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WEEK'S BEST CLIPPING.

Following is a rythmic tribute by Walt Mason to the late Jas. J. Hill. It is the best clipping for this week.

Jim Hill has gone to his repose, out where the weeping willow grows. While on this earth he asked no rest, this empire builder of the West; through all his years he strove and fought; by night he planned, by day he wrought. Men used to say, "Where'er he goes, he makes things blossom as the rose; along his track the cities rise, and chimneys point toward the skies, the forges blaze, the hammers ring, and buoyant workmen smile and sing." He was the captain of a host, but slaying men was not his boast. His armies stormed no fort or town, and tore no famed cathedrals down, and where his mighty legions swept, no widowed women wail and wept. It's good to contemplate Jim Hill, the general who did not kill, now that the world is roaring mad, from Mexico to Petrograd. One hour of Hill is better far, than fifty thousand years of war. This mighty captain lies at rest, his monument the whole Northwest.

WHAT IS A HAS-BEEN?

(By WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE.)

It is said that Senator Joseph L. Bristow is a has-been; this because he was defeated for delegate-at-large to the National convention of his party recently.

The discussion should move from Mr. Bristow personally to the wider and more impersonal field. So we ask what is a has-been in politics?

For thirty years—more or less, boy and man, the writer has watched the procession of politics wend its weary way through the Kansas state house. Under its dome, and being welcomed there, a man may be said to be fairly alive. Cast out, he is at least for the moment dead! What makes him stay dead?

Times change, people change, ideas grow, wither and languish; they fade, fall and come up again. Men rise on tides of conviction, and go out with the ebb. Men breast waves, and go down. But in neither case is the disappearance final. Most men leave the scenes of their defeat because they feel the fight isn't worth making; they apply their energies to other things. Some men struggle on, seeking to win for themselves, to get themselves in places of power or profit. And they change with the times. Sometimes they succeed. More often they fail. To one who has watched the procession wind under the big gilded dome of the capitol for a generation, always changing its personnel, yet ever crowding on and on, it seems that the has-been generally is the selfish man who believes nothing in particular, but who is keen for his own cause. No matter what a man believes, he always will find a time when the majority is thinking his way; he has only to rest his soul in peace; to wait; to keep his convictions clear, to surrender nothing, and be personally decent, and nothing can retire him permanently in politics.

The has-been is the self-seeker who uses bad judgment in guessing the temper of the folks.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. L. E. Rogers left last night for Chillichote, Texas.

Senator Ed E. Kiddle is in Portland attending the Hughes meeting.

Mrs. W. S. Parker left last evening for Vermillion, Ill., to visit friends.

Mrs. W. H. Banfield left last night on No. 5 for Portland to remain indefiintely.

Adney B. Rogers, secretary of La Grande lodge of Elks, returned today from an outing trip.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank George, Merle and Jesse, left today for Baker to visit relatives.

George Currey, Sr., and wife left today overland for Portland and Willamette valley points. They will be away about 10 days.

Mrs. Linden McCullough and three children arrived today to join Mr. McCullough, new school superintendent. They will live in the George Gilbert residence, 1304 Eighth street.

Miss Edwina Morelock, who has been visiting her grandfather, "Tap" Thomas, at Riverside park, and other relatives in this section, leaves this evening for her home in Portland.

U. R. Wilson of Wallowa was in La Grande this morning on his way home from Salem, Portland and other western towns, where he enjoyed the first vacation he has had in five years. Mr. Wilson at one time lived in La Grande.

Cora Tickner Jones returned to her home in Vancouver, Wn., this morning after a three-weeks' visit with her parents Rev. and Mrs. Tickner of the Baptist church. She had intended to remain longer but became alarmed at the possibilities of a strike and hurried home "while going was good."

Fred Lockley, veteran Eastern Oregon newspaper man, magazine editor and special contributor to Portland papers, is in La Grande today in the interest of the proposed Pendleton normal school and incidentally huntinf feature stores for the Portland Journal.

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J. M. Burley, foreman of the locomotive department of the O.-W. here, and his family, accompanied by Miss Angie Hoffmeier of Pittsburg, Pa., and Amsey Strong, of La Grande, leave tomorrow for an extended auto tour to Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Corvallis and home via the Columbia highway. Miss Hoffmeier will remain in Portland to visit friends.

Fred S. Locksley, special writer for the Oregon Journal, arrived in La Grande today and is en route to Wallowa Lake where he will look over the attractions of that famous section. Mr. Locksley has been a frequent visitor in La Grande in the past and has many friends here. This is his first return visit, however, in seven years. He is also here in the interests of the proposed normal school.

Hospital News.

Mrs. Mae Waddel, wife of the O.-W. agent at Imbler, was brought in yesterday to the Grande Ronde hospital for an operation for appendicitis and is doing nicely today.

Mrs. Mae Haynes, of Union, is rapidly convalescent.

William Hull, aged 75, of La Grande is at the hospital undergoing an operation for gastric ulcer.

W. E. Denny, is rapidly recovering from an operation on one leg.

Social on Presbyterian church lawn Friday evening.—Adv. 8-16-2t.

STATE NEWS.

Men Meet After 52 Years.

In spite of the fact that they have lived within a few miles of each other, T. T. Roundtree, of Winlock, Wash., and John Plamondon, of Vader, met Friday for the first time in 52 years. The men did government freighting together in 1864 between The Dalles, Oregon and Boise, Idaho.

Mill Depends on Hughes.

If Chas. E. Hughes is elected Lane county will have another shingle mill, according to an announcement made by A. S. Buck, president of the Buck Box factory in Eugene. The mill site is located three miles above Cushman.

Girls Are Being Enrolled.

An office at 347 Washington street, Portland, has been opened for the enrollment of girls who wish to join the National Service school that will be held at Vancouver barracks for 10 days beginning August 24.

Bandon Bootlegger Fined.

The first arrest for bootlegging in Bandon occurred Monday when Arthur Williams was arrested and pleaded guilty, paying a fine of $50. Six quarts of whiskey were confiscated.

Pendleton Young Man Dies.

Walter H. Stewart, well known young Pendleton man aged 28, died recently following an illness of several months. He was born in Pilot Rock, Umatilla county, and is survived by his mother and four sisters.

Liquor Suits Predicted.

Deputy District Attorney T. A. Burke, has been checking up the liquor affidavits in Clackamas county and is of the opinion that there has been an abuse of the law. He has intimated that there will be several cases taken to the grand jury next September.

Increased Sales Of Lime

The lime sold in the United States in 1915, according to G. F. Loughlin, of the United States Geological Survey amounted to 3,589,679 short tons, valued at $14,336,756, an increase of 6.2 per cent in quantity and 8 per cent in value over the figures for 1914. The average price per ton, $3.99, was seven cents more than that of 1914. The value of lime sold for chemical works, sugar factories, fertilizer, steel works, and miscellaneous purposes increased and more than offset decreases in the value of lime sold for building, paper mills and tanneries. The number of plants in operation decreased from 954 in 1914 to 904 in 1915, and the number of kilns in active operation from 2,406 to 2,331.

Sales of hydrated lime continued to increase in 1915, amounting to 581,114 tons valued at $2,457,602, an increase of 12.8 per cent in quantity and 9.7 per cent in value over the sales of 1914. The average price per ton in 1915, however, dropped 12 cents, to $4.23.

Hot Rocks

Erosion proceeds with considerable rapidity in the desert region of the Southwest, notwithstanding the scarcity of continously running water, for rock disintegration is accelerated by the great daily variations in temperature. The rocks are heated to 125 degrees or higher on the hot summer days and cool off rapidly at night to 70 degrees or less, a difference of 50 degrees or more and in spring or autumn, when the suns heat is less, the night temperatures are relatively lower. (U. S. Geological Survey.)

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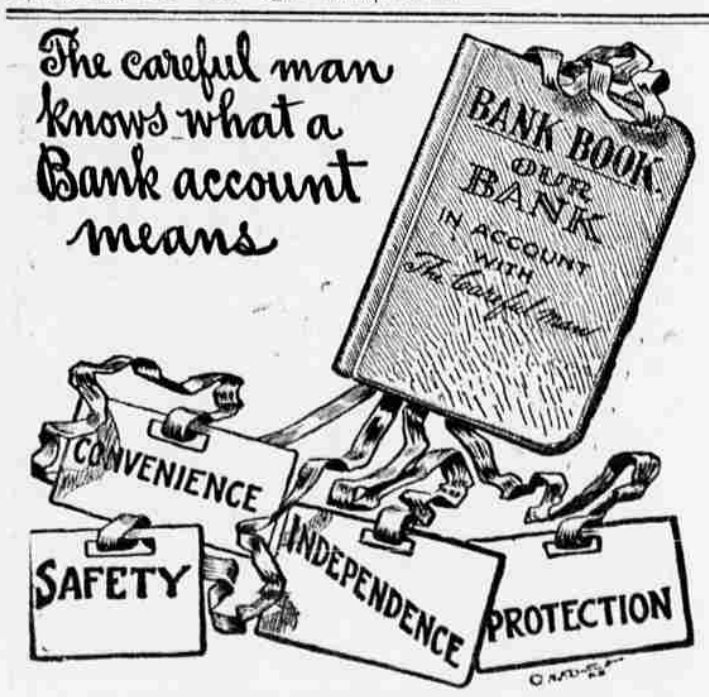

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