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THE LORD'S SIDE—"Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said: 'Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me.' And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him." Ex. 32:26.

CONCERNING THE CASE OF CODY

Very early yesterday morning, some one attempted to reach by telephone the editor of The Statesman, with the request that an eleventh-hour effort be made to save from the noose the neck of Archie Cody, who was hanged at the penitentiary at 8:30.

The burden of the request was based on the published reasons of Governor Pierce explaining to the public why he could not bring himself to extend clemency in the shape of a commutation to life imprisonment—

And the main reason urged was the claim that the murdered sheriff, Austin Goodman of Harney county, had no warrant of arrest when he overtook Cody in Malheur county.

The record discloses that Sheriff Goodman did not have the warrant of arrest with him; but a warrant had been issued and was in the hands of a deputy sheriff of Harney county, who had telephoned to Sheriff Goodman. Upon this information, Sheriff Goodman hastened in pursuit of Cody, and overtook him in Malheur county.

Cody submitted to arrest, and the evidence at the trial showed that he saw the star of the sheriff and that he asked that he might get his saddle, which request the sheriff granted. But Cody in going for his saddle secured a gun or guns, with which he killed the sheriff.

Sheriff Goodman was acting in the line of his duties. The majesty of the law was his protection—

And he would have been within his rights had he not been sheriff at all but merely a private citizen. A felony had been committed by Cody. He was attempting to escape from arrest. He was outside the pale of the law. He could come under the law's protection only by submitting to arrest and appealing to every man's right to be considered innocent till proven guilty.

The point of the sheriff having no warrant was submitted in the transcript of the evidence to the supreme court. It was brushed aside as insignificant.

No matter what we may think of the principle of capital punishment, that is the law in Oregon now, in cases of first degree murder and the absence of direction of the trial jury that life imprisonment be substituted.

In the absence of the discovery of new evidence not before the trial court and the supreme court, Governor Pierce could not have interfered with a commutation.

THE DATA ASKED FOR

The data concerning the cost of getting improvements in the Willamette river that will give Salem still water navigation to Portland is being asked for.

Also, the probable cost of a highway over the Minto pass, connecting the Willamette valley with the central Oregon country.

These are two projects that deserve the support of all our people, and the thing to do is to get the fullest possible information, and then hammer away on their importance till the improvements are made.

"ITEMS"

Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, issues from time to time a mimeographed statement concerning the business of the state of Oregon, under the heading, "Items." Number 10 of this series, dated April 12, is the latest one. It gives full information to those who wished to file for office, a sketch concerning the coming celebration at Champoeg, May 1, a comparative record of the motor vehicle registrations, the figures of the tourist travel, a record of the gasoline taxes, a complete report of the motor traffic division, etc.

This record represents a mountain of painstaking work, and the undertaking is commendable. It gives information that will be valuable in all the departments of the state, and especially useful to the members of the legislature.

It is the kind of work that helps to mark the painstaking efficiency of Oregon's secretary of state.

THE SANTIAM PASS ROAD

"Someone has discovered as an argument for the new Santiam Pass road across the Cascade mountains that the Santiam snow field is but five miles across while that of the McKenzie pass is 18. But it would be a road worth building, anyway."

The paragraph quoted above is from the editorial page of the Portland Journal.

If every one who ought to be interested will pull together for this road, connecting the Willamette valley with the central Oregon country, through the Minto pass, we will get that highway built.

And it will make a loop trip that will be used by thousands of tourists every year.

And it will join together in a close and mutual commercial union two of the greatest sections of Oregon in potential wealth.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

All correspondence for this department must be signed by the writer, must be written on one side of the paper only, and should not be longer than 150 words.

Salem's Opportunity

Dear Editor: The annual rose festival of Portland has been definitely postponed until next year on account of the remodeling of Multnomah field, the only feasible place to hold the ceremonies. The North California flower show has been called off on account of the death of Luther Burbank. The Portland Garden club's flower show is a thing of the past. Yet there seems to be a growing demand among professional florists, as well as amateurs, to gather together somewhere each year to show what new and wonderful things they have produced, and compare notes and get acquainted. On the other hand the garden growers and home owners are always eager to avail themselves of any such opportunity to increase their fund of information so as to apply it to the beautification of their own home grounds.

Also, there is the ever-increasing throng of tourists who are out for a good time. All dressed up and nowhere in particular to go. Just spelling for some big objective like a festival so as to make that an excuse for traveling.

Why should not the several and various clubs of Salem get their heads together, seize this opportunity, gratify this evident desire to congregate and admire and at the same time put Salem on the map in a magnificent way.

I am sure that all in any way connected with the floral industry would gladly cooperate to the best of their ability. It need not be held early, for Salem has flowers enough for a festival at any time of year.

Some organization should take the initiative and then let us know what's wanted, and when they want it.

H. C. BATEHAN,
Florist, Oregon State Hospital.

Tears of Love

Editor Statesman:
I have just read Ella McMunn's masterly tribute to Little Ruth Mathis, and I do say, that Robert G. Ingerson, has nothing on Ella McMunn, when it comes to wrenching the human heart and causing the tears of love and tenderness to flow!

Yours for the pen.
Which is mightier than the sword!

STAYTON MOURNS DEATH OF YOUTH

High Tribute Paid Alvah Clay Davis, Dead After Long Illness

Alvah Clay Davis, a promising young high school student and the only son of Mrs. William Crabtree, passed away at his home in Stayton Monday morning, April 12, after an illness covering many weeks.

The passing of this young man, just as he was entering into manhood, leaves a void in the hearts of his loved ones, schoolmates and friends which only time can heal.

He was born in Madras, Or., on January 7, 1909, and at the time of his passing was 17 years, three months and five days of age, and the youngest of three children. He was a member of the Christian church, a constant attendant at Sunday school, and in his school work was diligent and ambitious, often working beyond his strength and endurance.

He was a kind hearted dutiful son and a patient sufferer. Prof. O. V. White of the Stayton school assisted by Rev. Westbrook of Portland conducted the funeral Wednesday afternoon. Out of respect for the deceased a half holiday was declared and the high school student body attended in a honor of the boy. Six of his schoolmates acted as pall bearers, and the school male quartet sang several choice selections.

Followed by a large number of relatives and friends, the body was taken to a picturesque little cemetery near Central church, eight miles east of Albany, and there in a grassy plot beside his father, under a canopy of beautiful Rowans Alvah was laid to his last long sleep.

The immediate relatives are his mother, Mrs. W. W. Crabtree, his step-father, William Crabtree, and two sisters, Mrs. Clifford Hall of Salem and Mrs. George Mielke of Portland.

Solitary Monk Is Remnant of Life in Old City Ani

ERIVAN, Russian Armenia.—Ani, an ancient Armenian city, within the shadow of Mount Ararat, probably has the smallest population of any city in the world.

Data gathered by the American Near East Relief shows that an aged Armenian monk is the sole inhabitant of the city, which once had a population of 100,000. His only companions are an Angora cat and a few owls which live in a ruined church near the monk's hut.

Ani was once a flourishing city and was the residence for several centuries of the Bagratide Kings of Armenia. From the Eighth to the Tenth century it was under the domination of the Caliphs of Bagdad, among whom was the romantic and scholarly Haroun-al-Rachid, hero of a dozen stories in the "Arabian Nights." But Ani is now in ruins, and the Armenians are too poor to rebuild it. It is 600 years since the city thrived with the pulse of human life.

The judges for the evening were William McGilchrist, Sr., Stephen Wolfe and H. T. Love.

A tremendously worthy program, sponsored in a fine manner by Hal Hibberd camp, United Spanish War Veterans, characterized last night's endeavor. The Salem boys' chorus closed the program with the triumphant number, "Hall, 'Tis the Midnight Hour."

SEYMOUR JONES
NOT A CANDIDATE

He Tells Why His Name Will Not Be on Primary Ballot for Governor

Hon. Seymour Jones considered for a time the urgent requests of many friends that he allow his name to be used on the May primary ballot as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. He made up his mind, however, that he could not afford the time or the expense, and he frankly explains this to his friends in the following statement. The farm home of Mr. Jones is near the Kaiser school, route 8, Salem. His statement follows:

"Several weeks ago, I had under serious consideration the advisability of becoming a candidate for the republican nomination for governor.

"Many flattering offers of support came to me from friends in various parts of the state. I felt however, that to enter the contest, with a reasonable prospect of success, it would be necessary to make a vigorous campaign throughout the state, spending much time in many of the more populous counties. This would involve considerable expense.

"After having fully considered the matter, I have felt for some time past that I would not be justified in giving the time and incurring the expense necessary to make the campaign I deem the situation required.

"I have been receiving recently many inquiries from friends who desire to know whether I intend to become a candidate, and I take this means to inform them that I shall not enter the contest.

"In doing this I am not unmindful of the support tendered me by my friends, and in withholding my name from consideration, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to those who have thus shown their confidence in me."

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