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The new county to be, NeSmith, has already got her "skidoo" papers.

Spring is almost here. Evidence of which is the fact that L. C. Hill, the poet of the Umpqua, called at the News office yesterday and deposited several stanzas of spring-poetry.

"Every little bit added to what you've got," etc., will help some with those Cottage Grove fellows who are anxious to create a new county to have a few political jobs to give out. Douglas county has no land to spare. If people continue to locate here in the next few years as fast as they have in the past twelve months it might be necessary for us to borrow a little land ourselves.

That Roseburg was in need of a daily newspaper, one not conducted in such a narrow channel that the news of the city could not be reached by the reading public, is evidenced by the fact that The Evening News is gaining in favor every day. As a good, clean, home paper, giving all the news of the day, while it is news, having no particular individuals to please or cater to, we say, without fear of contradiction, that no daily paper ever started in a city the size of Roseburg can show such a phenomenal growth in so short a period of time. It is certainly a pleasing state of affairs for the management and the liberal patronage accorded the paper from every standpoint is appreciated. Meanwhile, The News will continue to give its readers the happenings of our thriving city without fear or favor to anyone.

There are many respects in which the United States beats the world. We have more railroads, more inventions, more millionaires, more murderers, more automobiles, higher prices for labor and recently higher prices for food than any other country. In other respects we are a century favored country, but prodigally have gotten into our blood and we undo the world in wastefulness. Our spendthrift habits cost us billions of dollars annually. Some statisticians have estimated that there is a loss to the producers and consumers of farm products to the amount of eight hundred millions of dollars per annum because of bad country roads that make necessary from two to four trips where one would suffice with good roads. There is a great waste from neglect of farm machinery, manure, fuel and in neglect of stock, in failure to repair buildings and in general thriftlessness.

Under the sanction of "The Source of Law," and discussing a question of supreme court decision, the Oregonian says: "But the tribunal of last resort can make the law what it wishes the law to be." Right along for many years, there has been legislation that has distinctly violated the constitution. But the supreme court has upheld it, even as to the salaries of its own members. The supreme court being supreme, decides as it wishes. If this utterance had been from the Appeal to Reason or some other rabid publication, it would be considered "treason to the king." Under our form of government the people are supposed to be the source of all law. The court has its function in the administration of the law enacted by representatives of the people in the legislature. If the legislature errs, enacts laws unconstitutional, the court must set it right. For the court, then, to disregard this source of law and render decisions suited to its own desires, is nothing more than anarchy. This, then, being true, it is about time that the source of law, the people, take the matter in hand and deal a lesson to the court that will establish a precedent not to be ignored by future judicial bodies.

A move is on foot, having its origin in Spokane, to better the service on the rural routes throughout the country. Attention is called to the fact that rural mail carriers receive not to exceed \$75 per month for covering a daily route of 24 miles, and some of them receive less than this sum. Two horses are required to perform this service, but no allowance is made for feed, and that consequently many competent men are kept out of work. It is further shown that city carriers, whose routes are much shorter, but who may be compelled to use a horse and cart, receive extra compensation for the keep of their horses. Relief for the rural carrier will be sought by congressional action. It is a good move. The farmer is entitled to the



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very best service, and no discrimination between the rural carrier and the city postman should be permitted. The government, despite the cry from official sources to the contrary, never made a better investment than when the rural routes were authorized and service in the country districts should become more general and sufficient salaries paid to enable the carriers to maintain a decent equipment.

WASHINGTON AND LINCOLN.

Yesterday was Washington's birthday. It is an interesting coincidence that the same month that saw the birth of the Father of his Country gave us also the only man who is worthy to a seat beside him on the glory-smitten summit of his fame.

Washington and Lincoln. As long as America endures those names will be remembered with gratitude and reverence and love. And however great and glorious we may become as a nation the names of both will always add luster to the pages of our history. Washington! In the midst of dismantled colonies, a country in anarchy, an inefficient congress, a disorganized and rebellious army, came the captain with a mighty heart, and smiling out the center, held it firmly, despite the label of discordant politics and treasonable conspiracies that would have swept him from the scene. He heard God say: "I am tired of kings. I suffer them no more."

For a quarter of a century he moved before his struggling countrymen, their pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night. This was first and last his battle cry: "Let us raise a standard to which the wise and the good can repair. The event is in the hand of God."

Through all the perils of the revolution, through all the dangers of the critical period which succeeded it, he led his murmuring people to a union in 1787 of thirteen independent sovereign states.

And now behold Lincoln come forth upon the stage of human action! Southern trade held the whip over congress and the supreme court alike. Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana are hurrying after South Carolina to fling themselves over the precipice, and Texas stands shivering on the brink. Many of the departments of government are in the hands of southern sympathizers. The treasury is empty, public credit low. The arsenals have been razed. The army is but a little guard, distributed at distant points. The navy is small and scattered. Timid tongues clamor for peace at any price. Congress embarrassed him, his party deserted him. The cabinet gives him scant respect. Politicians scheme openly for his downfall. Everybody but Lincoln rises in the real issue, and while all America is in a panic, the north crying, "Lo, there," and the south crying, "Lo, there," he comes forth and takes his place in the Pantheon of world heroes by singling out from the wild confusion of the time the central idea and never relaxing his grip until it until his hold is loosed by death. "My paramount object in this struggle," he said, "is to save the Union." And in saying the Union he saved for his country and the world at large the peace which Washington had established in the western hemisphere. And when he fell in whirlwind he went down as when a kindly cedar green with boughs goes down with a great shout upon the hills.

Washington and Lincoln! The one glorifying his country through a whole generation of public service; the other plotting her destinies through the fearful storm and conflict of a great civil war, lifting himself from the status of an obscure politician to the full maturity and splendor of foremost statesman of his age. Devotion to duty and awful responsibility solemnized the face of one; but the other remained to the last laughter-loving, genial and boyish, but the laugh grew less boisterous and less frequent.

The sorrowful eyes looked out more sorrowfully from their cavernous depths as vast responsibilities and suffering did their fell work. And yet as we look upon the portraits of Washington and Lincoln, we see brooding over the stately gravity of the one and over the profound solemnity of the other that peace which the one established and the other saved for America, and it is not the peace of death, but the peace which indicates lion energies harnessed and subdued, and which is, in reality, power in repose.

GLIDELETS FROM GLIDE.

We are having some beautiful weather in our vicinity at present. Mrs. Charles Watson and daughter Aida were seen on the streets of Glide one day this week.

Mr. Bert Sprague is some better at the present writing.

Mr. Beckley, of Elkton, is the suitor of his brother, Charles Beckley.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS—Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the board of directors of School District No. 4, Douglas county, Oregon, until Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1910, at 2 o'clock p.m., of said day, for furnishing and installing a fan and furnace heating and ventilating system in the Lane School House in the City of Roseburg, county and state aforesaid; each bidder will be required to submit plans and specifications with bid, and the bidder that is awarded the contract for installing said system, will also be required to furnish a good and sufficient bond in the sum of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars, indemnifying said District No. 4 for any loss that might be sustained by reason of said system not furnishing sufficient heat and ventilation for said building. The board hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Dated this 19th day of February, 1910.

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