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BACK OF THE RECALL—WHAT?

The recall motives are crystalizing—gradually they have been coming to the surface—and they present a sorry spectacle. Perhaps they are more disappointing than surprising, with just the garden variety of selfishness as the microbe.

Because Judge Robinson refused to be bullied into a willful violation of the expressed will of the people in statutory form he gained the enmity of the state highway commission, which, of course, has resulted in his being grossly misrepresented and criticized by Portland newspapers and the "me too" echoifiers along the line. Such a thing as equity, law, or justice has received no consideration from that august body in its Polk relation. It has been a case of the mighty Caesar wiggling and lordy what a scramble there has been to get into the commission's chariot.

This proselyting has been going on for months—until even the Monmouth Herald in all seriousness is pleading for a redemption of Polk county's nefarious reputation. And how did Polk county gain this notoriety? The Herald has been consistently silent upon this point.

The Enterprise is wagering a guess that the editor of the Herald helped to enact this law which he is now condemning Judge Robinson for upholding. This law has never been declared unconstitutional and just when it ceased functioning is a matter upon which the Enterprise needs enlightenment. As the measure carried the permit to issue a few million dollars in road bonds in addition to specific designation of the towns through which the highway must pass, is it possible that this has been declared "a mere scrap of paper." Such an attitude might become of interest to the bond holders.

It would appear a whole lot more consistent on the part of the Monmouth paper to abandon this virtuous attitude of public weal and pollying and come out and declare that it is in favor of recalling Judge Robinson in order that there may be a possibility of having the Pacific highway built south from Monmouth. Of course the Herald is not telling the readers that it will cost Polk county many thousand additional dollars the Monmouth way. It is silent upon this matter and the soft pedal is used in giving its justification.

While back of all the recall looms the Pacific highway question, other minor matters have entered into it. Judge Robinson has not been able to satisfy all Polk county folks. That would be an impossibility for anyone, especially in a county which has been raising one dollar for road purposes where a hundred ought to be used. And yet this does not seem to be thoroughly understood. It has not been a difficult matter, through persistent agitation, to get the dissatisfied ones interested in the recall. There are likewise other cases where the judge has created enmity by refusing to sanction unlawful acts.

Please bear in mind that the Enterprise is not holding up Judge Robinson as a paragon either as an official or citizen. He has done and is doing what he believes is right — has conducted his office along that line. He has probably made mistakes the same as all humans might do. An investigation will show that as far as his private life is concerned it is unblemished and in the handling of the county affairs he has been under the impression that he was presumed to be the trustee of the people. No money has been foolishly squandered and he has endeavored to get full value received for Polk county the same as he does in his own private business affairs.

The Enterprise is of the opinion that Judge Robinson is entitled to a square deal. Nothing more or nothing less, and that he will get it when it is finally submitted to the people in due form. The camouflaging and misrepresentation which has been prevalent will be substituted by actualities and the motives of the investigators will be shown in their true light.

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In the state prison at Charlestown, Massachusetts, on a recent Sunday, there took place a ceremony that to the superficial student of human nature might seem pathetic and disheartening. In the presence of all the prisoners the warden presented to fourteen of the inmates Victory medals that the United States government had awarded to them for their services in the great war. Pathetic it was, if you please, but not disheartening; for if the recipients, every one of whom had committed some crime, had good enough in them so short a time ago as to serve their country as they did, they cannot be wholly bad now. The incident should be interesting to others besides students of penology. —Youths' Companion.

Miss Margaret Wade, newspaper writer, has been mentioned as social secretary to Mrs. Warren G. Harding. She has held a similar post with Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of the former vice president, and has a wide social acquaintance, which began when she was editor of the society page of a Washington paper.

HAD TO OVERLOOK FOIBLES

Herbert Spencer's Fussiness a Trial to Those Who Did Not Know His Real Kindness.

More examples of Herbert Spencer's irritating foibles and extraordinary pettiness are superfluous, but two of them will bear the telling.

A friend had the opportunity of seeing in full working order the famous ear-stoppers that Spencer used to wear. Probably some frivolous remark of the friend obtained him this privilege, for in the middle of the meal Spencer, with a fixed glance at him, pressed the spring that closed the hole of each ear.

After luncheon the host and friend sat chatting in the garden, when there came an invitation from Spencer to take a drive with him in his rubber-tired carriage, the message adding that "we are not to talk."

When they were returning from Spencer's funeral Sir Michael Foster told this friend the following story:

Spencer detested cushions, and the trouble was to find a chair that was hard in the seat and yet comfortable. So, at a last resource, he had a seat covered with some inches of soft plaster of paris, and sitting on that made an impress from which a wooden seat of an exactly fitting pattern was cut.

Against a certain undeniable fussiness there should be set the fact that Spencer had a soft place in a heart that seemed adamant, and there are stories of spontaneous acts of kindness and of offers of help to the troubled and bereaved that redeem much unlovely behavior.

HE HAD BUSINESS ELSEWHERE

Diner Didn't Care to Wait to See the Result of His Carelessness With the Pie.

Dr. Fabyan Franklin has a friend who vouches for this story. Coming downtown on the elevated one morning, he was struck by the explosive temper of a red-faced, choleric man on a seat nearby. This man, annoyed because a youth facing him had placed his feet on the seat which the man occupied, burst out in a storm of passion, denouncing the youth in tones that aroused the attention of passengers in the adjoining cars. He finally stamped out on the platform at a stop, boiling with rage.

That noon Doctor Franklin's friend went into a self-service restaurant for lunch. Getting a plate of vegetables and meat, and one of pumpkin pie, he placed them on the broad extension arm of one of the chairs provided for luncheon, and made room beside them for his cup of coffee. As he was finishing his lunch he reached for the pumpkin pie, and clumsily knocked it off the chair arm.

To his horror he saw it disappear into the gaping pocket of a large overcoat carelessly flung over the next chair—and then he perceived the owner of the overcoat bearing down upon him, all unconscious of the accident, with a plateful of food. It was the same red-faced, choleric man whose frightful temper had amazed the elevated passengers!

As soon as the culprit had perceived that he waited to see no more. —New York Evening Post.

An Expressman.

Speaking of juries, a veteran Cleveland recalls the difficulty experienced in securing a jury in a noted alleged poisoning case of many years ago.

One of the men summoned was both dense and deaf, with a limited knowledge of English, defects which were developed as his examination proceeded.

"Have you formed or expressed any opinion regarding this case?" the lawyer for the defense asked.

"Hay?"

"I say, have you formed or expressed—formed or expressed—do you get that?"

"Yes, yes. Formed or expressed. Sure, I haf formed and now I am expressing. Dot's all right."

But the expressman was excused.

Amber Long in Use.

The modern use of all of amber, both externally and internally, is often mentioned. It has been denied that amber was known to the Greeks in very early times, the Greek electron having been used as a name both for it and for an amalgam of gold and silver, a species of gold ore washed down by the Paelos; but amber has actually been found at Mycenae, and the fact that the electron pedicels mentioned in the Odyssey is said to have been a gift from Phoenicia means much.

The Phoenicians are known to have introduced amber into the East, and Herodotus says it was brought from the River Euphrates in the extreme west of Europe.

Pets of Prisoners.

Visitors to prison have noticed that prisoners, like other folk, are fond of pets and that their pet is generally a canary or other species of bird. There is a reason for this: A bird takes up little room and requires little food, whereas larger animals could not very easily be kept in confinement. Most prisons have rules forbidding inmates to keep pets, but visitors to several of the smaller prisons have sometimes observed mice as well as birds and an occasional dog sharing cells with prisoners. In one of the large state prisons a long-term prisoner was permitted to have as pets several dogs of the toy variety. —New York Times.

Lives of Great Men All Remind Us



The recent plight of the three balloonists in the frozen North reminds one of the notable exploit of Robert Edwin Peary—discoverer of the North Pole. His first attempt to attain the goal was made in 1897. April 6, 1919, twelve years later, saw his tireless and heroic efforts crowned with success.

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PASTOR FOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS BEEN SECURED

Rev. Harild Hull of the Bible University at Eugene has accepted a call to the Christian church in Independence and services will be held regularly. For the present Mr. Hull will come here on Saturday and remain until Monday, spending the balance of his time at Eugene.

DAYTON BUSINESS MEN FIX ON ROAD ROUTE

Dayton — The Dayton Commercial club has passed the following resolution: "Be it resolved by a membership vote, that the Dayton Commercial club go on record favoring the passage of such a bill with the designation of a road as follows: Beginning at Dayton, Ore., and running south along the road commonly known as the River road to West Salem."

COST OF LIVING IN OLDEN DAYS IN OREGON DESCRIBED

University of Oregon, Eugene—Life in early Oregon, while it may not have been as pleasant as the living conditions of the present generation, with its motor cars, electricity and other things now thought to be essential to living, had some very distinct advantages. In a recent publication of Oregon Historical Society, some very interesting figures are given as to the cost of living in this state in about the year 1837. The records were those of Ewing Young, who was sent to California to bring back some cattle for the early settlers here, and were compiled by Dean F. G. Young, of the school of sociology of the University of Oregon.

An accurate account of every expenditure was kept and submitted to the Willamette Cattle company, which was organized to bring the cattle to this state. The figures given show that while living expenses were small, wages were no larger in proportion. Modern conveniences such as moving pictures and other luxuries, had not found their way into the habits of the people and money went much further.

Wages were never over a dollar a day, according to the figures given in the Young accounts. This is in marked contrast to the \$4.50 a day which is now paid for the most unskilled kinds of labor. Costs were not out of proportion to the wages, however, and a saddle is listed at \$2.25. A good saddle these days will bring around \$50. Further on, a rope is listed at 25 cents; forty pounds of pork was purchased for 10 cents a pound; wheat could be bought for 60 cents a bushel, while the present price is near \$2.00. Board could be had for about \$8 per month.

Clothing prices as shown by the accounts were but a small part of the amounts charged at the present time for wearing apparel. A pair of shoes was bought for \$2; a shirt could be had for 60 cents; "pantalons" brought around \$4 per pair, although in some instances they are priced as low as \$2.50. No cases were recorded where articles cost over the present prices, the whole account showing that a man could buy more at the earlier date with his day's wages than he could at present.

Several hundred women in Mishawaka, Ind., have formed what they call a "battalion of death" for the purpose of waging war on the hold-up men. The women will meet regularly to take part in target practice under competent instructors.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad, it is said, has decided not to employ any more women, if it can get men to work equally well at the same wages. The decision is due chiefly to a desire to help reduce the unemployment of men.

SALEM BUSINESS WOMAN ON EASTERN BUYING TRIP

Mrs. Max Solof of the People's Cash Store in Salem is on an extended buying trip in the East. She will visit Minneapolis, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, and enroute home will stop at Seattle.

Mrs. Solof is making a deep study of market conditions and is endeavoring to buy merchandise direct from the factories.

Mrs. A. B. Robinson attended the Whist Club meeting in Dallas on Wednesday afternoon.

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DYES TO BE SUPERFLUOUS?

Short Cut to Gorgeous Colorings Being Worked Out by a Wizard, It is Said.

A. W. Brabham of Olat, S. C., soon to be known as the Wizard of the Cotton Patch, Burbank's only rival, announces that the American dye industry is unnecessary, or at least soon will be, according to Drug and Chemical Markets. For has he not grown cotton already dyed various shades of brown, green, blue, pink and gray as it comes on the plant? And does he not expect to produce black in a few years as well as all the colors of the rainbow? Tans will be the need of colors for cotton be obliterated and the wealth that now is being accumulated by the dye barons will be diverted in the cotton growing districts of the South.

No mention is made of dyes for wool, but even these will be unnecessary when some genius undertakes to spend half a lifetime crossbreeding sheep to color their fleeces, and this genius would have less difficulty than with cotton, as he would have ready at hand the world over supply of "black sheep." Then it would only be necessary to teach the silk worms to turn out colored silk after feeding on the flower bed and the flax plant to produce green-fibers from green sand, blue from blue marl, red from red clay, and black from loam, and infallibly.

On Selecting Doors.

Haphazard selection of doors of the ready-made variety should not be allowed in the building of a fine house, declares an announcement issued at Chicago by the lumber interests. Doors should be designed by the architect who builds the structure, that they may be in keeping with the general style of the house. It is stated:

It is pointed out that in the selection of an attractive and distinctive doorway depends the visitor's first impression of the home he is about to enter.

Remembering the history of doors, lumber manufacturers point out that in early days wooden doors were hung on sockets instead of hinges. In the middle ages doors were richly carved and in the gothic period were nearly covered with intricate ornamentation extending as part of the blazes.

New View

Mrs. Grimm—"And so you are going to be my son-in-law?"

He—"By Jove! I hadn't thought of that!"—Tit-Bits.

An Optimist

Let poets sing their liting songs, And gayly smite the lyre; Give me the man who whistles, He's putting on a tire.

The Knocker

I do not care for old man Brown, He thinks we have a rotten day, He knocks by night and roars day, And yet he doesn't move away.

Snuff was used in the Indies long before tobacco was introduced to Europe.

There is an old superstition a bride who finds a spider of wedding gown is bound to be happy.

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The women voters of Vienna voted the men by 25 percent.

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