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#### CRITICISM THAT KILLS PUBLIC MEN

"NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—The late President Harding was greatly hurt by adverse and unjust criticism heaped upon him as the nation's chief executive, Myron T. Herrick, but must pass through an inter-American ambassador to France, declared today on his arrival on the Paris for a month's vacation.

"The presidency,' he said, 'has become an impossible position. Not even a strong man physically can stay on the vated black current is much more job to the finish. The strain of the office and the terrible susceptible than the other. It is criticism which are heaped upon a President will break down the most dangerous agent in the official, and this undoubtedly happened in the case of spreading the white pine blister Mr. Harding.

"I could see very clearly that he was greatly hurt by these adverse and unjust criticisms. I knew his nature and I know how silently he endured these things."

The above dispatch appeared in the Oregonian of Sunday. Is the time coming when a public man must have the hide of a rhinoseros, besides the endurance of a marathon runner or a Missouri mule?

Besides being piled with burdens of work beyond the physical endurance of the average man, the President of the United States is subject to the slings and arrows of criticism and abuse that are calculated to worry to the breaking point any man with a sensitive nature-

And this is not confined to Presidents.

His friends knew how James Withycombe, Governor of Oregon, endured mental agony that led to physical suffering and pain, because of the maliciously directed abuse of a politi- the past six months, and on numcal camorra or junta in Oregon, using cooked up propaganda erous occasions were told that for the purpose of gaining public favor for that crowd, at the such and such a town was so many expense of the man who was then the chief executive of this state. His intimate friends went so far as to say that this stream of abuse was the direct cause of the death of Governor changed our vocabulary to con- the land his father took as a do-Withycombe; and there can be no doubt that it at least form to it. astened him to his grave.

There is another case in Oregon, that of State Treasurer O. P. Hoff. He has been a sick man for a long time, and down, now that a Kansas editor his case has been rendered more stubborn by the heaping has come here to reside. It is to up against him of abuse, most of it calculated for no possible the credit of every administra- industrious and frugal man, beta August 15. She will make her good, but having the effect, whatever its intent, of merely tion that Kansas editors coming ter to every one else than to himlacerating the wound of a suffering man. What can you think of that is more needlessly cruel?

This is not a plea for less honest criticism or for a smaller amount of frank discussion of public affairs, and of public men, directed and given with a view to improving conditions and offering better or more practicable methods. This is to be desired. It should be courted. Constructive criticism is salutary.

But, throughout all our history, there has been too great a degree of liberty afforded to the mere assassins of character, for sinister purposes, or for the purpose of pandering to a certain appetite for mere idle gossip and slander; an tablished as fair, and is making not forgotten. appetite that is prone to grow by what it feeds upon. It better conditions. started with Washington, who suffered much. It did not end with Mr. Harding, who occupied in our day the succession of the high place that, according to no less a man than Myron T. Herrick, our Ambassador to France, "has become an impossible position."

Will it, with President Coolidge and his successors, remain an impossible position? This subject is worthy of the soliloguy of a Hamlet. It is deserving of the white light of a Dickens, calling a nation's attention to the abuse. It should ings. be given the attention of an aroused public opinion in both state and nation, demanding mercy and justice and decency and common sense.

MAKING SALEM GROW

was hard to get started. It has

commercial gravity will carry it

which is capable of supporting a

City building is not necessarily

unselfish. It is only unselfish in

the sense that it helps every resi-

dent, even the ones who will pull

back. It is selfish in the sense

that it helps every line of busi-

ness in the city and every foot of

HERBERT HOOVER

This week we passed the house

service of city building.

property.

### CRIME A DISEASE

It is quite well established that crime is a disease and we are treating it with sympathy, rather in Salem, has stood in the front than with a big stick. Recogtreated accordingly. No one goes to the hospital for any given by force. Once in a while a city it takes. The same is true of gets big enough to carry itself to come down. criminals. A man should be sent along. Because of the innate conto the penitentiary until it is safe servatism of a capital city, Salem to release him to society.

When a man serves his term he gone so far now that the law of has made restitution to society for his mistakes as surely and cer- forward. Salem has more things tainly as if he had given back the to make a city than any other city life taken or the property stolen. in America. We mean by that, When the disease is out of his more different things. Some cities system, when he has paid the full are built on wheat, some on iron; penalty of his mistakes, he is entitled to his liberty. He is returned to society cleansed of his iniquity and ready to take his place with his fellow men. According to the ideals of our institutions the man has paid the penalty. He is no more held for his past than a man is held for having had the smallpox or pneumonia. The world is fast coming to the thought that criminals are human beings, and that instead of being inherently criminal they the creatures of environment and the victims of circumstance. We can trace almost any confirmed iminal and back of him there is

Quaker, Mr. Hoover's first home is a dignified story and a half structure which has defied the elements and looks inviting yet. A block away stands the Quaker church, where he still holds membership and which he helped to build.

Herbert Hoover is the outstanding figure in the present cabinet, He is a man of wonderful vision and yet capable of infinite details. He possesses these two qualities as no other man in public life does. If the republican party does not find Calvin Coolidge satisfactory. remember there is always the former Salem boy who has given to the world such wonderful executive and constructive service.

#### A PINE ENEMY

Here is something that deserves attention. It isn't a wild guess but a deliberate statement made by the Forest Patrolman. "Blister rust cannot spread directly from diseased pine to a healthy one mediary stage on currant or gooseberry leaves. All kinds of current or gooseberry, wild or cultivated, will take the disease. The culti-

The pine is so important to this country that every agency contributing to its delinquency ought to be ruthlessly dug out. It is not a very far call from disease of white pine to disease of the other pines.

#### MEASURING DISTANCE

thing was measured by miles in best known citizens. the country. Portland was so many miles away; Dallas was so many miles away; Jefferson was so many miles away, and so forth.

The Portland Oregonian asks if the Salem postoffice is nailed to Oregon to reside are so well recognized. That one in Salem never hankered for a postoffice, and never will

steel interests have finally grant- self-never was known to speak ed an eight-hour day. The steel evil of anyone; never harbored industry has become important, an insult nor thought of revenge but one of its corner stones was its overuse of humanity. No man has any business to work twelve hours a day at hard manual labor. The eight-hour day has been es- Founders' Day t Chmpoeg

Germany is said to be near an archy, yet certainly Germany is office. stronger than any of us expected, granddaughter he made the jourif it does not already have anarchy. The world does not want lamented President Harding. Germany crushed. Only France afraid of Germany that the Ruhr form near the president, where crime is an expression of her feel

It is too early to forecast the the president. reaction on President Coolidge. However, this thing is certain. If he does not meet the call of this About a week ago. Richard sufhour and satisfy the discontent of fered the bursting of a blood vesthe people, the candidate to be sel on the brain from which he 20 pickers, expecting a month's On Sunday we were talking to successful against him must come has lain in a stupor until 12 m. work. a man who, before any other man from the west.

line of progress for more than a The advance notice spread to nized as a disease, it should be generation. We asked him how newspapers in Railway Age tells Salem grew, and he said it was of record breaking business and record breaking efficiency. Experiod. They go there until they just naturally grows, but gener- actly. Given both these things, are cured, no matter how long ally city builders force it until it the exorbitant freight rates ought

# OCEANSIDE

OCEANSIDE, Or., Aug. 13 .- A last week for a 10-day vacation. Included in the party are I. H Van Winkle, Miss Rosalind Van Winkle, Mrs. Patterson and Miss Vivian Patterson, L. R. M. Pierce. dozen different things, any one ot and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Churchill. Mr. and Mrs Frank Bligh spent city of our size. What is needed a few days here last week while

now is more men to enlist in the on their vacation Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy N. Mayers and Mr. and Mrs. J. D Berwick spent the week-end in Echo cot-

Allen and Leo Kafoury visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sternberg are spending a week's outing here. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wille, Miss Jessica Wille, Miss Stewart and Mrs. Ellen G. Richardson returned to Salem last week following While here both families made a

We see no way to determine Mrs. L. M. Morcom of Dodge- August 16-19 National guard rifle

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PRESIDENT GIVEN REMARKABLE TRAINING, BY

HARDING.

ident Harding in which he advised him that he was expected to play a full part in the coming Republican administration.

Good Qualities of a Pioneer Who Has Died

Editor Statesman:

In the death of R. L. (Dick) Swarts, which occurred at noon yesterday at the family home, five miles east of Salem, this commun-Up to a few years ago every- ity has lost one of its oldest and

For 71 years Richard Swarts has been a frequent visitor in Salem. Everybody knows "Dick" Swarts. For many years he was in the sawmill business on Little There is creeping into our vocab- Pudding river. Many a home in ulary the idea of measuring dis- Salem was erected from the outtances by time. It happens that put from his mills. At one time we have travelled considerably the lumber for the bridges in over Washington and Oregon in Marion county was largely furnished from the Swarts mills.

When a lad of 10 years h crossed the plains with his parents, walking barefoot nearly all minutes or so many hours away. the way from Iowa to Marion The automobile has not only county, Oregon. All his life from speeded up our business, but has 1852 to 1923 has been spent on nation claim.

Mr. Swarts has been a real asand an indefatigable worker, a de-

Dick Swarts was a good friend, congenial companion, an honest self. Everybody was his frien He had not an enemy in the

whole wide world. He was king to his family and to his neighwors, congenial to all. Although, like all humanity, he had his faults, It has been a long fight but the he never harmed anyone but himfor injuries.

> During late years Dick attend with great interest the annual meetings of the Oregon Pioneer association at Portland, also

In politics Mr. Swarts Republican but not being a radical sort of a man he never aspired to

he very greatly enjoyed not only the occasion but the various Christian church went to Salem the outside that they are picked.

The pageant, in imitation of an emigrant train was also very much enjoyed by Mr. Swarts. yesterday, when the angel of death took him to a land where N. Barnett were married in Sathe ills of life will not interrupt his plans for the future.

A kind man, a good man, a just man gone to his reward. What a heritage to his family! May his ashes rest in peace.

-W. T. RIGDON. Salem, August 13, 1923,

### **WOODBURN NEWS**

Mrs. H. L. Moore and daughters Helen and Margaret, are enjoying an outing at Newport. August 12 the Christ'an Sunday school held a picnic at the Wednesday, August 8, Mr. and

Mrs. E. J. Stanard and son Kelly. and Mr. and Mrs. Stanard of Portland, father of Mr. Stanard. returned from a trip to Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, B. C., Mt. Rainier national park, returning Bear near Lebanon. by Chehalis, Long Beach and Sea-

John Norman of Lake Crystal, Minn., visited his old friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Beckhan of Nebraska who have been visiting at the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Beckman, left for their home Sunday. several days visit at the Breakers. trip to California in the La A. August 17, Friday - Iowa picnic, fair-

med home, worthless parents in which Herbert Hoover lived as who the 10 greatest living Amersurroundings calculated to an orphan boy when he made his jean women are without conductlooking after business.

Mrs. Esgano Monthlesses and September 34 to 28 Uragon state fair. I

family are spending two or three weeks at Newport.

Earl Baker, mother, sister Virginia and Miss. Louise Schermer of Seattle, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.

E. L. Priestly of Redfield, S. D., was visiting his old partner W. T. Rigdon Tells of the and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John No-

Miss Iris Chenoweth returned from attending summer normal of the University of Washington. She visited Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., Bellingham and Rainier national park. Miss Chenoweth will teach the high Clatskanie next year.

D. H. Bumhoff and W. H. Huddleston and families have returned from an outing at the Tillamook beaches.

Mrs. Nettie Doud has returned from a trip to Seaside. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Haller and by are spending his vacation at

Pacific City. Mr. and Mrs. A Nendel and Me and Mes. Frank Wright left tition of the word "Hello." Saturday for the Josephine Caces and will return by the heaches

Mrs. J. H. Mack left Wednesday for Calgary, Brandon and Manitoba, Canada. H. M. Swenson of Los Angeles has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lindahl.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Landon arrived home Tuesday night from Breitenbush hot springs.

tended the Clatsop Bankers' association at Seaside. Miss Erma McGonegal will box descends the shelf of spices. leave for Los Angeles by steamer

home with her brother, Glenn, who is in charge of the costume department of Jack Pickford in Hollywood, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. H. Baillie and the former's mother, Mrs. W. John-

ton, left Sunday for two weeks at Newport. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hotaling of Grant City, Mo., have returned

home after an extended visit with sister and husband, Mr. ard Mrs. S. W. Maupin. Mrs. Blaine McCord and children have been spending a week

at Pacific City. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliott of

Manteca, Cal., visited his brother and Wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Elliott.

### TURNER

TURNER, Ore., Aug. 13. Mrs. Carrie McQuin of Portland wants that. France is so mortally am July 3 as he sat on the plat- spent a few days with her brother. O. H. P. Cornelius.

The congregation of the local Sunday to attend services at the ourt street Christian church Walter Robinson has accepted a position in the general merchan-

dise store at Mill City. Bean picking began at C. A. Bears 28 acre field Monday with

Miss Gayette Davis and Henry lem August 6. On Wednesday evening following about 80 of their friends called at their new- The physician had hopes for ly furnished home. Before leaving they were treated to ice

E. C. Baker has been elected mayor of Turner and J. M. Bones will fill a vacancy on the council. A Banker Pierce and wife had their automobile overturned east of Turner escaping with slight

A number of the Methodist' oung people attended the district Enworth League convention at Falls City. Mrs Gunning accom- too. Miss Eletnor Moore for the entire est old pals you ever saw. Mrs. Frances Thee, sister of

Mrs. Henry Barnett spent a week Budbank road. They had two of with friends returning Friday to the finest riding horses in the visit with her mother, Mrs. F. W.

## **FUTURE DATES**

tugust 1 to 15-Annual summer camp ol YMCA. Trask river. legust 1 to 29-Annual encampment Boy Scouts at Cascadia. August 14, Tuesday-Sur August 15, Wednesday-Minnesota pic

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER 380.

THE TRUTH MADGE GOT FROM MISS JONES.

hoarse and raucous was it, when message is most urgent." I at last pulled myself together the hospital telephone.

"Hello! Hello!" I called incut me off after telling me the thing of the kind." terible news of Marion's death.

believe, nor retail to the anxious tain. heart of Robert Savarin waiting heart chilled with the certainly do not call Miss Jones at once." that if Marion were really gone, her mother would not be far be- What Miss Jones Said. hind her.

What was it the woman had endeavor to get her again upon ened: "Hold the wire."

"I Didn-"

Things

"Died an hour ago after suffering convulsions all night!"

If this were true, where was send for me if Lillian needed me. this time. "This is Mrs. Graham, could have. Could it be possible that the superintendent's inefficient substitute have just told me Marion is dead had not called the physician? I put that theory aside, knowing ized child, and would have com- an's nerves had over the nurse's We thought we detected an air o pelled action if none were forth- professional calm. Then her voice, wistfulness about the lad and ou coming. But suppose Lillian her- quickly reassuring: self had-the voice of the woman

"What is it? What do you better."

want?" I recognized panic in the not know what to do. With a assurance. mighty effort I controlled my own voice to measured calmness, spoke ing a thing?" I asked.

slowly and distinctive: "Please call Miss Jones to the a moment, please?"

"Miss Jones!" The voice held then Miss Jones' voice again. a helpless, sort of you-have-askedsomething-impossible-tone. "But morning, a young girl, victim of she is on a case in a private room. an automobile collision, also suf-

and spoke again to the woman at sized. You have just told me that frightened."

Miss Jones' patient is dead-" my first call, wondering if she had astonishment. "I didn't say any-

I was news that I would not I did not dare let myself be cer- the official temporarily in author-

"Then you have made a terrible for me in the car outside the sta- mistake," I said icily, "and have my comprehension of her m tion until I had it confirmed from caused me untold agony of mind. ing in the words. "Will you plea the lips of Marion's nurse, Dr. Pet- I shall take this up with the board tell Mrs. Underwood that Mr. tit or Lillian herself. But my of governors immediately if you Savarin has arrived, that we are

A hapless, hopeless, sort of sil- upon waking this morning. said? I tried to think calmly, ence for fully half a minute-my even while I frantically snapped brain alternately registering hope than 15 minutes." the receiver up and down in the and despair—then a sullen fright-

> Another minute's wait, then crisp, fresh and efficient came the voice of Marion's nurse. "This is Miss Jones.

it, please?" "Oh, Miss Jones!" I was al- of the hospital's splendid Dr. Pettit? He had promised to most hysterical in my doubt by and spirit that the institution

Mrs. Underwood's friend. They

-is it true?" Over the wire came the sound that Lillian would have raised of a quick, shocked intake of the ant yesterday we saw a small heaven and earth and the nether breath. Afterward I realized that ragged urchin watching a girl in regions to get help for her idol- it was the only triumph the wom- the window baking better-cakes.

"No." The emphasis was capi- kid?" we asked. at the other end of the 'phone talized. "She is very much alive. at last answered my frantic repe- and passed a splendid night. And ply. "Can't a feller look at her mother is also feeling much swell dame without drawin' me

"Thank God!" It was a re voice, realizing that in an emerg- prayer of thankfulness that my ency of this sort confronting the lips uttered. Then the remem-woman—the breaking of the un- brance of the fright I had been expected news of a death-she did given made me demand further

"How is it I was told so shock-

"I do not know. Will you walt

I heard a low murmur of voices. "A patient did die here this

I hardly knew my own voice, so and cannot be called unless the fering from concussion and skull fracture. It was a-natural-mis-"It is most urgent," I empha- take, but I am so sorry you were The nurse, with the discipline of "Why! the very idea!" The the hospital upon her, had begun sistently when she did not answer voice was pettish in its resentful the sentence, but the woman finished it, and I surmised the gen-

erous indignation that was in her My pulses leaped hopefully, yet heart against the blundering of ity over her. "Thank you." I tried to conve

at the Southampton station, an will be right over?" Yes, indeed. Marion asked for

you and for uncle the first thing "We will be with her in

"Good. I'll tell her. Good-by. She had reassured me, and dis missed me with an air of leisure liness masking brisk finality, an as I gripped my shuttered nerve is and went out to the car I realized that she was the best interprete

(To be continued.)

heart was touched. "Hungr,

"Naw!" came his scornful re crowd?"-Lightning Line.

# THE BOYS AND GIRLS NEWSPAPER

The Biggest Little Paper in the World

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city of Cayenne in Guiana, where

Of Fun

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in limewater for two weeks to re- | and white. It comes from the The Tale of a Pepper Box

"A dash of pepper" demands must not confound with black of vines." the cook book, and the pepper

He sneezes cloud of smoke into a pocket hand kerchief and begins a conversation:

first made my debut into the circle of sea- first magnitude star, for stars

rents with me. in those times: 'For rent, modern fifth or sixth magnitude. 30-room castle with drawbridge, thousand peppercorns per an- found, is a group east of Hercunum!' Those days are gone. Now les and a little southeast of the

keeps me in stock. "These highly flavored grains that inhabit my walls are the ground fruit of the pepper vine tra, Borneo and the West Indies. The fruit grows much after the fashion of currants, in clusters, many clusters to a vine. It is not until the berries have become red in color with a coating or hull on ground. The result you see-

Black pepper. "White pepper is harder to pre-

even a faint star.

Then they are dried on a mat and turning, every bright star that this circle becomes in turn the

pole star. pare. The hulls must be soaked a turn at being the pole star 47

The Star Vega

"Cayenne, or red epper, you it grows on bushy plants in

The Falling Eagle of the August Night Sky harp. Vega is what is called a

Want ads read of the first, second, and on to Lyra, in which Vega may be there's scarcely a kitchen but head of Draco. You may obtain ter idea of her radiant magnifi an idea of the distance of Vega from the earth when you learn that it takes the light from Vega something like 40 years to travel which is found in Java, Suma- to the earth. If your own sun close together that they appear were at the distance of Vega it the naked eyes as one.

would not appear as bright as The North Pole is not stationary, as you might imagine, but it turns around very slowly in a cir- fishing when some one in an cle, which takes 25,800 years to other boat called, "Hello!" Just complete. During this period of lies near the circumference of

The star Alpha,, in Draco, had

A beautiful bluish-white star, centuries ago. Polaris is one of the brightest in the heav- the star closest, being a little over ens, Vega, in the small constel- a degree from the pole. During the next two centuries Polaris lation Lyra, which means lyre or will continue to approach the quarter of a degree of it, then sonings, I was are classed according to the bril- distance from the pole will be so valuable that people paid their liance of their light into bodies to increase again. About 12,00 years hence Vega will be the mo

brilliant and beautiful of all the pole stars. If you can look at Vega through cence. And if you look closely you will see on either side of Vega a tiny star, each of which is real ly a double star or two stars at

And This Time It Was, The telephone girl was on he vacation. One day she was o then she got a bite.

"Line's busy," she answered. Ginney Ginnet Son: "Pass the butter." Mother: "If what?" Son: "If you can reach it."

hands, "real surgeon's hands they are." Doc was always very careful of those hands. Why, I can remember once when Phil broke a finger playing baseball. I actually believe Doc felt worse than he would if it had been the boy's leg. All his hopes were wrapped

up in those small hands. One evening Doc and Phil were them. Phil's horse was frightened, it was a high-spirited animal, it reared and threw Phil. Luckily the boy fell at the side of the runaway. Only his hands outstretched in front of him to protect him in the fall were in danger. They lay dight in the path of the big wagon whels

tion in at a glance. Like a flash ed down town for the first time he threw himself from the horse on Phil's arm. Proud! He was surely made a splendid picture as and protected the boy's hands so proud he nearly burst. "He's with his own body.

a while we all thought that Doc big clinic. That one operation he would some day be a great had been killed. A big doctor was all he needed to make him surgeon. Doc had never had the was called down from the city and after that Doc gradually began to get better. But they said he would never be able to walk again. His legs were both paralyzed.

After the accident Phil's future calling became almost a passion grow up over night. It was then that we all stopped calling him "Little Doc." No one ever work-

that his son should. "Look at ed harder than Phil did for the those hands," he would say, next eight years, and I know proudly pointing at Little Doc's that his crippled father was a great help to him.

A year ago Phil Marston finished his special course and then he came back home and begat working harder than ever. don't know just when he begg talking to his father first abou an operation. But I do that Doc would never have consented to let anyone else oper riding along, when suddenly a ate on him. He knew enough run-away team came up behind about his injury to know that it was practically hopeless.

But I guess Doc would have le wanted to. It turned out that Phil had made a special study of his father's injury all during his course. The operation was great success. It was the talk of the whole state, and still is for Doc must have taken the situa. that matter. Yesterday Doc walkgoing to Chicago," he beamed at Phil came out unhurt, but for me. "He's been called there to a famous."





## THE SHORT STORY, JR. LITTLE DOE'S HANDS

gun; The sacrifice made, His son has repaid,

great thing the young doctor

Phil was Doc Marston's only That's what we all called panied Miss Doris Barnett and Phil. Those two were the great-

has done.

Almost every evening you could see the two of them riding out the country and the father and son

From the time Phil was a tiny baby it was always agreed that chance, but he was determined