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PAY ROLLS OR PROGRESS?

Public operation of power and other utilities, as proposed in the Oregon initiative for a constitutional amendment that would create a new political machine to handle, control and operate a vast system of public works, involves large pay-rolls and little progress. In other words, patronage distributed prevents efficiency in operation. Pay-rolls are padded with as many employees as can be retained under public ownership. Under private control the number is kept down and competitive zeal for shortcuts and savings rewarded.

Economic experience does not support public utility control and operation. Yet there exists in the group mind a predilection for government operation, despite the steady trend toward private enterprises. Carried to its natural sequence, the idea would include grocery stores, furniture factories, even bakeries, dairies, cleansing works and wood-saws. There is always the claim that they would be free from taxes, like churches. Accordingly the public is constantly fooled. Logically all is well with these schemes, but we are learning that the logical and practical are poles apart.

The hydro-electric irrigation, power and myriad-purpose proposal being advocated by the housewives has many charms and appeals to attract the theoretical mind, but the hard-headed farmer sees only taxes, bond issues and political manipulation ahead, with recourse to the state funds when shortage arises; also he knows that lower rates are not assured, but increased charges sure to follow any bungling administration. Who shall say that there is any probability that five inexperienced citizens, without previous training, can hope to put across the enormous enterprises contemplated, involving scores of millions of public funds? It scarcely seems compatible with modern business practice. Disguised as a public benefit, it may hold enormous financial problems for the commonwealth.

RUNAWAY BOYS.

We often hear or read of some boy who has run away from home, while frantic and anxious mothers and fathers bend every effort to find and bring them back to the family domicile. The occasion for this clandestine exodus of the budding youth is usually a whipping or some other form of punishment equally as humiliating meted out by the parents which arouses in the child a sense that he has been mistreated, and therefore his spirit has been aroused to a stage of resentment, and he resolves to go out into the world where he may enjoy his conception of personal freedom.

There are very few of us who have arrived at the age of maturity who did not feel the same urge at some time in our adolescent days. Therefore we must feel a sort of sympathy for the youngster who early takes the bit in his mouth and breaks away from parental authority.

No great harm results from these occasional escapades of the boy other than to cause mental anguish beneath the roof which he leaves behind him. Usually a few days and nights spent with an unsympathizing world, an empty stomach and an inborn love of home, forgetful of the punishments, sends him back again none the worse for his brief spell of insurgency. Boys have always been boys, and safe to say they always will be, and we could wish them to be nothing else. It takes a boy of spirit and go-get-em qualities to strike out into the world by himself, and we could look upon him with more admiration than we could the boy who would dumbly stand for beatings from brutal and unfeeling parents, and while it may be an infraction of old-fashioned ideas that he must meekly submit and take punishment without resenting it, still parents might learn a lesson from him. Physical punishment of the young is a by-gone method of correction and gaining of their respect and obedience. It can't be done that way, and parents who have not learned that and the better way had best be careful of how many children they bring into the world. Proper treatment of the child from the beginning, teaching the difference between right and wrong, truthfulness, and practicing all the virtues themselves in their daily presence of their offspring, will do more than all the beatings that may be administered by all the switches that grow in the woods. And when this is done the boys, and the girls, too, which come to bless the family union will have a greater and deeper affection for it, and leave nothing one need worry about. The old maxim, "Spare the rod and spoil the child," should be torn out of the book.

For the News take the News.

MEXICO

The republic to the south of us has a constitution. It likewise has laws governing the rights and duties of its citizens; and likewise punishing those who violate them. The Constitution prohibits any and all public religious processions. In the face of this and a distinct warning from the government, an arch-bishop of the Roman Catholic Church deliberately proceeded to hold a religious procession. As punishment for his defiance to the constituted authorities, this arch-bishop was promptly requested to remove himself from Mexican soil. The late President Harding invited the reverend to come to the United States.

The laws of Mexico provide that only native priests may officiate in the churches of that country, and this law is about to be enforced. Mexico, like France, proposes to separate the church from the state. It also proposes that its children shall be educated in secular subjects in public schools, so that its citizens may compete in the business world with those of other nations. These laws are being opposed by the clerics of the Roman Catholic Church. News reports in the Metropolitan dailies even indicate that the government intercedes to prosecute those responsible for the proposed boycott intended to embarrass the government. It is unfortunate for any nation to become embroiled in any controversy with any religious organization. More particularly is this true if that organization would interfere with the functions of government. If the organization concerns itself with matters pertaining to right living, the saving of souls; and to denouncing hypocrisy and disobedience to the laws of God and the nation, it will have no time to concern itself with matters of state, otherwise it will be time for a new revolution in Mexico.

Leaving a note declaring "Easy credit is our worst enemy," a man up in Washington took enough dynamite in his car to blow himself to kingdom come, went out on the highway and did that very thing. Rather a heroic way to get away from debt. A better way, and it saves the use of dangerous explosives, is to pay as you go and shun the credit system.

Those American tourists who are attacked by Paris mobs might "See America first." Come out to Oregon where the only "mobs" you find are along the highways enjoying the climate and scenery.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, July 28, 1926.

Notice is hereby given that Byron Mark Johnson, of Welches, Oregon, who, on June 12th, 1923, made Homestead Entry No. 07411, for SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 24; N 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/2 S 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4, and N 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 25, Township 2 S., Range 7 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register United States Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 8th day of September, 1926.

Claimant names as witnesses: Cari M. Raithel, of Welches, Oregon; Edward Epton, of Welches, Oregon; Ed Peterson, of Welches, Oregon; Henry Larsen, of Brightwood, Oregon.

WALTER L. TOOZE, SR., Register.

July 29-Sept. 8.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of James Smith, deceased, and any and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present said claims duly verified as by law required at the office of my attorney, W. W. Smith, within six months after the date of this notice.

Dated, July 28, 1926.
INA SMITH,
Administratrix of the estate of James Smith, deceased.

W. W. SMITH,
Attorney for administratrix, Estacada, Oregon.

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To engage in war and kill in defense of the nation is considered heroic. To commit murder in defense of one's own life is usually looked upon with disfavor. Wherein lies the distinction?

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of S. M. Ramsby, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator, in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clackamas, and the Court has appointed and set Monday, the 30th day of August, 1926, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the County Court Room of said County in Oregon City, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of the same.

C. E. RAMSBY,
Administrator of the Estate of S. M. Ramsby, deceased.
Jos. E. Hedges, Attorney,
Bank of Commerce Bldg.,
Oregon City, Oregon.

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A most unusual case for damages has been won by a Nebraska man from the railroad company. He was bitten by a snake in the company's round-house and the court awarded him \$40,000 damages. It may be well to be careful how you keep snakes about.

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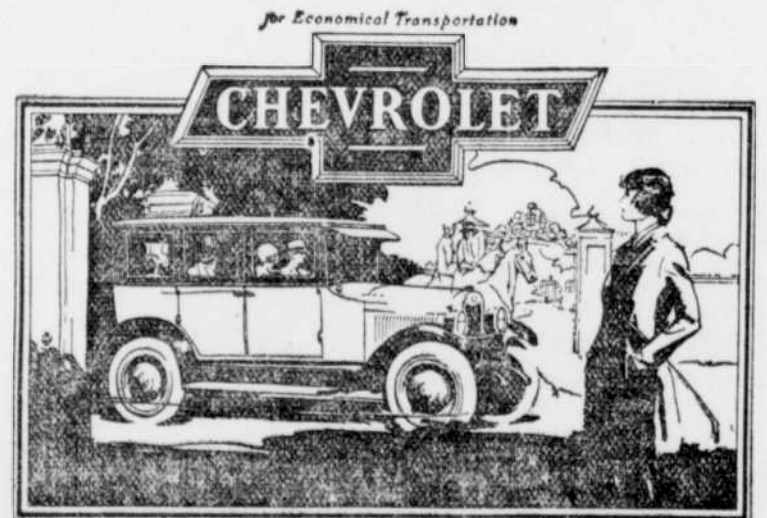
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