

Goldwin Smith

(From the New York Evening Post)

Most readers will think that the announcement of the death of Goldwin Smith marks the passing of a scholar, a professor, an historian, a publicist, but more than either of these, he was in a very true sense a great journalist. He himself said that he was by preference a journalist. This definition of his chief activity, is based, not merely upon his voluminous and life-long contributions to newspapers and periodicals, but upon the method and aim of most of his writing. It was intensely actual and opportunistic, in the best meaning of that word. He was deep in history, but his most vivid interest was in that living pageant of present government and politics which is history in the making. Even some of his books—such as his "Political History of the United States" and his "History of the United Kingdom"—have a high touch of journalism. They are like expanded "leaders." Miracles of condensation as those volumes are, and racy with acute characterization, they seem a kind of lofty journalism in their overmastering purpose of flashing all the light to be had from the past upon the instant day.

Forty five years ago, Cobden said of Goldwin Smith that "his pen is a power in the state." And what a pen it was! In the swift moving lucidity, in force of phrase, in formidable attack and in even more powerful rejoinder, it was unsurpassed in all the years during which he plied it so busily. Even his ephemeral writings in the press had a mastery ease and a conquering felicity of style. Who like him could embalm a politician in an epigram, or give to even a bitter epithet the character of enduring justice? If his work was essentially journalistic, as he himself, with the grave accuracy in judging himself that he brought dissection of others, said that it was, it was a rare species of journalism—dignified, high-minded, courteous, and shot through with learning and conviction.

In Canada, where Goldwin Smith lived for the past 40 years, he held a singular position. It might be said he was at once the most disliked and the most admired citizen of the Dominion. Politically, he became more and more isolated. He never bowed to gales of popular passion; and the greater the majority against his views, the more insistent was his ice cool demonstration that the majority was wrong. The machine in politics he hated with a perfect hatred, and upon its successive advances in Canada he poured the virriol of his scorn. This inevitably made him enemies; and as the national feeling in recent years ran so strongly counter to the views he advocated, he seemed to be a sort of Athanasius contra mundum. Yet nothing could rob him of the distinction of being the chief Canadian man of letters; nor did any of those who withstood him question the sad sincerity in which he wrought, or doubt that the blade which he wielded with such effect was tempered in deep conviction. On the occasion of his eighty-sixth birthday, greetings came to him from all parts of the dominion, as well as from over the border and across the seas; and at that time the Canadian Courier justly declared that "the homage paid to Dr. Smith is one which has been evoked by his sincere and lofty personality."

It is this personal quality which will long keep green the memory of Goldwin Smith, even after his books and articles are forgotten. His bearing was always that of one who considered himself a soldier in the war of humanity. To his chivalrous spirit, nothing was more natural than to enter the lists in behalf of justice and liberty; and the angry outcry of the crowd simply meant nothing at all to him. If he was occasionally betrayed into a biting retort—as when he telegraphed to England that "Disraeli's attacks upon him in 'Lothair' were 'the stings in the results of the coward'—in general he set a fine example of the honorable spirit in controversy. In all his long battling for free trade between Can-

ada and the United States, one knows not whether to admire more his intrepidity, resourcefulness or his measured courtesy and sobriety of statement.

Every Voter Must Register

Every voter who wishes to participate in the coming primary or general election and who does not wish to have his vote sworn in, must register. No previous registration counts this year. Besides the registration, voters must be careful and register in the precinct in which they live under the rearrangement of precincts.

No special registration clerks are named in Oregon, every justice of the peace, every notary, and in fact every one authorized to administer an oath being empowered to register voters. County Clerk Watson has provided the justices of the peace and some others with the necessary blanks and information concerning the rearrangement of precinct lines, owing to the additional precincts being established in the county. The formal order establishing the new precincts cannot be made until July, but the County Commissioners have agreed on the lines of the new precincts and informed the County Clerk of the changes. Candidates are urging that voters register early as the law requires that persons signing nominating petitions must be qualified voters.

In Marshfield one new precinct has been established. The North Marshfield precinct remains the same as it was, including all of that part of the city north of Market avenue. Central Marshfield, the new precinct, takes in that part of the city between Market and Elrod avenues from the water front to the west line of the city limits. South Marshfield precinct embraces all of that part of the city south of Elrod avenue.—Coos Bay Times.

Two Precincts have been established in Bandon, with the plank road as the dividing line.

Marriage Licenses.

Coquille, Ore., June 11.—The following marriage licenses have been issued by County Clerk Watson since the last report:

- Chas Chandler and M Annie Robi-aett.
- Chas W. Varrelmen and Rose I. Mulleux.
- George A. Colvin and Ettie J. Cox.
- Alfred E. Cavanagh and Bertha A. Morgan.
- Simon Gardner and Mary McLeod.
- Edmund Hall Chaney and Blanche Van Valkenburg.
- Harold O. Laskey and Carrie L. Schook.
- Henry M. Barnes and Jean E. Ritchey.
- Oliver C. Ochiltree and Lillian McCoy.

Stage Driver Killed.

Roseburg, June 13th.—News has reached Roseburg that Walter McCum, until recently a stage driver between this city and Myrtle Point, was killed by a saddle horse on a sheep range near Remote, Coos county, a few days ago. The manner in which the horse killed him has not been learned. He had been dead about two days when the body was found by searchers.

Curry county has less fog, less snow, less zero weather, more sunshine, a healthier atmosphere, purer water, better hunting grounds, better fishing streams, fatter stock the year round, prettier girls and fatter babies than any place west of the Rocky Mountains. If you don't believe it, a year's sojourn in Curry will convince you, says the Gold Beach Globe. Well, we are agreed it Brother Marsters includes Coos county in his idea. Of course we are not a part of Curry county but conditions are the same in both counties.

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The Cookbook.

When making sweet croquettes add a little sugar to the crumbs in which the croquettes are to be rolled. Leftover mullus taste as good as new if they are baked a second time for a few minutes after having been dipped in cold water. Chopped almonds are sometimes added to rhubarb jelly—the kind of jelly made with gelatin and the sweetened juice of the stewed fruit. If the jelly is not too acid serve it with a garnish of whipped cream. Neufchatel cheese or the old fashioned homemade schmeerose may be colored a delicate green with pistachio. It is used in making salads and is very pretty when formed into nests and filled with vegetable salad.

Town Topics.

There should be more breathing spaces for the statues in Washington. They are being crowded by the living.—Washington Post.

In New York's historical parade on the Fourth of July that famous metropolitan symbol, the Raines law sandwich, should be given a large float all to itself.—Chicago News.

If cities were enumerated according to their moral force, gentleness, natural beauty and womanly loveliness Houston would make towns like New York or Chicago look like a Montana mining camp.—Houston Post.

English Etchings.

During the year 1909 the London dog catchers caught 44,900 and dispatched 21,253.

There are 144,000 boys and 34,000 girls of school age regularly employed in England for money.

Between the years 1879 and 1908, inclusive, 8,028 new streets and squares were formed in London.

There is an inmate of the Colchester workhouse, England, who is ninety-six years of age, one who is ninety-two, twenty-one between eighty and ninety and fifty-three between seventy and eighty.

He Was In Charge.

"What did you do in the army?"
"Most of the time I was in charge of a squad of men."
"On special duty?"
"No; they were taking me to the guardhouse."—Cleveland Leader.

Doesn't Feel Put Out.

Tess—I broke my engagement with him because he wouldn't give up tobacco. Jess—Then he is an old flame of yours? Tess—Yes, and he's still smoking.—St. Louis Star.

More Important.

Policeman—Do you have to take care of the dog? Nursegirl—No. The missus says I'm too young and inexperienced. I only look after the children.—Life.

Science Siftings.

Venus is the brightest of all the stars and comes the nearest to us of all the planets. Only the moon is ever nearer the earth.

The string of beads of light sometimes seen for several seconds after a flash of lightning is due to the incandescence of the air.

The canal theory of Mars is opposed by the Swedish savant Arrhenius, who thinks the phenomena observed are huge clefts in the surface of the planet.

Notice for Publication—Isolated Tract

Public Land Sale.
Department of the Interior 05478
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon
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NOTICE is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stats., 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 12th day of July, 1910, at this office, the following described land: Lots 1, 2, Sec. 11 and Lot 1, Sec. 14, T. 29 S., R. 15 W., W. M.
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