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Let's Plant More Trees

IT IS tree planting time. In a communication published on this page today Professor Edgar E. DeCou suggests a continuation of the movement inaugurated a year ago under the auspices of the Federation of Women's clubs, whereby hundreds of choice trees were planted in the parkings of Eugene. It is a highly worthy and worth while suggestion. General response will bring results that, within a few years, will add much to the attractiveness of the city's appearance.

Nowhere do trees grow finer or more beautiful than in and around this city. Their splendor is one of the first things remarked by any visitor or newcomer who arrives here during the growing season. Maples here and hereabouts are especially fine, both the native ones and the Norway maples, whose featuring in the city planting scheme Professor DeCou advocates. Ornamental trees of all kinds grow here readily. Soil and climatic conditions are right for them. Professor DeCou suggests that the information published through a circular reprinted last spring by the Federation of Women's clubs regarding the kinds of trees to plant and the best methods of doing it be reprinted. The Guard adopts the suggestion. The information will be found on this page.

Joyce Kilmer was an American poet who loved trees. He became a soldier of the world war and was killed in action near the river Ourcq, in France, July 30, 1918. Here is a tribute that he wrote to trees:

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

Farm Relief Legislation

IT IS to be doubted that congress ever will enact a farmers' co-operative marketing bill in very close accord with the recommendations of President Coolidge's agricultural commission. There is opposition among the co-operatives to certain features of the Capper-Haugen bill, which failed of enactment in the recent congress. Although the full driving power of the administration was behind that measure the house spurned it. The alternative measure thus far evolved is the Dickinson bill. Like the Capper-Haugen bill, this measure provides for creation of a federal co-operative marketing board. The Capper-Haugen bill provides that its members shall be appointed by the president. The Dickinson bill provides that they shall be chosen by the nationally federated co-operative bodies. The Capper-Haugen bill provides for government licensing, inspection and auditing of the proposed co-operative bodies. The Dickinson bill omits these things, which were strenuously objected to by various representatives of the farmer co-operative movement while the bill was pending.

If there had been more time, it is not unlikely that the contending forces in congress would have got together on some sort of a compromise measure. Now that the session has ended without action there will be opportunity for the interests concerned with co-operative marketing to formulate a programme of legislation on the subject on which they can unite by the time congress reconvenes. That is if they desire to do so. Among farmers interested in co-operatives already functioning there has developed a considerable sentiment against any sort of government regulation of the subject. These farmers declare that all they want is to be let alone. They made themselves and their desires very plain at the recent session.

The failure of his efforts to obtain legislation helpful to the farmers is undoubtedly a heavy disappointment to the president. Undoubtedly, too, he will renew the effort to obtain such legislation.

General William Mitchell loses his job as assistant chief of the army air service because he ran too openly and bluntly counter to the army and navy bureaus in his views regarding the relative importance of army, navy and airplane in the national defense. Against the undoubted muzzling appearance that this will have in the public view must be balanced the fact that the general was pretty indiscreet in his mode of attack, barely stopping short of giving the lie to the war and navy departments.

Mr. Levens, the new state prohibition commissioner, advises people generally to arrest violators of the prohibition law wherever they see them in the act of violation. Warrants or any special authority are unnecessary, he says. It is difficult for one to imagine general action by the public on this suggestion, but it might work.

If the nation goes to war again it ought to hire Doug Fairbanks to raise its army for it. His system as shown in his current picture, gives much quicker results than any draft system that we have ever heard of.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Where Tax Burden Lies
(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
The Journal complains that certain men with large incomes are now escaping the payment of taxes because we have repealed the income tax law. The Journal alone is to blame for this. It wanted a law that was just as unfair in the other extreme—one that taxed one man three times as much in proportion to his income as another man, merely because he had the money and the rest of us had the votes and could "soak 'em." If the Journal and other advocates of an income tax had cared in the slightest degree to be fair and had been willing to tax every income above certain exemptions the same rate per cent, the income tax law would have been the fairest tax law we have even without the property tax offset.

which ought also to be a part of any income tax law where the property is the source of the income. But it pretends to play politics because we small income fellows are in such a majority and it was thought we would favor a "soak 'em" policy. It spews venom for us small fry however that there are enough of us willing to be decent and not rob the minority, to defeat the graduated tax scheme.

Still, the demographic effort goes on in the hope of making the farmers believe that they pay all the taxes and that "Columbia's your friend; not short." Here however is the way the taxes are paid in Oregon:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Percent. Includes Timber, Railroads and public utilities, Portland, Other cities and towns, Farm property.

In other words, farmers in Oregon are responsible for about one-fourth of the taxes and towns, timber and public utilities for the other three-fourths.

The City Beautiful
(Salem Capital Journal)
"Do you know that Salem may become the most beautiful city in the world" chortles the optimistic Salem Statesman.

Before any such dream is realized, there will have to be a radical change in existing methods of city building and in the methods of city builders, as well. The haphazard crazy-quilt style in vogue will have to give way to a systematic program both of building and of beautification, or Salem will soon rank with the "rick" towns.

The beauty Salem possesses is largely inherited from the pioneers and early settlers whose wisdom in city planning far surpassed our own. In fact we are doing more than our share to mar our inherited beauty by building shacks, corner groceries, service stations and garages in fine residence districts and holding vacant business property at unreasonable prices.

Salem's business district has been little changed in several decades. Principal business streets, like Commercial, have only had one or two new buildings in 40 years. There hasn't been a first class business block erected in the city in 15 years. Most of the enterprise of the property owners is devoted to advancing prices to prohibitive figures and refusing to build themselves, thus checking the growth of the city or forcing its extension along other streets. As a result, Salem's business district is trying to go somewhere, and can be switched in any one of several directions by proper construction, or continue the present forced method of sprawling into the residence sections.

City zoning and uniform street and lawn beautification are essential in any effort to make or keep Salem beautiful, as well as the cooperation of all individuals. Property owners must consider something besides grabbing the unearned increment or the city will mark time instead of marching forward. They must either launch adequate building programs or permit others to do so. Unless they do, the city will grow uglier instead of fairer and lose population and prestige.

Voting the Armories
(Albany Herald and Democrat)
At a time when the cost of government is great and taxes of necessity are high, new state buildings which fill no immediate need can be dispensed with very acceptably to the taxpayers. We are therefore in accord with Governor Eberhart's veto of the bills carrying appropriations for the proposed armories at Forest Grove, Cottage Grove and La Grande. For these structures there was appropriated by the legislature the sum of \$100,000 and this saving made by the governor's pen will have an appreciable effect on the purses of the people.

It is futile to talk about economy, unless we are disposed to get along without luxuries.
The new armories would have been important additions to the appearances of the cities for which they were proposed. But Forest Grove and Cottage Grove and La Grande can get along without them for a few more years or until the practice of thrift, the state will be in a better position to build them.

On Planting Trees
EUGENE, Ore., March 6.—(To the Editor)—Last spring a very intensive tree-planting campaign was conducted under the auspices of the Federation of Women's Clubs. As a result many hundreds of beautiful trees were planted in the parkings of the city. This work of beautification should be continued this spring, especially in the rapidly growing residence sections south and east of the University city. The conservative planting of the same kind of tree for several blocks should be continued, as agreed upon last spring. The best all-around parking tree is the Norway maple, and this is especially good to fill in gaps between our native maples.

Soil conditions are now good for planting and the trees should be set out during the next month or six weeks.
I am enclosing the circular of information printed last spring. I am sure a reprinting in your columns of a list of the best trees and the proper method of planting them will be greatly appreciated by many citizens. (Signed) EDGAR E. DECOU.

Rowell's Comment
SOMEbody should get out a dictionary of American stock fictions.
First on the list would come the "party responsibility" which the reformers are supposed to have destroyed. There never was any such thing.
Then the notion that any actual American standard is reflected in the efforts to make school children equal in dress and social expenditure, and to impose the simple life on diplomats and high officials.
If these are fine ideals, certainly they are not the ones we practice. And then would come the stock "sob" story of the woman who offers to marry the first comer, or sell herself in slavery, to "pay for an operation" on some loved one.
Operations do not have to be "paid for" if you have no way to pay them. Ask the president of your local medical society.

Finally, most fictitious of all, is the illusion that this is the most advanced of free governments. It was, in 1790. Now we are the most conservative people on earth.

Ever Onward and Upward



WHAT TREES TO PLANT AND HOW

Recommendations and Information Given by Federation of Women's Clubs of Eugene

THE following, on tree planting, was published in a circular last year by the Federation of Women's Clubs of Eugene. It is republished here at the request of Professor Edgar E. DeCou, chairman of the tree planting committee.

- Kind of trees for parkings, (tested in Eugene)—For deep, well-drained soil and rolling hills—Norway maple, scarlet oak, European white birch, and English walnut. For poorly drained adobe soil—Norway maple, Carolina poplar and American white ash. For narrow parkings—Pauls double scarlet hawthorne. Norway Maple—Best all-around parking tree in the United States; good grower with a compact head, leaves free from pests, clean, doesn't hang by walks. Scarlet Oak—Rapid grower, fine proportions, beautiful leaves, scarlet in the fall. European White Birch—Handsome, rather slender, rapid growth, silver white bark, graceful drooping foliage. English Walnut—Beautiful tree for wide parkings; rapid grower, begins to bear in two or three years. Carolina Poplar—Symmetrical, very rapid growth, upright or pyramidal head, grows well on low ground. American White Ash—Tall, hardy, symmetrical, does well on low ground. Paul's Double Scarlet Hawthorne—Most beautiful small tree for narrow parkings. Rich, luxuriant foliage, flowers bright scarlet on long sprays. Red haws on tree during much of winter.

How to Plant the Trees.
Plant in center of parking about 25 to 30 feet apart and one-half this distance from sidewalk at street intersection. (Birches and hawthorns about 20 feet apart).
Dig holes three feet deep and three feet wide. Put the good surface soil around roots. Shoot all holes in hard pan or shaly rock with dynamite before digging. Dig around trees two or three times a season to keep soil loose. Tie each tree loosely to a strong stake toward the northwest, (direction of prevailing summer winds). Soak the trees thoroughly with water once a week during their first dry season.

Cost of Trees.
About \$1.50 to \$2.00 for medium-sized trees, about 50 cents for planting. (Should be done by an experienced man). About 50 cents for shooting the hole with dynamite. (Requires an expert powder man).
Order all trees, also planting and shooting holes through the chairman of your district, or through the secretary, Mrs. Blaine Hovey, telephone 403. Buying in quantities through the committee will decrease considerably the cost to you.

Chairmen of District Committees.
Fairmount, Mrs. Carl G. Washburn, telephone 1254, all territory east of Agate street.
University Heights, Robert W. Preacott, telephone 780, Alder to Agate, north and south.
Northeast District, Miss Ida Peterson, telephone 1235-14, east of Willamette and west of Alder.
College Hill District, Samuel Rugh, telephone 94, west of Willamette and south of the Amazon.
Western District, Mrs. Flora MacDonald, telephone 745-J, west of Willamette, north of Amazon, south of Eighth.
Northwest District, Mrs. Blaine H. Hovey, telephone 403, west of Willamette, north of Eighth.
Consult with the chairman of your district. Where possible make the planting uniform for one or two blocks. Fill in gaps with Norway maple.
EDGAR E. DECOU, Chairman.

IN NEW YORK
By JAMES W. DEAN
NEW YORK, March 7.—An effort at a cubistic work of art in this modern Babel, if you please, but only a sketchy outline at best. The whole of the picture cannot be reproduced on one canvas nor in many volumes—
Roar and rush. Sardine cans on wheels, the subways and elevated. Underground demons and overhead monsters with an everlasting rattle that shatters the human constitution. Office girls standing at counters gulping doughnuts and coffee for breakfast. Hurrying, hurrying, hurrying. Streaming into great towers of stone in never-ending lines. Bent, broken old men doing the work of boys. Boys doing the work of men. Everybody after himself, get the dollar, and the devil take the hindmost.
Fine clothes on vulgar bodies, both paid for in full. Clothes make the man and woman here. Sham, hypocrisy, criticism touching all.
A dozen restaurants to the block. Thousands of living quarters to some blocks. Oh, for an open fire place!!!!
Jangle and clatter and noise. Taxicabs hub and hub and fender to fender. Hurrying, hurrying, hurrying—and getting no place. Little boys chasing wind-blown hats to get a dime tip. Old women sitting in subway entrances till after midnight with pencils and chewing gum. Short-change artists as cashiers in restaurants and shops.
Where's a green tree??? Or a plot of grass??? Or a singing bird??? Or a breath of pure air??? Where a moment of repose, of quiet content? Gusty winds swirling about tall buildings filling the streets, and inside the buildings wind-bags filling them with wind. Talk, talk, talk—mostly bluff about deals and dollars. Everywhere you go you hear somebody talking about a "big deal" they've just put over. Millions of lights on Broadway in garish, fantastic designs. Men playing god and feeding the devil. Street fakers. Bookmakers. Mendicants. Gamblers. Hard-belliedness. Hard faces. Painted faces. Sin-smeared faces. Clang and clamor, roar and rush, hurry and scurry, buy and sell, cheat and sneak—reflections of a cynic in a world of cretins.

This afternoon, He expects to leave for Alaska within a few weeks while he will spend a year seeking gold.

J. W. Shumate, Waverlyville's live merchant, was in Eugene today, on his way to Portland.

Oregon Briefs
The lease, equipment and good will of the Hotel Holland at Medford has been sold by Mrs. C. H. Smith to Ben Declus of La Grande.

Clyde Waterman, who pleaded guilty to embezzling \$500 of the school funds of the Hancock district in Clatsop county, has been fined \$1000 and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

J. M. Devets, attorney for the state highway department, is reported critically ill at his home in Salem, having been stricken while at work in his office.

P. H. Bagley, 55, one of the oldest pioneers of Clatsop county, is dead at his home in Knappa. He came to Clatsop county in 1802 and had been a resident of Knappa for 50 years.

Harry S. Yetter, technical assistant attached to the head office of the Jeschutes national forest, has received notice of election to membership in the Society of American Foresters.

A Chinook salmon was shipped to President Coolidge last Saturday as a gift from W. W. Nesbit of Astoria. Mr. Nesbit caught the fish, which weighed 21 pounds, expressly for the president.

Boyd Reynolds, immigration inspector, who has been in charge of the Astoria office for several months, has been transferred to Portland. E. A. Dneber will take charge of the Astoria office.

Tom Sims Says—
NO woman is as bad as she looks to her enemies.
The Chinese pay all their debts on New Years, which is one Chinese custom we never will adopt.

A man about town is usually about ready to leave town.
Last year was not as great as this year can be.
Statistics show Americans are drinking more tea, and so far congress has taken no action in the matter.

"America," say a senator, made the world what it is today. Always trying to blame America.
It is easy to make money when you don't need it. The same is true of making love.
Time spent feeling under the weather really is just time wasted.

No ideal is more foolish than the desire for constant mirth.
The man who is sorry for himself should be. (Copyright, 1925, NEA Service, Inc.)

In Lighter Vein
Not Polly's Fault.
(Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph)
The woman stalked into the bird shop.
"Look here, my man," she said. "You are a cheat, a rogue, a scoundrel—a scamp. That parrot you sold me—do you remember it?"
"Yes, madam," said the proprietor, meekly.
"Don't answer me back! That parrot has not spoken a word since you sold it to me. I have been treated disgracefully—I shall put the matter in the hands of my lawyers and have you prosecuted. That parrot, I say, has not spoken a word!"
"Perhaps," said the proprietor, "you have not given the poor bird a chance."

Scientific Discretion.
(What do you think of the theory of evolution?
"Who's the use of talking about it?" rejoined Senator Borglum. "It isn't going to win a vote in my district, and you may hurt the feelings of a friend."

No Longer Heard.
(Cincinnati Enquirer)
Giddap!
Here, lady, take this seat.
Yes, sir.
Yes, the woolen ones, please.
What'll you have?

Fellowship of Prayer
Daily Lenten Bible reading and meditation prepared for Commission on Evangelism of Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.
SATURDAY
The Choice of Companions

Read Lk. 6:12-13. Text: 6:13. He called his disciples; and he chose from them twelve.
MEDITATION—Before Jesus selected the twelve who were to learn of him and to teach his message he spent the entire night in prayer. We need in like fashion to give prayerful attention to our choice of companions. We are all susceptible to the influence of others and should select our associates with great care and our confidants with caution. We must have some intimates, true friends, well tried, to whom we may go with our thoughts, our fears and our sorrows, who will hear with sympathy, respect our confidences and help us with sound and kindly advice. To have friends we must first of all learn to be a friend.

"So others shall take patience, labor, to their heart and hand. From thy hand, and thy heart, and thy brave cheer. And God's grace fructify through thee to all."
PRAYER—Our Saviour, who would be true companions of those sharing in thy thought for others, thy pain and thy victory. May we learn constancy, integrity, and fidelity. Help us to be true friends of those who share their lives with us. Amen.

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