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**JUSTICE**

No, we did not make a mistake in setting the headline to this editorial, as you may realize after reading it.

A family arrived in Portland some two months ago. The head of the family soon found work through a life-long friend, and proceeded to find suitable modest quarters to live in. Having no furniture, they rented a furnished flat. During the occupancy of the premises, bed-bugs essayed to carry them off; but after heroic efforts retired to cracks and crevices of their usual haunts; while swellings upon the anatomy of the various members of the family bore mute testimony of their vicious assault. Deeming the premises unfit for the purpose for which rented, the family demanded the return of the rent which they had paid. This the landlord refused; and notwithstanding the ancient smears of executed bed-bugs upon the walls, accused this family of populating the premises with bugs. Learning that the city of Portland was blessed with a poor man's court, where justice might be secured for a nominal expenditure, this family entered its portals. The landlord told his story, after the complaint of the plaintiff had been supported and corroborated by the testimony of the family. The landlord's story was to the effect that the premises had been unoccupied for three weeks and that therefore there were no bugs, and that if there were any now, the plaintiff must have brought them in. Upon this hypothesis the court examined the plaintiff, and secured the statement that bed-bugs lived in wood for weeks and months. The court refused to take judicial notice of this elementary fact, likewise of the testimony that the premises showed the stains of the habitation of bed-bugs, and dismissed the action without relief to the poor family. The landlord is now at liberty to go forth and do likewise to the next poor family that falls into his clutches and the school that teaches "One law for the poor and another for the rich" has turned out another graduate into the ranks of the already vast number of discontented, from whence socialism, I. W. Wism and anarchism are drawn. This landlord, in renting his premises, covenanted that they were clean and fit for the habitation of human beings, and if they were infested with bed-bugs, in effect was obtaining money under false pretenses and should have been ordered to return the money.

This editorial is written from the plaintiff's point of view. We shall be glad to print the point of view of either the defendant, or the court before whom the matter was tried.

**INTEREST IN LIFE**

It is said that the best cure for growing old is to retain an interest in life. That is undoubtedly true. The man who arrives at the age of 70, say, and then sits down and mopes awaiting the call will without doubt hear the summons much quicker than he would if he did not give way to his seeming weight of years. There is no reason why a man still physically fit and who has arrived at three score and ten should elect himself a quitter. And yet we have about us many men who do that very thing. They mourn that they have seen their best days, there is nothing they can do, and so they might just as well lie down and shuffle off the mortal coil. These are the ones who have lost interest in life. Perhaps all the years they have lived the same spirit was in them and they might truly have been classed among those called indolent. They never had much interest in life, anyway. Only just enough to get by—to have enough to eat, a little to wear, and let the rest of humanity push by them for the things of life worth while. These poor mortals having reached the age of 70 and thus conditioned might just as well die off and have done with it, for they will only burden others by their remaining.

But there are other men we know of and so, perhaps, do you, who at the age referred to are not

built that way. Their interest in life is just as keen as it ever was. They want to be doing things, be active, keep pace if not ahead of the world, and enter into some activity with all the energy of their youthful days. It is not more years they are looking after, but to be useful in some way and make the most of their time, no matter how long or how short it may be. They are not looking ahead to reach any stated number of years, and whether it may be seventy or one hundred their only desire is to retain their interest in things about them. In this way years are forgotten and the mind keeps much of the freshness of youth, so that when they finally do embark on the Dark Water they are still looking ahead with the same interest as to what is on the other side as they had all thru this mortal existence. Such men as these—and there many—may live to 80, to 90, to 100—it makes no difference to them, they still have a steadfast interest in the life about them and remain a part of it.

**WHAT SAFEGUARDS**

It is pertinent to ask how any assurance can be given that bonds issued under the housewives' power scheme will be paid from earnings at maturity. All depends upon successful operation. If interest is not earned, the general fund of the state is tapped. So also for the principal, at need. No safeguards of any kind are provided. It means a new issue of bonds to provide for further operation, or a refunding of those already outstanding. All is in the hands of a political board. The public will be confronted with increased rates, or that general fund will be reduced.

**SENATORIAL FIGHT HOT ONE**

The senatorial fight is becoming a hot one. There are some politicians that accuse Haney of slinging mud at his opponent. How they reason is beyond the comprehension of the ordinary fellow. The yellow ticket scandal was the work of the republicans. A republican dug up the facts about the amended expense account. How in the name of common sense do the republican leaders expect to fool the voters by his lame and far fetched excuse? Why not face the issue squarely and not try to shoulder the blame on to another candidate? It will arouse suspicion, and disgust those who favor clean fights if the present tactics of the republican leaders are continued. It is a disgusting sight to see men publicly squirming out of a hole and in doing so endeavoring to besmirch the name of a man who has a clean and honorable record. Mr. Haney will receive many votes that otherwise might have gone to his opponent, Mr. Steiwer.—Wheeler Reporter.

**70 PER CENT TO MIDDLEMEN**

These figures come from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, brought out by a discussion of the onion business in the Connecticut valley. The Department states that more than 70 per cent of the price paid by consumers for the onion crop went to interests between the growers and the kitchens, and less than 30 per cent went to the farmers who raised the onions. Wholesalers and jobbers took 3 per cent toll, country dealers 8 per cent and retailers 54 per cent. There is very much wrong with a distributing system that takes such a toll. It robs both producers and consumers.

**OBEY THE POTATO LOW**

The shipping season for Oregon potatoes is commencing and growers and dealers are warned that all potatoes sold or offered for sale in Oregon in lots of 50 pounds or more must be graded and stenciled with the grower's name and address, and when shipped in 10 tons or more they must be state inspected.

A new wrinkle in court action comes tonight. A jury at a town in Illinois having arrived at a verdict refused to render it until they were paid. The defendant attorney thereupon dug up from his own pocket and the striking jurors then brought in a verdict for his client. And that's that.

Why should a candidate not have the right to leave his party for the good of the country? Especially when he has performed valuable service for those he represents.

The "yellow ticket" certainly done the business. Is it not strange how honest respectable citizens sometimes do business?

Hon. Robert N. Stanfield has, after long deliberation and investigation, declared himself a candidate for United States senator,

**HANEY JOLTS ENEMIES OF PRIMARY SYSTEM**

Replying to recent opposition of the primary system that has asserted itself in certain high places, Bert E. Haney, candidate for the U. S. Senate, rolled up his sleeves and went after the bunch in a manner characteristic of Haney himself.

"This gang has corrupted and debauched the primaries of the nation by what can be called nothing more nor less than the wholesale buying of votes," declares Haney, "and now they yell that the primary system is rotten."

"They place themselves in the category with the men that bribes a juror and then demands the abolition of juries because he corrupted one of them."

"These objectors that are making the most noise are the very ones that would return to the convention system. Party control under the convention costs less money. A convention is easier to corrupt. That's behind most of this primary opposition."

"No matter what system is adopted, this gang with unlimited cash fund, provided by special interest mulchers of the people to the tune of several billions of dollars, will be able to buy votes and do their dirty work with money 'yellow ticket' deceit, or some other way equally as infamous."

"No method that we can devise is perfect but the present primary is the best yet proposed. It makes their debauchery of a party more difficult and costs them more money."

Survey made by the Department of Labor shows that co-operative stores throughout the country are generally unsuccessful. Many causes tend to this, chief of which is that members fail to patronize them, bad credit, and a general lack of interest displayed in them by members in a short time.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, July 23, 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 1/2 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: Carl M. Raitzel, 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. 3.

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administratrix of the estate of Van Woodard, deceased has filed her final account in the office of the County Clerk of Clackamas County, Oregon, and that Monday, the 27th day of September, 1926, at the hour of 10 a. m. in the forenoon of said day, in the County Court Room of said Court has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

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DORA HIRTE, Administratrix of the estate of Van Woodard, deceased. Address, Estacada, Oregon.  
Wm. Wallace Smith, Attorney for Administratrix.

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