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A BAD ENDING

The Observer has from time to time rather commended this session of the legislature because it refused to do much, but at the same time we recognized the latter part of the session as the exceedingly dangerous part. It proved as we had feared, for the closing hours of this session were marked with turbulent action, fearful extravagance and general unstatesmanlike manner by many of the solons.

Oregon is tired, oh, so tired of this sort of thing. She has patiently, withstood for years disgraceful proceedings in her legislative halls. She has passed different laws to do away with such things, but now she is confronted with another turmoil on the closing day that equal the old sena-

torial deadlock days.

It makes one wonder whether our system of government is right; it causes a blush of shame to surmount the cheek of every truly patriotic citizen.

But thank goodness adjournment has been taken. It will be two years before the state is again indicted with the scourge and during that time each citizen should do all possible to break down the effect of the legislature just adjourned, for it is very damaging to the commonwealth.

It was left for Wallawa county's high school to bring a climax in the legislature that sent the word over the entire state proclaiming the inefficiency of a number of legislators. It placed Speaker Rusk in a position that showed his hand and we believe that even citizens of his own county falter in their loyalty to him in the future. One element of his supporters will be disappointed in him because he was opposed to them and the other element will be more or less disgusted because he failed to achieve success even though he favored their views.

Just such sessions as the one now closed gives W. S. U'Ren all kinds of things to talk about and makes Oregon an uncertain commodity in all respects.

In view of the fact that another snow storm may appear at any time would it not be well to resurrect the ordinance that provides for the clearing of sidewalks.

THE BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scout movement, which was recently strikingly in evidence through the assemblage of a national convention, is a significant factor in the national life. It is not necessarily a token of militarism, although the boys are being drilled in military movements. It is no more calculated to make the American people a nation of soldiers than are the cadet corps of the various schools scattered throughout the country. The military form of organization has been adopted for two purposes, to interest the boys in something different from their ordinary lines of activity and to get them out of doors for a series of exercises that will be beneficial physically as well as morally.

In England the Boy Scout work was started in direct consequence of the disclosures of the Boer War. The lamentable showing of the British soldier in the British soldier in South Africa caused the English people to realize that the young men of the country were not well developed or well disciplined. To arouse their patriotism, as well as to evolve them into sound, resourceful men, General Baden-Powell, inaugurated this movement, which has vitalized the British youth and is today rated as one of the most important tendencies of the time both educationally and morally.

The boy problem is a serious one, and it can be solved only through the most careful study and the wisest measures. In the present conditions of life boys are surrounded by circumstances that tend to test them. They are distracted by amusements—thrown into the most varied associations, brought frankly into contact with unwholesome factors. The schools are doing excellent work in keeping their minds and bodies oc-

cupied, but there remains a large field of opportunity for further endeavor, and it is this field that the Boy Scouts are now occupying. The president of the United States has attested his keen interest in this enterprise, accepting the position of honorary president, and members of the council. The movement is fostered by the men who have made a close study of juvenile questions, and who firmly believe that by affording the boys an outlet for their energies in miniature field maneuvers and camping expeditions and drills they are benefiting the rising generation through the preservation of health and the formation of character. Under competent direction this work can be made of invaluable service in evolving a generation of self-reliant, sturdy, patriotic young men. Numbering now more than 300,000 members, and rapidly growing, it has gained proportions that warrant the most sympathetic consideration as a national influence.

"THIS IS MY 30TH BIRTHDAY"

Earl Beauchamp.
 Earl Beauchamp, First Commissioner of Works in the British cabinet, was born Feb. 20, 1872 and succeeded his father, the sixth Earl, in 1891. The following year he married Lady Lettice Grosvenor, daughter of the late Duke of Westminster. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford and when he was only twenty-three years old was elected mayor of Worcester. He has held office of one sort or another almost continually ever since then. For two years he was a member of the London School Board and from 1890 to 1901 he was Governor of New South Wales. In 1904 he was appointed Captain of the Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, and in 1907 became Steward of King Edward before his appointment to his present office he served as Lord President of the Council.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

- 1631—Massachusetts Bay colonists celebrated Thanksgiving for the timely arrival of the ship "Ly-on" with provisions.
- 1716—David Garrick, famous English actor, born. Died Jan. 20, 1779.
- 1766—Stamp papers burned in Boston as a protest against the Stamp Act.
- 1780—British under General Clinton invaded South Carolina.
- 1790—Joseph II, Emperor of Austria, died in Vienna. Born there, March 13, 1741.
- 1809—Sagorosa, Spain, surrendered to the French, after a most heroic defense.
- 1820—Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, famous traveler and Arctic explorer, born in Philadelphia. Died in Havana in 1857.
- 1831—Patrick John Ryan, Roman Catholic archbishop of Philadelphia, born in Thurles, Ireland. Died in Philadelphia Feb. 11, 1911.
- 1864—Federals defeated at Olustee, Florida.
- 1878—Cardinal Pecci elected Pope as Leo XIII.
- 1893—Gen. G. P. T. Beauregard, famous Confederate leader, died in New Orleans. Born there in 1818.
- 1899—Russia curtailed Finland's rights of self-government.
- 1910—Boutros Pasha Ghali, Egyptian premier, fatally shot by a Nationalist.

Wood Notice

Notice is hereby given that the District School Board of School District No. One of Union county, Oregon, will receive up to 4 o'clock p. m. of March 3rd, 1911, sealed bids for furnishing said school District No. One with cords of four foot, split, yellow pine and red fir wood, said wood to be cut white green and not later than June 1st, 1911, free from large knots and acceptable to said school board. Said wood is to be delivered 300 cords at high school building, and 100 cords at the Fourth ward school and to be corded up neatly and closely where directed by Board.

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