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CONCRETE HISTORY.

The speech delivered by Joseph Folk last evening, extracts from which are printed in today's issue of the Observer, was well worth remembering. Realizing that Joe Folk was raised in an atmosphere of graft in St. Louis; realizing that it would have been very easy and very natural in those days for him to have sunk into the game as was played by Ed. Butler and his lieutenants, for Folk was a bright and promising young man—just the kind that the old St. Louis machine would have been delighted to add to its list. Bearing in mind all of these conditions, there is but one conclusion to draw, and that is, Joe Folk was blest with a concrete history. His blood was free from graft, and perhaps he looks back over his history and gives thanks to a good mother whose teachings stayed with him. A mother who like most mothers, wanted her boy to do right. He did right, but the point we are making was the temptation he overcame in order to accomplish what he believed was right.

Money in St. Louis was freely given to politicians. Political money was to be had at every hand and the amount that Joe Folk could have shaken down if he had been so disposed, was very large indeed.

He hit the keynote last evening when he said that one man with right on his side was more powerful than the great majority in the wrong. When he said a man would not stay in the minority long if he battled for right, he merely told the story of his life.

La Grande was glad to have Folk here. She was glad to hear from his own lips facts of record that have revolutionized Missouri, placed Herbert Hadley in the governor's chair, and sent Major Warner to the United States senate.

Folk is a democrat and is glad of it, just as many of us are republicans. But there is a time in the existence of every commonwealth when even the strongest partisan who is blest with Folk honestly cannot stand for some political transactions.

BOWERMAN, THE STRONG MAN.

With the time for choosing a governor only a few months away every

indication points to Jay Bowerman as the strong man for the place. Bowerman is good timber and he is of sufficient size to carry the gubernatorial robes both physically and mentally.

Especially is Jay Bowerman a man of value to the eastern part of this state. Not that the Observer wishes to raise the question of location, for as a rule we think that is overworked, causing one side of the state to be pitted against the other without just and proper cause. But Bowerman comes from the little town of Condon—a strictly Eastern Oregon settlement. He knows the needs of this portion and has the courage to stand by what he believes to be right. This was illustrated in the fight against the state normal schools during the last legislative session.

The following brief history of Bowerman may be of interest to many readers:

Acting Governor Jay Bowerman was born in Iowa on August 15, 1876. He came to Oregon in 1893, with his parents and settled on a farm near Salem. He was educated in the common schools of Salem, and the preparatory department of Willamette University, and afterwards read law, and was admitted to the bar at the age of 20. In 1899 he moved to Condon, where he has built up a lucrative practice and accumulated a competence. He was elected to the state senate in 1904 and re-elected in 1908. At the session of 1909, he was chosen president of the senate, and by virtue of that office, and because of the absence from the state of the Governor Secretary of State Benson, is now filling the governor's chair. Mr. Bowerman is a sound lawyer, and a life-long republican. His family consists of a wife and two children. He is regarded by many republicans as the logical man for the nomination for governor at the September primaries—and it is known that his name will be presented to the republican assembly at Portland on July 21.

SALVE FOR HIS WOUND.

A Strenuous Scene That Was Not on the Bill of the Play.

Giovanni Grasso, a Sicilian actor of unusual dramatic energy, was playing in Florence in one of his fiercest parts, where he had to stab his enemy with a dagger. Suddenly, in the heat of his passion, Grasso let the weapon slip out of his hand. It alighted in the pit on a man's head, cutting it slightly.

An indignant member of the audience flung the knife back to the stage, where it was dexterously caught by Grasso. Raising it aloft in his hand and as if it were accursed, Grasso smashed it in two and then stamped upon it.

Then, with a swift bound, Grasso was in the pit beside the injured man. The next minute he had climbed back to the boards, with the victim in his arms.

After settling him in a chair Grasso threw himself on his knees and began a long entreaty for forgiveness. This was rapidly granted by the much embarrassed playgoer, who on his side begged to be allowed to return to his seat.

But this was not to be until Grasso, weeping copiously, had bestowed no fewer than fifty resounding kisses on the man's blushing cheeks.

The action was greeted with loud cheers, and after Grasso had gracefully bowed his thanks the play was resumed and successfully concluded.—London Express.

Perils of the Hair Cut.

"Ouch!" cried the barber and something besides. He stuck the end of his thumb in his mouth and began sucking it.

"Cut yourself?" asked the man in the chair.

"No; it's an ingrowing hair," replied the barber—"an ingrowing hair under my thumb nail."

The man in the chair laughed.

"Fact," said the barber. "It isn't an uncommon thing either. In giving a customer a hair cut a bit of hair often lodges under the finger nail, and if it isn't removed it is apt to fester and get sore. Sometimes we don't even know it's there until it begins to get in its fine work. It hurts like the dickens sometimes. If you don't believe me, ask any barber and he'll tell you the same thing."—New York Times.

A Gun Club's Treasure.

Thirteen million cartridge shells, the result of eleven years of shooting by the members of a gun club, have been gathered into a huge pile by one of the leading sporting organizations of England. Eleven years ago one of the members conceived the idea of having the members save all their shells and deposit them on the pile. The shell bank is now the club's most prized possession. If a single man were to shoot one cartridge a second day and night it would take him about twenty-five years to discharge 13,000,000. The club maintains a vigilant guard over its precious shell pile.

Filial Repartee.

Richard Brinsley Sheridan, who was always distressed for money, was one day hacking his face with a dull razor when he turned to his eldest son and said:

"Tom, if you open any more oysters with my razor I'll cut you off with a shilling."

"Very well, father," said Tom, "but where will you get the shilling?"

The Prize Holder.

"I understand you have a fine track team here," said the visitor to the man who was showing him over the college campus. "What individual holds most of the medals?"

"The town pawnbroker" answered his guide after due deliberation.—New York Journal.

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**Undergoes Operation.**  
Roy McBath of Wallowa was operated upon last evening by Doctor Moffitor for appendicitis. He is a son of Sam McBath, a well known resident of Wallowa county.

**Aid Society Wants Assistance**  
The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church is going to maintain a restaurant at the Chautauqua grounds and will be glad to have friends of the church supply necessities for the meals, when convenient. Vegetables, fruit, butter, eggs and other food supplies may be left at the Blue Mountain creamery where they will be given proper attention.

**Fancy Bing and Lambert cherries for sale at 4 cents per pound. RAMSEY WAREHOUSE.**

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