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OUR READER'S FORUM

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE

Free Public Discussion Is the Vanguard of Progress and the Safeguard of All That Is Good

Under this heading will appear articles written by the readers of The PRESS. All are requested to contribute short letters of timely interest.

All articles must be signed and should not exceed about 500 words. Articles must refrain from personalities. Questions will be gladly accepted, and the Editor will present them to each member of our ever increasing family of readers.

THE UNEMPLOYED

Sewell Station, Feb. 23, 1914.

As to the problem of the unemployed, and it is a problem that grows larger every day, several remedies suggest themselves. Charity as a temporary relief seems necessary. And yet it is a most vicious thing to accustom people to depend upon. Even when temporary it lowers self respect and moral independence of the receiver, and is more painful to one of a manly spirit than even hunger. Turning to history for an example, we find that when a delegation of hungry French peasants called upon Louis XVI for relief at Versailles the authorities, with the true Hillsboro spirit, hung the leaders on a "New scaffold forty feet high, and left them as a shining example." That had its effect. The rest said, "No, thank you, we're not so very hungry. In fact, we are almost too full for utterance," and everything was quiet on the Potomac for quite a spell. Still those who attended poor Louis' funeral afterwards admitted that as a perfect remedy there was something lacking. Then there is the smallpox fake of Portland, Coxe and West with their good roads plan, Socialists and Progressives with old age pensions, insurance, etc., but before we can get any idea of value into our heads we may have to dump out a lot of chaff that now fills our minds to the exclusion of facts. Read the great press of the country! Get humbug! Ambrose Bierce says one can increase their stock of ignorance as well as of knowledge. That our daily press is but a fog and a cloud that shuts out the light of truth from honest minds. Bryan asked for certain remedies to relieve the people. The press called him a Populist and a Socialist. He said big business owned the daily press. Roosevelt recommended to Congress bills to prevent monopolies from robbing the people, and the daily press said he was a Bryanite, a Populist and a Socialist. He replied that the big interests controlled the dailies. The Progressive party made a platform, promising relief, and it was charged that the whole thing from platform to red bandana was taken from the Socialist party, and they answered that the trusts and grafters owned all our great dailies. Lafferty, our representative, has introduced some good bills in Congress, and he says no big daily will publish any truth about him. These are not "Soap box orators," nor is it The Appeal to Reason. One of the best magazines of the country "The West Coast," says in its last issue, "The state teaches history in our schools." The facts of today are as important as those of a hundred years ago. Hence, the state should own and publish a paper giving us the facts, as the daily papers will not.

That is, not a Socialist paper, nor a Socialist idea. Now, one might ask why am I so careful to state that it is not a Socialist idea? Why? Because everything under the shining sun that one suggests to really aid the people against the trusts and grafters is denounced as Socialism by the kept press, Bryan, Roosevelt, Bull Moose, or what not? It seems no one dare ask for anything to benefit a human being without losing his standing in his party, his church, and in his neighborhood as a citizen, according to the daily press, and he is denounced as a Socialist. While admitting there is much good in the Socialist ideas, I do not believe they have it all. I do not think they claim it quite all, but the big papers give over to the Socialist party every one who breathes a word against the trusts and grafters. Now to find out the cause and remedy for the army of the unemployed. We must consider every piece of news in the dailies with suspicion, from smallpox to Mexico, if it has a bearing upon labor or big business, or married interests, even indirectly. Be sure it is always colored, if not whole cloth, falsehoods. Then read some weekly paper not owned or controlled by the trusts (there are none in Portland that I could recommend), and you will soon begin to "see things." Yours, THOS. H. BROWN.

J. J. HILL ADVISES FARMERS

Says That Ordinary Cow is O. K., but Good Bull Is Necessary

James J. Hill, the railroad man, who is a friend of Oregon and our colleges, is also a friend of the farmer. In an article in Sunday's Journal he gives the following advice on the dairy herd:

If you desire to go into livestock and hogs the better way would be to start a creamery where you could sell your cream and feed the skimmed milk to your hogs. You will find this with alfalfa very profitable. In order to build up a foundation of good dairy cows I would advise you to buy ordinary country cows and not pay fancy prices for so-called pedigree stock. Bearing in mind that the bull is half the herd, with a good bull you would in three or four years have from one-half to three-quarter bred cows.

From my own experience I would start with a good Ayreshire bull for the reason that the Ayreshire cattle are good feeders, quite hardy, and when not milking put on flesh as fast or faster than most other breeds. After you had laid a good foundation, say, four years with an Ayreshire bull you would undoubtedly find it to your advantage to use a first rate Shorthorn bull of known milking family. To take an ordinary Shorthorn bull that has not been bred with any preference to maintaining the original milking qualities of the breed would be a backward movement. Shorthorn cows where they have been bred for milk, have taken the lead for over a hundred years in England against all other breeds. The original Ayreshire foundation is largely Shorthorn and I have Ayreshire cows that will weigh 1,400 or 1,500 pounds which are giving 20 to 24 quarts of milk a day. In giving the foregoing advice I am acting entirely upon my own experience.

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Killed While Felling Tree

Raymond Taylor of Hillsboro was killed almost instantly last Thursday afternoon while felling a tree on the Pomeroy place one mile and a half northwest of the county seat.

Taylor and his brother were cutting wood and when the tree fell it struck another tree 40 feet away and crashed on to the ground.

Torn from the big tree a limb was caught by this smaller tree and hurled back and struck Taylor in the head. According to his brother he lived about 15 minutes.

A Hillsboro doctor was summoned but life was extinct before he arrived.

Taylor was 26 years old and the son of W. E. Taylor, a bricklayer and well digger of Hillsboro. He leaves a wife and a three year old child.

GALA WEEK AT O. A. C. IN MAY

Arranged for the Benefit of Athletes at Big Interscholastic Meet

A pageant will be staged by the Orange O. Club of the Oregon Agricultural College for the benefit of the athletes that attend the interscholastic meet in Corvallis, May 21, 22 and 23.

There will be no classes during the week end, but everything will be thrown over to the festivity, and they claim up there it will be the biggest similar affair ever put on by the Aggies.

Some of the things slated are a play, a dance, the interscholastic track meet, the annual women's spring pageant, two baseball games with the University of Oregon and a gala night with a miniature city with paystreak and booths to end the week with a climax.

Purely Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sprague of Portland spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. M. A. Thomas, on 2nd Street.

Mrs. Curtis P. Coe of McMinnville was in Forest Grove last week to see Neta Wyrak who has been very ill with pneumonia but who is on the rapid road to recovery. Neta is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyrak who live on Third street.

Jim Devlin has had some substantial improvements made to the interior of his house, among which is a dutch kitchen and buffet.

Dr. Robert P. Nixon was in McMinnville Saturday on business.

A. M. Zovely who was principal at Banks two years ago has returned to the county and is now teaching the Prickett school.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice to Creditors

In the County Court of The State of Oregon, for Washington County.

In the matter of the last Will and Testament of J. A. Hazlitt, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, executrix of the last Will and Testament and of the estate of J. A. Hazlitt, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased to present them with the necessary vouchers within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice viz, January 29th, 1914 to the undersigned at the office of Hollis & Graham, Attorneys, in the First National Bank building, in the City of Forest Grove, Washington County, Oregon.

Dated at Forest Grove, Oregon, this 27th day of January, 1914.

Elida J. Hazlitt Executrix of the last Will and Testament of J. A. Hazlitt, deceased. Hollis & Graham, attorneys. 284

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County.

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Gilson Bolen, deceased.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Elizabeth Gilson Bolen, deceased. All persons holding claims against the said estate are notified to present said claims, duly verified, at the office of Hollis & Graham, in the city of Forest Grove, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated at Forest Grove, Oregon, this February 5th, 1914.

HARRIET L. CAPLES,

Administratrix of the estate Elizabeth Gilson Bolen, deceased.

HOLLIS & GRAHAM, Attorneys for administratrix. 29-14.

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