

JOHN WHITAKER.

There lies upon a bier in a darkened room in his late home in Eugene an historical figure known in life as John Whiteaker, first governor of Oregon, a statebuilder of some renown in the early days, one time Oregon's representative in Congress, and for half a century one of her loyal sons and substantial citizens. Coming to Oregon in 1852, at a time when the Democratic party dominated its political affairs, John Whiteaker took his place bodily among the more ambitious members of his party as a leader and counselor. Among his contemporaries in those years were General Joseph Lane, General J. W. Nesmith, Hon. Delazon Smith and Judge Matthew P. Deady. Governor Whiteaker long survived them all, and on the evening of October 2, 1902, he passed on and out, having "by reason of strength" attained four-score and two year.

John Whiteaker was a plain man, of strong political convictions, and inherited political prejudices. A man of great physical energy, he led for many years the strenuous life of the farmer politician. A typical pioneer, he was noted rather for force than for culture. He readily adapted himself to crude conditions, and as readily rose to meet opportunities that promoted his personal advancement and the interests of his party. Nor was he wholly unmindful, in the political positions that he held from time to time, of the public welfare. In one of his first state papers as Governor of Oregon he strongly advocated the upbuilding of home industry, and with characteristic plainness of speech and interest in the common things of life he cited as examples of what the people of primitive Oregon should produce for their own use, "soap, socks and pickles." His simple directness in the use of language is witnessed in his first proclamation for Thanksgiving, issued on the 5th day of December, 1859, when "in conformity with the wishes of many citizens of Oregon" he appointed Thursday, the 29th day of the month and year above designated as "a day to be kept for the public thanksgiving, to be observed throughout the state in such manner as the good people thereof might deem most appropriate."

The achievement of Governor Whiteaker in the capacity of a public servant were those that distinguish the politician rather than the statesman. He made no pretense of holding the state administration to which he was called above partisan interests, but only promised in his inaugural speech, delivered at Salem, July 8, 1858, that he would "endeavor to keep politics as far removed from his official acts as might be consistent with the circumstances which brought about his election"—a statement that merely reiterated in new words the old claim that "to the victors belong the spoils." It is to John Whiteaker's credit as Governor of Oregon that he made no specious pretense of inaugurating political reform in the customs and expedients of party politics. He was elected under the system which recognized the dominating influence of victorious partisanship and did not profess a desire nor intimate a purpose to change it. In striking

evidence of the quality of his public service is his party emergency ride across the continent in March, 1879. His vote was needed to elect a Democratic Speaker of the Forty-sixth Congress, and he delivered it on time, after a record-breaking ride between San Francisco and Washington. By this act his name became widely known, and by it and its political results he will perhaps in his public capacity be longest remembered.

As a private citizen the life of John Whiteaker was without blemish. Genial, kind, honorable and energetic, he was that prince among men, a good citizen, an obliging neighbor, a generous friend. In the community that for half a century called home, and where the greater part of the most effective years of his life were spent, he was honored for the qualities that adorn and characterize true manhood. It is fitting that by and through these he was most respected by the people of his neighborhood and state. Long removed from scenes of party strife, he passed the closing years of his life in the serenity that well becomes old age, content at the last when his wife, who had shared his journey for five and fifty years, held his hand as he embarked on the unknown sea.

Because he was a good citizen, because he was a forceful man, because he was a pioneer among pioneers—sturdy, energetic and upright; because he was Oregon's first Governor, and because at one time he responded when his name was called in the National House of Representatives, the citizens of Oregon may well honor John Whiteaker and listen reverently while the story of his life finds in his death the opportunity for a last recital.—Saturday's Oregonian.

ROOSEVELT TO THE RESCUE.

It is reported that the President is making renewed and extraordinary efforts to end the anthracite coal strike, for that purpose calling into conference some of the coal-rod presidents and trust magnates; and that he sent Secretary Root to New York to arrange for such a meeting. This, if true, shows that the President recognizes the gravity of the situation produced by the prolonged strike, politically and otherwise. Surely something must be done soon, in some quarter. Coal at some points in this country, as well as American anthracite coal in England, is said to be \$20 per ton or over. Soon in Eastern cities it will be even more than it is now, a prime necessity, and people cannot and will not pay one-half this price for it. There may have been arbitrary and obstinate acts on both sides, but everybody understands that the fight of the coal trust is to break up the miners' union, to avoid dealing with the miners as an organization. The miners had grievances that deserved a considerate hearing, and made some demands which should have been granted; but if they have not already demanded, they may in the future demand more than is reasonable, or gain through success too much power; the coal trust, realizing this, and desiring to retain a monopoly of oppression and injustice as well as of coal and its transportation, has been making the fight of its life against the miners' organization. Somewhere, somehow, something or somebody will have to break down and yield soon. The people in the East are going to have coal, and they will not pay \$20, nor yet \$12 or \$10 a ton for it, very long, either.

The President may have power to bring these contending forces to a common ground; Mr. Morgan

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and his associates, even if they do not like all that the President does and says, will scarcely turn a deaf ear and a cold shoulder to him when he says he has something of importance to say to them.

So perhaps President Roosevelt, all other influences failing, may end the strike, and in doing so he may have done millions of people a signal and immensely valuable service.—Telegram.

THE LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR

The Oregonian has sent a letter to each member of the next Oregon legislature asking an opinion as to the amount of money that should be appropriated by the legislature for the Lewis and Clark fair to be held in 1905. In the answers published, all favor a liberal appropriation. Some are outspoken in saying that \$500,000, the amount asked by the fair committee, is not too large.

To make this fair a success is a matter of state pride, and to do this, there must be a liberal appropriation.

The claim that it is only for Portland cannot be substantiated by facts if looked at with reason and judgement. That the great commercial center of Oregon will be benefitted by this fair, there is no question, but Portland cannot get it all. On account of the fair, Oregon will be advertised in every state in the Union, in a thorough manner for the first time in the history of the state.

There are thousands of people who are looking to the west and will be attracted by the fair and low passenger rates.

Every county in the state will get some of the people. The results will be lasting. People who settle here will bring others to help develop this great country yet in its infancy.

The matter of building a sidewalk to the O. R. & N. depot has been brought before the city council and is being considered. It is a question in which the people of Heppner are interested in. A large majority of the citizens want this walk built, and if ordered by

the council will meet the approval of almost every one. To get off the train and wade through the mud hunting for a sidewalk leaves a bad impression with every stranger that comes to the city.

Heppner will have better sidewalks.

Every citizen of Heppner should help to make the old folks and pioneers reunion a success.

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