

Horse sense



By

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REMEMBER THAT. The tax assessor who asks to come inside your home or business for information that may affect your taxes cannot legally enter without your consent. No city, county, state or federal inspector can legally enter upon your property for any purpose whatsoever, against your will, unless he has a valid court order describing exactly what he is to inspect—and he had better inspect nothing else. This applies to building inspectors, IRS agents, OSHA officials, fire inspectors, animal control officers—anybody. This applies not only to your home but to your place of business. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *See v. City of Seattle* (1967) that the Fourth Amendment bars prosecution of a person who has refused to permit a warrantless code-enforcement inspection.

That isn't all the court said. "The businessman, like the occupant of a residence, has a constitutional right to go about his business, free from unreasonable official entries upon his private commercial property. The businessman too has that right placed in jeopardy if the decision to enter and inspect for violation of regulatory laws can be made and enforced by the inspector in the field without official authority evidenced by a warrant. . . . In addition, while the demand to inspect may be issued by the agency, in the form of an administrative subpoena, it may not be made and enforced by the inspector in the field, and the subpoenaed party may obtain judicial review of the reasonableness of the demand prior to suffering penalties for refusing to comply. . . . the decision to enter and inspect will not be the product of the unreviewed discretion of the enforcement officer in the field." The IRS has a sneaky trick of dummyping up its own "valid search warrants." It looks official, but it isn't. Take a close look and you'll see it is signed by the District Director of the IRS, not by the proper judge of a proper court. If you are served with a warrant, read it closely. It could be a phoney.

Any person can refuse admittance to his residence or business by any government official in the absence of a valid warrant. Of course, the official can usually backtrack and get a proper court issued warrant. But here again, that warrant must describe exactly what is to be seized or inspected. If anything other than the described objects are seized, or if any inspection is made of other things or conditions than set out in the warrant, the warrant has been violated and you have the right to appeal to the courts.

Much of the harassment by government officials high and low, could be avoided if each American took time to learn the safeguards to his liberty firmed up 200 years ago. It is the best place to start is with the U.S. Constitution. It is fascinating reading. It is a living thing. After 200 years it shines like diamonds among the documents ever adopted as a guideline for free men. Know it and use it. It's the only thing standing between us and the tyranny of big, burgeoning government.

Sound off!

ANTI-CORPORATION FARM INITIATIVE

Opponents of the anti-corporation farm initiative now being circulated in Oregon are distorting the intent and the actual provisions of the proposed constitutional amendment, according to W.C. Harris, Oregon State Grange Master and president of the Save Oregon's Family Farms coalition sponsoring the initiative.

Those fighting the initiative effort are currently spreading the rumor that the Oregon State Grange has withdrawn its support of the initiative and is recalling petitions. "This is absolutely not true," Harris declares. "There is no reason to withdraw the petitions and the Oregon State Grange, along with the Farmers Union, NFO, and the AFL-CIO, stands 100 per cent behind it."

The nature of the organized campaign against the initiative has taken pretty substantial form, Harris says. The opponents are making every effort to confuse the voter, spread apprehension, and twist the facts," he charges.

There are no loopholes in the proposed law that would permit large corporations to farm under false pretenses. Harris maintains. The measure, in no manner, shape, or form would inhibit the organization or operation of family farm corporations regardless of size. The initiative would not prohibit cooperatives from offering the services they now make available to farmers. The measure has to do only with actual farming operations, he said.

"Many other false issues in addition to the ones I have briefly listed are being spread throughout the state," the Grange Master charges. "It is unfortunate that spokesmen for the conglomerates are resorting to this kind of tactic to confuse and alarm the voters. We welcome honest, democratic discussion of all the provisions of the proposed measure but we want debate on the actual provisions of the measure."

"We hope the type of tactics the opponents are using will spur the effort on the part of our supporters to push the petition drive to a speedy and successful conclusion."

PETITION FOR WELFARE RECIPIENTS

Proponents of an initiative petition calling for an Oregon constitutional amendment to prohibit employable persons from receiving welfare payments kicked off their signature campaign today in Salem.

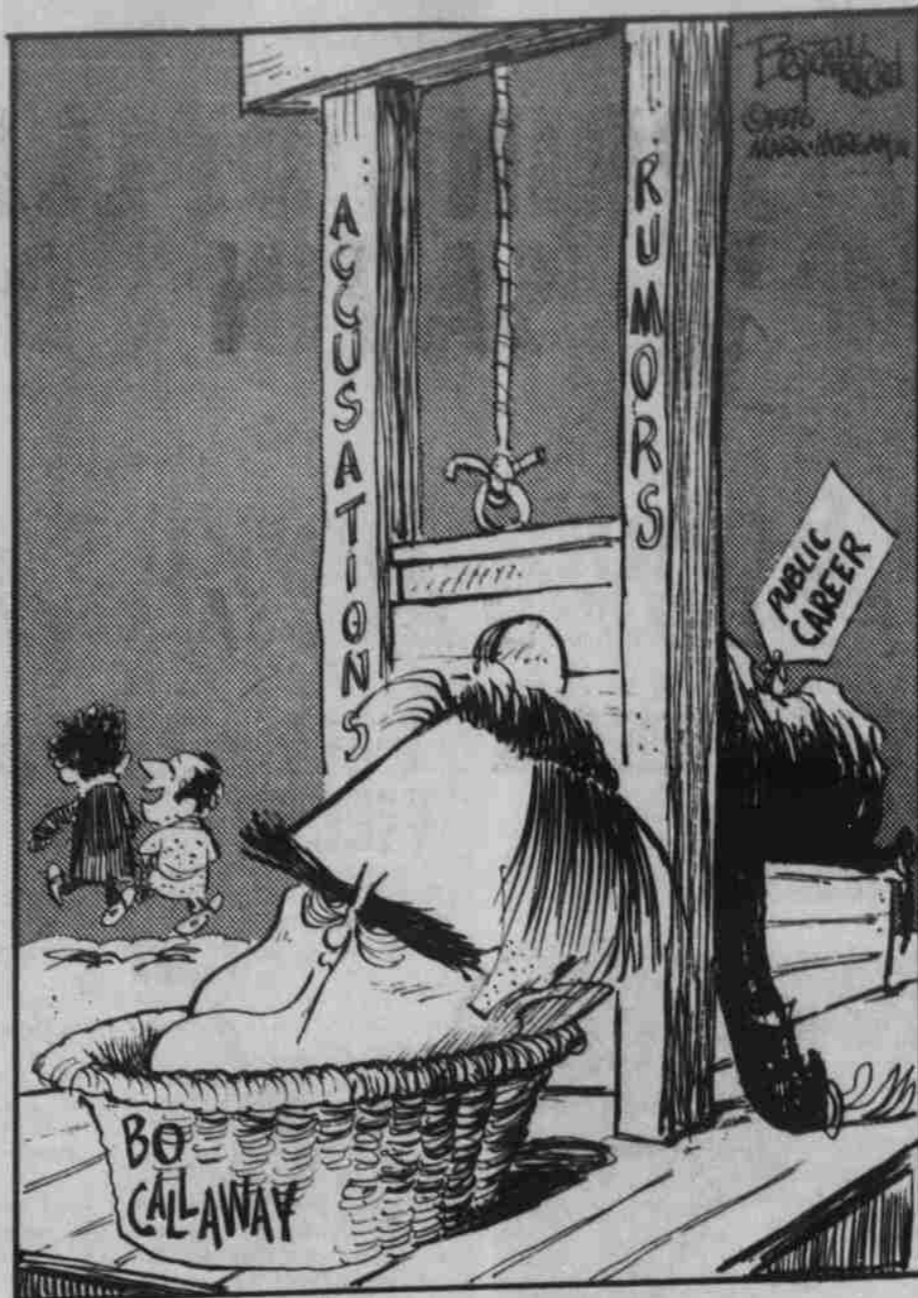
Oregon currently has more people per capita receiving public assistance than any other state in the nation. The petition proposes a constitutional amendment that would require recipients and applicants to participate in a job placement, work or training program in order to be eligible for public assistance. Applicants or recipients of public assistance would be terminated if they refused a bonafide offer for employment. The proposed amendment directs the Legislature to enact legislation to carry out the provisions of the measure.

Sponsors of the petition are Silent Majority and State Representative Curt Wolfer, D-Silverton. Wolfer and Silent Majority executive board chairman Jack Lenhart, Hub-

bard, announced the start of the signature campaign at a press conference in the Capitol Building.

Lenhart and Wolfer said almost 63,000 valid signatures are necessary on the petition to place the measure on the ballot. Although they are just beginning their organized campaign, 4,000 signatures have already been collected. The petitions must be submitted to the Secretary of State with the necessary signatures by July 2. Silent Majority has established an office for the signature campaign in the Chamber of Commerce Building in Woodburn. The office has a 24-hour telephone service, (503) 581-3813. Wolfer and Lenhart encouraged interested persons to call or visit.

If the required signatures are collected the proposed constitutional amendment will be placed on the November General election ballot for vote of the people. A simple majority vote is required to make the amendment a part of the Oregon constitution.



"So Much For That. Now Let's Go Find Out What The Facts Are."

The mail pouch

EDITOR:

In May we will get a chance to vote on the dog pound issue. For any of you that are undecided may I suggest a few things that might help you make up your minds. A casual stroll down town, or a trip to the school ground might have some effect on your thinking, but if you are really brave you will try to ride a bike. If you wore your boots downtown, carried a club to school, and a can of hair spray with you on your bike you probably didn't encounter any problem, but if you didn't then perhaps you will come close to the same conclusion I did, Heppner does need a dog pound.

Of course, if we all abided by one of the rules set down by the Responsible Pet Ownership Council, the dog problem that Heppner has would disappear. The rule is, I do not let my dog trespass on my neighbor's property.

But let's face it, people don't keep their dogs at home. For some strange reason they seem to think that "Old Rover" is happier running all over town. The fact that his life is in danger never seems to enter their minds. Getting run over is something that happens to other people's dogs, never to theirs. And the possibility that their dog could be suffering in some alley or field, unable to get home, never! And eat garbage, not good "Old Rover", he only eats Alpo. The truth is that not only does he eat garbage, but he also litters the neighbor's yard in the process. It seems to be a toss up over which short comings are easier to overlook, that of our dogs or our children; two dogs were poisoned here recently, but again, that happened to someone else's dogs. I find it exceedingly odd too, that no one owns a dog that barks all the time, or chases cars, or kills cats, tears up the neighbor's garden or bites.

It seems obvious to me that allowing a dog to run loose not only is endangering his life, but also is a definite menace to society. The numerous dogs that appear on the school grounds each day not only increase the chances of another child being bitten, but present another very serious problem. Quoting from an article distributed by the Multnomah Co. Animal Control Section, "there are 65 known zoonoses, diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans. Most of the dog and cat parasites will not develop to maturity in a human adult but can migrate through the tissues of a child or a debilitated person, causing symptoms from mild to fatal. In a pregnant woman, parasites find a tender home in the unborn child, preferring brain and eye tissue where they encyst until years later. Physicians gazing through the pupils of patients with vision problems have been startled to see tiny worms swimming along in the fluid of the eyeball. Eyes have been removed as cancerous—only to have the surgeon discover visceral larva migrans was the real culprit. Some surveys suggest that as many as one-third of neighborhood dogs may be carrying pinworms, roundworms, tapeworms, heartworms, whipworms, liverflukes, rickettsia, brucellosis, leptospirosis, tuberculosis, hepatitis, salmonellosis, ringworm, or rabies. Symptoms for most of these diseases are a few weeks of fever, aching muscles, headache, high white cell count, anemia, or wheezing. Doctors do not routinely test to pinpoint these infections since each test is expensive and there are so many obscure and unstudied possibilities that no one knows how many of our "flu" attacks are really due to animal-carried germs.

Feces are a source of food for flies, rats and roaches. One dog deposit can hatch 588 flies, even if it has been buried 18 inches in the ground. Dog urine kills vegetation, even trees.

It is also a fact that pets may contact human infections such as mumps, measles, tuberculosis, diphtheria, and scarlet fever, and pass them back to humans. If these facts are not enough to induce people to keep their dogs home, it then seems to me that force must prevail, strict enforcement of a leash law and a place for the dogs that are picked up.

There are some people who believe that spaying and neutering everything with four legs and fur is the solution to the dog problem. While sterilization would do much to cut down on indiscriminate breeding, it does nothing to cut down on the dogs we need to eliminate! A roaming dog, whether spayed or neutered will still continue to deposit a mountain of residue all over town. A leash is still the cheapest and most effective birth control method available.

The American Humane Assoc., American Kennel Club, American Veterinary Medical Assoc., and the Humane Society of the United States, all stress the control as well as care of a pet. I personally think a dog owner has an obligation to their pet to train him to be an obedient, well-mannered member of society. It is not fair to a dog to be turned into an outlaw, hated by the neighbors, and feared by small children, and this is what happens to a dog that is allowed to run all over town, the saddest part is that you the dog owner may not even be aware of it!

It may take some time and effort on the part of the dog owner, but it is sure worth it to have an animal that is well trained. It could even save his life.

There is another avenue open to those of you that are opposed to the building of a dog pound because it will raise your taxes. The Humane Society is a privately funded organization that will step in to help a community solve their pet problems. Interested citizens can contact the Humane Society in Portland. The address is P.O. Box 11364, Portland, OR 97211. The phone number is 285-0641.

The myth perpetrated by some individuals that dog pounds are nothing more than a form of canine Dachau, has done much to contribute to the dog problem. In reality a well run dog pound performs many other duties other than euthanization. These duties include, enforcing city and county animal laws, dealing with emergencies such as animals in traffic, dangerous animals, animals in trouble, impounds stray animals, shelters ownerless and lost animals, investigates, prepares evidence and testifies in court on animal cases, removes dead animals from public property, quarantines animals that have bitten and educates the public to be responsible animal owners. I would imagine that an animal shelter would work much in the same way. Either way something must be done before a tragedy occurs that will make us all sorry we swept the "dog problem" under the rug.

Man's best friend, what a ludicrous phrase that has become. Man's acquisition, man's toy, to be destroyed or abused on a whim. The dog was domesticated to be a working partner to man, to keep him from getting lonely, and to be a part of the family. We have turned him into man's number one urban problem! That's some reward.

KAY WALSLINGHAM

EDITOR:

I would like to address the following letter to all parents of Little League youngsters and any person interested in the Little League program.

The 1976 Little League season is fast approaching and it is time to elect officers for the coming year.

Officers to be elected are a five-member board of directors who will elect a president, vice president, sec.-treasurer, and a player agent. The present officers are: Board of Directors Laverne Van Marter Jr., Dale Holland, Del Piper, Wayne Hams and Art Stefani; President, Lindsay Kincaid; Vice President, Wayne Hams; Secretary-treasurer, David Dollarhide.

Some of the present officers no longer wish to serve. If you are willing or know of someone who is willing to be elected to the Board of Directors of W.C.L.L. or to serve in some other capacity such as an officer, coach, umpire or scorekeeper now is the time to stand up and be counted.

As parent members of W.C.L.L., it is requested that you attend the meeting March 30, 7:30 p.m. at the Columbia Basin Electric Coop. conference room to elect the above officers and discuss the upcoming season.

LINDSAY KINCAID,
Pres. W.C.L.L.

EDITOR:

I am deeply grateful for the publication of Mrs. Weatherford's dissertation on the Morrow County Kilkenny family in her Bicentennial Forum.

Keep up the good work. These family word portraits are very worthwhile.

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Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers wound up talking about wimmen and politics a little early Saturday night at the country store, so Ed Doolittle throwed in some short subjects to fill out the time. Ed had two leftover clippings that he said had the same message in em. One told about dentists having the highest suicide rate of any professional group in the country, and the other was on neurotic dogs.

What it is, declared Ed, is that folks pile their fears and worries on our dogs and dentists til we drive both of em crazy. This piece Ed had pointed out that a psychiatrist said the reason so many dentists kill themselves is that they get burdened with the fear and hatred of their patients. A feller natural can hate somepun that hurts him, Ed declared, which means that a dentist looks right in the face of hate all day ever day. It's enuff to warp a feller's outlook on life, was Ed's words, even if the patient is hating and fearing the work and not the man doing it.

Actual, broke in Zeke Grubb, that tells us why barbers don't rate on the suicide scale. He can talk and the dentist can't, or at least the dentist can't get talked back to. The barber is working on the same head the dentist works on, allowed Zeke, but he can talk to it while he works on it. There's somepun about a human being's voice that dries up fear and hate, Zeke said, and the barber soaks his customers in talk. Most of what he says goes right on by, Zeke declared, ut a feller sitting in that chair reading the "Haircut \$4" sign and recalling when a haircut and a shave was a quarter needs words as relaxing as a hot towel on his beard. Even with all his pain killers and modern equipment, a talking dentist can't get much rise out of a feller with his mouth num or full of drills and assorted picks and shovels, Zeke allowed.

As fer the dogs, Ed reported where a clinic in England is treating 5,000 mentally ill dogs a year. The piece said most of the mutts is put on tranquilizers so they can sleep nights, but some has to be counseled by psychiatrists. Ed said that was an encouraging report. With all the dogs trying to keep a stiff upper lip in a country where inflation is hitting 30 per cent a year and taxes go up to 98 per cent, the wonder is that more dogs don't crack up, was Ed's words.

The piece didn't go into it, but Bug Hookum wondered who counted all the dogs in England that was treated last year fer busted ribs. Bug said he figgered the neurotic dogs was the ones that was yelled at by neurotic people, but what about the ones that got a swift kick in the side ever time their owners come home from buying the week's groceries.

Mister Editor, I've heard about scapegoats, and I reckon there's somepun to this scapedog idee, but the jury's still out on scapedentists. A feller usual goes to the dentist cause he's hurting, so I figger he ought to love whoever eases the pain.

Yours truly,
MAYOR ROY.

"FIRST OF ALL" MEANS NO OPTION

By G.E. Nikander
Pastor, Lexington Church of Christ

Paul in writing to Timothy brings out the importance of the prayers of God's people for the leaders of our nation, 1 Timothy 2: 1-2 is his exhortation "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority: that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and honesty."

If Paul told Timothy the importance of a prayerful intercession for governmental leaders, than we as a body of believers have the same responsibility. This is a great responsibility not for a favored few but to each individual who is concerned about our nation and the souls of men and women.

To know the truth is that intercession and supplication are not just prayer words but through the Holy Spirit to have power to have victory over all power or satan. We are not only liberated, but the liberators.

It is more than patriotism but a truly spiritual concern for a nation.

We see all the corruption and are so quick to bring condemnation when we should have a spirit of compassion with a forgiving spirit toward any leaders who have betrayed their trust. It is our responsibility as believers not to accuse the government, but to intercede for all who govern.

God gave a promise in 2 Chronicles 7: 14 "If my people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land". We need to be alert to the fact that it is us "God's people" who are called by the name of His son Jesus: He is summoning to prayer.

Our nation isn't about to fall into repentance, but God hasn't required that first. What he has called for first is for us to pray and when we do we have reason for expectation.

It is not a Bicentennial crusade, but it may be a Bicentennial crisis, the Holy Spirit is seeking intercessors. Let us as believers minister healing to our land.

Proclamation

Local Government Week

Whereas, the citizens of Heppner are a prideful people who are interested in the well being of this community and;

Whereas, they are interested in observing and taking an active part in the planning of Ordinances, Resolutions, Land Use, Resources quality and other local laws and;

Whereas, the City Council and City Planning Commission wishes to provide the best possible services and environment for Heppner, and;

Whereas, local government meetings are open meetings at which all citizens are welcome to attend;

Now Therefore, I Jerry Sweeney, Mayor of the City of Heppner, do proclaim the week of April 5, 1976, "Local Government Week" and do encourage all citizens to attend Council and Planning Commission Meetings and to contribute their ideas and desires.

JERRY SWEENEY,
Mayor.