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Paragraphs on Washington
BY ELBERT BEDE

Today is the birthday anniversary of George Washington. He was born Feb. 22, 1732—and has never died. He was the fifth child of Augustine Washington—and first in the hearts of his countrymen. He was an orphan on his father's side at 12—but his country soon adopted him. It is said that he never lied—and still he swore in his taxes every year. He beat Carrie Nation to the hatchet. He wore a cocked hat and knocked a lot of people into it. He was a surveyor by trade and laid out the British. He was self-taught—but he taught others a few things. He was a physical giant—but looked down on no one. He didn't believe in the recall—he refused to be recalled to the presidency the second time. Congress at one time put its whole trust in him—something it has never been known to do for any man since. Washington, D. C., was named in honor of him—but now that is sometimes considered a doubtful honor. He was a great leader of men—but was much less successful with women. He was the father of his country, but he had no children. He was the most maligned and most beloved man of his time. Loving a quiet country life, he spent his entire manhood in struggles against which his nature rebelled. His body lies at Arlington—but his spirit is in every true patriot.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SITUATION.

As the presidential situation clarifies itself it becomes more complicated. It is now almost clear that Roosevelt is preparing himself to be drafted, despite his statement in 1908 that he would never again be a candidate for the presidency. LaFollette's boom has collapsed about his head and he collapsed with it. Cummins, who got into office as the biggest reformer in Iowa, only to become its biggest boss, and who has not yet been able to liquidate his campaign expenses, never got far enough into the race to be counted out. And there seem to be no others worthy of mention, so it narrows down to Taft and Roosevelt. Those who were maligning Roosevelt four years ago for dictating whom his successor should be, are now eager to draft him. A recent editorial in The Outlook, at least printed with his sanction, if not actually dictated by him, leaves no further doubt of Teddy's willingness to submit to the drafting process. So it is pertinent to look a little into the qualifications of the two men. Roosevelt was president once. What did he do to entitle him to now break all precedents and accept a third term? He didn't bother the tariff for one thing. That was a wise thing for a man to do who studied to retain popularity. He tried to bulldoze congress until every congressman hated him. He called a lot of people "liars," which tended to dignify the office. He started a lot of things that he didn't finish. He stirred up the greatest period of unrest the country has ever known, but big business, with few exceptions, was doing business in the same manner when he left office as when he went in. But he did do one thing. He nominated Taft. Taft's nomination was one of his policies, and he expended more energy on that policy than on any other. Taft's nomination was his greatest personal victory. And now is he to acknowledge that it was all a mistake? What has Taft done? Despite criticism that nothing is being done, he has done more than

any other two presidents of his day. Every measure of progress passed by congress during his term was suggested by him, and includes the tariff board, the corporation tax, the income tax amendment, the new railroad law, postal savings banks, statehood, reciprocity. No congress in recent years has such a record for progressive legislation. An administration of economy has succeeded a period of extravagance and the postoffice department has wiped out a deficiency for the first time in its history. Principal among the measures proposed by him but not yet acted upon are arbitration treaties, supervision of trusts, conservation, parcels post, monetary reform—most of which will be adopted if Taft remains in the White House another four years. Roosevelt is the type of man of which popular idols are made, but The Sentinel ventures the prediction that in the event of his election he will go out of office the most unpopular president of modern times. Taft will never be a people's idol, but if he goes out of office next year, or four years later, he will leave behind him a record of constructive, progressive legislation such as no other president has ever equalled in a like period.

TAX NOTICES TOO AMBIGUOUS.

Many complaints are being made regarding the form of tax notice sent out by the Sheriff of Lane county. Taxpayers claim notices are too ambiguous, in that all taxes, real, personal, etc., are bunched in one lump sum with no means of segregating them. Taxpayers do not enter any too cheerfully into the digging up of their annual dues to the different governments, municipal, county and state, and like to know what they are paying taxes on. If it is real estate, they like each parcel listed separately and they wish personal property separate from the real. If it is not too much bother, taxpayers would like the tax notice to state what the rate of taxation is and how divided. By knowing the rates they can figure out valuations for themselves. Tax officials would save much dissatisfaction by giving taxpayers this information on the tax notices and also avoid much criticism. The laws of this state do not re-

quire that tax notices be sent at all, but if they are to be sent, they might as well give the information that those who pay the expenses wish for. In order to carry out this idea a system will have to be adopted for numbering tracts now described by metes and bounds, of which there are many in Lane county.

John Ward, alias Jack Bodie, a victim of "positive identification" by the bewildered victim of a hold-up in Watsonville, Cal., in 1903, is to be released from San Quentin, after serving nine years of a 30-year sentence for a crime he did not commit and knew nothing about. The real robber, a resident of Watsonville and a man of good reputation, has confessed. This pleasing little incident is respectfully referred to The Oregonian, Eugene Register and a few other blood-thirsty newspapers which believe in hanging on circumstantial evidence.

APPLE IS THE BEST FRUIT
ORCHARD EXPERT GIVES ADVICE TO LAND OWNERS.

Pears Have Blight Hazard Hanging Over Them at all Times—Country Excellent for Vegetables.

W. Wellington Phillips of Spokane, Wash., an expert grower of fine orchards, has for the past couple of weeks been visiting various fruit districts throughout the Willamette valley, consulting with horticultural experts, college professors, orchardists, etc., to ascertain what will be the ideal apple to grow on the irrigated lands at West Stayton. The questions for the expert to decide upon were what would be best to raise in the West Stayton country, pears, prunes and apples and what variety? Mr. Phillips concludes that apples will be the fruit to raise, as prune orchards are not in as much demand.

"Pears probably would do well, but the blight hazard hangs over them at all times, in all districts and under irrigation and intercropping and high cultivation are most certain to suffer an early death, as anything which tends to produce rapid growth in the trees creates conditions favorable to the ravages of blight, Mr. Phillips said. As to apples he reports as follows: "For apple varieties, plant 60 per cent Rome Beauty, 20 per cent Tompkins' King. Use the Wagener whenever a filler is desired. Put the main orchard in on the square 30 feet each way, or 50 trees to the acre. All are known to have good established markets and are well adapted to your soil conditions. "The square system is superior to the hexagonal in planting, particularly where an intercrop will be grown, as cultivation is simplified. "The Newtown is omitted because of the tendency of the apple to scab,

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and the trees' sensitiveness to slightly improper pruning, checking production, and demand for clay soil. "The Spitzenberg is omitted because it is subject to diseases of all kinds, is hard to grow, and hard to keep yielding uniformly well. "The Ortley is an experiment in the lower part of the valley. Might do well. Grimes' Golden undoubtedly are safe apples, but are tender shippers and an early fall, in lieu of a winter apple. "Vanderpool Reds are excellent. The tree will overbear and produce undersized fruit unless carefully handled. Not widely known, but are always salable and are long-time keepers. It may be well to append that under irrigation you have at West Stayton beyond all question of doubt, ideal land for loganberries, strawberries, gooseberries and other small fruits, as well as for onions, celery, potatoes and vegetables. "The Shop" where good printing is done—The Sentinel.

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Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

Much of the pleasure about married life comes from not being married. The man who sits around feeling bad because someone else is more successful than he, isn't doing much to remedy the condition. No man can be dishonest without knowing it. Doctors are now able to make a man's heart beat after he is dead. They'd better start practicing now on a few of the animated ones. Some men get the habit of speaking sharp to their wives because that's the only way they can get a word in. Don't trust the man who tells you all men are dishonest. An eastern professor says a 12-cent breakfast is enough for a literary person. We should rather judge that some of them had been practicing living on that amount and that it had all been going to their bodies. Many a kind deed causes sorrow for the moment. Don't forget that the motives that control your mind are portrayed in your face. People do not enjoy doing things nearly as much as they do having people talk about their having done them. More people fail to get somewhere from never starting than from having others put impediments in their way. Maybe they call it Wall street because nothing that gets in there ever succeeds in getting out. We presume some men talk in their sleep because they have to talk sometime to keep from forgetting how. Bachelors have made many women happy by not marrying them. You can't expect to get along with someone else if you don't make it so that they can get along with you. If all the kind deeds that are planned were actually performed this would be a much happier old world. It's an appropriate idea to give political lame ducks positions on the waterways commission. A book agent has pleaded guilty in municipal court. If they should all get as conscience-stricken as this one the wheels of justice certainly would be clogged. Some people want to try the commission form of government on the grounds that any change must be for the better. It is the little deeds of thoughtfulness and kindness that make life worth living. Men would talk as much as women if they had a chance. One good way of being economical is to have credit at all the stores—and never use it. Geo. Washington never told a lie—they say. Well, they must be fibbing who say it. The reason that women have the reputation of not being able to keep a secret is because when they do keep one you don't know it. Some people think that what is sassiness in the children of others is just inherited smartness in theirs. A hero is often a person who gets too much credit for doing something which he ought to have done anyway. Bad luck is usually about ten-tenths poor judgment and the balance downright laziness. Don't help a man up so far that he feels above you. It takes considerable superheated air to sell a man a flying machine. A woman doesn't think so much of the men after marrying one as she did before. A person's often right when he admits he's wrong. Bad luck often comes from trusting too much to good luck. Money makes a noise—so the hen has plenty of reason for cackling when she lays an egg. No wonder male jurors kick on the treatment they get. In a western court a case in which one woman is suing another for selling her a corset which she alleges does not fit and pinches her in places, has been given by the judge to a jury of women. This certainly was shabby treatment of the men. If everyone stopped to think before they spoke there wouldn't be much said. The things you do for nothing more than over-balance the things you get for nothing. Life is insipid in a flat. Some folks think things are not expensive if they are worth somewhere near what they cost. If all the candidates, actual and proposed, vote at the next election, there will be a large vote. A juror was recently taken off of a jury because of supposed insanity. He wasn't so crazy but that he knew how to get out of the job. Carrie Chapman Catt is no kitten when she begins to claw the men folks.

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