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It was the "gang" in the old days, then it became "the ring" and now it's "the bloc."

It's pretty hard to dislike a man who likes you even if he hasn't anything else in his favor.

It is hard to tell whether a wild looking man is writing spring poetry or making out his income tax.

The average time it takes a fast railroad train to pass a crossing is seven seconds. Yet more than 7000 automobilists were killed at grade crossings last year. They couldn't wait seven seconds. It is very difficult for the driver of a fast-moving automobile to gauge the relative speeds of his car and a swift train converging on the same point from different directions. Therefore there is only one safe rule to follow: Let the train go by. What are seven seconds in the life of a motorist? To lose them may be to save 50 years!

WASHINGTON

Today the memory of George Washington will be recalled in every town and hamlet in the United States and in many of the capitals of the Old World. He lived in the limelight for many years and all of his acts were subject to searching scrutiny, but it is highly significant that 130 years after his death his fame has not been dimmed in the slightest particular. If anything, the real Washington shines more resplendent than ever. It has been well said that the acid criticism has only served to emphasize and to bring out anew the solid character and the lasting influence of an unusual man.

There have been many great men in the history of the world, and many good men, but few have combined these two qualities as did George Washington. He also had the distinction of being a notable soldier and a successful statesman. He seemed to be the providential leader of the hour in the colonies. He, of all others, was the one to command the army, and he was the natural and unquestioned choice of the people to be the first president of the United States.

The universal manner in which Washington is acclaimed today has caused some impatient critics to charge that the real man has been buried beneath a mountain of unmerited adulation. Nothing could be farther from the truth. He was very human and both his military and civil careers were beset with vexations and difficulties. He had to face disloyalty and intrigues in both the camp and the cabinet. His political opponents, envious of his popularity, resorted to underhand means to break his hold on the people. He had a violent temper, when aroused, and he did not accept these tactics meekly. Writing in the summer of 1796, Washington complained that every act of his administration had been tortured in the grossest and meanest manner and misrepresentations made "in such exaggerated and indecent terms as could scarcely be applied to a Nero, a notorious defaulter or even a common pickpocket."

He was not an orator, he was neither brilliant nor showy, but he had the solid qualities which were so essential for the tasks he was called upon to perform. He was unselfish and when necessary he had the kind of moral courage which is not afraid to oppose the popular outcry. He did not hesitate to surround himself with great men like Hamilton and Jefferson, and the fact that he did not suffer in comparison is one of the greatest tributes that can be paid him. He spoke only when he had something to say, and at every crisis in his life he was found sane, sane and sensible. His farewell address to his countrymen is one of the noblest and most instructive documents ever penned, and it might well be used today as the chart by which to steer the ship of state. If the United States is to remain the hope of the world it will be by constantly keeping in mind the character and the ideals of its first president.

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52 Deer Gather At River Near Promise, Oregon

By Mrs. Bertina Carper (Observer Correspondent)

PROMISE, Ore., (Special)—The deep snow seems to have driven the deer down near the river. Last week when Bert Taylor and Harry Sautter went to the river to see about some traps, they counted 52 deer from one spot. They said the animals seemed to be in good condition and showed no signs of suffering from the cold and deep snow.

Ula Poulson has driven his sheep across the canyon to Charlie Horner's where he is feeding them.

Mrs. Chas. Krenworthy, who has been quite ill, is recovering and able to sit up.

Mrs. Bertina Carper, who has been visiting in La Grande for the last four weeks, returned home Saturday evening. C. T. Lindsay brought her to Wallawa Friday where her son Harold met her and brought her home.

Iris Trump, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lona Carper, returned to Wallawa Saturday. Her brother, Albert, who is staying at Bill Carper's took her home. Lee Smith came in from Wallawa Saturday to stay with his daughter, Mrs. Stella Poulson.

Ula Poulson is working at Maxville this week.

Little Kathleen Poulson, who was badly scalded some time ago, is recovering nicely and is now able to walk with a little help.

Mrs. Charlie Moore, who has been ill at the home of Mrs. Stella Poulson since last Tuesday, is fully recovered and is now able to be up and around.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Garbett visited Sunday at Boyd Carper's.

John Carper and sons have been sawing wood for Mrs. Italy.

Howard Carper and Gladys Roly, who were married in La Grande Feb. 14, arrived in Promise Saturday evening and are staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Carper.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorbett visited last Sunday at W. I. Sannars. Don Sautter, who suffered a paralytic stroke over a week ago, is now able to sit up and to talk. Mr. Sautter and son, Harry, and sister, Mrs. Bethel, are caring for him at Wallawa.

ABE MARTIN



The Art Lark—Miss Pearl Moots wouldn't, so for last night, went off without a hitch. The bridegroom didn't show up. "What if you was so poor you had right up there?" asked Mrs. Be. Soles, when Mrs. Late had complained of her little child keeping her at home.

Italy and Vatican Make Peace



The historic church of St. John Lateran, the "mother church" of Christianity, shown above, was chosen as the place for the signing of the treaty agreement between the Vatican and the Italian government, by which the Vatican is recognized as a sovereign state for the first time since 1870. Below are Cardinal Gasparri (left), papal secretary of state, and Premier Mussolini, chosen to sign the historic document.

Here and There In Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—After arguing the question nearly an hour the joint ways and means committee last night voted to make a report to the legislature recommending against passage of the bill to appropriate \$50,000 for the construction of an infirmary at the University of Oregon. The measure probably will be reconsidered.

Had the bill been approved and passed the \$50,000 would have been matched by an equal amount contributed by the parents of university students. Twice during the present session have mothers of students appeared before the committee pending for the appropriation.

The motion that the report be adverse was made by Representative Stewart. This was supported by Senator Stroyer, who said the condition of state finances did not warrant it.

Representative Angell endeavored to get the motion changed so that the bill might go out without recommendation. Strayer succeeded in blocking this, declaring that the committee ought to take a stand on all bills coming before it. Senator Kiddle said that to leave the present flimsy frame structure on the campus was a disgrace. Representative Johnson was against the policy of the state building infirmaries. These, he thought could be financed by the students. He said Oregon State college needed one as badly as the university.

Representative Potter tried to get reconsideration of bills appropriating money for armories at Cottage Grove and Klammath Falls, but this was halted without action when Senator Kiddle said if this were done he would put in a bill

for an armory at La Grande. Approval was given budget items of \$2000 for rodent control, \$62,691 for operation under the Smith-Lever congressional act, and \$5,798 under the Copper-Ketchum congressional act, all on the state college program.

The state of California is urged to complete its connecting links with the four north and south highways now running through the state of Oregon in house joint memorial 13, introduced Thursday evening by Representative Collier of Klammath Falls.

The first legislation to control and limit incorporations, considered a hybrid development in the banking world with opinion divided as to where administration of such corporations properly belongs made its appearance in the lower house Thursday afternoon as H. B. 528 introduced by McCready of Lane county.

McCready's bill places control of incorporations under the corporation commissioner. It provides that a corporation owning majority stock in any bank "shall not borrow money or otherwise secure credit, directly or indirectly from such bank."

The first round of the biennial battle of the fish was won by the commercial fishermen Thursday afternoon when the lower house failed to pass Peter's bill making the steelhead trout a game fish in all waters of the state.

Those voting against the bill were Anderson, Childs, Childers, Clark, Egbert, the three Johnsons, Knapp, LaFollette, MacPherson, Malarkey, McAllister, Mettner, Osman, Potter, Robinson, Russe, both Scotts, Settember, Slevens, Stewart, Swift, Tompkins, Weatherspoon, Wells, Wilks, Windsor.

The property tax relief commission's bill decreasing the number of road districts in counties as an

SLAYER KILLS HIMSELF; BODY FOUND IN BARN

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 22 (AP)—Twelve hours after he killed Mrs. Frances C. Hessler, 23, the body of C. K. Bagwill, 28, was found early this morning in a barn in the Fruitridge section near here.

Bagwill, believed to be demented, shot Mrs. Hessler, wife of the installation supervisor of the telephone company as she stood in front of a mirror in the bedroom of her home, according to police. Police said Bagwill probably poisoned himself. The body was not moved pending the arrival of the coroner.

Bagwill, a former neighbor of the Hesslers, went to the Hessler home yesterday morning to repair the radio, according to stories told police. The woman's body was found by Rose, her five-year-old daughter early in the afternoon.

HORTENSE ADAMS PASSES

BOISE, Ida., Feb. 22 (AP)—Hortense Adams, 79, who played a prominent role in Idaho mining history for more than 40 years is dead here. Backed by eastern financiers, Mrs. Adams promoted half a dozen mining ventures in this region.

Her lower house sought to make a change in the cigar law Thursday afternoon when it passed Hessler's bill to make it possible for minors to be employed in a place where cigarettes are sold.

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Pork Roast, lb.	22c
Pork Steak, lb.	25c

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Peas Richelieu Brand Fancy Superfine Sifted No. 2 tins—3 tins	89c
Cracked Wheat Richelieu Brand The whole wheat cut in small pieces make a healthful and nutritious breakfast dish. Med. size pkg.	18c
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Coffee Chase & Sanborns Seal Brand—real quality— 3-lb. tins	\$1.49
Carnation Oats and Wheat— Large pkgs.	33c
Sugar C. & H. Cane— 15 lbs. for	\$1.00
Pee't's Granulated Soap For washing machines and dishes. Large pkgs.—2 for	69c
Soap Classic—good white soap at a real saving. 10 bars	35c
Powdered Sugar Bulk— 3 lbs.	25c
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