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OLD GLORY

BY HARRY NESBITT

Your Flag and my Flag!
And how it flies today
In your land and my land
And half a world away!
Rose-red and blood-red
The stripes forever gleam;
Snow-white and soul white—
The good forefathers' dream!
Sky-blue and true-blue, with stars to gleam aright—
The gloried guidon of the day; a shelter through the night.

Your Flag and my Flag!
And, Oh, how much it holds—
Your land and my land—
Secure within its folds!
Your heart and my heart
Beat quicker at the sight;
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed,
Red and blue and white.
The one Flag—the great Flag—the Flag for me and you—
Glorified all else beside—th red and white and blue.

Your Flag and my Flag!
To every star and stripe
The drums beat as hearts beat,
And fiers shrilly pipe!
Your Flag and my Flag—
A blessing in the sky;
Your hope and my hope—
It never hid a lie!
Home land and far land and half the world around,
Old Glory hears our glad salute and ripples to the sound.

LEADER GETTING PEEVISH

This paper has small patience with the superior individual who insists that the people cannot be trusted. It can not understand why, if they are competent to elect an official, they are not competent to recall an official. What is competency?—Cottage Grove Leader.

Does the editor of the Leader mean to argue for a moment that he, the editor of The Sentinel, or any other citizen of Cottage Grove, is competent at this moment, without further preparation, to vote on the recall of a judge of the United States Supreme Court. Has he that sublime, blind egotism? Those officials are not elective, but it is proposed to make the recall apply to them.

The Leader is for Roosevelt. Roosevelt would have stood a good chance of being recalled six months after becoming president had there been an opportunity. Two other notable men would have no doubt been recalled if there had been such a system of government during certain parts of their administrations—Washington and Lincoln. Taft would have stood a poor chance during the first part of his administration against a recall.

Yet it is well that none of these men were recalled. Indeed, it is well that there was no recall invoked against them, whether it had been successful or no. All these men afterwards made good, but those who elected them were not competent to judge whether they would make good or not.

The Leader also overlooks a point overlooked by most advocates of the recall. Voting on the recall is not limited to the majority that elected an officer. The voters who voted against the official in the first place would be allowed to vote again and they would vote to put that official out of office regardless of the right or wrong of the proposition which caused the invoking of the recall. He might easily be found guilty of a crime by voters who were not voting upon his guilt or innocence. Is that the kind of justice we are to mete out in this Land of the Free and Home of the Brave?

We refer The Leader and all others interested in the recall to an article written by J. S. Medley and appearing in this issue, which

voices the sentiments of The Sentinel. While reading it, remember that the writer is not a member of the party to which Taft belongs.

Roosevelt is getting the straw votes and Taft the delegates.

OREGONIAN MAKES A MISTAKE.

Not long ago an Oregon country "rag" criticized other country rags for "poll parroting" The Oregonian.

The Oregonian took the subject up and in a fine spirit of braggadocio said that the reason country papers reiterated statements made in the editorial columns of The Oregonian was because the information therein contained was absolutely to be depended upon, because every statement made could be proven, and none was published until it was certain that facts necessary to prove them could be had at a moment's notice.

"Twas a fine boast, the sarcasm was biting, and The Oregonian strutted around its editorial pen like a pet peacock.

The Oregonian has thrown down the gauntlet, its hat has been precipitated into the ring. Can it make good? At least once before the publication of the editorial referred to, it failed to do so on that kind of a proposition put up to it by The Sentinel, and here's another one.

A short time ago The Oregonian stated editorially:

A young person who, as we infer is a student in the Astoria public schools, asks The Oregonian to answer the following question: "If Oregon wishes an appropriation from the national government to improve the Columbia bar, who must introduce the bill in Congress, one of our senators or one of our representatives?" The question was a part of the eighth-grade examination in civil government. Very little research is required to answer it and yet we submit that it is not a fair question. The wording is framed with the pretty obvious intent to mislead the student. The intimation is that the bill in question must be introduced either by a senator or a representative, one of them having the exclusive right to do so and the other not having any such right.

Now the well-known fact is that appropriation bills may be introduced in either house of congress. A senator may ask for money to improve the Columbia or a representative may ask

for it. One has as good a right as the other. It is not strictly equitable to construct a question of this kind in a manner which may mislead the student.

Then in a fine feather The Oregonian goes on to fricassee the school officials who framed such a question.

No doubt The Oregonian searched the fonts of its information for its answer to the Astoria school boy. If it did not do so, it must acknowledge that it made a misstatement in the editorial referred to at the beginning of this article.

And if it did get such information from what it presumes a reliable source, that source is unreliable.

The Sentinel thought at the time of reading the statement that the "great promulgator of reliable information and miscellaneous chit-chat" had slipped up for once. Therefore information was asked from Washington, and that information is that "all appropriation bills originate in the house."

Will The Oregonian kindly apologize to those it so severely and unjustly criticized and then crawl into its little trundle bed.

The Sentinel for one does not take its editorial information from The Oregonian, and The Oregonian might do well to get some of its information from the country press hereafter. It might be more reliable.

The straw ballot taken by the St. Paul Dispatch gave Roosevelt twice as many votes in North Dakota as it gave La Follette and Taft less than one-twenty-third as many as Roosevelt. Did you read the real returns? They give some idea of the absolute unreliability of straw ballots. Delegates count!

In a recent issue, the Oregon Journal, presumed to be democratic, said: "With claims on all sides tested, it looks like Taft on the first ballot, with Roosevelt a poor second."

"An estimate by states of the strength of the various candidates gives Taft 598, Roosevelt 342, La Follette 34 and Cummins 16, with 88 in the doubtful list. This gives a total of 1078 delegates, 510 votes needed to nominate."

Two of the important officers to be nominated at the coming primary election are the railroad commissioners. The present incumbents are Thos. K. Campbell, a citizen of Cottage Grove, from the First Commissioner's District, and Clyde B. Atchinson, of Portland, chairman of the commission, from the Second District. These men organized the present commission and have served faithfully and fearlessly for the past five years, and it seems to be the opinion that the Republican voters of the state will reward them with renominations.

Their work has certainly entitled them to consideration. Mr. Campbell has no opposition.

Calendars

The Sentinel has them to suit every taste and at prices more reasonable than they can be purchased from outside dealers.

APRIL FOOLS' DAY.

April Fools' Day probably comes down to this generation from the ancient Feast of Fools, which was celebrated annually from the 5th to 16th centuries and marked with the most absurd ceremonies and indecencies. The celebration had to be abolished by royal edict.

The present manner of celebrating the day is harmless and innocent enough and it's a pretty smart and self-contained man who doesn't bite on some of the pranks played by the youngsters. In fact, it is a pretty sedate man who doesn't try to spring a few jokes himself.

But a little merriment, even if bordering on idleness, is good for the digestion and general disposition, and it is well to throw old Dull Care down for one day a year. Anyway, we are all fools in one way or another and we might as well throw off hypocrisy and be our own natural selves for 24 hours.

We make the biggest fools of ourselves when we try to make believe that we don't care for foolishness.

Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

There are a lot of things that go on that the newspapers never hear about and a lot of things the newspapers hear about that never go on.

There are any number of jobs around for the man who knows how.

Too much adverse criticism has kept many a person from doing something really worth while. Scatter a little sunshine along your way. It certainly can't hurt, and it may help.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast—otherwise women would get completely discouraged with married life.

There never was a proposition on which everyone agreed—unless this is the one.

We criticize the nifty man—but he usually finishes ahead of the man who lets the other impose upon him rather than display a little nerve.

What a man's body does not need Nature takes away. Nature ought to do something of the same sort for these folks who have so much more money than they need.

A substantial reward is offered for the person who hasn't broken any of those New Year resolutions yet.

It is easy to convince a man that a woman's in love with him, and easy to make the woman believe it too.

Some of these gumshoe politicians need to be retired.

When an aeroplane turns turtle the aeronaut turns angel.

Sometimes people lie to you because they know you want them to.

Not knowing for certain, we suppose a dry politician throws dirt and a wet one throws mud.

Some folks just enjoy having you tell them your troubles.

When a girl tells a young man she hates him, it's a sign that she thinks something of him, anyway.

Men and women are peculiar creatures. A man wouldn't have a girl that no one else would have, and still it makes him mad to have others show that they want her—and vice versa with the women.

A lot of the sweet things of life are purchased with tainted money.

Nearly all the sins of this world are committed by people who know better.

Whiskey is probably the original "come back."

Some people delight in hitting someone every time they shoot off their mouths.

When a man gets married he assumes many new relations with the world—many of them being his wife's.

A fool and his sweetheart are a long time parting.

A young man will chase around a pool table a great deal harder than he will chase up a job.

Great fortunes grow from the root of all evil.

Folks with the best eyesight overlook mistakes made by others.

When marriage is a failure, the husband and wife are among the liabilities.

The churches are always encouraged by advertisements of millinery openings.

Trying to travel in double harness often drives men and women to desperation.

You can build yourself a house, but not a home.

Robbing up with the world is what puts the polish on a person.

When a child is given an example to follow, it adds to and multiplies his imaginary troubles and cares.

There is only about one thing worse than a woman gossip, and that's a man gossip.

Heiresses are all right to marry when you can't get a real woman.

Every citizen owes a duty to his country, but hates to pay it when bringing valuables back from abroad.

When a man gets to raising a family he always hates to punish a boy for doing the same things he sneaked out when a kid.

It's a pretty safe prediction that half of the church goes attend church more because they think they ought to than because they want to.

It could probably be stated without fear of successful contradiction that 50 per cent of the people in these United States do not positively know how to spell more than half the words they use.

It is fully as important to do the things you should do as it is not to do the things you shouldn't do.

The young man just making a start in the world thinks his future prominence is assured the first time he is called out of town on business.

We know some folks whom, if served on a cannibal's table, would require lots of salt to make them palatable.

It beats all why the trusts should fight dissolution when the papers tell us the Standard Oil, sugar and tobacco trusts are making more money now than under the old way.

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