

AFTER THE TWILIGHT

Binger Hermann had a long, clear evening of life. To many men who fought the battle of life as vigorously as he did it is denied. They fall on the battlefield. They rest beneath their laurels.

But the man who so many years served Oregon as a congressman and whose period of public service stretched over much of the active period of his career, came to the time when he might let go gently.

From his home on the hill in Roseburg he could look out over the charming city, over the placid, beautiful valley of the Umpqua. To him now and again came his friends. Some of them were the friends of long ago. They made their visits in the sense of a pilgrimage to a citizen beloved. And when they sat with him in the old-fashioned front room of the old-fashioned house, it was as though the walls were lit with the warm afterglow. And when they talked reminiscently of days once active, once competitive, but now softened in retrospect, it was as though this patriarch of public service there in his Roseburg home presided over a banquet of memories.

No halting foot kept Binger Hermann in his later years from going back to welcome the advent of the railroad in Coos county, the region he had known in his primitive stages as the son of a pioneer family. No palsied hand lessened the cordiality of his handshake. No thickened tongue reduced the genial flavor of the greeting with which he was wont to hail old and young.

Binger Hermann played his large part in the destinies of Oregon. He lived to see some of his most optimistic dreams come true. It was for him, as one of the few that was written:

Grow old along with me;
The best of life is yet to be.

—Journal.

PORT OF PORTLAND REPORT

Figures compiled by the Traffic Department of the Port of Portland Commission during the first three

weeks of March show four full cargoes of wheat moved to the United Kingdom amounting to 1,018,800 bushels. This was in addition to several smaller shipments.

Eleven passenger automobiles for delivery in China was placed aboard the steamer West Holbrook which sailed for delivery on the 20th in China.

Two shipments of zinc concentrates moved during the week for Belgium. This makes the fourth shipment of that commodity during the past two months, with a total tonnage of 6,322 tons. The movement of these commodities through the port proves the value of our bulk storage facilities.

Twenty-nine tons of frozen fish with a value of \$8,600, was dispatched to Europe on a recent steamer in addition to numerous small shipments of canned pears, plums and dried fruit.

ON BEING USEFUL

Men and women who sow the seed of constant useful activity reap the harvest of success from a soil fertilized by their own steady purpose. It would be as foolish to expect success without active exertion as to gather a crop before you plant the seed. But in cultivating that character which reaps true achievement, you may sow in all seasons and gather the fruits with the serene assurance that even wind and weather, storm or stress, are a part of the process of personal growth.

Optimism is an ally of effort and success. It is the kernel of the nut not the shell. It is the fine trait of the man, not the faults. It is the flowers on the hillside, not the dead leaves under the snow. It is the opportunity in any job, not the grind. It is up to the individual whether his world will be golden or drab. Optimism in a word is the eye of the soul. It is the color in the vision revealing the fine beyond the coarse, the best beyond the worst.

The hammer of construction down on the hammer of the knocker.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Cut worms again are appearing in Lane county, according to O. S. Fletcher, county agent.

Umpqua valley strawberries will be on the market within a few days, according to reports made by growers.

Madison-street bridge, long an old landmark of Oregon City, and condemned for a long time, is to be replaced by a new structure.

Alva A. Bonney, 24, was killed at Lasen station on the Oregon Electric railway by a short circuit when operating a switch at the sub-station.

F. B. Ingels of Dufur, who recently was appointed a member of the state fair board to succeed Wayne Stuart of Albany, has declined to accept the appointment.

The contract for building four miles of the Missouri Flat market road has been let to the Security Construction company of La Grande for \$20,812.60, by the Union county court.

Marshall Flesham, a farmer about 65 years of age residing about 20 miles north of Wallowa in the Promise country, was dragged to death by his team while logging in the woods.

Headquarters company, third battalion, 162d infantry, of St. Helena, was mustered in Monday night as company K, 186th regiment, Oregon national guard, with a roll of 52 men.

Hearing on the motion of the public service commission to determine the condition of the roadbed and equipment of the Oregon Electric railway has been set for Friday in Salem.

Officials of the bureau of agricultural economics of the department of agriculture will visit Portland on April 23 to hold hearings on the proposed official grain standards for barley.

The new Young Men's Christian Association home which is nearing completion at Salem will be occupied on May 1, according to announcement. The building cost approximately \$160,000.

The board of Multnomah county commissioners will go before the voters at the primary election May 21 with a request for a \$2,500,000 bond issue for county road construction and improvement.

Cutworms have invaded several orchards of Wasco county, and are causing considerable damage by eating the foliage and blossoms, according to reports reaching the office of the county agent.

Bend is to be the 1926 convention city of cattlemen and horse raisers of Oregon. The 13th annual convention of the Oregon Cattle & Horse Raisers' association will be held there on May 28 and 29.

Rev. A. T. Smith of the First United Presbyterian church of Portland was elected moderator of the Oregon presbytery of the United Presbyterian church at the semi-annual session of that body at Albany.

The Thompson-Kelly sawmill in Marshfield, which had debts amounting to more than \$40,000, was sold by Deputy Sheriff Malahorn for \$1400 which sum represented a portion of the taxes due Coos county.

The request of residents along the John Day highway for a motor truck mail delivery service out of Arlington is receiving favorable consideration at the postoffice department. Representative Sinnott has been informed.

The Portland Feed & Fertilizer company, with headquarters in Portland, filed with the public service commission application for reduced rates on horses shipped to the plant from eastern Oregon and other points in the state.

Rev. Walter Benwell Hinson, D. D., M. A., LL. D., pastor of the East Side Baptist church, Portland, author, church-builder and recognized nationally as one of the leading ministers of his denomination, died in Portland Thursday.

Orders for pine lumber booked by 38 mills of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association for the week ending April 3 totaled 1294 cars or 33,644,000 feet, which was 299 cars, or 10,774,000 feet more than for the preceding week.

Contract for the construction of the Alder Slope ditch near Enterprise has been awarded to Edward Bishop of Baker. It is estimated the ditch proper will cost \$8800, but cost of bridges and engineering will bring the total to about \$15,000.

A. D. Dawes, who was said to represent some large mining interests in the middle west, has filed in the office of the state engineer on a power site on the Little North fork of the Santiam river, approximately one mile from the mouth of Gold creek. The filing calls for 200 theoretical horse power.

WOMEN'S CLUBS CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN LA GRANDE

The 15,000 club women of Oregon are already keenly interested in the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in La Grande, May 3, 4, 5, and 6. It is expected that practically everyone of the 175 clubs affiliated with the federation will be represented, and the voting body will be between 200 and 300.

"Preparation, Participation, Progress," is the slogan for the convention and around the theme, "Enlarged opportunities for women challenge better preparation and utmost participation," a program of interest and instruction is being prepared by a committee headed by Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst of Portland, assisted by Mrs. C. H. Scranton, president of the La Grande Neighborhood club, the hostess organization; Mrs. William Krassig of Oregon City, chairman of the division of music, and Mrs. Dunbar, state president.

Dr. E. O. Holland, president of Washington State College at Pullman, will address the convention on "Education and Democracy" and Dr. Alfred H. Upham, president of the University of Idaho, is the other big attraction in the way of a speaker.

The Department of Fine Arts, as its part in the program will present a three-act play, "The Circle." Mrs. E. P. Mossman of La Grande, chairman of the division of Art and Mrs. Krassig, chairman of the division of Music will be in charge. Dr. Homer P. Rainey, associate professor of education at the university of Oregon will speak on the program of the department of Applied Education of which Miss Grace H. Chamberlain of Ashland is chairman.

A. A. Smith, a former member of the state legislature from Baker county, will be the speaker on the program in charge of the legislative department of which Mrs. Alexander Thompson of Portland, is chairman. The American Citizenship department, Mrs. Charles H. Castner, Hood River, chairman, will present Mr. A. C. Strange, executive secretary of the Oregon Americanization commission.

Mr. Frank B. Appleby, editor and publisher of the La Grande Observer, will speak at the session conducted by the department of press and publicity, Wednesday evening at Baker. The Department of Public Welfare, Miss Grace Phelps of Portland, chairman, announces three speakers, Chaplain W. S. Gilbert, a regent of the University of Oregon, who will speak on the Doernbecher hospital project in which the federation is interested having pledged \$20,000 at the convention last year. W. J. Herwig, president of the Oregon anti-narcotics league, and Miss Lida C. Bowler of San Francisco, executive secretary of the Indian Defense league.

Officers of the Federation and heads of the departments will be guests of the Rotary club on the opening day of the convention. In the evening the formal opening will take place, this being a reception at which the women of La Grande will be hostesses. A "cowboy" breakfast is scheduled for Thursday morning with the business men's clubs as hosts. In response to an invitation from Baker, the convention will be moved to that city for the Wednesday evening session, which will be preceded by a dinner given by the people of Baker.

The chief item of business to come before the convention will be the election of officers. Club leaders have expressed the desire that the delegates go into convention without a slate, appraise the women and make their choice, to fill the several offices accordingly.

Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar of Portland, president of the Federation, and members of the Board and Department chairmen will preside.

WHY AMERICA EXCELS

Americans are often criticized for love of pleasure and lack of thrift with time and money. It is often charged that we spend too much time in the theater, the dance hall, the motor car, the stadium and other resorts of pastime. The pleasure-loving Frenchman believes we are coming around to their way of taking life. The sober-sides at home remember the decline and fall of the Roman empire, but most of us know that none of them see us aught.

The word "pastime" was derived from the phrase "pass the time." A usual definition of the contraction is some expedient to keep time from lagging. This is not, however, the definition which can be applied to the pastimes of the mass of Americans.

It is never more obvious than in the spring that Americans love sports and pleasures for something more than a desire to play and to be

spendthrift with time. That something is the recognition of the need of a stock of fresh air, recreation and exercise to restore us to perfect health after the rigors of winter and to prepare our body and mind for the tasks of next winter. The average American plays not for pleasure - from work, but for strength for work. There are no people on the globe who work as industriously and vigorously as do Americans and so there are none requiring as much recreation.

The two weeks' vacation is a national trait and as such tells the story of a nation which works 50 weeks out of the year and plays two. During the fifty weeks of labor the more mature play golf for exercise, not pleasure, the middle-aged motor, swim, ride and hunt, not for pleasure alone but to store up new energy for more work, the young swim, play tennis, dance, hike and motor, perhaps with pleasure as the lone motive, but nevertheless assimilating the sturdiness and health of the out-of-doors. That the American is as systematic and regular in his recreation as he is in his work explains in great part his seeming inexhaustible capacity for work.

Americans do not place pleasure before business but to the contrary make business of their pleasure.

VAN DUZER BACKS AID FOR COUNTIES

Oregon City, April 14.—Belief that the state highway fund should be used to aid counties in maintaining state highways was expressed by H. B. Van Duzer, member of the state highway commission, at a luncheon of the Member's forum of the chamber of commerce Tuesday. Relief for the overburdened highways that carry the brunt of travel through the county is the plan of the commission, according to Van Duzer.

Widening of the highway between New Era and Canemah is one of the first steps and right of way is being purchased by the county. The commission plans to get the legislature to pass on a law by which the state will be able to pay for right-of-way rather than counties. Repair and

widening of east side highway between Portland and Oregon City is an early necessity, said Van Duzer, and the commission is considering the problem.—Journal.

NOTES AND COMMENT
By Chad Alton

With systematic diamonds manufactured from old pop bottles, rubber tires made from rags and paper silk from wood, booze from almost anything, and beefsteak from cotton seed, we ought not to kick if grandma bobs her hair, uses the lipstick and abbreviates her skirts until they expose her lower extremities until there is no mistake about it.

Luther Burbank, the great plant scientist, has passed. Whether or not he was an atheist matters little, his life here taught him love of flowers and plants and all that was beautiful in nature, and these the great man used in the search for the great mystery, and which yet remains a mystery to all of us. This has now been revealed to him, and for his work done here, in spite of his beliefs and doubts, a just judge will overlook his human frailties.

Lieutenant-governor Young of California makes the statement that the criminal of today sees thirty-two chances out of thirty-three of escaping the penalty of his crime. This condition has lasted so long and is so well known and been talked of so much of late that it would seem something might be done to remedy it. Otherwise crime will soon rule the land.

"Bobbed hair bandits" are not referred to any more for fear that your home town barber will take it as a personal offense.

The man in the pulpit today has need of something new and interesting to talk about to lure people with an auto to leave the country roads, the woods and streams. The pew is usually a drowsy place where one may listen to spiritual matters which should interest, but the wide and open spaces may furnish much that may benefit the observant person.

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