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**CANNON ON STANFIELDISM**

The attacks upon United States Senator R. N. Stanfield which of late have had prominence in the Boise Statesman are bitter pills for Oregonians. Of course it is only in Malheur and Harney Counties that Oregonians are aware of the statements which are being directed at the junior Senator, still they are bound to percolate back to Washington and have their effect there.

Just what to expect personally from a man in the position of a United States senator is a question. This is especially true of one who is in the sheep and cattle game, and has been in it during the past five years.

The people have a right to expect that a public servant be he a county official or a United States senator, will pay his bills. To do less is a reflection upon his character, yet it can be said of every stockman, nearly, that he is having a struggle to get even with the game and make up his losses of the past few years.

Without apologizing for the fact that Bob Stanfield, apparently, has not paid all his bills, yet it is not a questionable practice when another public official like Miles Cannon in a neighboring state takes to giving publicity to Bob's dereliction in this respect.

Goodness knows, Mr. Cannon and his Idaho farmers are not alone in their worry over bills that Bob has been struggling with during the past year. Neither ought he or they lament that he has been able to buy up all the sheep in sight, with funds advanced by various interests, for it is through the profits which he anticipates from these purchases that Bob expects to pay his back bills and get some of the many outfits he ran in days gone by back on their feet again.

In his efforts to get his affairs in shape the junior Senator has spent a large portion of the time since he took office, in Weiser and other Idaho cities and towns looking after his interests there. He even cut his Oregon offices and moved all his and Mr. Updike's activities to Weiser to reduce expenses and thus furnish means for paying those bills. The Idaho folks could hardly ask more. They wanted him over there, and they have him, and according to Mr. Cannon, a few accounts payable.

**AN INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT**

When Oregon led the way to direct participation of all the people in the selection of party candidates and adopted the direct primary they did not contemplate the substitution thereof of an invisible government—but that is what has taken place.

Oregon is not the first state that has experienced the activity of an active minority attempting to dictate to the majority, by forestalling their action and predetermining who among a number of candidates shall have its support. It is only because of the large number of candidates possible under the primary system that such things can be done.

The Non Partisan league led the way in several states in the effort to ignore the primary and by direct convention select candidates to center upon in the primary. Now in Oregon, a secret, irresponsible organization has adopted the Non Partisan scheme.

Unfortunately the so called Federated Patriotic societies of Portland have secured as fine a fellow as

Senator Charles Hall of Marshfield, to be the victim of their unAmerican practice. No matter how noble may be the intention of the members of these societies, and some of them undoubtedly are high minded, yet they have taken the wrong way to secure the ends they seek. What these ends are no one not a member can know. No one knows who or what they are. They do not come into the open. They are self selected and self governing. They have no business attempting to dictate to the people of Oregon who shall be the candidates for office.

The Argus has long admired Senator Hall, and believes him a capable man, but so long as he runs as the candidate of a secret junta we cannot believe that he is entitled to the consideration which he as an individual might be entitled to.

**BOOZE AND DRUGS**

Fruitland is getting into the limelight of late, with its youthful booze parties, and now with a man in whose possession drugs are found. It is a bad combination for a small town, but like a small town it cannot keep its iniquities hid.

**LIBRARY NOTES**

Road preservation and dust prevention" by William Pierson Judson is a practical little book by a consulting engineer of note. The problem of road preservation became acute in 1906 when the use of motor cars with their broad heavy tires became general. Road dust which before had been merely a nuisance, was a serious problem, not only because of the grave menace to health but because the removal of dust soon caused the roads to disintegrate. Methods of preservation which have been used are detailed, objections, opinions and conclusions of the various users are given, and the comparative costs are definitely stated.

The "Autobiography" of the "Beloved Physician" Edward Livingston Trudeau, is an inspiring record of this pioneer's ideals and achievements, in the open air treatment of tuberculosis and the establishment of the sanitarium and laboratory at Saranac. It is most interesting reading, and though it necessarily lacks the appreciation of his cheerful personality that is found in "Beloved Physician" by Chalmers, yet reveals throughout, the genial spirit of the man and the significance and humanity of his work.

**OREGON SLOPE**

Several from the Slope were in attendance at the meeting of the Power Users association at Ontario Saturday. L. L. Culbertson represented the Slide Irrigation District and P. M. Boals and H. K. Lattig the Oregon Slope district.

Miss Mildred Frost and Mrs. McKinney of Brogan, spent the week end with the former's parents.

Mrs. S. J. Simpson was the guest of Mrs. J. L. Brown Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller were entertained Sunday at the Wilcox home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sullens were guests Wednesday at the N. G. Sullens home in Vale.

Mrs. Fay Welcher spent several days last week with Mrs. Vincent at the Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario.

L. I. Culbertson and Geo. Culp were business visitors in Ontario Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bly and daughter, Mrs. E. L. Brown and children were dinner guests Friday evening of Miss Maude Culp.

Oliver Wisby and family left last week for their home near Ontario.

Geo. Davis was absent from school Thursday and Friday on account of sickness.

Hamilton Conner and wife Ontario were guests of Miss Mary Conner Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Otto C. Miller spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. W. F. Vincent, who is ill at the Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario.

Mrs. C. A. Karst spent Monday with Mrs. L. R. Briethaupt of Ontario.

P. M. Boals, J. L. Brown and A. A. Gutteridge who were called as witnesses in the condemnation proceedings between Malheur county and the Joseph estate, spent the past week in Baker City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gorton and daughter were guests Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller.

Mrs. W. F. Vincent, who underwent a very serious operation at the Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario, Monday of last week, is improving as rapidly as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Karst and Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Lattig were dinner guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Wilkin.

Miss Leora Haantz was absent from school Monday on account of illness.

Mrs. H. Conner of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bly, Misses Maude Culp and Mary Conner and Messrs. Geo. Culp and Art Conner were guests Sunday evening at the Mason Clough home.

Mrs. Roy Cram entertained Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller at dinner Thursday evening.

Mrs. John Coates and Mrs. Weaver are reported on the sick list this week.

L. L. and I. I. Culbertson received a message Tuesday announcing the death of their aged mother, Mrs. J. S. Culbertson of Seattle. She has been very ill for some time, so the report as not entirely unexpected.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Frost entertained a number of friends at dinner last Sunday.

The ladies of the Park Improvement club are giving a chicken pie supper and musical entertainment at Park school house Friday evening, Feb. 24th. Supper from 6 to 8 p. m., followed by excellent entertainment. The proceeds will go to the Community House building fund. Come out and get a good dinner and help a good cause. Payette and Ontario are especially invited.

Mrs. S. Skippen is the guest of her daughter Mrs. C. Ayers of Big Willow.

Mesdames Arner Gorton and Roy Cram were guests of Mrs. Art Miller Monday afternoon.

Dave Howard left last week for Kansas on an extended business trip.

Mr. Brown of Boise and Geo. K. Aiken of Ontario, were business visitors on the Slope one day last week.

Remember to chicken pie supper. Mr. and Mrs. Warren of Baker City, entertained P. M. Boals, A. A. Gutteridge, J. L. Brown and Geo. Latig at dinner Wednesday.

At a meeting of the land holders of the Slope Friday the proposition of the otation of water was thoroly debated, and after a very practical talk by Mr. Kennard, State water master, who pointed out the advantages of rotation of water for irrigation, the meeting unanimously decided to install the rotation system of irrigating. This is a great step forward and without doubt will mean a great saving to the land holder and farmers under the Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation system.

**SCHOOL NOTES**

The Valentine masquerade given by the High school was a decided success. The hall was very prettily decorated with red and white which together with the many colored costumes made a scene of real beauty. The Queen of Hearts, Reba Rood, and her king, Frank Van Peitten, reigned graciously, and were well supported by their court. The evening was passed in playing listening to many comical cases tried in the Kangaroo Court. At the close of the evening festivities the judges unanimously decided that the prize for the cleverest costume was won by Fayette Baker, and that Alice Dorman had the prettiest costume.

The High school was made larger by one member when Elsie Elliott registered Monday morning.

Lola Rees visited the High school Monday after an absence of several weeks, due to an operation.

The members of the boys' and girls' basket ball teams were keenly disappointed twice during the last week. The first disappointment was felt by both teams alike when the Vale game was postponed. The second one came from the girls when Caldwell refused to play Saturday. The boys played, but were defeated by a score of 47 to 11. Next Friday the teams go to Payette for the return game.

A basket ball game between the Rooks and the women's night class is being planned.

Don't forget the Senior play, "Green Stockings" which will be presented on March 2nd. Tickets are on sale at Leuhr's drug store.

The Ag. boys will attend the sessions of Farmers' week at the City Hall next week.

Everyone agreed that the Glee club was worth much more than was paid to hear it.

A preliminary debate was held at the High school auditorium last Friday. Both sides did splendidly, but owing to the absence of Reba Rood no vote was taken.

The civics class has been preparing a debate on the question resolved: That the Monroe Doctrine should be abolished.

A holiday was enjoyed Wednesday February 22, in honor of Washington's birthday.

M. D. Thomas, Judge Dalton Biggs and Francis Rieder, alternate, accompanied the negative debate team, Hugh Biggs and Wendall Thayer to Nyssa Tuesday evening.

The Sophomore English class, who are now studying exposition have given some very interesting talks on such subjects as naturalization, income tax, patents, etc.

Tuesday, Miss Gladys Franklin of the class '21, visited the High school. She has just closed a very successful term of teaching at Silver, Oregon.

In the triangle debate held at Nyssa, Vale and Ontario, Tuesday eve-

ning, Feb. 21, Vale's affirmative team won a unanimous decision over Nyssa's negative; Ontario's negative won a unanimous decision over Nyssa's affirmative; and Vale's negative won a 2 to 1 decision over Ontario's affirmative. This gives Vale the championship of this district. The decision in the debate held here was a very close one, and considering the fact that at a few hours' notice Myrtle Secoy had to take the place of Reba Rood whose illness prevented her being present, we have no cause to feel ashamed of our showing in debate this year.

**VALLEY VIEW**

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Frakes and daughter, Hesper, spent Tuesday at W. G. Armstrong's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ingraham and little girl, together with Will Downs, wife and son, spent Wednesday of last week visiting Ollie Holloway and family on the Johnson Island.

Miss Margaret Griffin spent Wednesday night at the A. F. Burr home. As quite a snow fell that night Mr. Burr gave her and the boys a sleigh ride to school next morning.

Jesse, Brown and family were dinner guests at the Armstrong home Thursday.

A number of the young people of the community were entertained at the Cottage Friday evening by the teachers, Misses Griffin and Halstead.

Miss Ida Johnson spent Saturday evening with Miss Lois Halstead.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Burr and daughter, Ceila, spent Friday at the W. G. Armstrong home.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis and family, Fred Sundquist and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moeller and sons George and August, visited at the I. E. Du Pre home Sunday.

Miss Agnes Amidon, Alvah Amidon, John Stoneman and John Keon spent Sunday evening at the E. C. Ingraham home. The evening was spent in playing flinch.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Burr and family spent Sunday with Holden Clement's. The girls were just recovering from severe colds.

LeRoy Dean, Paul George and Fritz Moeller spent last Saturday evening at the E. C. Ingraham home, enjoying games and popcorn.

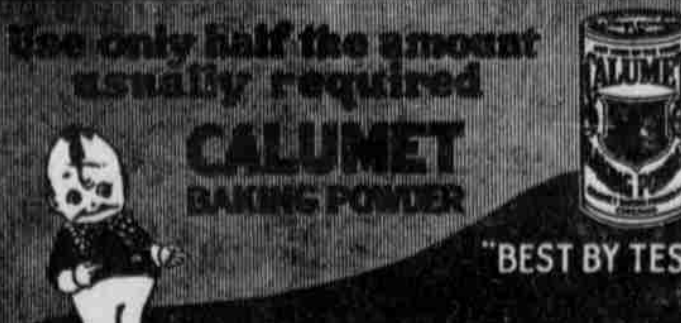
A small skating party of school boys was held at the Sherwood pond last Wednesday evening.

The teachers, Misses Halstead and Griffin arranged a very pleasant surprise on Ernest Burr Tuesday evening on the occasion of his 14th birthday. The sixth, seventh and eighth grades were present. Games were enjoyed by all at a late hour refreshments were served. Three cheers were given for the teachers.

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Rev. Martin of the Nazarine church will preach at the school house Sunday.

The Washingtonians will meet at the Odd Fellows Hall the 22nd at 2:00 p. m. where a banquet will be served to those whose birthdays come that day, especially Uncle Dick Rutherford. Several from the Valley View section will participate.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching, 11:00 a. m.  
Subject: "What the Bible Teaches About Man."  
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.  
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