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 1 of Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state for Oregon, on Tuesday
morning. Though the physical body was spent, the spirit was
luminous to the last; and after the Christian hope may flame
again upon the farther shore again upon the farther shore.
To those of us who knew and loved him comes an imme-
diate feeling of grief. For Hal Hoss was not merely a public
figure, a man occupying a high and responsible office in this figure, a man occupying a high and responsible office in this
commonwealth; he was a very human person, a man who won
friends and held their affection in close bonds. We are sure
that he cherished his friendships and the loyalty of his asso-
ciates more closely than that he cherished his friendships and the loyalty of his asso-
ciates more closely than the fame which attended his tenure
of high office.
Hoss entered public life from an active career in the
newspaper field; and he retained his fellowship with his craft newspaper field; and he retained his fellowship career in th hith his cra
through his years of public service. Alwass he looked forwa through his years of public service. Always he looked forwar
to returning to newspaper work; and members of the jour-
nalisistic fraternity regarded him as still identified with the
profession, a member temporarily "in absentia" profession, a member temporarily ""in absentia"
The state owes a big debt to Hal Hoss for his service as
secretary of state. He passsed through hard fires. Without
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cause he was almost persecuted for a time; but Hoss held true
to his convictions and with conscientious rectitude put firs
the discharge of his duty to the people of Oregon. He was no
a "yes-man" a "yes-man", did not shirk his duty. In his immediate offic
he was diligent in promoting its efficiency, in aiming
prompt and courteous service to the public, and in givin prompt and courteous service to the public, and in giving
audience to everyone who sought him out. Because he had de-
veloped a splendid organization his of fice has functioned well
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bility to his job. He was mindful of details. For example, he
was a real purist in the use of words, making constant use of
the dictionary to verify a pronunciation. His mind was agile

## and he banquet. enabled

Now the scroll of his life is closed, the record written
enabed
It is a fine, clean scroll with no blots on it; one which hi
ehildren may cherish and his friends regard with pride
While those of us who as friends of long standing say, "Hail

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