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ODE TO A SKELETON.

Behold this ruin. 'Tis a skull,
Once of ethereal spirit full;
This narrow cell was life's retreat,
This space was thought's mysterious seat.

What beautiful visions filled this spot,
What dreams of pleasure long forgot,
Nor joy, nor grief, nor hope, nor fear,
Has left one trace on record here.

Beneath this moldering canopy
Once shone the bright and busy eye;
Yet start not at the dismal void,
If holy love that eye employed,
If with no lawless fire it gleamed,
But through the dews of kindness beamed,

That eye shall be forever bright,
When stars and sun are sunk in night.

Within this hollow cavern hung
The ready, swift and tuneful tongue;
If falsehood's honey is disdained,
And when it could not praise, was chained;
If bold in virtue's cause it spoke,
Yet gentle concord never broke,
That silent tongue may plead for thee,
When Time unveils Eternity.

Say, did these fingers delve the mine,
Or with its enjayed rubies shine?
To hew the rock or wear the gem
Can little now avail to them;
But i: the page of Truth it sought,
Or comfort to the mourner brought,
These hands a richer meed shall claim
Than all that waits on wealth or fame

Avails it whether bare or shod,
These feet the paths of duty trod?
If from the bowers of ease they fled
To seek affection's humble shed?
If grandeur's guilty bribe they spurned
And home to virtue's cot returned,
These feet with angel's wings shall vie
And tread the palace of the sky.

—Selected.

Spencer should have at least 90 per cent of the vote of the Cottage Grove country for county commissioner—and he may need it.

Cottage Grove people will vote for Burton, a Cottage Grove man, for assessor, besides he promises a reduction of \$10,000 in four years in the expenses of the office.

NOT WORTH IT.

THE North Douglas Herald is "hoist by its own petard" when it attempts to explain away some of the defects of the primary method of nominating candidates, and it evidently says some things for no other purpose or reason than just to be a talking.

In an attempt to put some kind of a face upon his arguments, Editor Beebe goes so far as to misquote The Sentinel. He says:

"We don't quite see how The Sentinel man figures when he states that under the convention system the party nominees would not come from the centers of population, unless the convention was 'fixed' on some man outside, in which case you have your graft."

The Sentinel did not say that under the convention system party nominees would not come from the center of population. We said ALL would not come from there, thereby indicating that each section would get its proportion.

We have not seen the convention system at work in Oregon, but we are fa-

miliar with its operation elsewhere. Where we have seen it operate party leaders realized that to keep their party in control it was necessary that men should be nominated who could poll the entire party vote and who could make good if elected. Under such circumstances it was necessary that each section be given recognition and that good men be nominated.

Of course the leaders could not control things and sometimes their plans went wrong or if their plans went through they found they had misjudged their men. But no more such mistakes were then made than are now made under the primary.

One reason why so many mistakes are made under the primary is because electors must so often vote for men they have never seen, or only know of through their pictures.

In all honesty we would ask those who think there is nothing to compare with the primary system, if a worse mistake was ever made under the convention system than the sending of Lafayette to congress. We would like to ask if our representation in congress has been improved under the primary system, if we have had abler governors and more competent state officials.

The Herald man speaks of efforts to apportion the representation under the convention system as "graft" and says he needs some more light. He does need more light—and he should use it to study the dictionary at night.

Again the Herald man resorts to misquotations:

"Editor Bede makes a number of statements which he fails to substantiate, the logic of which we are unable to grasp, as for instance: That a poor man cannot successfully run for office under the primary system."

What we really said was: "Under the primary system, what chance has a poor man to be elected to the U. S. SENATE OR THE LOWER HOUSE against a man already in or against a man of wealth? Absolutely none. None but those with money to squander can even afford to attempt to try for such positions."

If Editor Beebe can show us how any man can be elected for the first time to a national or state office (with the exception of the legislature) without spending from \$1000 to \$10,000 we would be inclined to attempt to feel satisfied with the primary system. If the Herald man will show us that under the primary system we have improved upon our delegation at Washington, we will try to forget that we have ever criticized the primary system.

The primary system has probably cost Lane county \$100,000 in cold cash to date. Again we ask: "Is it worth it?"

Vote for Jennings (rep.) for county clerk as a protest against gross extravagance and inefficiency.

Vote for T. C. Campbell (rep.), an experienced man and a Cottage Grove man, for public service commissioner.

The taxeaters who have been squandering the people's money should be all cleaned out on May 19.

VOTE OUT EXTRAVAGANCE.

THIS is the last issue of The Sentinel before the primary election. The Sentinel has been able to do but a small part of the things it hoped to be able to do in this clean up campaign. It has not been able to give anywhere near all the facts concerning conditions at the court house which it hoped to give. There have been good reasons for this.

One is that we have not had the space to use nor the time to prepare the copy; the main reason has been that we have been particular to be absolutely fair with the county officers and have published nothing but which we were absolutely certain was just as stated. It has taken a great deal of work to get information into such shape that there could be no mistake, when there were some who did not wish us to get that information and when servants of the taxpayers refused to answer questions asked them concerning the conduct of their offices.

The Sentinel trusts, however, that it has successfully shown that for the good of the county, that in the interests of efficiency and economy, there must be a change made in those who fill the county offices.

Whether or not we have convinced the voters, we shall feel that we have done our duty honestly, that we have not spoken an untrue word, that we have not resorted to abuse, and that we have

done the best we could do under the circumstances.

It is now up to the voters as to whether or not they wish to continue the present regime of extravagance and inefficiency.

Whichever way you feel, be at the polls on May 19 and register your vote.

Vote for C. B. Moores, a capable man and a real republican, for secretary of state.

Vote the old bunch out of the court house as a protest against extravagance.

Vote a new bunch in at the court house as notice that there must be economy and efficiency.

SOUND ADVICE.

A. DILL, who has given up the management of the Springfield News, is recognized as a good newspaper man. He has been an important factor in keeping Springfield on the map, but in doing so he has been handicapped in many ways. In his last issue he tells of some of these things and gives some sound advice that applies to nearly every Willamette valley community. He says in part:

"Just a word or two as we close our relationship as editor of the Lane County News.

"People of Springfield, get out of this attitude of sitting back and waiting 'until the shops are built.' The shops are undoubtedly coming, and that within a summer or two, but the fact that they are coming does not justify you in sitting idly by and allowing other industries to seek other locations when they ought to come here.

"Do all these things to help build up the town, and then when the car-shops do come they will find Springfield people not exhausted by long waiting, but active, and ready to enjoy and take full advantage of the added prosperity.

"To do these things will require a greater degree of community co-operation than has been apparent at times in the past. It can be done, as witness the camp ground campaign of last year. Do it again, and then again.

"Merchants of this town are going to have to do a bit of advertising if they are to compete with the Eugene stores. It is by advertising that the Eugene merchants are getting the business they are, and it is only by advertising that the Springfield merchants can hold what they have, or regain any that is lost.

"And another thing: they must get over the idea that the editor personally must spend more at their store than their advertising amounts to. The editor's salary is only a small item of the paper's cost. There are other employees to be paid and they spend their money here. So, merchants, help your own business by advertising, knowing that fully three-fourths of the money you pay for advertising will stay right here in your own town."

Vote for Howard or Barnard (reps.) or Bailey (dem.) for sheriff, as a protest against extravagance.

Both J. W. Pixley and Miss Black (rep.) promise a reduction in the expenses of the treasurer's office and that is one of the few offices that is conducted at anything like a reasonable expense. If reductions can be made in this office, think what is possible in other offices.

HUGHES IS THE MAN.

IF ANY further indication were needed to show the trend toward Hughes, it is found in the straw ballot of legislators of 30 states of the Union taken by the Literary Digest. The result was: Hughes 894, Roosevelt 352, Root 181, with a large number of scattering votes for favorite sons. Oregon's vote was: Hughes 42, Roosevelt 4.

Hughes is the man.

NO TIME FOR BOND-BUILT ROADS.

(Editorial in Eugene Register.)

A plan is on foot to bond Lane county for \$700,000 to pave the best road in the upper Willamette valley. Ten years from now, or perhaps even five, this might be highly advisable, but it is not now. There are too many other needs that ought to be met first.

For instance, if that amount of money is to be spent, it would be much wiser to spend it on a system of gravel or crushed rock market roads leading out from the centers. Roads of this character can be built at comparatively small expense and if properly maintained they give splendid service. If they are kept free from chuck holes and ruts they can be traveled at any season of the year with comfort.

Proper maintenance, of course, means having them patrolled at regular intervals by men whose business it is to repair the small faults that develop under traffic. In order to make this kind of work most effective, piles of material should be dumped at regular intervals along the road so that when new material is needed in the winter time it can be obtained without too great expense. In this way the surface of the road could be kept smooth so that heavy loads could be hauled over it in any weather.

The construction of roads such as these need not entail any waste, even if paving is done later, for if a good grade and base is provided the cost of paving will be just that much less. Where new paved roads are built, as in Jackson county, the cost of the grade is a large part of the total, so it is apparent that if the grade is already pro-

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tures by what she has been told the income is—and hubby will hate to own up that he lied.

Telephones are a nuisance in some ways. It isn't as easy to explain direct to wifey why you are detained down town as it is to send a note—besides when you get home you are not certain that she hasn't called up and has found out that you weren't where you are

going to say you were.

A true wife improves with age to a true husband.

The time to be sorry about something you've done is before you do it.

Make love to another girl and you'll find out pretty fast how you stand with the first one.

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