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Editorial Program

- I. Make Springfield the Industrial Center of Western Oregon.
- II. Develop a Strong Trading Point; Build a City of Contented Homes.
- III. Improve Living Conditions on the Farm. Promote the Raising of Purebred Livestock and the Growing of Fruit; Work for Better Markets.
- IV. Tell the World About Oregon's Scenic Wonderland.

THANKS FOR THE BUGGY RIDE.

The "independent" Guard which has been busy since election telling us who won the war and why, pauses for a moment to hurl a shot of poison gas at The Springfield News for daring to raise its voice against the practice of attempting to write local tickets for intelligent voters who are personally acquainted with all candidates at the primaries. Of course everyone knows who read our editorial that The Guard lied when it said The Springfield News "advised all voters not to cast their ballots for anybody endorsed by the Guard." But a little matter like the truth does not bother the swell-headed Guard when it has a point to make.

We have it from good authority that the "independent" Guard's ticket was written outside the Guard office and handed in to it. Of course The Springfield News might have had a ticket, too. If we had mortgaged our soul and there were a boss to tell us how to conduct this newspaper. But the way it was recognized many of our friends of known ability on The Guard's ticket and we voted for them in spite of The Guard. From what we have heard from the men in the street there were a few others who did likewise.

And as for the other untruthful remark about The News and Springfield people we are nearer right than The Guard was when we say the majority of people in Eugene, Springfield and Lane county prefer the morning county seat paper to the evening. Springfield people and the farmers of Lane county know they have no friend in the controlled Guard. That's one of the reasons The Guard has to give away automobiles, circus tickets, etc., to secure addresses to send the paper to.

The planting of a few trees on parking strips and a little grass would improve portions of Springfield wonderfully. In cities built on hills and in barren places one often sees the home owner overcoming serious handicaps to have well kept premises. In cities like Springfield where everything is flat and it takes little effort to keep up lawns and parkings one often sees the worst kept premises.

A Chinese general placed fire crackers in an empty oil storage tank and made the enemy believe he had plenty of artillery. Some politicians work that stunt right here in Oregon.

Peace is spoiling business in Germany. The Krupp works report a four million dollar loss last year in operation.

A Florida fish swallowed a \$25,000 diamond and has been caught off the coast of Norway. Even the fish in Florida are fast workers.

Only five collage graduates are among the 13,000 convicts in Sing Sing. That's five too many.

Have you made your small donation to the Boy Scouts. Springfield people are giving generously to this splendid work. And it is worth as much as your money to have the boys know that the Springfield people in general take so much interest in them.

Editorial Comment

TWELVE GOOD MEN AND TRUE?
(Dearborn Independent)

Throughout the nation the question is being asked with increasing solemnity: Is the jury system a failure? Sober minded citizens, appalled at the number of unpunished murders and other high crimes, sickened at the sight of criminals, palpably guilty, turned loose in wholesale lots, are inclining to the belief that it is.

Trial by jury is one of the greatest contributions of the Anglo-Saxon race to justice and order. It is inherent in that race; its ancient foundation is lost in the dimness that obscures our racial beginnings. For centuries it has stood as a bulwark against aggression and oppression. It has protected the weak from the strong; it has safeguarded the innocent; in former days it checked the encroachments of the powerful classes. Men by the thousands have died to maintain the right of a man to a fair trial by his peers.

Trial by jury is one of the fundamentals of American law. It was carried into the wilderness by the earliest settlers. While we were a homogeneous people it functioned well; crime was infrequent and punishment was swift and sure. But there has come into the country a vast alien element, unfamiliar with American traditions, unsympathetic with American ideals. To this element there is nothing sacred about the jury system. It is but a means to an end. The jury system is based on the tenet that "twelve good men and true" shall declare the guilt or innocence of the accused. But what if one of the twelve men is not "good" and "true"; what is he steeped in the tainted philosophy of a decadent race; what if he is faithless to his trust?

The jury system in itself is not faulty; it is not a failure. But it is a system evolved by the Anglo-Saxon race for the Anglo-Saxon mind. The Oriental mind cannot comprehend the principles of honor, of probity, of justice involved. It is not the system that has failed.

In the past twenty years (the years of greatest foreign influx) there have been 170,000 murders in the United States, 118,000 of them unpunished! There is a terrible indictment in those figures, not against the jury system, but against juries. Either we must devise some way of keeping juries pure, or we must surrender one of the greatest heritages of our race.

Saves Child's Life



Washington, D. C.—When little baby Albert Mack swallowed an open safety pin his mother rushed him to a hospital, where Dr. Lark-in saved the child's life by thrusting his finger down his throat, and jabbing the pin point deep into his flesh, with other hand, he withdrew the pin from the windpipe.

RECKLESS DRIVERS

PAY TRAIN DAMAGE

If you care to assault a 340-ton Southern Pacific locomotive with the family flier, or crash a railroad gate with a Rolls Royce, just sail right ahead, invites J. E. Newman, claims attorney for the company. But, Newman adds, it's going to cost you money!

This year, in accord with its new policy of bringing suit against careless motorists who risk their lives and damage company property, the railroad has collected thousands of dollars in scores of claims and judgments ranging from \$2.31 to \$300. Last year, one flagman was killed, five others injured and 300 lowered crossings gates along the company's right of way crashed through by reckless automobilists. Many standing trains were run into and damaged by careless drivers. And so the railroad decided that during 1926 the careless and the reckless should pay the piper. "This is a safety move," Newman said. "We hope eventually to make it mighty expensive for drivers who speed so fast that they can't stop for small matters like a lowered crossing gate. "It seems that people think more of their pocketbooks than of their lives. Put up a sign: "Beware—Broken Glass on Crossing!" and the average man who tries to beat a train to save thirty seconds would probably slow down out of respect to his tires.

"Trying to assault a locomotive is like trying to stop a charging lion with a pea-shooter. It isn't being done successfully; but it is costing those who try the experiment a lot of money and trouble."

Speeders Pay Fines.

Fast travel continued on Springfield's streets last week end, with the results that municipal coffers were again replenished from the pockets of luckless motorists.

Those who were charged with speeding were Theodore Juhl, Eugene; H. Wilson, Springfield; Arthur Stalle, Eugene; G. H. Murphy, Portland, and S. D. Kinley, Eugene. Juhl was

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