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DEFINITE CARE—The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. Psalm 121:5, 6.

It's getting so that men are willing to go to the polls and vote if women will bring cars around to take them.

There are too many candidates in the congressional race already and there will probably be more. Republicans may be courting disaster if they fail to concentrate on one leader. And they may suffer disaster, anyway.

ATTORNEYS—PROSECUTING AND OTHERWISE

There seems to be some misapprehension and misinformation regarding the office of prosecuting attorney. Perhaps it is because its occupant is forced to serve under a misnomer, perhaps because most of us as voters rather prefer misinformation to the truth when politics is concerned. Certainly we are all inclined to overlook the importance of the office, to consider it from a prejudiced and personal, rather than from a sound business standpoint.

The job of prosecuting, one would gather from mere consideration of the title or from popular conception, is about 100 per cent of the duties of an attorney in this position. This is far from the truth, however. Prosecuting, even in this day of prohibition laws, is a minor part of the prosecuting attorney's real job (though it may take a major portion of his time)—and that is a point to which citizens should give considerable attention.

This county, we must remember, has property assessed at twenty million dollars. It is incorporated under the laws of Oregon and therefore can truthfully be described as a twenty million dollar corporation in which all taxpayers are stockholders. Like all twenty million dollar corporations, the legal ramifications of this county are wide and varied. Its business affairs cover a great territory, its officials are engaged in a multitude of activities affecting many thousands of people.

And the legal counsel of this great corporation is, as prescribed by law, the "district attorney." His salary is fixed by law at \$2400 a year. Just imagine a private corporation owning over twenty million dollars worth of property being satisfied with the employment of an attorney, a legal advisor whose measure of worth was no greater than that!

The legal counsel of this great, rich, multi-millionaire county! The legal advisor of its varied officials whose actions affect every property owner's pocket book every day in the year! The counselor-at-law on questions of taxes, tax levies, tax collections, school funds and school bonds, road levies and road bonds, etc., etc.! That's the prosecuting attorney's real job—and it's a job that's real.

Prosecuting criminal cases, especially liquor cases, is a matter of minor importance, aside from its effect on law and order. Liquor prosecution, for example, is never difficult—you either have the evidence or you haven't. A good sheriff delivers most of his cases to the prosecuting attorney "open and shut"—any layman could go into court and win verdict after verdict under such circumstances.

We have known prosecuting attorneys, who had never tried a case in district court before taking office, to make an almost perfect record in convictions. They could hardly help themselves. Any prosecutor knows enough to keep doubtful cases from getting into court just as any good sheriff knows enough to wait until he has the goods on a man before throwing him in jail.

Ability to prosecute in this variety of case can be anticipated in anyone, but it is insignificant. Ability to give correct and profitable legal counsel, however, is not so easily assured, and it is vitally important. It is unfortunate that citizens give so much thought to the mere routine of office, and so little to the paramount business aspects. Honesty, sincerity of effort, devotion to duty, humility in the public service, studious attention to responsibilities—these are the needed qualities not usually found at the price we now pay. It is but natural that we should attract to this office only the discarded and less competent, the youthful and inexperienced. Few attorneys of outstanding ability and long legal training can possibly afford to take the office. When they do it is through a sense of duty as good citizens.

There are two reasonable solutions: First, provide a salary increase that will attract the right official or, second, select a young, well educated candidate who will make the most of the opportunities the office offers, who is ambitious to learn and progress, sincerely devoted to his duty as a public servant. The former solution is more business-like; the latter is more feasible. To decide on either means more serious thinking among voters, more serious concern about what is best for the protection of our citizenship and our community business.

ABE MARTIN



They probe the bosses instead of the elections in Chicago. Lester Kite has quit school on account of poor parking facilities.

Weather Permits The Starting Of Farm Operations

WALLOWA, Ore., May 2 (Special)—A start in spring farming operations here, many plowing and cultivation of alfalfa crops, followed the past few days of good weather. Little seeding has been done to date, although some ground that was plowed early this spring or last fall has been worked into condition for seeding.

The recently worked alfalfa fields are showing up nicely. With the ground still very wet little plowing has been done in the hill sections in this end of the valley.

Conditions appear to be ideal for grass. C. A. Hunter, who has a large part of his herds in his hill land pastures on Whiskey creek, states that stock is picking up rapidly. Practically all of the loose stock has been taken to range.

Prospects are very encouraging for stockmen of this county. Most of the herds came through the winter with very light losses, and may be in fine condition by the time they will be sold in the summer and fall. A number of stockmen in this section have availed themselves of some additions to their range holdings through purchases of portions of the cutover land from the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company.

Road conditions are still bad in many localities in this end of the county.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Sam and G. C. Meek, of Leap, were business visitors in town the first of the week.

A number of heavy showers of rain has fallen here during the past week, which has caused considerable delay in farm work. The soil has remained so wet that but very little early gardening has been attempted so far.

C. F. Harman, of Leap, is still a patient at the hospital here. Reports state he is gaining slowly, and that he may be able to return to his home in a short time.

Ed Bell and son, Leslie, have started plowing on the C. A. Hunter place, during the past week. L. W. Minor and George Cusins have been busy the past several days cleaning seed grain.

Bruce Fisher, of Leap, was an Enterprise business visitor the latter part of the week.

Roy Gastin commenced work for Harmon Bros., of Leap, the first of the week.

Sam Meek was a recent visitor in town.

The mumps appear to be with this community to stay, and a few cases are reported every few weeks. This disease has been going the rounds over the country since late in December of last year.

Mrs. James Tully, who was quite ill last week, is reported to be considerably improved.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION (Special)—Mrs. Margaret Phyl returned home last week from Hot Lake, where she has been for some time having undergone an operation for tonsils and appendicitis.

Mrs. Frank Conner and sister, Mrs. George Velas, were La Grande visitors Saturday.

John Wortman, eighth grade teacher here, returned Monday from Portland where he spent the weekend visiting friends.

Eay Ellmore, of Grand Island, Neb., but who has been at La Grande, Wash., the past year, arrived here Saturday for an indefinite visit with his cousin, Mrs. Myrtle Cline and other relatives. It has been 25 years since he visited Union and he sees many changes here.

Mr. Ellmore is a painter and paper-hanger and may locate here.

Olga Jones left Sunday for Ontario, called by the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Fairbanks.

Charles Jenkins, of South Union, was arrested last Friday by Marshal P. A. Van Houten for reckless driving and operating a car while intoxicated. His trial was held Monday at Recorder L. Z. Terrell's office. He was fined \$200 and his license revoked.

Mrs. Golden Geertsen, commercial teacher in the high school, returned Monday from Portland where she had been called by the illness of her sister, Miss Juanita Noble.

The sophomore class, accompanied by Cecil L. Griggs, spent Tuesday

Public Service Vital

Requirements for Office of Secretary of State Are Stressed

By Edward L. Brodie

Publisher of the Oregon City Enterprise, Ex-President of National Editorial association, and former American Minister to the Kingdom of Spain.

When Hal Hoss came to Oregon City, a gangling youth, about 15 years ago, he started in his characteristic and energetic fashion to lay a substantial foundation for success. His experience in newspaper work at that time was somewhat rudimentary, but it had the advantage of variable elements in that it commenced at the bottom and progressed upward through the several channels of the editorial departments and into the business office where he proceeded to make the most of opportunity. It was not for him a long step to a position of responsible management, in which he coupled the qualities of initiating policies with those of carrying them to a sure termination. Over a period of six years of newspaper direction, he developed steadily, building good will, which is the most valuable of newspaper assets, for the property with which he was identified, and forming close and lasting contacts throughout the state.

Occupied as he was in a place that demanded constant application, Mr. Hoss shook irksome details from his shoulders and tied into his job an active appreciation of public service. He became a worker for the brothers of the craft, acting indefatigably for their interests, without expectation or hope of reward. It was only natural that his efforts would bring him a flock of non-salaried and honorary positions which he filled acceptably, and it was inevitable that his activities, as their scope broadened, would be accorded recognition which came to him in the form of an urgent invitation to join, as private secretary to the governor, the state administration. Some of his friends, including the writer of these lines, shook their heads, not then realizing that Hal Hoss would be unwilling to stagnate in a place that seemed to offer little future. But his study of and interest in the affairs of his native state went beyond his immediate place. He made the most of a membership on the parole board and became a student of penal problems, accepting directorship in the national association.

There was no good reason, in the mind of Hal Hoss, why the principles of sound business should not be applied to the business of the people. It seemed to him that public service ought to mean more than a mere political job, and that the same fundamental ideas that he utilized in newspaper office could and should be put into practice through the conduct of an important state office. He was not encumbered with political entanglements and was prepared and equipped to transact the state's business on the basis of common sense, having in mind that the taxpayer's dollar is not a gift of God, but is entitled to economic consideration and should be stretched as far as practicable with proper results as a primary objective.

These facts may be construed as arguments for the nomination and election of Hal Hoss for secretary of state. He has become a personality. His friends are not giving his candidacy perfunctory support, but they are enthusiastically urging the people of Oregon to choose a man who has always made good, who has a clear conception of service, who is young and alert and who is free to promise and who has the ability to deliver that particular character of performance required. The importance of the office demands selection of a man who is qualified by temperament and experience to render a high type of service to the public. Hal Hoss is that man.

COVE PERSONALS

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The boy scouts held a floral meeting on Monday before the departure of their leader, the Rev. Wm. Bradner. Officers were elected as follows: John Fisher, senior patrol leader; David Arnold and Dell Greenough, patrols; Harold Blank, scoutmaster; Keith McLeod, first ranger; Keith McLeod, first ranger; will assume the position of scoutmaster, now that Mr. Bradner has gone to his new home in Boston.

The eighth grade put on an interesting program last Thursday in recital concertation week, giving readings and recitations along the line of forest conservation. The forest ranger, Keith McLeod, gave a talk on tree specimens. After the program, the class went over to the Gayette town and planted a tree.

Last Friday was cold day for the seventh and eighth grades. Lots were chosen and the afternoon spent in sports under the direction of their teachers, Mrs. Mills and J. R. Price.

May at Radium Springs, where they held their annual picnic.

Sheriff Jesse Greenough, of La Grande, was a business visitor here Tuesday.



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Hike To Cove and Back Completes Season For La Grande High Girls

"We're stiff and sore now—but oh boy, we're glad we did it!"

With these and similar greetings nearly a dozen merry girls, members of the L. H. S. hiking club, returned Saturday evening from an annual overnight trip to Cove in which they hiked more than 20 miles in 10 hours, and returned none the worse for the experience. Of blistered feet and sore muscles they complained.

The hike of which the club is so proud, is no small feat. Sponsors of the club believe few similar organizations could undertake it successfully.

The girls made it in four hours and 15 minutes (they defy any high school mile to better their record). Incidentally, this year's time breaks the former record made two years ago by an hour and 15 minutes.

Trials on the hike were numerous and rain was not least among them. Plans to sleep under the stars near the Cove swimming pool had to be abandoned and a bed of hay in a nearby barn substituted. Camp breakfast, lunch and a swim in the Cove pool made Saturday a pleasant day. The trip home was commenced at three o'clock. It must be confessed that three members, not so intrepid as the rest, came home via automobile but eight fair hikers did complete the entire trip, with their advisor, Miss Eleanor Vernon, who has been an active sponsor of the club since its organization four years ago.

"The hiking club has come to be a major part of the girls' athletics," explained one member of the club in reviewing its history. "It gives us a chance for good outdoor exercise in addition to an opportunity for nature study and appreciation of Oregon scenery," she went on. "The Cove trip is the climax of their season and brings the hikers to an end. Hikers covered about 125 miles during the past season, and had the year not been an unusually rainy one, would undoubtedly have had an increased mileage to their credit."

"We're going again next year," too," declare the L. H. S. Mazamas, some of whom will receive athletic letters soon for their hiking. Those who made the trip to Cove with Miss Vernon were: Verle Ramm, Verna Bickford, Bertha Bantz, Francis Richards, Ruth McCosh, Wilma Smith, Leona Berry, Marjorie Gore, Mabel Berry, and Alyce Cook. Mrs. Lloyd Bickford took the bedding and food to Cove for the girls in her car.

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