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SENATOR JOSEPH'S DEATH ALTERS CAMPAIGN OUTLOOK

The passing of Geo. W. Joseph, republican nominee for governor of Oregon, came as a shock to the entire state. And this whether the individual was intending to support him for governor or not.

Senator Joseph was in apparently the best of health and was preparing to view the maneuvers of the Oregon National Guard, in camp at Seaside, last Monday morning, and was talking to Col. Eugene Mosherberger, of Woodburn, when the summons came. Death was instantaneous, resulting from a clot over the heart.

What effect Senator Joseph's passing will have on the political outlook is not clear at this writing, but it is certainly true that the campaign will be different from what it would have been had he lived. As vigorous, outspoken and courageous a man as Joseph would have injected an interest in the fall campaign which it may now lack.

His death also brings prominently into the limelight the state central committee consisting of 36 representatives, one from each county in the state, for it will be their duty to name a standard-bearer for the republican party. As a general rule the state committee's officers are active during the campaign, but the individual committeeman's position is one of honor only. This year it will be different for the 36 representatives will actually act as a convention in selecting some candidate.

Who that candidate will be is, of course, uncertain, but there is considerable talk around the state that Robt. W. Sawyer, deposed state highway commissioner, would be the best selection that could be made. And it would be a case of poetic justice, if Gov. Al Norblad's summary dismissal of Mr. Sawyer from the commission should result in the latter's elevation to the gubernatorial chair.

That the central committee will name any of the recent primary candidates is improbable. Accidental Gov. Al might have had it if he had not begun cutting heads as soon as the primary was over, but it is doubtful that any of the five will now be considered.

Sawyer is not one of the old machine; he has made a good record in all public positions and would reflect credit on the state if chosen for its chief magistrate.

Two candidates for the school board at last Monday's election in Coquille and each with the same idea of what they would strive to accomplish was unusual in this respect—the supporters of neither candidate knew what the other had in mind until the last minute. Either the defeated or the successful candidate would have made a very efficient member of the school board.

R. A. Easton's Weekly Letter

We knew that Thomas M. Dimmick, treasurer of Coos county, was in poor health and that the years of life for him had run beyond the four score mark, but when we read in the Oregonian the bare news of his going, it made us draw a long breath and when last week's Sentinel came the account of his life was the first article read.

Tom Dimmick was a white man in all that figure of speech implies. It was in the summer of '96 that we first met him. He was then running the tannery which was located on Coos Bay between Marshfield and the Porter mill. If my memory serves me right there was a shingle mill near by owned by a man by the name of Hall.

The Dimmick home was located on a level bench of ground at the foot of the bluffs and not far from the tannery. I can see Mr. Dimmick now as I saw him and one of the boys working in the tannery and Mrs. Dimmick and two of the smaller children, with red hair, in the home. It was not a pretentious home but a homey sort of a home. A home that stands out as a landmark in my memory as the kind of home where love abides.

In those early days of my acquaintance with Mr. Dimmick I learned to know him as a friendly man. After

he was elected county treasurer and he and Mrs. Dimmick moved to Coquille, I exchanged greetings with him when I made my occasional trips to town. I always found him to be the same friendly man whom I had known on the Bay.

My life has been enriched by the good men whom I have known and they are many. And when I mention one of those men who are as landmarks in my life I say, "he is one of the best men I have ever known," and so I say of T. M. Dimmick, he is one of the best men I have ever known.

Now that there is a vacancy for candidate for governor that the republican state central committee has to fill, the democratic nominee's chances for election are increased or decreased as to whether the committee nominates a man or a tin-whistle politician. By the rules of the game, Norblad should have it. On a guess, he won't get it for the reason he lacks good horse sense.

State Treasurer Tom Kay or Judge Lowell of Pendleton are dependable men and not of the peanut variety. It may be neither would want the job. As the lay of the land is now, I am, as I was before the vacancy, expecting to see Ed Bailey, a democrat, the next governor of Oregon.

R. A. Easton.

News From State Capital

George Bylander, Portland petition peddler, who is attempting to initiate a measure for the abolishment of the public service commission, may have to go to the courts to have his measure granted a place on the general election ballot even after he secures the requisite number of signatures. Acting on the advice of Attorney General Van Winkle, secretary of State Hoss has refused to approve Bylander's petition forms and has indicated that he will probably refuse to accept the petitions for filing when they are presented because of a legal defect in the original petition. In this event Bylander will have recourse to a mandamus proceeding to compel Hoss to accept the petitions.

Selection of a state forester to succeed Frank A. Elliott, deceased, will await the return of Governor A. W. Norblad from the east, probably the last of this week. A number of applications for the position have been filed with members of the state board of forestry but it is believed here that the appointment will go to Lynn Cronmiller, present deputy forester.

Attorney General Van Winkle has advised State Engineer Luper to reject the application of Romaine W. Myers and Charles H. Lee, California engineers, covering the construction of power plants on the Rogue river. The present application is based on a previous application filed prior to the enactment of the law of 1929 forbidding obstructions of any kind to be placed in the Rogue which might interfere with the fish life of the stream. Inasmuch as no work was ever done on these previous filings, the attorney general holds, the applicants have no water rights.

Elimination of the confusion which marks every legislative session through a re-arrangement of the interior plans of both the Hall of Representatives and the Senate Chamber, is to be considered at a meeting to be held in Salem Friday by the interim committee named for this purpose by the last legislature. Among suggestions so far advanced are the barring of lobbyists and visitors from the legislative floors and the housing of stenographers in a room convenient to the legislative chambers. Members of the interim committee include Senators Eddy and Upton and Representatives Bynon, McCready and Chin-ock.

Agents of the state prohibition department participated in the arrest of 114 dry law violators during May, resulting in fines aggregating \$9110 and jail sentences aggregating 882 days.

New markers designating the West Side Pacific highway as federal highway No. 99 are to be erected soon, it was announced here by Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer.

Unless the Gold Beach Electric company desists in its purpose to erect a power line on its own poles along the Coast highway in Curry county, suit will be brought to restrain them, J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway department, declares.

P. F. Teters, star route, Coquille, has applied to Rhea Luper, state engineer, for permission to appropriate water from Swaynie creek for domestic use and slaughter house purposes.

Thomas Mannix, Portland attorney recently disbarred for life from practicing law in this state, has filed a petition with the state supreme court asking for a rehearing of his case and alleging that he was never granted his "day in court."

"Is it insured?"

OUT-OF-DOORS STUFF

By Lane Leneve

In this great commercial age it certainly does one good to hear of a humble act of devotion where money is scorned for the sake of friendship. Gus Homan, forty-five, vagrant, refused five hundred dollars for his dog, Nick, who had stood guard over him when he was picked up unconscious on the streets of Brooklyn. The vagrant was offered the sum by the assistant district attorney but he proved his loyalty to his only friend, the dog. His sentence was suspended.

While it has been for years the general belief that dogs descended from wolves, Miss Anne Tracy, secretary of the Shepherd Dog Club of America, seeks to upset this belief. She sums up evidence accumulated by breeders, geologists and archaeologists, which seems to leave little doubt that for thousands of years dogs have been—just dogs.

It is claimed that dogs and wolves have always been hereditary enemies. And yet when one sizes up a police dog, which certainly bears all the earmarks of the wolf tribe and which according to several authorities is really the perfection of years of breeding for a perfect Shepherd dog, one cannot help pondering the question as to the true ancestry of the dog.

Wild pigeons are probably the latest nesting bird in the Northwest. Migrating here from the far South in the late Spring, they flock upon the grain fields. During June when the salmon and elder berries ripen, they take to the higher country and not until then do they lay their eggs and start hatching. At the time most birds are hatching their young, the pigeon is only beginning to build its nest.

All fishermen are not liars—in fact during my life time I have known at least a half a dozen to actually tell the truth concerning the catches they made.

Quite a percentage of fish are cannibalistic but when it comes to being a downright old cannibal, the Sea-bass stands at the head of the class.

The Sea-bass, spawning in sloughs does not deposit its eggs on the bottom of the stream but drapes them over old submerged roots. When the eggs are hatched old papa Bass himself takes the youngsters in charge and herds them from the deep water along the shoals. He guards them against the invasion of all other fish and in fact will attack anything that falls upon the water in the vicinity of small fish. That is one reason he falls such an easy victim to an angler's lure. But though he fights for his offspring and guards them day and night he always knows where each of his meals are coming from.

When he wishes to dine he simply opens his mouth, glides in amongst his little school, scoops up enough to satisfy his hunger and then glides away to the outer edges of the little fellows and again takes up his belligerent pose against encroachment from any source.

That deer, when in danger of meeting death at the fangs or claws of predatory animals will seek the protection of man is pretty generally conceded by out-doors men. John Adams, former game warden of Curry county, some time ago related to me how a four point buck, pursued and sorely wounded by a lone coyote, sought his, Adams' protection. The one-sided conflict, taking place along a long gravel bar on Rogue river, was witnessed by Adams. Upon sighting him, the deer left the stream, where he was seeking to elude the coyote and charged up to within a few feet of Adams. Having no gun, Adams was forced to beat the coyote off with rocks, while all the time the big buck stood within a few feet of Adams, quivering with fear. Not until the coyote was driven completely off did the deer leave his benefactor and even then seemed reluctant to do so. It is also a known fact, that deer, pursued by hounds, when completely played out, will seek the protection of their generally avowed enemy—man.

Not many years ago trout liberated from the Oregon Game hatcheries were of a very small size known to hatcherymen as fingerlings and fry and called minnows by the general public. The practice of releasing small fish has been abandoned and trout now planted by the game commission are between six and eight inches in length. These sort of fish stand a chance to survive in most any stream and do not fall easy prey to larger fishes as their smaller brothers once did.

For several weeks it has been rumored that a large panther had been seen in the lower Brewster Valley country. These reports were amply verified Tuesday evening when the roadmaster for that district met the animal face to face on the county road. Leslie Groat, a resident of the Brewster section, was summoned and within a short time his dogs had treed the big animal and it was dis-

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patched by Mr. Groat's unerring aim, which has dealt death to quite a number of the long-tailed marauders.

Office Building Opens June 28
Oregon's new state office building, recently completed at a cost of approximately \$600,000 is to be thrown

open to public inspection at an "open house" to be staged during the afternoon and evening of Saturday, June 28.