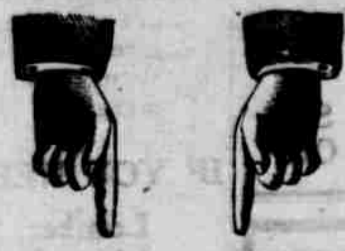


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ARBOR DAY ROSES

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL PLANT THEM PROFUSELY.

Some Beautiful Thoughts on the Value of Tree and Flower Culture by the Young—Paper by Superintendent Welch, of Montana.

The public schools of Pendleton will plant roses this year upon Arbor Day. The value of the aesthetic will be the theme, and the rose planting will be to suggest to the young people that the culture of flowers is refining, purifying and strengthening to the better nature. The date is not yet set.

W. W. Welch, state superintendent of schools of Montana, recently prepared the following to emphasize the value of Arbor day observances:

"Peasant Odors of Fresh Verdure."

"Our annual Arbor day, coming as it does when buds are casting off their marvelous coating, when the air is redolent with the pleasant odors of the fresh verdure; when grove and arbor and meadow are being peopled with the musical guests returning from their temporary banishment, when gaily heralded awakening of sleeping forces kindles the heart to matin praise, is the opportune season for planting the seeds of appreciation and love and refined instincts and great thoughts. If in the celebration of Arbor day the children grasp the idea that in planting trees they are doing the state and posterity service, the act will bring them the sense of manly responsibility. If in this springtime festivity the fine thoughts and poetic conceptions of the graceful interpreters of Nature's loveliness shall find lodgement in the hearts of the young people, much will be accomplished in initiating a taste for the brightest in our literature.

"The literature whose charm is the greatest, whose color remains the warmest, and which is ever fresh and alluring is that inspired by the song of the brook, the beauty of the flower, the grandeur of the tree, and the subtle mystery of the humblest plant life. Lessons of deep significance lie in the tributes paid to the modesty of the violet, to the mountain daisy, to the wild apple tree, to the mountain ash, to the sturdy pine and to cheery songsters of the air—the close companions of trees and flowers. If young men and women dislike nature study and nature literature it is simply because the early spontaneous friendship for the forms of plant life is not lifted to the plane of intelligent study and interpretation.

"The basis for systematic study of these things in later life must be laid in early childhood. There is no need of learning many long names and bewildering technical terms. A sympathetic is better than a technical touch with nature. The eye should be reinforced by sympathy, for the child will learn to study what he has learned to love. The child is fortunate who plants a seed and is led to understand, as far as a child can, the germination, its growth, its leaves, and their work, its flowers and fruit. So is the child fortunate who can learn to enjoy the inspiring chapters of Thoreau, Burroughs, Darwin, Wood and numerous other keen observers of, and delightful writers about plant and animal life. Many writers of less reputation than these in the realm of literature, in fact, nearly all true verse and prose poets have given expression to lofty sentiments preserved for our enjoyment in our libraries.

"Hand in hand with tree planting, with flower study, with training of the eye to observe sharply and compare discriminately should go the books that should now be found in every school library, and which every teacher should learn to use wisely and persistently in the development of the children's culture. The books should be considered a substitute for direct study of the multitude of phases of plant life, growth, utility and beauty, but should stimulate and supplement observation. Many of the most marvelous things that delight and instruct remain hidden mysteries to un-

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trained senses. At times we must look through the eyes of a master who has spent a lifetime in patient, enthusiastic labor and has pointed out and illuminated the way for those less favorably endowed with capacity and opportunity.

"There is already much evidence that our Arbor day exercises are resulting in practical measures for the preservation of forests, in restoring trees to school grounds, to the roadsides, and to places otherwise waste, where often the blackened stumps remain as witnesses of ruthless and indiscriminate destruction. Motives of false economy have often prompted the denudation of our hills and valleys. True economy, persistently taught to the children, will greatly help in giving back to the bare landscape the beautiful, noble relief of graceful trees. Let the children be impressed with the utility of tree planting, and while they are learning the usefulness and unselfishness of the service, let them be inspired with the poetic sentiments of a Holmes, a Lowell or a Wordsworth. An inculcation of such a union of motives in the minds of the thousands of our boys and girls will eventually accomplish far more than forestry associations or forestry statutes in securing the protection and planting of trees.

"While ceremony, music, gay decorations, rambles in the woods to gather the early wild flowers and listen to the sweet notes of blue bird and robin, are all legitimate enjoyments to mark the importance of Arbor day, yet the larger purposes must not be lost sight of. By naming the tree that is planted after some celebrated author or hero, and then letting it die of neglect, a very doubtful honor is conferred upon the person sought to be commemorated. The good judgment of some experienced tree grower should be solicited and followed in the selection, planting and care of the trees and shrubs, which are desired to ornament the school grounds. If the nursing can be coax- ed to thrive during the first summer after the shock of transplanting, then some watchfulness be exercised over it the second year, it may generally be trusted to largely take care of itself thereafter. Probably a committee appointed to see that the plants have proper attention, with the understanding that the members are to give a report of their stewardship at some future Arbor day, will tend to fix the responsibility and obligation definitely enough to insure the necessary interest. There is much to indicate that our teachers are ready to take hold of the means by which they may increase the efficiency of service to their communities and to the state. Proper Arbor day celebrations or similar exercises are not the most important work of the schools, any more than graduation ceremonies, but they appeal to the children's love of the beautiful and picturesque, relieve the necessary monotony of humdrum work, and leave pictures and impressions that remain for a lifetime to enshrine the school house and its association in the darkest memories of childhood."

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WHO SHOT FIRST IN THE WADE-HARRIS AFFAIR?

Dispute Regarding It Will Come Up at Preliminary Hearing on Friday.

Alvin Wade, the young man who emptied his six-shooter into William Harris near Pilot Rock two weeks ago, will have his preliminary hearing before Judge Fitz Gerald Friday afternoon. The trial was to have been on Monday, but owing to the fact that Mr. Harris did not feel able to appear before the court in his behalf, it was postponed until Friday. Young Wade is out on \$150 bail, which was furnished by his father. Harris is not over the effects of the shots received in the hip, but is able to get out of the hospital and is not now experiencing much pain from the effect. He will soon be able to attend to his duties again.

An attempt will be made at the trial of Wade to prove that Harris did not shoot at all. There were no witnesses to the shooting except two brothers of the young man, and they all allege that Harris did shoot. They claim that he drew his revolver first and presented it, but did not shoot until Wade had fired three shots. Then he fired three shots, according to their story.

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ROSE FROM RANKS

J. H. ROBBINS RUNS FOR THE LEGISLATURE

His Candidacy Causes his Friends Here in Umatilla County to Wish That he May be Successful—He Has a Record of Which He May be Proud.

Over here in Umatilla county thousands of people are hoping that J. H. Robbins may be elected to the legislature from Baker county, and say those who profess to be acquainted with the political situation there, and know the high standing that Mr. Robbins has among the residents of that county, there is no doubt that he will go to Salem next winter as one of the representatives.

"Why shouldn't Jake go to the legislature?" asked one of his friends here, when he learned that Mr. Robbins had been nominated unanimously by the democratic convention at Baker City. "He knows almost every man in the county. He was brought up there, educated in Baker City, worked in the mines when a boy, assisted in developing the resources of that district, secured capital in later years to invest in the properties that were worth developing, and perhaps has done as much as any other man in Baker county to bring the attention of the world to the mineral wealth stored in its treasure hills.

He Was a "Mucker."

"During the early days, Mr. Robbins held a very responsible position in the mines where worked. He was a 'mucker,' or in other words, presided over the destinies of the ore car, and every miner will know that that is no sinecure and that the person who furnished the motive power to push one of those cars earned his money. Also, with hammer and drill he bored down into the rock and helped to extract therefrom the yellow metal that went to make the cleanup.

"There isn't a spot in that part of the Blue mountains with which he is not familiar. He was one of the early prospectors, and had much to do with finding out where laid the all gold veins that have placed Baker county at the head of the list of promising camps in the United States.

"Let me see," said the old miner, as he talked over the affairs of his friend, "I almost remember to a day how old he is. I saw him cast his first vote, in 1880, and it was in the very section where he now lives. Jake was educated at the old Baker City Academy, and spent all of his boyhood days in the mines. I don't see any reason why he oughtn't to know what sort of legislation is needed by a mining district."

Just as Old as the State.

While in Pendleton yesterday, en route to Portland to attend the convention, Mr. Robbins was in conversation with several friends, all of whom engaged in guessing each other's age. It transpired that Robbins is just two months younger than the state of Oregon as a member of the Union. He was born three miles east from Salem in 1859, June the 12th. He lived in eastern Oregon since 1862, and attended school at Baker City Academy from 1872 to 1879, securing what academic education he received in that institution. The money that was paid by him to secure that education was earned in the mines of that region, in serving in all sorts of capacities from "mucker" up to positions of greater importance. He was a resident of Umatilla county for a number of years,

and was twice elected county treasurer, both times by the votes of the common people alone, from whom he came and whose interests he always carefully conserved. It was among the sturdy workers that he sought and found support in these efforts to be elected, and his success was due to the sympathy between them and him, and to the fact that his tastes were plain and unpretentious.

Confidence in Him Here.

There are many reasons why people over here wish Jake Robbins well. One is because he has always exhibited true public spirit, was always at work doing something to develop the country. He manifested the same disposition in La Grande, in Sumpter, in Pendleton, and now shows no tendency to fall off in his enthusiasm for projects that make for better growth wherever he has interests. Public spirit is, perhaps, the keynote of his character, with integrity that is known to be absolutely unimpeachable. From this town alone has been invested at his instance an even \$400,000 in various enterprises, which is by no means a small tribute to the confidence in which he is held in this community.

"It isn't Umatilla county's fight, of course, said one of the men who were of the group here discussing the nomination yesterday, "but, if it were, you may rest assured that he would go down to Salem with a handsome majority as a man could ask for. I haven't a doubt that the people of Baker county will treat him just like we would treat him were he running for the legislature here."

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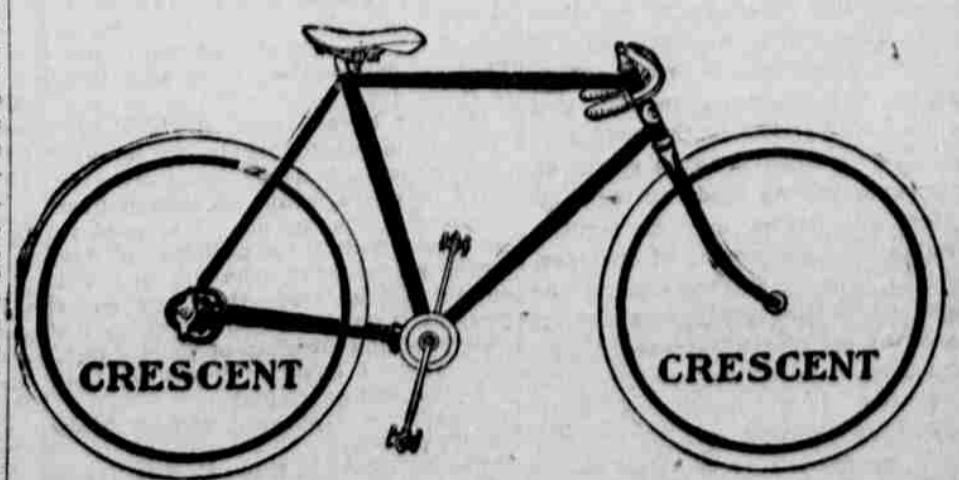
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