

Banish the future; live only for the hour and its allotted work. Think not of the amount to be accomplished, the difficulties to be overcome, but set earnestly at the little task at your elbow, letting that be sufficient for the day; for surely our plain duty is "not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand."
—Osler.

Two Secretaries

HERBERT HOOVER will be the first president to have two \$10,000 men as private secretaries, provision having been made at his request in the appropriations for the ensuing year for the second man. Time was when the president's private secretary was a social dignitary, holding a more or less honorary office.

Next he emerged as a high priced stenographer capable of taking the president's dictation and looking after routine matters. Then came the capable business man who was, to all intents and purposes an assistant president.

Now with two such executives assisting their chief the affairs of the White House should be expedited and made less burdensome upon the man who directs the greatest business in the world, affecting in one way or another every living person on the globe.

Congressman Hawley made a talk in Salem during the summer vacation in which he told of the burdensome work of the president of the United States; showing that every governmental activity, including all questions coming up in our far-flung international relations, centers in the office of our chief executive, who must have really an army of expert assistants in the various departments of our government, who are more or less secretaries to the chief executive, in that each one of them must have the particular information of his department assembled and tabulated, in order that the president may be kept fully informed on matters arising anywhere or under discussion in this country or in foreign lands. No one man could do the detailed work that devolves upon the occupant of the presidential office; nor two or three or a hundred men. The details comprise nation wide and world wide information and concern.

George B. Cortelyou, under President McKinley, made the position of private secretary one of importance. He was retained by Roosevelt and promoted to the position of secretary of the treasury; he is now in "big business" life in New York.

Then Roosevelt brought with him to Washington William Loeb, who had been his private secretary when he was governor of New York. Loeb is now vice president of the American Smelting & Refining company.

The next outstanding figure was Joseph Tumulty, with Wilson.

President Coolidge took on C. Bascom Slemp, former congressman from Virginia, and a politician; but he did not last long. Everett Sanders, present private secretary, is a quiet man like his chief, but is efficient, also like Mr. Coolidge.

Lieutenant Governor

THE Portland Journal of Thursday had the following editorial article:

"The lieutenant governor of Oregon is still elected by the state senate. The president of the senate is the lieutenant governor. He becomes governor when the official elected is absent from the state or when he is unable to attend to his duties. The president of the senate is elected by the votes of the majority of the senate, or 16 senators. He is elected usually by means of bargaining for committee appointments, by trading votes, and by various other petty political practices. The voters of Oregon, under the present system, have nothing to say about who is to be governor in the event of the death of the chief executive. They have nothing to say as to who is to be governor in the event that the regularly elected executive is unable to discharge his duties for other reasons. On the other hand, 16 senators choose the lieutenant governor for the people. The legislature is now in session. When could there be a better time to propose the means by which the people of the state can choose a successor in the event that the chief executive is unable to function?"

The Portland Journal is invited to "go to it," if that newspaper likes the job.

But this matter has been before the people at least three times for their approval, and in each case they have turned it down.

By 61,644 to 50,562 votes in 1912. By 143,804 to 52,040 votes in 1914, and by 46,861 votes against 32,653 in 1919.

It runs in the mind of the writer that there was another negative vote on the proposition in a different form.

But the matter has been up at least three times. In the spirit of economy at present existing, the people would likely repeat in another election. But there would be no particular harm in trying it out again. Though it is a matter of no vital importance.

Not Much Better

THAT the beneficent policy of civil service for government or other employees can be carried too far is exemplified by the recent state supreme court decision in Washington reinstating a discharged city employee of Spokane, and awarding him a couple of thousand dollars of back pay for the time he was idle.

Such a decision prevents the head of a department from using his best judgment in the retention or dismissal of an employee. To replace such an employee it is necessary to bring such charges as amount almost to an accusation of crime against him.

More failure to render efficient service is not enough; the result is that city, state and national payrolls become congested with names of men and women who are not rendering reasonable service.

The political spoils system was not and is not good, but a too rigid adherence to so called civil service rules is not much if any better.

There are plenty of people who are ready to argue that it is not as good—though some of them are perhaps prejudiced by special cases rather than by the general run of experience.

There are many good reasons why the federal government should set aside a million acres of public land, to be sold, or the usufruct to be sold, for the creation of a fund for a state capitol group, according to the idea advanced by the state board of control, and embodied in a bill in the upper house of congress introduced by Senator McNary. This was done for Washington and in effect for other states. Why not for Oregon? It is a great and a long range project, but it is in the nature of things possible of consummation, by persistent work.

Referendum on the question of war is again proposed by Hamilton Fish, Jr., republican representative from New York, who will offer a constitutional amendment to provide for a vote of the people before war is declared except for "war of self-defense" or those cases where a state of war already exists before the vote can be called. All past wars and all future ones will come within one of the two exceptions, so there is no need for such a revision.

There are prune orchards in the Willamette valley, with only the Italian variety, that have paid ever since they came into bearing, not excepting last year. There is a notable case in Benton county. What one man has done other men can do. Management and industry are large factors in every line of successful endeavor.

The railroad managers will likely see the competition of air navigation coming with a clearer vision than they had in respect to automotive transportation, and not be caught napping. Every kind of transportation has a bearing on every other kind.

The Tie That Binds



Great Union Feasible

By CHARLES P. STEWART
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The Oregon Statesman, Jan. 24.

For the average petty politician's tinhorn imagination any concept of a United States of all the Americas is about a million sizes too big to grasp. I proved it recently by experiment.

The idea is no invention of mine. Latin-Americans discuss it as a good deal, but it was new to me. I tried it on, thinking it might especially interest him as a foreign relations committee member.

I don't believe it would make a hit in my district," was all he said.

Not a minute's consideration of it on his merits! He simply could not see any votes in it for himself. I'm sure he was wrong, at that.

However, it isn't likely such a hint would bounce off President-elect Hoover as if he were cased in armor plate, and it must have been fired at him pretty frequently on his southern tour.

Every pro-"Yanqui" economist south of the Rio Grande has the notion in the back of his head—rather hopelessly, but as a thing to be suggested whenever there seems to be the least chance that it will do any good. Few of them have missed an opportunity like Mr. Hoover's visit.

A customs union including every New World republic!—that's the Latin-American statesman's dream. A knocking down of all tariff barriers from the Canadian border to Cape Horn!

Everybody knows how absolute freedom of commerce does bind states together, so it is easy to foresee how a compact of this sort would knit the Americas—securely enough to hold them against all outside efforts to rip them apart and yet with sufficient independence of individual action to prevent friction among themselves.

America seemingly was designed by nature to remain mainly agricultural.

Complimentary continental.

That Yanqui agriculture certainly would object is recognized.

THE ONE MINUTE PULPIT

In the multitude of people is the king's honour; but in the want of people is the destruction of the price.

He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.—Proverbs, xiv, 28-29.

—that the mid-west would fight the free admission of Argentina grain—the farther west the entry of River Plate meat and hides—best growers the competition of Cuban sugar.

But argue the Latin-Americans—suppose the original United States had barred out the west, let the corn belt ruin New England farming and California fruit undersell Florida's.

Would it ultimately have been as well for Uncle Sam?

Europe would go rampant over the tying up of the America's. There would be numerous "most favored nation" treaties to scrap. A United States constitutional amendment might be necessary to permit reciprocity.

The Latin-Americans can see all this. But what of it?—they urge. Considerable readjustment would be worth while, in their judgment, to accomplish what they insist would be so desirable an end.

Of course, Latin-American trade would tumble bodily into Yanqui hands.

All Latin-American fears of Yanqui imperialism would vanish—for what further purpose could it have! And yet the basis of the union would be enormously to Latin-American advantage, too.

Southern proponents of the scheme paint a lovely picture of it, as they are confident it would look, realized.

They surely painted it for Mr. Hoover.

Poems that Live

THE VIOLET

DOWN in a green and shady bed
A modest violet grew;
Its stalk was bent, it hung its head,
As if to hide from view.

And yet it was a lovely flower,
Its colors bright and fair;
It might have graced a rosy bower,
Instead of hiding there.

Yet there it was content to bloom,
In modest tints arrayed;
And there diffused a sweet perfume,
Within the silent shade.

Then let me to the valley go,
This pretty flower to see;
That I may also learn to grow
In sweet humility.

—Jane Taylor (1782-1824)



Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

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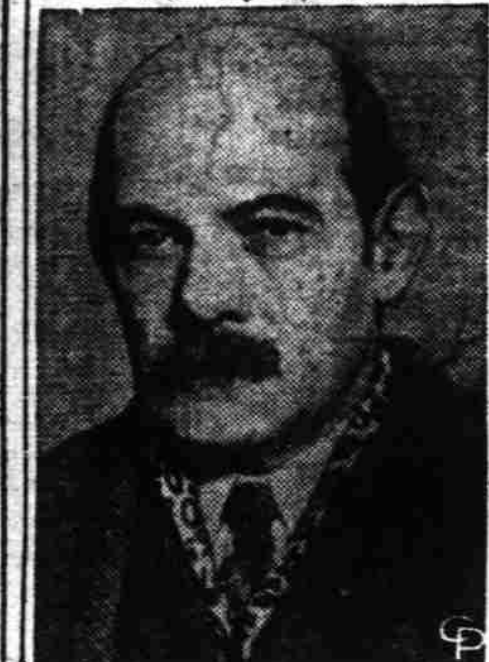
The Willamette Valley baseball league has been disbanded and a new organization effected to be known as the Oregon State Baseball league. P. H. Strout of Salem is president and treasurer, and L. E. Traver of Eugene secretary. Eugene, Albany, Roseburg and Salem are four of the six clubs to be recognized.

T. J. Cronise has sold his photograph gallery over the Dalrymple store to A. E. Kaiser, who has been employed by Cronise for several months.

An interesting program was given at the Etta Anders-Willman studio, with the following participating: Mrs. George Waters, Mrs. Carey Martin, the Misses Zoe Stockton, Alfa Smith, Ruth Gabrielson and Marie Hofer; Frank Churchill and Mac Rofer.

The Grab Bag

January 25, 1929



Who am I? What colossal work did I design and begin to execute in Georgia? Which of my works is in the capitol at Washington?

Which son of Massachusetts led many bloody attacks upon white settlers?

For what is the coast line of Dover, England, best known?

Who were the opposing generals in the battle of Gettysburg?

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow: for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Where is this passage found in the Bible?

Today in The Past
In 1759, on this day, Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, was born.

Today's Horoscope
Persons born on this day are apt to mope, lamenting their lack of cleverness when, in reality, if they only would use their talents they would be far more clever than those they envy.

A Daily Thought
"No star ever rose or set without influence somewhere."—Owen Meredith.

Answers to Foregoing Questions
1. Gutzon Borglum. Confederate ste memorial on Stone Mountain; a head of Lincoln.
2. Metacomb (King Philip).
3. Its chalk cliffs.
4. Generals Meade and Lee.
5. Proverbs, xxvii, 1.

The Way of the World

THE BEST THINGS
Was it not Dr. Henry Van Dyke who wrote these lines:

"These are the things I prize
And hold of dearest worth:
Light of the sapphire skies,
Peace of the silent hills,
Shelter of forests, comfort of
the grass,
Music of birds, murmur of little
rills,
Shadow of clouds that swiftly
pass,
And, after showers,
The smell of flowers.
And the good brown earth—
And best of all, along the way,
friendship and mirth."
This is a great verse by which to check up our real interests. If we really care for the things so beautifully presented in the lines above, we are getting something fine and sweet out of life.

HOBBIES
Nobody denies that a hobby is a healthful thing. To turn from the daily job to a hobby brings rest that comes from change and a new kind of mental exercise. One thing every hobbyist ought to do as well as he can. He ought to keep his hobby to himself or reserve the exploitation of it to those who are seized with the same idea.

LOSING ONESELF
There is a certain verse in a well-known book which deals with the subject of "losing oneself." To many people that verse has probably been obscure and perplexing. How can one find oneself only by losing oneself? And yet it is both simple and true. If you give everything you have to the most important task in hand you find the greatest contentment and peace of mind you will ever get in this world. You will find yourself at your best.

When we get so interested in something or other that we forget our little personal comforts, when we become so interested in the welfare of someone else that we do not notice the pain of effort and sacrifice, we have really achieved happiness. We have lost ourselves. The greatest gain comes through losing ourselves.

ROLLING
A rolling stone gathers no moss or anything else.

Who's Who & Timely Views

By HIRAM BINGHAM

(Hiram Bingham was born at Honolulu, H. I., Nov. 19, 1875. He was graduated from Yale and later studied at the University of California and at Harvard. He was affiliated with the faculty of Yale for a number of years where he served as professor of Latin-American history from 1915 to 1924. In 1909 he was the U. S. delegate to the first Pan-American scientific congress at Santiago de Chile. He has done considerable exploration work in Latin-American countries. Elected lieutenant governor of Connecticut in 1925, he was later chosen governor but resigned the following year and was elected to the United States senate. He was re-elected, his last term expiring in 1933. Bingham has been an aviator and in 1917 was placed in charge of all U. S. schools of military aeronautics, serving in France. He has written several books on South America. His home is in Connecticut.)

In offering an amendment to the Air Commerce act of 1926, providing for the examination and rating of flying schools by the department of commerce, I have in mind the fulfillment of one of the greatest needs of American aeronautics today.

America, particularly young America, desires to acquire wings; but here is a perplexing problem before the aspiring pilot in the form of his inability to obtain a course of instruction that not only will qualify him to fly when and where he pleases, but at the same time will

clothe him with safety and make him of potential value to the aerial reserve defense of the nation.

The federal government, through the Air Commerce act of 1926, which is administered by the secretary of commerce, has rendered valuable assistance to aviation and to the American public. The government directs attention to planes that are structurally and aerodynamically sound through the approved-type certificate and the license feature; it directs attention to engines and propellers that are reliable, proven and sound through the same feature; it directs attention to adequate airports throughout the country through the airport rating system, and it directs attention to the safest routes for cross-country flying by providing airways equipped with lighting, meteorological and emergency landing facilities.

Yet the beginner is left to struggle in the wilderness as to where to go for his aeronautical education because there is nothing or miss, an institution that can serve as a guide to properly equipped schools where he may obtain training that will give him a sound foundation for a career in air aeronautics. This potential pilot, and there are thousands of them throughout the country today, is left to pick, hit or miss, an institution that may or not qualify him for a career of avocation in aeronautics. His choice may go so far wrong as to cost him his life.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. Hendricks

Webfoot herself again—

With the southing south wind and the welcome rain that falls like the gentle dew from heaven on the place beneath.

Of course, this does not apply to the bunchgrass members of the legislature. They want snow in the districts they represent. Rain runs off and does little good. Snow piles up and furnishes water for their irrigation ditches in the summer time, without which the devil is to pay and no pitch hot.

Witness what a little fire makes a big smoke. One of the newspaper reporters at the legislature got the idea that a bill that was proposed to be introduced by Henderson, house member from Multnomah, would require all products of the Oregon state penitentiary to be marked or branded plainly as prison products, and be disinfected, etc., etc., and that the measure about to be fed into the legislative mill had the backing of the "Oregon Manufacturing association," etc.

The proposed measure was not intended to affect goods manufactured at the Oregon prison. Only those made at other prisons and offered for sale in this state. The fact is, nothing is manufactured at the Oregon prison but lime and flax fiber, and other products of flax, and they cannot be branded.

But all the papers throughout the country "fell for" the item, and played it up. It was just a slip of a reporter not well versed in Oregon prison conditions.

A free land is one in which the man who pokes fun at the new rich is one who slept in his own derelict until he was grown.

Another way to increase the visible supply of white paper would be to raise the sex jokes in a funny magazine.

It's a true love match if she can sing while removing cold egg yellow from a breakfast plate.

It's nice to have friends you don't like much. How else could you dispose of presents from people who don't like you much?

We are glad to note that the Southern Pacific has bought all the motor coaches. Now maybe the legislature will regulate them out of business. Here's hoping they also buy up all the trucks and for the same reason. Let us pray.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

One of the rules of a certain religious organization is that its members will not resort to the civil court under any circumstances. Now they find it necessary to resort to the courts to enforce the rule. One is not sure what that proves, but it is clear evidence of something or other.



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