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such a fund, the community house could be financed, and that which is already subscribed used to furnish equipment.

It is natural that the farmer should think of means for improving his condition in terms of larger crops and higher prices for them. But it is evident that if every farmer raises more and more each year it will mean a greater surplus of products and consequently lower prices.

Some of the time devoted to increased crop production should be devoted to providing more comforts for the home and farm instead. A neat lawn and barn yard, free from discarded machinery will transform any farm home from an unsightly place to one of beauty.

A juryman on the Kelley murder case in Los Angeles writes on his ballot, "We must do something to stop this sort of thing." Others have felt the same way for a long time but it's hard to interfere with the law as interpreted at times.

The bridge disaster over the Luckiamute river last week would infer that there is a laxity in proper inspection of loads carried by truck. Not so long ago we heard a truckman remark that he was only overloaded a ton.

Again as we read of the havoc caused by a hurricane in the east and Porto Rico, we are reminded that old Oregon is strong on good behavior even if a little wet at times.

The Oregonian and Journal are twitting one another of sundry things but the reader doesn't get the thrill out of reading the stuff he did 25 years ago.

Last Monday was "Constitution Day" but so far is not a legal holiday yet it is observed in many schools throughout the land with appropriate exercises.

A headline in a daily paper says, "Smith Pins Hope on Multnomah" Just so he doesn't pin it on the republican party.

Looks like the Literary Digest straw vote will be literally digested before election.

**Hoss Appointed Secretary of State**

H. E. Hoss, of Oregon City will be appointed by Governor I. L. Patterson shortly to serve as secretary of state, filling the unexpired term of Sam A. Koser, who is resigning to take over the new duties as director of the state budget. The change in state officials is set for Monday, September 24 and Mr. Hoss will serve by appointment of the governor until January 7, 1929 the end of the term for which Mr. Koser had been elected.

Mr. Hoss is the republican nominee for the office of secretary of state, winning in the primaries by a wide margin over H. H. Corey and Tom B. Hundley. Prior to entering the race for election as secretary of state, Mr. Hoss served as private secretary to Governor Patterson and before that was manager of the Morning Enterprise, published at Oregon City. He has been active in newspaper organization work, and has held a number of offices in publishers associations.

Mr. Koser, who is nearing the end of his second term as secretary of state, was selected by Governor Patterson to direct the state budget because of his many marked qualifications. There is perhaps no one in the state more familiar with the operative and fiscal affairs of the commonwealth than Mr. Koser due to his long contact with all its various departments. As director of the budget, working directly under the governor whom the 1927 legislature designated as state budget officer, Mr. Koser will give Oregon taxpayers the advantage of his vast fund of knowledge about public business, and will fill an important place in the administration's official family.

There will be no drastic changes in the personnel of the office of the secretary of state, according to Mr. Hoss, who has let it be known that he intends to conduct affairs as efficiently as possible, without regard to professional job-hunters and political hangers-on. The Hoss family has moved to Salem and taken up residence in the Fairmont hill district.

**Big Air Derby at Corvallis Sept. 29**

The first big air derby to be held this far south in Oregon will be staged at Corvallis September 29 and 30 at the new airport there. The American Legion Post is responsible for the show, and also has taken the responsibility of manual labor on the new field, putting in time evenings and Sundays.

Flyers will race from Portland Saturday, September 29, to the first football game of the college season, and contests and stunts will be held Sunday afternoon.

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**CUTTING DOWN THE SWEET GUM**

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
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CLARENCE GREEN brought us the little tree from southern Illinois years ago when he was staying at our house and when we were getting the yard into some sort of shape and planting out more trees and shrubs by 100 per cent than could possibly thrive in such close quarters. He recommended our planting it because he said that the foliage would be beautiful in the fall after the first frost had struck it. He was quite right, for there are few trees in this climate with more glorious autumn foliage than the sweet gum.

But the tree was badly placed. It grows slowly, and an elm nearby soon overshadowed and dwarfed it. The sweet gum, trying to get into the sunlight, grew crooked and lopsided. We talked for a time of moving it into a more favorable place, but since it could be done at any time it was never done, and then it was too big to move.

"I believe I'll cut down the sweet gum," I said to Nancy. "It will never amount to anything under that elm, and besides it is pushing the elm all out of shape." It was in August when I made the suggestion.

"Oh, don't cut it down now," Nancy pleaded. She looks on trees almost the same as if they were human beings. Even a box elder shedding its leaves almost before they are opened, or a poplar scattering catkins and dead branches about the yard appeals to her. "It will soon be October, and you know how beautiful it is then. Beside, I don't know that I ever want it cut down."

I dismissed the matter, and the tree, growing on, leaned over sideways and tried to push itself into the light. A year or two later I brought up the subject again.

"I suppose it will never amount to anything there," Nancy admitted, "but I can't bear to see it cut down. I can't bear to see any tree cut down. If you must do it, cut it when I am gone somewhere."

She doesn't go very often unless I am with her, and when she does I never think about the tree. When cutting it down occurs to me it is usually the wrong time; in winter the tree never attracts any attention, and in summer it seems such a short time until its leaves will be scarlet and gold that I give it another brief reprieve.

Wilfred was cleaning up the yard in June, and trimming things that

needed to be trimmed. He had the ax sharpened, the more easily to accomplish his purposes.

"I wish you'd cut down that sweet gum," I said to him. "It is under the elm and it will never develop properly. I have been intending to do it for a long time."

"I'll do it next week when I come back," he said.

It was a relief to me to have it off my mind. We had been discussing the

matter for ten or a dozen years, and now it seemed as if we might be getting somewhere.

"I had a letter from father," Wilfred informed me at the end of the week. "I'm sorry, but I'll not be able to do any more work, for I have to go home."

And the sweet gum is not yet cut down. I suppose I shall have to do it myself.

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