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The Voice Of the People

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Dear Sir: I have read your ob-

servations on democracy with pleasure. May I find space in your columns to express my opinion in my humble way? As a lover of democracy I do not believe it is a failure if we ever attain it. The trouble is we do not have and never have had a democracy. Our revolutionary fathers gave us a political democracy, but we have failed to profit by it.

Thomas Jefferson said "If once the people become inattentive to public affairs, you and I, congress and assemblies, judges and governors, shall all become wolves." How true are those words! We see it everywhere. We fail a person now for expressing his private opinion. In 1888, while spending the summer with my folks in Kansas, I saw an old darky couple struggling for existence on a homestead. The old mammy told me they were much better off as chattel slaves, as then they had nothing to worry about.

We should not claim to be living

Torrance Loses Pitching Duel; Score Is 1 to 0

Manchester Merchants Win Close Game Here on Sunday

Signalas bested Hess in a pitchers' battle and the Manchester Merchants defeated the Torrance Merchants 1 to 0 Sunday.

Both teams fought hard, with the visitors having the advantage in hitting, getting seven hits to the locals' three. Signalas had everything, striking out ten men.

Hess pitched a good game, but had wonderful support behind him. George Vonderahe and Marts robbed the visitors of hits.

The score came in the fifth inning, when Signalas hit for two bases after one out, took third on Wilburn's infield out. Lawson scored him with a single over second after Molliter walked. Ferris grounded to Ducasse, who stepped on third to end the inning.

The locals tried hard to tie the score, having chances in the seventh and eighth. In the seventh Atwood tripled after two men were out, but Vonderahe couldn't score him. In the eighth Ramsey, first up, singled, was sacrificed to second, took third when Molliter threw out Claypool. Fisher pinch hit for Marts, but his best effort was a fly to left. The score:

Score table with columns for AB, R, H, PO, A, E and rows for Manchester, Torrance, and individual players like Wilburn, Molliter, Lawson, etc.

Total 32 1 7 27 12 1

Score by innings: Manchester 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 Torrance 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Summary: Credit victory to Signalas; charge defeat to Hess.

Three-base hit—Atwood. Two-base hit—Signalas. Sacrifice hits—Ducasse, Lawson. Base on balls—off Hess 1. Struck out—by Hess 7, by Signalas 10.

All who ever lived in Ohio are invited to meet for the great picnic reunion all day Saturday, Jan. 23, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, under the auspices of the Federation of Ohio Societies.

in a democracy until we have industrial democracy.

Democracy is the sunshine of life. The only true exponent of democracy is our Lord, the Christ, by love; and love is manifested through tolerance, sacrifice, humbleness, service, equality of opportunity and protection of our weaker fellow men instead of exploitation of them.

The spirit of democracy is born in man; it only needs cultivation through education, but we need be careful what brand of education we have, a system of false education which is worse than illiteracy, for it is like sowing foul seed in virgin soil.

I believe the natives of Alaska have a better understanding of the fundamentals of democracy than the average of our citizens because they have not yet fallen victims to our system of education. When the late President Harding was in Alaska and the natives appealed to him for protection from the exploiting fish canneries, he told them it was "civilization and God's will" that conditions were such. It is said they didn't think kindly of his expression. I have lived ten years in the interior of Alaska and it was there I learned that true democracy is found only among the lowly. I am sure there is no amount of flattery that would induce the natives to believe we represent democracy.

Our fathers used to vote for the honor of it; but the majority of the people now vote for bread—and don't get it. The whole trouble with our orphan Democracy is that his step-dad (our system of education) is an aristocrat. In order that we keep our physical body in health we have to eat a balanced ration that will agree with our physical system. So it is with our leading educators. If they are sincere they should seek a balanced ration for their mental food that would reveal to them the true democracy. If some of them could humble themselves enough to start life anew as a common laborer looking for a job, after they find they have no home on the installment plan and try to pay for it, I believe they would better understand why true democracy originates among the humble. As things are, our school teachers are merely hash-slingers. What they teach is cut to order from those higher up, and they are compelled to dish it out to the pupil as it comes to them. And it is from such colorings of thoughts that the homes of today are, and the future will be. Yet the wise men of today shift the responsibility of crime waves to the school and home.

We are living and from the beginning have lived in a world democracy, given to us by the Creator. The only obligation He requires of us is that we keep His commandments, which have ungrudgingly rejected. We are therefore paying the price of disobedience. EDWARD GRAMMOND.

TOWNE TALK

"Just for Fun"

By RAS BERRY

They is a lot of guys which claims to be carpenters that has been hanging around my back yard poking fun at the dog house and pen that I have been building for the last month or so. Willis Brooks he come over and wanted to know why one end of it was lower than the other and I told him a earthquake shook it down.

Then Geo. Proctor come along and wanted to know why I didn't put the floor in before I finished the sides and I guess he don't know it is nicer to work in the shade and any carpenter if he is wise will always put his roof in before he lays his floor.

Con Cave and me build the pen and we cut the posts the same length but Con he dug the post-holes and he didn't dig them the same depth and it took a pretty good carpenter to finish the job after Con started it all which way.

About the only gents that has watched that pen rear itself magnificently to alter the posterior skyline along Engracia avenue and who has not got very fresh about it is Geo. Myrick and Scott Ludlow. And they didn't have no insulting remarks to make and it is a good thing because if they had popped off about that pen I wouldn't have used their hammers and saws no more.

Scott he is building a chicken coop and now that out cat is back in her pride why I tells Scott to be sure and make that there coop cat-proof because he ain't got no dog store to take the cat to in case she steals her chickens, the less she did Everett Malone's. All Scott could do would be to take her over to the Union Tool and I wouldn't have her go over there for anything and be corrupted by Spud Murphy and Bill Teal. Not me.

Bill Teal he come over and looks at the dog house too and he says what are you gonna do with the old dog house and I says we are gonna rent that for a apartment and increase our income some.

They was a funny thing about that dog house. I builds the bottom frame and then nailed on the uprights and then put on the siding and roof only I nailed the siding on the inside of the two by fours and then didn't have nothing to nail the floor on to and had to go and buy some more two by fours to nail the floor on to and Art Burmaster come over from his horse-shoe pitching game and he says as a carpenter you is a pretty good promoter of better business for the lumber interests. Go back and haul your horse-shoes, says I. Nobuddy was hurt.

Art he pitches horse-shoes all morning Sunday and plays golf all the afternoon and if he can't get the ball no closer to the hole than he gets the horse-shoe to per why he had better quit playing both.

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Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Zeller of Marcelina avenue accompanied Jacob Zeller of Redondo Beach on a deep sea fishing trip Wednesday. Miss Helma Greenlund was a member of a jolly party who spent Sunday at Anaheim Landing. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry of Los Angeles were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. Burkholder of Portola avenue. Harry McManus of Andree avenue, who recently underwent a serious operation, is recovering slowly but surely.

So. Pasadena and Alhambra to Vote On Sewer Issue

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 7 has set Jan. 26 as the date of the election for the purpose of voting a \$4,400,000 bond issue to participate in the metropolitan sewer project. The district includes thirteen cities in the San Gabriel Valley, and there is every indication that the election will be successful. County Sanitation District No. 7 includes Alhambra and South Pas-

adena, which cities at the present time are using the Pasadena sewer farm. There is every indication that upon the withdrawal of these two cities from that plant the city of Pasadena will finally abandon the farm and participate in the metropolitan sewers. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Waddell of Redondo Beach spent Friday with Mrs. H. G. Randles of Pennsylvania avenue. Mrs. L. C. Walker of Narbonne avenue attended a bridge luncheon Thursday at the home of Mrs. Jean Reed of Los Angeles.

SPRING 1926 DAME FASHION turns the leaves of her Spring folder, revealing the fascinating new fabric ideas. Like petals of Spring flowers, they drop in bright bits of color, shimmering and silken, or soft and woolly, rich in diversity of design. Which is just another way of saying that Barnes is exhibiting the new Spring stocks of Fabrics. We are sure you will be captivated by the display and it doesn't take much imagination to vision the beautiful dresses and frocks that you can fashion from them. Many are appropriate for children's as well as women's dresses. Here is a partial list: NEW RAYON and RAYON SUITINGS, in stripes, checks, and plaids, 36 in. wide, per yard 95c. NEW PRINTS, 36 in. wide, wonderful for dresses, 24c and 29c per yard. LINENE SUITING, 32 in. wide. Plain shades in a wide variety of colors: White, Pink, Orchid, Honey Dew, Rose, Green, Blue, Copenhagen, Maize, and Linen, per yard 29c. DOUBLE WARP CREPE, silk and cotton, wide range of patterns and colors, Newest Spring goods, 36 in. wide, per yard \$1.45. RAYON CREPE, many different colors, and very fascinating new patterns, per yard \$1.25. AMOSKEAG, 27 in. wide, White Flannellette of splendid quality, per yard 21c. BLEACHED MUSLIN, of superior quality, 36 in wide, per yard 14c.

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