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Editorials From Over the Nation

HE'S A POLITICIAN.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: One handy phrase comes readily to the lips of self-righteous critics when they wish to condemn some appointee or aspirant for office.

"Oh, he's a politician," they say. "Let it be admitted that politicians occasionally run for office and that they are sometimes elected. What does that prove? What is a politician?"

The primary definition of a politician is one engaged in politics. Politics means the administration of public affairs.

Public service in America needs men and women trained by experience—politicians, if you please. Not machine politicians, not party grand boys or puppets for bosses.

It is no legitimate criticism of a man to say he is a politician. On the contrary, it may constitute a compliment.

A SIMPLE CREED. Altho Knickerbocker: Every man should have a creed, not merely a religious creed but a creed of life, a creed of conduct.

Benjamin Franklin has one article in his creed that everyone must agree with, that "the most acceptable service of God is doing good to man."

Is that in your creed? It should be. That is one way in which you can serve God, by doing good to man.

Each man should have a purpose in life besides the purpose of "succeeding" in his business. He should have a civic purpose, a friendly purpose, a purpose as strong as his own selfish purpose to succeed.

A GRADE CROSSING SLOGAN. Washington Post: The contest for the prizes offered by the American Railway Association for the most appropriate poster and slogan for use in the intensive campaign against crossing accidents.

The ghastly tragedy of crossing accidents is that they are avoidable. Much good can be done by preparing and circulating a poster that will impress the beholder with the danger of carelessness at crossings.

BEYOND FINITE UNDERSTANDING. Orono Journal: Chronicle: Perhaps the radicals are right. When you read some of the laws that they don't want the supreme court to rule on you realize that a more, though learned, human court shouldn't be expected to understand them.

GOOD RAILROAD POLICY. Grand Rapids Herald-Review: The directors and officers of the Great Northern railway are trying to sell the property to the company's employees on long time and easy terms.

THEY ARE HEEDING IT. Methuen Press: News: Newspapers everywhere are going after the tax-exempt securities hammer and tongs—and if congress will pay heed to the demand there certainly will be legislation enacted that must put those securities on the tax list.

EQUAL RESPONSIBILITIES. Fort Atkinson Union: A Chicago man spent five days in jail for driving her car forty miles per hour while intoxicated. Another woman was held to the grand jury for fatally injuring an old man.

Prohibition wouldn't amount to much in Scotland, anyway. The lighthouse is too expertly adapted to the business of bootlegging.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By Stanley



EDGAR TRUESDALE THREW THE BOYS IN CONVULSIONS OF LAUGHTER WHEN HE GAVE THEM THE ANSWER TO HIS LATEST RIDDLE "HOW TO MAKE MONEY SLICK."

28 YEARS AGO. The La Grande Gazette, February 14, 1906—There had been some excitement about looking for money in the city.

Saturday afternoon was the date of holding the primaries for the election of delegates to the popular county convention to be held in Union on April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moran arrived home Monday after a short visit in Portland.

The regular meeting of the Neighborhood Club has been postponed from Tuesday, the 13th, to Tuesday, the 19th.

Harriet M. Stephens, whose funeral took place in this city on Sunday last was born April 27, 1847, in the town of Champlain, Rutland County, Vermont.

With the exception of the regular routine of business there was nothing of great importance transacted at the meeting.

The following appointments were announced. In each case the first mentioned committee man is chairman of his committee.

Transportation—E. C. Moore, J. D. Keckon, S. B. Melan, Public Highway—L. H. Buswell, Theo. Murren, J. B. Thorson.

At the regular meeting of the La Grande Lodge No. 47, Independent Order of Good Templars, last Saturday night, the lodge deputy W. L. Hays, installed the following officers for the ensuing quarter.

Chief Templar, A. V. Oliver, past chief templar, James Darrold, vice chief templar, Halthe Oliver, secretary, Homer Clark, assistant secretary, Ella Prescott, financial secretary, John Hall, treasurer, Manveta Lane, chaplain, Mrs. E. W. Brooker, warden, D. M. Oliver, Brooker, marshal, D. M. Oliver, Pearl Mills, guard, Wil-

White Flour Cheap in Berlin. BERLIN, (AP)—American women keeping house in Berlin assert that white flour is virtually the only food which now retails for the same price as in pre-war days.

Notice—Any others wishing advice will receive same by writing the Office Kitchen, care of the Observer. No charge will be made.

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IMBLES SHIPS APPLES AWAY

Several Carloads Per Day Leaving Yards; Fruit-men to Try "Game" Again.

IMBLES (Special)—Every day several car loads of apples are leaving the local yards and being taken west all the apples will be gone.

San Brooks spent several days in La Grande the past week. Mrs. Frank Currell left Sunday for San Francisco to visit her parents. She expects to be gone for several weeks.

Alvatore Andrews, Ralph Hinshaw, Walter Wakefield and W. L. Hart were visitors to the La Grande K. of P. lodge last week. They report a very nice visit.

Mrs. William Honrie is improving gradually at her home after her operation several days ago. Her many friends are extremely pleased to hear the news of her speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Furman took their little boy to La Grande for medical treatment last week. William Ayer and brother, Fred went to Hot Lake Saturday to visit at the home of their cousin, Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keown arrived Tuesday from Enterprise where they made their home until Mr. Keown became afflicted with rheumatism. They are now looking for a better location.

Mr. Anderson, one of Henry Don's subcommittee was calling on friends in Imbler Sunday.

Miss Marie Brown came down from La Grande to visit at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keefe were visiting Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peffer, of Sumnerville.

Mr. Long returned Monday from visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Presbiter, of Cave.

Mrs. Lawrence Wiggins visited Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wiggins on her return home to Union.

Geo. Ferguson, of Union, was visiting La Grande in Imbler Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Keefe has been on the sick list this week.

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clark, of La Grande, were sorry to learn of the death of their little son.

Charles Keown celebrated his birthday last night Tuesday evening, February 12, when a large congregation of friends gathered at the home of his mother.

The literary meet was held in the farmers hall Tuesday evening. A very good crowd was present.

The weather has been so nice the past two weeks that the farmers are getting ready for their spring work.

J. A. Prescott was down Monday from La Grande on business and visiting friends.

Glenn Payne had his tonsils removed and consequently has been out of school for several days.

Lorne Walker, of La Grande, who has been picking apples in Imbler has returned to La Grande where he is employed.

Dr. Moore was out from La Grande this week visiting his patients.

Joe Fuller and family and Dave Miller left a few days ago for Sumner where they will be employed on the highway.

Mrs. Loyd and Mrs. Mary Ross were shopping in La Grande Wednesday.

The K. of P. lodge held their regular meeting Wednesday evening. They were served to a delicious luncheon after the lodge meeting.

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