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## A NOTABLE SUNDAY

Last Sunday was a notable day, not only because it was Easter, the annual anniversary of the resurrection, but it was also the three hundredth anniversary of the deaths of Shakespeare and Cervantes, both of whom died on the same day, April 23rd, 1616.

Had it not been for the European war the date would have received a larger public recognition, but now matters connected with the gentler arts must hold the background while the slaughter proceeds.

Although Shakespeare is recognized as the leading literary man of all time his own life was obscure in its very commonplaceness. All that is positively known of his life could be told on one of the pages of this paper. He was neither very rich nor very poor. He was moderately successful in everything he undertook, but did not have a brilliant personality and many lesser men were rated higher in his time because they impressed themselves more forcibly on their associates.

Such details of his life as are known have been dug up one at a time by men who have spent years at the task. Old record books, of births, marriages and deaths, tax lists, hotel registers, and the writings of his contemporaries have given the skeleton upon which the biographies of Shakespeare have been hung.

His genius has stood the test of three centuries and his reputation constantly increases. The depths of his philosophy, his universal information and the charm of his literary style are acknowledged supreme wherever written language is read.

On the contrary, what is known of Cervantes would fill a volume. A soldier, a politician, a galley slave and a philosopher and at all times an adventurer, Spain's one great contribution to the world of literature lived a life that teemed with adventure. His fame rests upon one book, "Don Quixote" but it is a masterpiece and has made life more pleasant for millions of people since it was written.

But though he did much for the world the world did not do much for him. Constant poverty was his lot.

When the great emperor Darius set out on his various expeditions of conquest he carried along a force of masons whose duty it was to rear suitable monuments that the record of his exploits might stand to be observed by coming generations and they might know that on such and such dates the great Darius passed that way. But these monuments soon crumbled

and were forgotten.

The monuments left by Shakespeare and Cervantes however are built of more enduring material. The rain and sunshine do not tarnish them and the frosts of winter do not cause them to crumble. They are enshrined in the hearts of people for whom they have added zest to life.

## OLCOTT'S POLITICS

Last week the Oregon Voter inadvertently referred to Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott as a democrat. This week the Voter takes back the assertion with words like the following:

When a man's party affiliation is so obscured by his efficiency as a public officer that the editor of The Voter inadvertently referred to him as a democrat instead of a republican the circumstances may be taken as an unusual indication of able administration. Such is the case of Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, erroneously referred to by the Voter in last week's issue as a democrat. Mr. Olcott is and always has been a republican. His selection for office was not based upon partisan consideration, and his success in office certainly was not due to political organization. As a partisan he simply has been one of the rank and file of the republican party; he has not been prominent as a political organizer; he simply has been a plain adherent of republican principles, but has been filling his state office as a representative of the whole people, administering its affairs without regard to political considerations. The Voter's inadvertence was an unintended compliment to Mr. Olcott's especial fitness for re-election, and while inexcusable from an editorial point of view, it was a mistake which carried with it a significant lesson.

A shiftless man is always boasting of what he would do if he had the money.

In after years a man rejoices because of the failure of youthful ambitions.

No girl who is able to bring a man to the point cares for leap year privileges.

For an American citizen Mexico now surpasses the high seas as a place of unsafety first.

France and Germany are both expectant of a speedy end to the war, but not the same kind of an end.

Making an army and navy while you wait is not easy, but history shows that it has been done.

"Villa has close shave," says a headline. But Carranza needs it most.

It's a safe bet that those Carranza deserters are going to get their deserts.

Germany boasts that its war loans are larger than those of the allies. They have to be.

We suppose the Supreme Court Bench is beginning to look to Brandeis like the anxious bench.

Germany seems to have forgotten that the Allies intend to have something to say about terms of peace.

Instead of going to hell, as Villa used to invite us, Uncle Sam will be content with giving it to him.

## Retiring From Business.

Young Woman (blushing violently)—Are you the gentleman who has charge of the advertising department of the paper, sir?

Clerk—Yes, miss. What can I do for you?

Young Woman—I—er—want to advertise a—secondhand typewriter for sale. I shall have no further use for it.—Exchange.

## The Case Altered.

Brown—Is it correct to speak of a man as "of the male persuasion?"

Jones—Yes, if the subject is not married.

"What has that to do with the matter?"

"Why, when he is married his wife persuades him."

## Notaries Public.

Notaries public are said to have been first appointed by the leaders of primitive Christians for the purpose of collecting data for the lives of the first century martyrs. It was a long time before the office had to do with legal employments, such as attesting deeds, wills, etc., and establishing their authenticity in any other country. There was much irregularity in the law concerning notaries until the year 1801, when statutes were passed in England and other countries fixing their duties.—New York American.

## To Whom Honor is Due.

As a pendant to the story of the professor who upon being questioned on the witness stand declared that he was "the greatest living scientist," saying apologetically afterward that he "was on oath," comes the following anecdote from a New England college:

Dr. H. had been unfolding to his class in physics a new and startling idea, and at the end of the explanation one of his students said deferentially, "Is that your own theory, professor?"

"No," the professor replied, "but," he added reassuringly, "it's a good one."—Youth's Companion.

## Sentimental to Practical.

Young Man (over the counter)—If I should want to exchange this engagement ring for something else it will be all right, won't it?

Jeweler—Oh, certainly! With pleasure. We are always glad to accommodate patrons.

Same Young Man (over the counter a year later)—I believe you told me when I bought this ring I could exchange it for something else?

Jeweler—Yes. What will you have?

Young Man—Well, I'd like to exchange it for a barrel of flour, a bushel of potatoes, a ham and a load of coal.—Exchange.

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### FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

I am a candidate for the office of county school superintendent of Polk county, subject to the will of the people at the Republican primary, May 19, 1916. Businesslike methods, good schools and faithful service.

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### FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I hereby announce my candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of District Attorney. If nominated and elected, I shall enforce all laws as I find them without fear or favor, and in a just, conscientious manner. I will give to the County's affairs the same careful, conscientious attention I would give to the affairs of private clients. I respectfully solicit your support, and if nominated and elected, will devote my entire time to giving you an administration of the affairs of this office such as may reward you for the trust and confidence placed in me.

Walter L. Tooz, Jr.

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### TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY

I am a candidate for District Attorney of said County, and if nominated and elected, I pledge myself to diligently and faithfully attend to all the duties pertaining to said office, and will fearlessly enforce all the laws in an impartial manner.

I respectfully ask your support at the primary election on the 19th of May, 1916.

B. F. SWOPE.

### NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY OREGON

I hereby announce myself on the Republican ticket for the office of County Clerk, subject to the will of the voters at the Primary Election in May, and respectfully solicit your support.

LOUIS V. MACKEN.

### TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election in May and respectfully solicit your support.

MRS. WINNIE BRADEN.

### FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Surveyor on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the members of that party at the primary in May. I solicit the support of all republicans throughout Polk county, assuring each that if I am nominated and elected the duties incumbent upon the county surveying will be given the very best attention.

Efficiency, Economy and Impartiality is my motto.

WM. A. ("BILL") HIMES

### TO REPUBLICAN VOTERS

Having been urged by my friends to again become a candidate for commissioner and having acceded to their demand, I most respectfully ask the support of all republicans in the primary May 19. My past record is my only platform.

G. A. WELLS.

### FOR TREASURER

I am a candidate for the office of treasurer on the Republican ticket. Your vote is respectfully solicited at the primary election, May 19, 1916.

A. V. R. SNYDER.