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THE EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR

(By Ye Editor's Shadow)

It's early-to-bed for the editor, especially during the year of a Presidential campaign. All he has to write on the subject of political parties is something like this: "Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, has the best chance to win the Republican nomination; while Alfred E. Smith, governor of New York, is the most talked of candidate on the Democratic side." After that, and on that score, the editor can go to bed feeling that he has truly reflected the situation. At least the average editor can do this.

If he writes about the trouble in Nicaragua, the very best he can say and please the majority is, that the marines are in Nicaragua at the command of the state department; while the semi-Republican and the quasi-Democratic senators demand an explanation of how and why the country can engage in a "war" without asking them. Or, perhaps since Cal and Lindy both have been down south the whole thing can be called merely a lover's quarrel.

On the farm relief question no self-respecting editor would write anything other than that the farmers are certainly entitled to relief, and hope that Congress can work out some plan acceptable to all concerned. Any editor that says that has performed a wonderful service to humanity and especially to his readers.

Tax reduction need not bother an editor, for all he has to say is that the tax-payers want more tax reduction, and then quote that old political folk-song that says something about the power to tax being the power to annoy.

It is really surprising how much the average editor can do for his country and how well he can straddle the fence on all fence-straddling occasions. He can change his color, his politics or his lodge affiliation quicker than his wife can turn a super-powered radio into a folding bed and still keep up her prestige in the woman's club. An editor can sway public opinion until it hits the nocketbook, and he can sometimes open that. He stands for everything that is good, and for a lot of things that are not so good. But sociologically, psychologically, climatically, politically, morally and fundamentally the average editor is all right, or nearly as good as the general run of men, even if he does try to say the right thing at the right time. The only rub is—there may not be such a thing as an "average" editor.

KNOWING OUR LIMITS

A certain former professional baseball player, who had at one time gotten into the American and National leagues for at least a few games, was asked why he didn't "go on up." He unhesitatingly replied, "Well, I wasn't good enough."

This man had known and played with such famous stars as Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb. He also had athletic records to his credit at high school. Yet he was truthful enough to admit that he "wasn't good enough."

A practical lesson can be learned from such an attitude. A lot of us have not the knowledge of our limits of endeavors nor the frankness to admit them. People go blindly on, without stopping to analyze their situations. Pride of physical accomplishment has its counterpart in the egotism of mental proficiency. Often other pursuits might be more lucrative, or offer less physical and mental resistance; yet there are many people who fail to "find" themselves and enter the vocation or the task in which they might easily reach the top.

This brand of vanity is usually found in the professions. There have been lawyers who should have become ploughboys, doctors who should have studied music, artists who should have remained housewives, and poets who should have learned bookkeeping.

It is no disgrace to change one's life's calling. It is a mark of intelligence to admit that one has gone about as far in any line as he may reasonably expect, and an indication of common sense to change to the work for which one is best fitted. Success depends first upon analyzation, then upon determination.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

Imagine yourself being present at the writing of "Evangeline" and "Hiawatha." Imagine having talked with the great American poet Longfellow. What rich heritage he has bestowed upon posterity! If Portland, Maine, laid claim to no other distinction than that of being the birthplace of Longfellow, on the 27th of February, 1807, it would deserve lasting recognition.

TIGARD

The ladies' aid of the Evangelical church met at Mrs. Clyde Leedy's home Wednesday. There was a large attendance. A play will be given in the near future. Mrs. Shappel of O. A. C. gave a talk on "Vocational Education."

Tigard Rebekah lodge entertained the children of the members with a Valentine party Tuesday evening. Games were played.

Mrs. C. Christensen gave a luncheon Wednesday afternoon. Among those present to enjoy her hospitality were: Mesdames W. M. Evans, Portland; O. H. Butler, H. M. Salmon, E. Vincent, C. F. Tigard and H. W. McDonald.

Members of the Tigard Rebekah club visited Multnomah lodge, Portland, Friday. Mrs. Etta Sanderson, paid the lodge an official visit also.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Cook, of Greenburg, who have been ill with bad colds are improving.

Evelyn McDonald spent the week-end with Dorothy Retzloff in Portland.

Mrs. I. Schatas, of Pendleton, was visiting her mother, Mrs. John Tigard, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Young and son of Portland, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Belnap have moved from the J. D. Foley home at Tigard to Beaverton.

Mrs. Brazil of Tigard and Mrs. Belnap and Mrs. C. W. Paulson of Beaverton spent Wednesday in Portland with Mrs. R. A. Young.

Little Joseph of Tualatin has been quite ill.

The ladies of the Grange drill team are giving a "500" card party on Wednesday evening, February 22, at the Tigard Grange hall.

A good time is assured to all.

Mr. Cole has installed Bull Run water in his house and shop. He also put in a bath room in the house.

Mr. German has moved into the house formerly occupied by Carl Schamoni.

Esther Strom now has charge of the telephone exchange during the night.

J. F. Thomas has purchased a lot back of the old Hoffarber house. The deal was made thru Noyes and Daly.

Mr. Fowler, of the Tigard Union high school, took his class down to the auto show last week. They are studying gas engines.

Mrs. E. Thomas had a badly infected finger Saturday. A tiny blister appeared on her finger and she did not wrap it up and it became infected from the brass plugs on the switch board.

Miss Louise Quackenbush, sister of E. Quackenbush died Saturday and was buried Tuesday.

Charles Shamburg, formerly of Tigard, was buried at Crescent Grove cemetery Tuesday. He was a brother of Mrs. Charles Barnard.

The ladies' aid of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. A. E. Johnson Wednesday. The house was decorated with Valentines and pussy willows. Mrs. Shappel of O. A. C. spoke about the classes which she would organize at the high school.

Mrs. A. E. Johnson was pleasantly surprised Tuesday, on her birthday, when Mrs. A. E. Trojan, Mrs. R. Gustafson, Mrs. Jack Roberts and Mrs. Carl Velut, of Portland, drove down and spent the day with her.

Varsity club of the Tigard Union high school will give a dance at St. Anthony's hall Saturday night.

C. A. Boyer has purchased a new truck.

The Bible class of the M. E. church attended the meeting held at the Grange hall Wednesday and heard a fine talk by Judge McMahon.

Ruth Lewis spent the week-end at Oak Grove.

Little Wanda Stone is recovering from a tonsil and adenoid operation last Saturday.

Miss Beulah Butterfield of Portland visited her mother and sister at the Stewart home last week-end.

Mrs. Holmes is back on duty at Red Rock after a week's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Garret moved recently from the Mrs. F. Hamner place to one of their own near Durham.

The interior of the Overholtzer home was kalsomined and painted this week.

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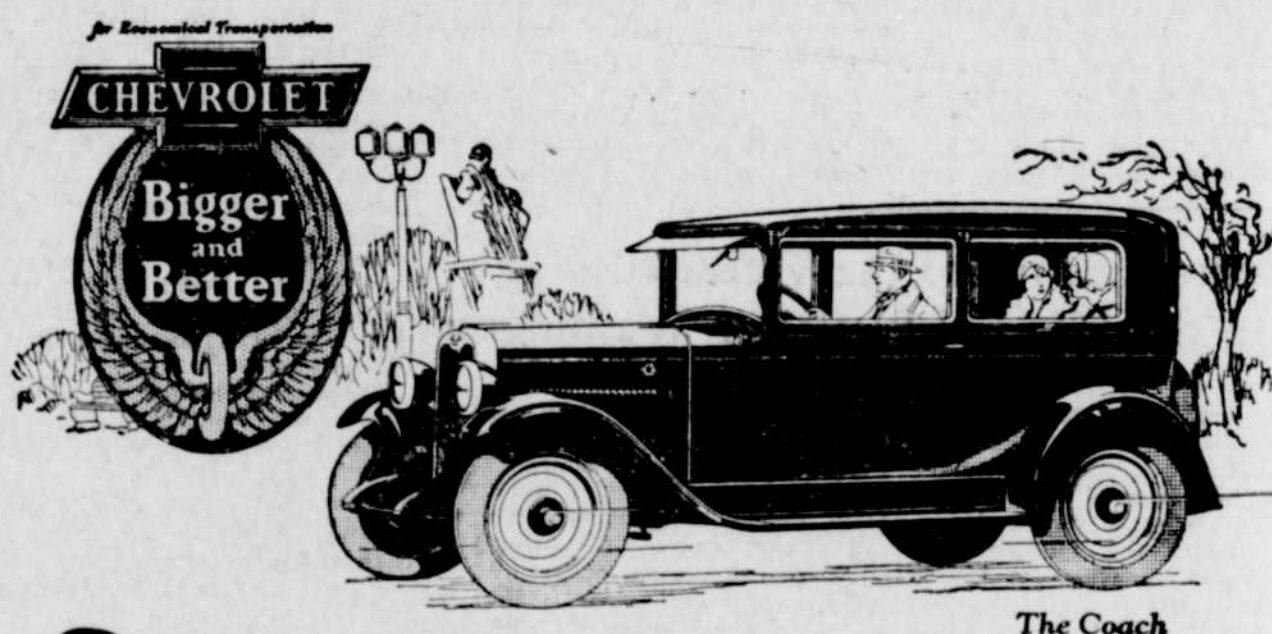
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