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WHEN YOU'RE READY FOR THE RISE.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)
Don't you be a-singin'
While the light is in the skies,
You'll hit the wings fer flyin'
When you're ready for the rise!

You'll rise, rise high
When you're fitted for to fly,
But tellin' earth "Good mornin'"
Is better than "Good-by!"

The hills are 'way up yonder
An' it thunders 'round 'em still;
The shadows of the meadow
Beats the breeze that's on the hill.

You'll rise, rise high
When you're fitted for to fly,
But tellin' home "Good mornin'"
Is better than "Good-by."

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THE CITY MANAGER PLAN

SINCE there is possibility that the city manager plan will be submitted to the voters of the city at the proposed special election or at some other time in the near future discussion of the plan is in order.

One great merit in the managerial plan is that it provides a city government with a trained executive whose duty it becomes to carry out in businesslike manner the instructions of the council or commission. He is the driving force to see that the wheels move and that matters are attended to. The benefits to be derived from the services of such a man can scarcely be over-estimated.

The city at present may be likened to a business institution that is managed by a board of directors without any executive officer. Our councilmen and our mayor do not draw salaries and the time they can devote to the city's business is necessarily limited. Hence we must expect some shortcomings. The school board could not direct the school system without a superintendent nor could a bank be successfully conducted by its directors without an executive in charge. Then why should we expect a corporation like the city to secure the best results without a paid manager?

The East Oregonian is of the opinion that the city manager plan could be made to work well here and that the salary paid such an official would be a small affair compared to the savings that could be accomplished and the increased efficiency that could be attained.

It goes without saying, however, that even should the plan be adopted, care would still have to be taken. No scheme can be any better than those who operate it. There would be need of wise judgment in selecting a manager for an incompetent would spoil it all. However, we would have the whole country to choose from, as in the case of a school superintendent and surely the right man could be secured after proper searching and investigation as to his fitness. In making the plan work it will go almost without saying that a smaller council, elected at large, would be more workable and productive of results than a council of eight. It would naturally be easier to find three or five good men than to find nine good men. It is a matter of arithmetic, not a matter of morals.

DEFENDING THE DEFILERS

THE following from the Portland Oregonian is recommended to schools of journalism as a fair sample of newspaper preparation at a time when principle and patriotism are subordinate to petty partisanship:

"This situation, which works only to the advantage of Germany, can be traced to the policy of President Wilson from the day when armistice negotiations began."

The treaty of Versailles, which President Wilson was instrumental in framing, was signed by German envoys with tears in their eyes. They said the terms destroyed Germany as a world power. The terms of peace took from Germany the power to again turn world pirate. The treaty reduced the German army to 100,000 men. Those terms required enormous financial payments and provided for the restoration of the invaded portions of France and Belgium. The German navy was taken away and German troops were forbidden in the Ruhr valley. The peace terms were severe upon Germany and the countless soldier graves on the western front and the sorrowing homes all over the world testified that such harshness was justified. But those terms have not been enforced.

The trouble all arises from the fact that a pettifogging senate refused to ratify the peace treaty and to provide for America's entrance into the League of Nations. The senate turned its back upon our allies, upon the principles for which this nation fought and upon the pact that would have sealed the victory.

The German militarist revolt did not occur until after Lodgeism had triumphed in the senate.

Germany sent no troops into the Ruhr district until the senate had killed the treaty. France did not extend its troop operations for protective reasons until the United States senate had thrown France down. Germany was not aggressive nor France fearful until Lodge and his irreconcilable friends had done their dirty work.

The Oregonian knows these facts and knows the treaty should have been ratified without destructive reservations. It said as much last fall. It was then a defender of the treaty and of the League of Nations. If those principles were right last year they are right this year. The fact the treaty was assassinated changes no principle that is involved. In turning from defense of the treaty to defense of its defilers the Portland paper merely degrades itself. It has done the opposite of what an honest, courageous newspaper would do and a newspaper that lacks courage and honesty is fit only as a substitute for a cuspidor.

MOB OF 2600 WOULD LYNCH GIRL KILLER

heavy police guard was thrown around the County Jail here today following a mob's attempt last night to seize William Hay, negro, charged with the murder of 14-year-old Martha Huff, a white girl. A mob, composed of 2000 men, stormed the jail. They were only prevented from forcing their way inside by the firing of revolver shots.

Fifteen arrests were made. One man was wounded.

PHONE GIRLS TURN TO ART FOR RELIEF



CHICAGO—Telephone girls are turning to art as a relief from strain and overwork. The artists, known as the Bell Picture Makers, have just had their first annual art exhibition. Nearly 200 paintings and water-colors were hung.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the East Oregonian, April 23, 1892.)

Sen. A. Marquis is here from Adams today.

W. F. Matlock returned today from Portland.

This morning's train brought home a number of delegates who have been attending the democratic state convention at Portland. In the party was Senator J. H. Bailey, Judge E. De Peart, Donald McRae, C. P. Davis, C. H. Carter, J. L. Millan, Jr., R. B. Beattie, H. M. Turner, A. D. Sullivan and T. G. Bailey.

WANTS U. S. WARSHIPS TO GUARD INTERESTS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 23.—American representatives in Mexico have asked for the despatch of warships to that country to protect American citizens and their property. The requests came from Mazatlan and Tepic, Jalisco, on the Pacific and Progreso, a gulf state. War and navy officials are investigating the requests, explaining that in times of disturbance it is not unusual to receive such requests when there is no necessity for action.

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