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CLEAN HOUSE RATHER THAN MOVE

Some folk would rather move than clean house. Either is a disagreeable task, but there is always a hope that the new place will not require so much work to keep it in order. This seems to be the attitude of those who are advocating the substitution of an appointive public service commission instead of an elective one.

The Enterprise fails to grasp the wisdom of such a change. It's but adding more political prestige to the governor, and it has been found that this is not desirable. This one man power may be all right when the right man is chief executive but there are times when the wrong man gets into office and turmoil follows.

If the members of the public service commission are not doing their duty—and such seems to be the general opinion—there is recourse in the recall. This is the simple solution of the problem. It is true, that the people at times err in their judgment in the selection of candidates for office. They appear to be indifferent to a noticeable degree in the elections. They are not directing the ship of state with due care. They have passed this duty to their agents. Some times these officials fail to function properly and the public accepts it with tolerance, but after this condition has continued to exist for a time there is an awakening.

It's not the telephone case alone which has started the clamor against the public service commission. It is rather a climax to a series of decisions in which the public has felt that it has not received a square deal from its servants. The matter has been simmering for years, and it is felt that it is time to make a change.

To make the commissioners appointive would undoubtedly be an improvement provided the occupant of the executive chair was big enough to fill the job, but with a weak sister in the office conditions might become even worse than they are now. We are still of the opinion that the judgment of the people—faulty at times to be sure—is superior to one man government.

"Net operating income of railroads for 1921 was equal to only 3.31 percent on tentative property valuation as fixed by Interstate Commerce Commission."—Business Chronicle. We are wondering if the net operating income of the farms for 1921 was even one percent. Were farms to be operated under the same conditions as the railroads we are wondering what would be the price of a bushel of spuds.

Those who have the privilege of knowing Senator Patterson are fully aware that he will stand upon every plank upon which his platform is builded should it be his privilege to be selected as chief executive. Back of his pre-nomination promises is a rugged character and an honesty of purpose which would make the fulfillment his earnest, conscientious endeavor.

The Polk board of equalization is meeting the situation. It is endeavoring to devise methods by which the valuations in Dallas, Falls City, Morrouth and Independence may be equalized, and this is being done before assessments are made.

Starved---Except for America



"Except for American gifts through the Near East Relief, these three children and thousands of others would have died the hideous death of starvation, as multitudes have done during the past six years in the Near East," says J. J. Handsaker, State Director of the Near East Relief, who spent the summer in Armenia and southern Russia. "I secured this photograph near the city of Tiflis, Georgia. These particular children are a part of the 6,000 whom we are feeding in Tiflis. These three children are a part of a group who have been in the country for two weeks, where we give them intensive feeding to prepare them for the hardship of the winter. Among our 6,000 children in Tiflis are children of royal families, of millionaires, of professional and business men, all made one in their terrible destitution and poverty by the war which rages in the Near East."

SPANIEL GETS GOLF BALLS

English Dog Source of Considerable Revenue to Small Boy, His Owner and Colleague.

The Manx seagull who seized a golf ball from under the very nibble of a player, was a sport as well as a gourmand. His conduct can be extenuated only on the plea of defective education. Very different it is with the spaniel who piles a steady trade on certain links in Cornwall, England. The course lies along the cliff top, with a steep seaward slope strewn with loose rocks and thick with gorse and all kinds of tangled growth. Many a ball goes bouncing down. From the doorstep of a cottage looking on the links, an amiable spaniel watches. Is it fancy which sees his brown eyes glisten when a new ball is abandoned? When the last golfer hies home, the spaniel's hour comes. Unhasting, systematic, he works that bank of rock and heather, where four feet have so great an advantage in security, and the nose is a safer guide to hidden treasure than the eye. His accomplice, a mere boy, who acts as storekeeper and accountant, receives the proceeds on the brink. Up and down trots the traveling member of the firm, till darkness is complete, and he lolls homeward behind his colleague, whose pockets bulge with treasure to be exchanged tomorrow with its former owners or their friends for coin.

BUSY MAN GATHERS NICKELS

New York Street Musician Might Be Said to Be a Whole Concert in Himself.

A whole choir seems to burst forth into music along Chambers street these evenings as the workers are rushing along homeward bound, the New York Sun states. There is a volume of song supported by an organ accompaniment. At first it seems as if some singing band had taken possession of the street. No one would imagine for a moment that one human being could be responsible for all this music. But the crowd, pausing for a brief second, discovers that this is the case. Drawn up to the curb is a street organ which the owner is operating with one hand. With the other hand he holds a megaphone through which he sings. Not having a third hand, the singer-player cannot accept the tributes of passers-by while the concert is in progress, but this concert, like all such affairs, has its intermission when the orchestra becomes for the time being the business manager.

Smuggling in "Merrie England."

Smuggling and illicit trading were common enough in England a century ago, according to the Journals of the day—but more often than not the sub-rosa transactions were in things to eat. This was especially true of game, which was very scarce in town and seldom offered for sale. That is, it was not offered openly except at holiday time, but, none the less, hare and game birds appeared on many dinner tables. The place to buy was at the end of a stage line of the driver, as a rule, who had understanding with poachers throughout the territory, and who managed to keep supplies on hand for good customers, in spite of the game wardens. Seizures of game off the Sunday platters of families that were weary of the taste of the everlasting beef and mutton and pork are not recorded in any prominent way, but some of the news notes are nothing less than ancient family portraits of old man Human Nature.

Rival for the Skunk.

Muskrats force themselves occasionally upon one's attention in India by their habit of entering a bungalow and ambling slowly round the rooms, talking loudly to themselves all the time in a chattering voice. Although ratlike, the muskrat is not really a rat, but a large shrew, protected by an extreme degree of offensive odor like sickeningly strong musk, which it emits at will. If not interfered with it will soliloquize round the room, picking up insects attracted by the light, and wander out again; but let anyone assault it, and the room will scarcely be habitable for a time. Dog or cat only attacks a muskrat once in its life, and the mongoose moves politely out of its way. That is the meaning of the continuous noise which it makes as it goes along—a sort of alarm bell to let all concerned know that something is coming which is best left alone.

Tumbleweed.

If one crosses the western prairies of the great Arkansas valleys, and happens to be there in the fall, during a high wind, one may see a very strange sight. Antelopes, rabbits, prairie dogs, and sometimes even herds of cattle racing along the plains pursued by strange balls, nearly as tall as a man! These balls, when seen a little nearer, seem to be masses of sticks stuck closely together. The plant that forms these balls is called the tumbleweed. Botanists call it *Cyclopa palyphyllum*. It belongs to a genus of plants that grow into a thick, round mass of small branches, attached to the roots each by a small stem that, in the fall, becomes dry and brittle. As the autumn winds sweep over the prairie the stems of these plants go leaping and bounding along, scattering their seeds as they go.

VALUE OF OILED WRAPPERS FOR APPLES DEMONSTRATED

Results during 1921 in preventing apple scald in stored apples by the use of oiled-paper wrappers have confirmed all previous reports that the trouble may be controlled in this way, if the oiled wrappers carry a sufficiently high percentage of oil. The United States Department of Agriculture has recommended that the wrappers should carry 15 to 20 percent of oil if they are to be effective in preventing the development of scald. When wrappers carrying a low proportion of oil, in some cases as low as 5 percent, have been used poorer results have been obtained. The demand for the right type of oiled wrappers for apples has been so great that many of the orders from growers have not been filled. About 80,000 boxes of apples were packed in oiled wrappers at Wenatchee, Wash., last season, and a similar number at Yakima, Wash.

Scald is a transportation and storage disease that is produced by gases given off by the apples themselves. The disease is greatly favored by warm storage and by delays in reaching storage. It is particularly serious on the York Imperial, Grimes, Arkansas (Mammoth Black Twig), Rome Beauty, Rhode Island Greening, Stayman Winesap, Wagener, and Baldwin varieties. In mild cases the apple is merely tinted with brown, but in more serious cases the entire skin layer is killed. The disease looks like an apple rot, but is rather a cause of rot. The gases which cause scald can be removed by ventilation or by absorbing them with oils. Apples scald far less in boxes, crates, or ventilated barrels than in the usual commercial barrels, but scald can be entirely prevented by storing the apples in oiled not waxed, wrappers. This treatment has been found completely successful even when susceptible varieties have been placed in unventilated storage and held far beyond their usual storage season.

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ENDOWMENT \$3000 TO GROW INTO NEARLY HALF MILLION

University of Oregon, Eugene, (Special)—"Great oaks from little acorns grow", the proverb goes, but in spite of this it is hard to conceive that the sum of \$3000, the gift from the class of 1896 as a loan fund to University of Oregon students who run short of money during their college careers will amount to \$403,927.47 at the end of 150 years, when, according to the terms of the contribution, the original principal and its accumulations shall pass to the University for its use and benefit. The gift of \$3000 as a fund to be loaned to students was made last year by the class at its annual June reunion. At that time the money was placed in the hands of a board of trustees who were given control of it. Members of the board are Beattie Harris, Dr. Clarence W. Kenne, Fred W. Mulkey, Louise Yoran Whitton, all of the class of 1896, President P. L. Campbell, and his successors in the presidency, Comptroller Louis H. Johnson, and succeeding comptrollers, and P. E. Snodgrass, president of the First National bank of Eugene, and his successors. Loans from this fund will be made to students at an interest rate of six

per cent, the interest on the total amount to be compounded annually until at the end of 150 years the aggregate shall pass free from the trust fund to the University for its use and benefit. Preference in granting loans will be given to lineal descendants of members of the class of 1896 of the university while the descendants are students at the university, to the university itself for temporary needs and to worthy students on the campus who might otherwise be interrupted in their college careers. The president and controller of the university and a president of the First National bank compose the committee which will judge the time and amount of loan. Although six per cent is the rate of interest to be charged, the average earning figured on is four per cent since the money will probably not be in constant use. Figured on this basis of four per cent the \$3000 given last year will amount to two-fifths of a million dollars in 150 years. Such a gift of more than \$400,000 coming as it will with no outlay expense or effort from the university may solve many difficulties such as providing additional building facilities supplying a deficit in current expenses or establishing an endowment

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