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Editorial

REFRESHING POLITICS

Hal Hoss, secretary to Governor Patterson, has announced his candidacy for the office of secretary of state subject to the decision of the voters at the May primaries. Coincident with the announcement, Mr. Hoss tendered his resignation to the governor with the statement that he does not consider it proper to further his own political aspirations while drawing a salary from the state. This is indeed refreshing politics and the voters may well repose confidence in any candidate with the courage of his convictions sufficient to take such action.

Hal Hoss will make an excellent secretary of state and he has the endorsement of the upstate papers of Oregon. May he win.

GOING OFF HALF-COCKED

(Editorial in Silverton Tribune)

More than once a word spoken thoughtlessly has caused endless trouble to someone. Not that it was the desire of the speaker to deliberately injure any person, but rather was it a simple case of "going off half-cocked."

Sometime ago in another state a very high-minded and honorable merchant was forced to the wall because of his inability to make collections from those to whom he had extended credit. When the sheriff took possession of his stock a neighbor, hearing of his misfortune, elevated his eyebrows, looked wise, and walked away without comment. Another "thought it was strange and wondered what was behind it." In the course of a few hours people who had heard other remarks concluded that there was something wrong somewhere and in the course of a day or two it had reached a stage where there was "something rotten in Denmark."

Thus was the reputation of an honorable but unfortunate man besmeared and blasted by his own friends and acquaintances, who allowed their eyes to suggest and their tongues to wag without giving the man who was down a chance to defend himself against insinuations which rapidly culminated into moral certainties in the minds of the people.

There are too many such remarks—harmless in intent, possibly, but nevertheless pregnant in results which are disastrous to the victim. Let your tongue wag, if it must, but see that it is for the betterment of humanity rather than for its destruction. Let your aim be sure and your target distinct—and don't go off half-cocked.

OUR NAVY

Secretary Wilbur should have the full support of congress in the program for a larger and more efficient navy. America must have a navy powerful enough to absolutely enforce her neutral attitude in case of war among the world powers. No peace proposals will have the same effect in the elimination of all wars.

Intermediate

Grade Notes

The intermediate room had a Valentine box. The visitors were Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Soranson and Miss Crow.

The fifth grade held a debate on Tuesday afternoon, the question being, "Resolved, That George Washington was a greater man than Abraham Lincoln." Members of the 8th grade: Lela Crumby, Marie Lindberg, Walter Sutton, Ray Fromm, and S. Price were the judges. A unanimous vote was given in favor of the negative side. Ellen Barton was leader of the affirmative side, choosing Mary Anne Whitsett, Cleo White, Audrey Sutton, Virginia Larson and Ruth Wilson as her helpers. Archie Hutchinson acted as leader of the negative

side, having Mary Catharine Soranson, Roy Miller, Kenneth Handley, Henry Steeves and Arlin Johnson to assist him. Mrs. Alta Larson, Mrs. Geo. Soranson and Miss Jewell Crow were visitors.

The bulletin board this week is about George Washington. The intermediate room will give a short play on Washington's birthday. It is called "Betsey Ross and the First Flag." The play will be given at 9 a. m. in the school room. After the program school will be dismissed. Parents are invited. Those taking part are:

Betsey Ross, Mary Catharine Soranson; Martha Washington, Mary Anne Whitsett; George Washington, Archie Hutchinson; Benjamin Franklin, Roy Miller; Robert Morris, Kenneth Handley; John Adams, Henry Steeves.

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Along the Seashore

TIDE TABLE FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 28, 1928, PORT ORFORD

Table with columns for Day, High (A.M., P.M.), and Low (A.M., P.M.). Rows include Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

Jane Hill, Ellen Barton; Mary Dunbar, Ruth Wilson; Margaret White, Virginia Larson.

TRY THIS

By EDNA PURDY WALSH

Growing Plants in a Sponge

THE sponge makes an excellent soil in which to grow certain decorative plants. For a very effective window display soak a large piece of coarse grunge in water, squeeze it half dry, then sprinkle in the openings red clover seed, millet, barley, lawn grass, oats, rice, etc. Hang this in the window where the sun shines a portion of the day, and sprinkle it lightly with water daily.

The sponge soon livens into a mass of living green vegetation very refreshing to the eyes. The seeds used may be varied, according to fancy, but the above-named seeds in a hanging sponge



are prettier than a sponge set in a dish or plait, though excellent results may also be obtained by planting other seeds, grapefruit seeds, carrots, etc. The seeds which produce delicate feathery leaves are the prettiest for indoor plants. Golden millet brings a surprisingly quick result to leaves and decorative "fruit." Sweet clover seed also brings quick results, and has a hardness not so easily effected by change in temperature as many seeds have. Creeping bent grass seed produces a dense growth and is also very hardy.

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March 19-21 Set for U. Secretarial Course

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The eighth annual short course for commercial organization secretaries will be held again on the campus this year, March 19 to 21. The course is sponsored by the school of business administration. Last year about 35 communities were represented at the classes.

Instructors will be outstanding business men from Oregon, Washington and California, supplemented by instructors in the school of business and other departments of the University. A new course in publicity will be offered through the help of the school of journalism.

Earl Reynolds, executive secretary of the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce, is president of the state association of secretaries.

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University of Oregon, Eugene.—The accuracy and stability of the psychology tests given entering freshmen has been proven by Howard R. Taylor, professor of psychology, through the method of "re-testing" students several months after the freshman test was taken. The correlation of the two tests is approximately .9, which means that 80 per cent of the factors involved are the same in both cases, it is pointed out.

Variations are due to difference in health, state of happiness or other changeable factors, it was said. The tests, which were given to 95 students, prove that a great deal of confidence can be placed on this method, believes Mr. Taylor.

Cultivate Patience

Patience is one of the finest attributes of character. It may be based on great self-control; it may also be based on true foresight. As an exercise of self-control, it is wise because everything comes to him who waits. The whirling of time brings in its revenges—and its rewards. Patience, as a matter of calculation, is creditable to the intelligence.—Humphrey J. Desmond

According to information just furnished the Oregon State Motor association, the state highway department has secured control of all the land bordering on the Columbia river highway between Hood River and Mosier. This acquisition is in line with the policy of the highway department to secure control of scenic places, park sites, picnic grounds and timbered areas bordering on state highways with the intention of conserving the beauties of these areas for future generations.

EARLY HISTORY OF CURRY COUNTY

Part II

Activities of Judge Michael Riley.

They killed all of the volunteers stationed at the ferry, excepting five or six who saved their lives by getting into the bushes. The Indians then intended to march down the river and attack the sleeping miners. This they would have accomplished but for Riley's early morning trip up the river. Immediately upon his return with the news of the outbreak, a small company was organized and marched up the river and met the Indians and succeeded in checking the march until the remainder of the miners with their families had time to reach the fort.

One of the five volunteers stationed at the ferry who managed to escape was Charles Foster. He had just prepared his breakfast and as he raised a tin cup of coffee to his lips a bullet struck the cup, knocking it out of his hand. Mr. Foster fell over backward as if killed and crawled into a patch of thick brush where he lay all day, with the Indians all around him and within a few feet of him. The next night he crawled out and passed within a few feet of an Indian sitting by a small fire gnawing a bone. By traveling by night and concealing himself in the day time in the bushes he managed to reach the fort at Port Orford, some 40 miles distant, where a company of soldiers was stationed. The four survivors of the Bagnell ferry massacre, who a few days later succeeded in making their way to the fort at the mouth of the river were David Libby, E. H. Meservey, William Shelley and Joseph Vincent. Of all these five men mentioned E. H. Meservey is only one living (1898). He resides on Rogue river about 12 miles from the mouth. One of the first men killed was Ben Wright, the Indian agent. He and John Poland, who were in a house on the south bank of the river, opposite the ferry, were killed just before the attack was made on the volunteers.

During the five weeks spent by the volunteers in the fort at the mouth of the river, Mr. Riley took part in many exciting incidents which space will not allow us to chronicle. However, we cannot pass unnoticed one of the saddest scenes that occurred during those exciting days.

Early in the spring of '52, when Mr. Riley left his quiet and happy home in Illinois to seek his fortune in the gold fields of the Pacific coast, it was in the company of Adolph Schmaldt, a young man who was his neighbor and intimate friend. Together they braved the hardships and dangers of the dreary trip across the plains. Together they sought their fortunes in the mines and together they shared the dangers of life in the fort, until one day a party of 10 men went down to a small cabin on the bank of the river with sacks to get potatoes that were stored in the cabin. Schmaldt accompanied this party and upon reaching the river they were attacked by the Indians and compelled to make a hasty retreat to the fort. Several were killed, including Schmaldt. Several days later his body was found a few hundred yards from the fort. When notified of the finding of the body of his friend, Mr. Riley, with a few companions, proceeded to the spot, taking with him from the fort Schmaldt's blankets in which he carefully wrapped the body while his companions hastily hollowed out a shallow grave in which the remains were buried. Upon leaving

the fort, Mr. Riley went at once to Port Orford, where he remained for a year. Upon returning to Rogue river his first thought was to decorate and properly care for the grave of his friend and companion, but this he was unable to do as all trace of the grave was obliterated and its location could not be found. (Third installment of Riley's activities in next issue.)

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNTING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned as administratrix of the estate of Isabella Ashman, deceased, has filed her final account with the clerk of

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the County Court of Curry County, Oregon, in which said estate is filed, and the Court has fixed Saturday, February 25, 1928 at 10 A. M. o'clock of said day at the County Court room, in the County Court House at Gold Beach in Curry County, State of Oregon, as the time and place when objections to said accounting and report will be heard, and the estate settled and closed.

ENA McKENZIE, Administratrix of the estate of Isabella Ashman, J2415 deceased.

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