will have been removed; then we can be sure of a demand which will speed up the remaining jobs.

The worst of the remaining sections are Sexton mountain, Wagon Pass mountain, and the Canyon creek grade. The Rice hill job has been finished; the Turkey Hill job just this side of Oakland needs attention but it will not be long delayed. After that will come the big job of rebuilding between Cottage Grove and Drain, and in due time the rebuilding between Junction City and Cottage Grove.

The new wide highway north of Salem has demonstrated what can be done from one end of the road to the other, and it will be done, in due time, because federal and state engineers are agreed on the need. Only isn't it interesting to recall how in just a few years our idea of what constitutes a modern highway has changed.

Over in Bend they are organizing a big Water Carnival for the Fourth. In many respects it resembles the annual Water Fete which the University students hold on our Mill Race. It would be an excellent idea for Eugene to send not only a delegation but a suitable float to appear on Bend's beautiful Mirror Lake.

Portland news bureau wants to know more about "threatened whisker strike by wives of Eugene." Nothing official yet, but since this is the era of strikes why not? Find a better cause!

Hitler uses firing squads to dispose of his political critics. Ajax McGurk remarks that the man is frank, to say the least.

Who said this New Deal was not far reaching? Queen Mary is going to wear a new style of hat.

THE IMPOSTOR

WHAT SOME THINKERS THINK

—Compiled by CLAY E PALMER—
Pastor of First Congregational Church

DR. ARTHUR E. HOLT, University of Chicago: "Protestant church maintenance in the United States is indefensibly expensive. There are in the city of Chicago approximately 400,000 Protestants over 13 years of age and 600,000 Catholics. To take care of the Protestants requires 1126 churches, and to take care of the Catholics 256 churches. Each Protestant denomination requires a major denominational office; the Catholic church get along with one."

100 College Presidents recently petitioned the President of the United States to support six measures looking towards the prevention of war. Among these were measures forbidding the use of armed forces to protect American financial interests abroad or to collect foreign debts, and prohibiting the private and uncontrolled manufacture of firearms and ammunition."

Dr. Rufus Jones, philosopher and religious teacher: "I would rather be battling desperately for the truth not yet won than to be the dull and sleepy guardian of our ancestral heritage of truth—inherited from generation to generation without cost or labor or peril."

Dr. Justin Nixon: "Capitalism in America has been a good system for accumulating wealth but a rather poor system for distributing it. A high level of purchasing power in the hands of the masses is far more necessary to our prosperity than great fortunes in the hands of a few."

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt: "We must preach that the old desire to gather profit for the few at the expense of the many is wrong. The churches should be unalterably opposed to its return."

Dr. Ernest Tittle: "Western civilization cannot wait many more years for something radically redemptive to occur."

A. T. Woody, newspaper man: "Is it possible that it is about time for advertising, now an institution by itself—and no doubt a worthy institution if ever it puts itself under any kind of social control—to cut loose from newspaper and magazine, and stand on its own feet, leaving these publications to carry on unhampered their unquestionably necessary and legitimate function."

Toyohika Kagawa, Japan's greatest Christian: "The world turmoil is so great that anyone who would dare to reconstruct the present society with a true spirit of Christ would confront the strongest enemies. Without taking an adventurous way, there is no hope for the reconstruction of the present world. Patriots die for their country; mothers sacrifice their lives for the sake of their new born babes—why not Christians to save the world."

Harry Emerson Fosdick: "Oliver Wendell Holmes once said that there was in the corner of his heart a plant called reverence which needed watering about once a week."

George W. Webster, M. D., Northwestern University, and president of Illinois state board of health: "I know of no reliable evidence even tending to show that alcohol improves the efficiency of the brain or any muscular act."

Eugene Tunney, former heavyweight champion: "I have never used tobacco or liquor."

Dr. Harold Bowman: "For most people, theft is a moral problem, but the economic situation is not. Adultery is an ethical problem, but commercial and political exploitation is not; smoking and drinking are grave ethical issues, but militarism is not."

Dr. Neuman: "The gravest problem for school, home and community today is not raised by the small number of criminals. It is raised by the moral unenlightenment of a much larger number of quite respectable people."

Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin: "Religion has been throughout its history alternately a ladder to hell and a rope to the stars."

Henry Drummond: "Above all things, do not touch Christianity unless you are willing to seek the Kingdom of Heaven first. I promise you a miserable existence if you seek it second."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

ON "HOBO CAMP"

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—So the "fathers" of our city have decided to be benevolent to our children?—

Once upon a time there was a playground known as Riverview park. Here it was the custom of fond parents to send their progeny without any fear of evil befalling them. Here was a place where family groups could come for amusement where they could be reasonably certain of not being bothered by undesirables. A place where a good time, free from annoyance, could be had.

The city "fathers" met one night and decided that there was no better place in the city for a "hobo" camp than Riverview park. Oh yes, they did give it the dignified title of "transient camp," but the fact remains that it was eventually destined to be only a flop-house for all of the sponging bits of humanity that happen to drift into this haven for the "knights of the road."

Not long ago I took a short trip north in a "side door Pullman" and incidentally learned some enlightening facts. Eugene is known over the entire Pacific coast as an easy mark! From the thirty "men" who were also occupants of my car, I gained the volunteered information that nowhere could such easy pickings be found! Surely this flop-house idea should be continued! Surely we must feed and clothe these "poor" individuals who come streaming into our city! And one man openly boasted of the fact that he could "bum" four or five dollars a day on the streets of Eugene and then receive free lodging at night!

But that is not the point. I'm only a student, but I've already seen enough of the type these "transients" generally are. I'll admit that here and there lurk an occasional worthy individual, but there are far too few of these to compensate for the amounts wasted on the general run. And yet we are offering them the opportunity of stopping off in a spot designated for children. Maybe we had better supply them with rattles and have attractive nurses to see that they get their milk regularly!

"But the police will protect the children," the "city fathers" are glibly told. Yes? Does the informant happen to remember that the city police cannot be every where at once? How about the west end of town through which the "gentlemen of leisure" must pass between trains? How about the existence of a dark butte and a brushy riverbank?

You are most likely saying that I am just an alarmist. I hasten to assure you that, regardless of my age, I have had quite a bit of experience with this type. At least enough to know that canned heat, whisky, and beer does not make them desirable associates for children.

If there must be "transient camps" let Salem, Corvallis or Portland have the honor. Eugene property owners and parents of children do not desire the doubtful privilege of entertaining "hobos."

I thank you.

ALBERT L. KAUFMAN.

Home demonstration work in behalf of farm housewives has been a function of the state government in North Carolina for 22 years.

ON POLITIX

CROW STAGE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—I was not surprised to read your editorial in the Register-Guard of June 28 entitled "All 'Board for Utopia." In fact you said everything we should expect you to say.

You criticize the grange for going into politics, why I ask shouldn't the grange take an interest in politics? In view of what the politicians have done to agriculture compared with what they have done for agriculture.

In the grange you will find some of the best citizens in Oregon. Men and women whose honesty, loyalty to state and nation, and integrity are beyond question. The very backbone of the nation.

You say in your editorial that the state of Oregon is "Swollen with public and private debts, groaning with taxation pains." Pray how did we get that way? Surely this condition cannot be laid to public ownership of utilities or a state bank. This condition was brought on by the old order wherein a few profited at the expense of the many.

You, Mr. Editor, and all of us, must realize that the time has come when human rights must precede property rights and the welfare of men, women, and children must come before the almighty dollar.

You criticize Pete Zimmerman for advocating public ownership and operation of public utilities and banks, would you Mr. Editor advocate for one minute that the city of Eugene should go back to private ownership of its water and light system? Why if this is good for Eugene should it not also be good for Oregon?

You state in your editorial that "It takes millions to buy or build power lines, and run banks," you are correct absolutely. But do you realize that the utilities are not so big hearted that they build up the utility or bank and serve us at cost, but they charge the entire cost up to the public plus a huge profit which flows into Wall Street, while men like Insul fleece the public, and then we bleat about public ownership.

If we had public ownership of our public utilities and banks the profits would be returned to the people who created them and the saving would be reflected in reduced rates, and we would have the satisfaction of knowing that we were placing human rights above property rights and the welfare of our people before the almighty dollar.

So, Mr. Editor, let me warn you that the people of Oregon have been led by the corporation controlled press just about as far as they will go. Witness the two overwhelming defeats of the sales tax, the press notwithstanding. And I predict that when next November rolls around, and the smoke of battle clears away that we will see a real progressive in the governor's chair and many new faces in our state legislature.

F. D. PETZOLD.

RUMINATIONS

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—The rum commission's audit reports a profit "with qualifications" of $134,879.05. I wonder what it would have been without qualifications.

It struck me that was not a good word to use in a report of this nature but as it is used four times in the report, I guess it must be a perfectly good word and could mean anything or nothing.

Auditor Starr explained profits must be listed with qualifications because excess of assets over liabilities for the store division shows values of certain assets are not absolute.

Guess No. 1 would be he had reference to store fixtures of about $2000 each which will be junk before many moons, if not already.

Paragraph 16 reports a loss of $94,577.31 because $107,088.71 borrowed and, of course, spent for junk, etc.

If over 94,000 was lost on the stores with qualifications and 50 of the 167 agencies are in the red, as per paragraph 7, I don't see how the state is going to realize $2,000,000 per year as permits are about all sold. And, by the way, it cost $82,448.17 to sell $3,600.17 worth of permits, as per paragraph 17. Well, they kept out of the red on this item.

It is well the commission did not borrow the $600,000 Mr. McMorran talked about in the morning papers of December 24, which was to conduct a business that was to block West Broadway, Eugene, with traffic according to local gossip, and yet paragraph 13 avers the primary purpose for which the liquor commission was created was namely to control liquor. Rats!

Say, you guys who voted for repeal, get up to the counter and buy till it hurts and throw the containers in the lake so the bootleggers can't get them for refill.

The report covers 4½ months. Total gross sales, $322,531.49; net profit, $89,350.65. There is 7½ months of this year left. What will the harvest be, I wonder, if the federal government has received $2.00 per gallon on the dope.

Gov. Meier had a supplementary report made by J. T. Pasuill. No figures are given. Wonder why.

However, Pasquill was quoted as saying the brands of liquor was almost impossible to sell, oh, oh, and that no options were taken on the buildings now occupied and a substantial increase in rent will be required.

Hoover said prohibition was a noble experiment. The auditing committee says the state's adventure into the liquor business was a new experiment.

If Mr. Hoover and other federal officers had enforced the 18th amendment, we would not be staggering under the new experiment.

But why cry over spilled milk, the cows are not all dead yet. I have not done this report justice—can't be done with about 300 words.

A. K. Whipple.

SAGE OF EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Mrs. Lil Lutes bought her a curling iron today. She said she was scared a hairdresser's strike might "ketch" her with her hair down.

There is a plan to change NRA to IOU and let it go at that.

Ex-representative Hawley is not so much interested in socialism in the church as he is in miracles. Why miracles? It was a miracle when he was voted out of congress. So "Mott" it be.

In fighting the devil the most meritorious things the preachers have done is to slap the face of the Knox law, condemn modern warfare and land on the indecent motion pictures. When it comes to pass that a packed house is only obtained by risky and presumptuous advertising it is time to clean deck. A little squint at hell might be helpful but to swim in venality is iniquity personified.

We cannot refrain from elaborating upon this splendid Pacific coast of these United States. It presents such a "striking" appearance at this time.

The Independent party has nominated Pete Zimmerman as candidate for governor to oppose Dunne and Martin, republican and democratic nominees. This step-in third party has pondered well on its platform which covers most everything from milking cows to pitching bundles in the hay field. Pete is such a friendly name. He should run well. With state owned liquor shops and state owned banks we ought to be able to wet our whistles and probably qualify for barkeeps and bank clerks. Pie counters for friends will be discontinued and "wealth created by the people must go back to the people" if Mr. Moneybags doesn't get out of the state before we can catch him. "We'll all feel gay when Pete comes marching home."

The most contageous thing I know of is to get something for nothing.

You can't dress up and make a very favorable impression wearing an old pair of unpolished shoes, nor can the city make a decent and attractive appearance with dried up and unkempt lawns and parkings. I am just wondering if some influence could be brought to bear on the city water board to give a liberal flat rate on water for the next two months that would allow every home to green up a bit, especially during the Oregon Trail pageant. I am sure we will be ashamed of the condition if this is not done.

A preacher was canned down Portland way for taking beer into the church for sale. He evidently got in the wrong pew.

The hairy demonstration that's been going on here the past two weeks illustrates the typical westerner can "face" most anything and get by with it. If some of us could graft part of it on the upper surface of the dome it would relieve a shiny situation without the aid of colored glasses.

This $200 pension that the 60 year olds, and up, are expecting seems to me is going to work a hardship. It will take a lot of training and hard work to get a fellow in shape to spend $200 per month when he has been only used to letting loose of 30 and under. But the boys are willin'.

Earl Carroll says the chorus girl has nothing to expose, just mental is her modesty so what's the use of clothes. If the human form is beautiful why cover it at all; clothes are made for comfort but not for pose or ball.

The greatest trouble in politics is when you get a man big enough for the job the job isn't big enough for him.

If the farmer wishes to grow wheat he should go into the banking business.

Personal vanity has kept more folks spruced up and out of jail than all the laws ever written.

HENRY W. STEWART.

WHAT SOMEBODY SAW

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—What strange things people do see and what good things people do see strangely! Last night while reading the Register-Guard on the porch, son Robert said, "Dad, the 'I See' item in the paper says that there is a 'No peddler allowed' sign on the door of one of the Eugene churches. Do you think that means ours?" And there three feet from where I sat the sign was in plain view.

How things do get jumbled up in life! The fat woman of town is sure to fall in love with the walking skeleton. The United Lutheran church just prides itself on the warm welcome accorded every one who comes in that door in spite of the sign. That someone should even think of the inconsistency just confirms the feeling we often have that few things we say or do are true in every respect or will appear the same to all people. Things are bound to get twisted by ourselves or somebody else. That may account for the differences in our churches, for the Longshoremen's strike, for the peculiar quirks of Eugene whiskers and may explain the reasons for anyone being a democrat.

That particular door is a combination entrance. Through it the congregation enters the church and through it the pastor's family go to their apartments—sinners and saints cross the same threshold. The sign was meant for the household.

Were I seeking excuse for the sign I could say with becoming truthfulness "the woman that was given me did it." But poor old Adam of apple fame has been the butt of so much fun down through the centuries for his lack of gallantry that I positively refuse to follow his example. Permit me to say, however, that the mistress of the parsonage household is a woman of exceptional charity and out of regard for human feelings did not want the poor peddlers to suffer the sadness of disappointment. Then, too, she is frugal and had desire to save wear and tear on the door bell.

For some reason, the chamber of commerce has conceived a dislike for a certain type of sinners known as peddlers and has requested the housewives not to patronize them. I doubt the chamber can furnish logic and ample reasons for their action and can show any fair-minded person how the peddler business is not good for our fair city. Certainly the request of this assembly of wise men should be obeyed.

I wonder if F. J. ever thought that there might be peddlers in religion as well as pencils, needles and soap. There are some people who crib a lot of economics out of the vaporing of wild "brain trusters," dip up some from Russian communism or perhaps manufacture some "home brew" from the basement of their own imaginative thinking and peddle it around in the name of religion. What a mess of cheap stuff is offered along this line. It is just as legitimate and more important for the Church of Jesus Christ to close its doors against the peddlers of false religion as for the chamber of commerce to restrict the peddlers of merchandise.

The United Lutheran church desires to stand foresquare on the revealed Word of God and can with consistence carry the sign "No Peddler Allowed." Then, too, no one comes to church as a peddler of his own goods but as a recipient of God's goods to him.

Come over next Sunday and look at that sign on our door. The inside of the church is much nicer than the outside so come in and take freely of the best we have to offer.

FRANK S. BEISTEL.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Several ministers have complained that the signs were attached to their churches, without their knowledge. Apparently the sign distributors in their zeal made a few mistakes.

WHISKERS

The Beard! The beard's the thing
Wherein I'll raise my self-esteem
And be a man among he-men.
And mayhap, thereby win renown
In pageants of the Oregon Trail.
Some four weeks hence, or less,
Whether to sport with swaggering bravado,
A black and curled mustachio,
With pointed, up-turned waxen ends
As daring pioneer in former days
Adorned their tanned physiognomies
Or cultivate a mustache red
With drooping and appendages,
Which graced the men of '49
Whether to coax a sinister goatee
To adorn ram-like my cloven chin,
And thereby add a grave prestige,
To manhood's broad estate,
Or seek to emulate the doctor's skill
And other worthy men of high degree
By laboring with a trig Van Dyke
Whether to simulate the gallant Burnside,
And tease and egg along a gallant pair,
To put to shame all former sad attempts
Or Grant-like raise a shapely set
Of whiskers, covering cheek, and chin and jowl,
These are indeed hair-raising questions.
Meantime all worthy cogitations past,
We'll let kind nature take its course
For that which is to be, will be.
And then to cut, to trim, to form
To fashion with tonsorial aid
With lotions, ointments, unguents, all
That does bedeck the barbers shelf
This hirsute adornment common to the male,
Or beared like an aboriginee
We'll beard the judges on their bench
And wrest from them the cup
A guerdon of our heirs—
To view in future years.

CARROLL S. FAUNCE

BROWNSVILLE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—I see by today's Guard a Harrisburg reader has been studying out some very good plans for old age pensions. Maybe he can solve the problem whereby we old people can be provided for and not have to worry about where our next meal is coming from. As it stands today a man does not stand a ghost of a show after forty years of age. The public imagine he is too old to do work, should be scrapped just like an old car. They imagine that he could not do a good day's work if he wanted to but what a mad mistake they are making. All us old folks want is just a chance to earn our living but if we can't get that chance I think we are entitled to enough for a decent living expense. I think that committee who are talking $200 a month for old age pension were just going a little too high as that would be out of reason. I would suggest that forty or fifty dollars a month would be nearer a solution to their problem. would come closer to being put through than the enormous sum of $200 which everybody knows would never be considered and us old folks don't expect it, but let us hope that something will be done soon to relieve the aged. Hoping you will print as much of this as you see fit or cast it out in waste basket. Hoping to hear more about the subject in near future, I remain most respectfully,

JOHN O. SMITH.
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