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NEW GOVERNOR SEIZED UP BY OREGON VOTER

Ben W. Olcott is fond of advice. Unlike most folks, he seeks it and appreciates it. And, also unlike most folks, he takes it and follows it. But he doesn't follow all he takes. For he gets advice on all sides of any proposal that comes before him. He is almost unceasingly shrewd in ferreting out sources of information or advice on any question. He gets in touch with the pros, the cons, the ifs, the ands, the dos and the don'ts. And after listening to every side, he makes up his mind quickly and acts. In acting, he often sets aside the preponderance of advice bestowed upon him. But his manner, method and personality are such that all who advised him believe that whatever action he takes is in accordance with his principles and his best judgment after reviewing all the facts and opinions. Thus he has acquired the reputation for being fair-minded and extraordinarily tactful.

His final decisions, too, have always been sane and safe. There is nothing radical about Olcott, either in inherited traits of character or in opinions acquired from experience. He is a conservative man, who knows he is not brilliant, who does not trust to inspiration, and who wants to see his path clearly before he walks it. He is a clean man, given to right thinking. And he is unselfish. He will be a safe and sane, though not a brilliant or meteoric governor. He will be calm and quiet—never spectacular or sensational.

Oswald West was primarily responsible for Ben W. Olcott being in the line of succession for the governorship. This fact has occasioned much of the mistrust of Olcott by conservative people throughout Oregon. West never advised with anyone and never took advice. He acted on his own inspiration and initiative. He loved trouble, and when there wasn't any excitement, he stirred up some in a hurry. He was shrewd and level-headed, but his newspaper headline methods and his sharp tongue gave conservative people the impression that he was erratic and unsafe. Yet, reviewed by its official acts, the West administration was anything but a radical one. West's appointments were some of the best made to state office in years. In appointing Olcott, he made a selection that time has demonstrated was one of the best that could have been made. Yet, because West appointed him, Olcott has been regarded with suspicion of being tainted with West's reputed radicalism. Nothing could be farther from the fact.

Perhaps the chief bad result of the West administration was the way he tore the state into factions—set it by the ears as it were—until the public lost confidence in the state government, in its leaders, in the legislature and in itself. Criticism of everybody and everything as being malign, crooked, extravagant, wasteful and selfish was the order of the day during and following the West administration. Olcott's part in all this was that of the brake—the balance wheel to keep things going as far in practice as they went in newspaper headlines. Through all of the turbulent West days, Ol-

cott was a steady and conservative influence.

Now, through the act of fate, Olcott steps upstairs into the governor's office. He is no longer filling the minor office, with only one of three in the principal state boards. No longer is he overshadowed by the higher official at the head of the state. He is the official head himself, with full control of the principal boards and of the whole rank and file of appointed employees of all the boards and institutions. He alone is responsible for results. He alone will be blamed when things go wrong.

We predict that few things will go wrong. There may not be much newspaper copy in his administration methods, for he will act carefully, slowly and in accord with his highest concept of duty after hearing the facts. And his action will be conservative. He will not discharge all the appointive officers, or rush in like a bull in a china shop to overturn all established policies. He will be slow to make any changes. He will make no changes for political reasons. Such changes as he does make will be in the public interest, after full investigation. He will not allow himself to be poisoned

by truculence or flattery. He will seek the advice of men who know what they are talking about, and when he acts it will be because he is convinced that a change in man of policies will be for the good of the state.

Such is our prediction, based on years of close observation of the man. With confidence we express our conviction that Ben W. Olcott will serve Oregon as governor during a critical period in a manner that will be for the good of the entire state besides reflecting credit on himself from the thoughtful, conservative, patriotic people of Oregon.

RELIGIOUS CULT MAY SPREAD

Bahism Freed From Persecution Through the Downfall of the Turkish Power in Palestine.

With the breaking of the Turkish power in Palestine another religious cult has been liberated from persecution, that of Bahism, or Bahianism. The leader of this spiritual movement is Abdul Baha, or Abbas Effendi, as he is generally known. This religion was first founded by Baha'ollah, the father of the present leader, and he chose his son to preach its doctrines before the world. Due to the antagonism of the movement to the Islam religion, Abdul Baha was imprisoned by the sultan of Turkey, who feared his teachings, and was kept a prisoner in the fortress of Akka, near Haifa, for 40 years. Upon his release in 1908, when a mild constitutional form of government was established in Turkey, Baha traveled through France and England preaching his doctrines, also coming to the United States, in 1912.

Abdul Baha strove to be called the "servant of humanity." While in the Orient he won many friends by caring for the sick and oppressed, and among the many titles given him by his neighbors was one especially applied to him, namely "Father of the Poor." While in this country he established colonies of supporters of his teachings in Chicago and Kenosha, Wis. His teachings have a close relation with those of Christianity and Judaism.

Muskrafs Stop Train

The marshes around the Boston & Maine railroad yards in Boston are full of muskrats. Charley Brown, a yard brakeman, has been realizing over \$100 a season since the war by shooting rats on his spare time and selling the fur, which now commands a high price.

Brown has been known to shoot a muskrat from the top of a moving freight car with a rifle.

A short time ago a muskrat tied up the interlocking switch system at signal tower C. The big rat crawled into the switchpoints to eat out the grease used to lubricate the switches just as the lever man in the tower tried to close the switch for a fast express passenger train.

The rat had wedged in so close the switch wouldn't close and the plant was tied up. The mechanic found the rat wedged into the points and crushed into a mass of fur and flesh.

DEEDS RATHER THAN WORDS

Accomplishments, Even Through Great Loss Much of Their Merit When Made Subjects of Boast.

The habit of boasting is not a sign of merit. It is rather the reverse. A really brave man allows his deeds to speak for him, and they always will if they are great and strong enough, remarks the Ohio State Journal. These are great days for boasting, for there is much to be proud of. We are proud of our country, of our sacrifices, of our privations, of our sorrows, but they are apt to lose their merit by our boasting about them. The testimony of a worthy deed is not expressed in words but in a quiet and noble life. We heard a man tell of a heroic deed in which he was the hero, but one wouldn't know it from what he said, and yet somehow in his very tone and his praise for others one could easily see whose was the honor of it. There is one phase of boasting which is very distasteful, and that is the sort which makes ourselves the greatest people on earth. Of course we are, but we don't know it from what the boasters say. We only know it by hearing of the acts of our heroes, who are apt not to mention it at all. We fear of our own nobility by feeling it in our hearts and not by reading it in the newspapers or hearing the orators tell it.

Muskrafs Predict

It is a strange fact that in November the muskrats begin to build their homes and gradually enlarge them by adding more material, says Edward F. Bigelow in Boys' Life. For this reason it is said that, according to the height of the muskrat house, so is to be the cold of the winter—that is, the higher the house the colder the weather. This is an error. It has been claimed by the old timers, and the error still is perpetuated, that the muskrats build their houses 20 inches higher and very much warmer for long winters than for short ones. There are many foolish sayings regarding the month as an index to what the winter will be, the prediction extending on even into the following March. Scouts can do a good turn if they will prove, by their appreciation of the month, that it has been maligning by these predictions and traditions. The month is charming and beautiful.

Evil in Small Talk

There's enough small talk with its vicious insinuations in every idle group to make candidates for the madhouse.

What men say causes other men to think. What men think determines their conduct. Given the suggestion that you are crazy the chances are that you will either resent it strenuously or begin to act a little queer. And then one of your professed friends will come along and confide in you that you are acting a little queer. It's no wonder some folks go daffy. Little yawns without foundation keep stirring up things that even the angels could not keep straight. So the only remedy is to apply the censor. Let folks talk. Take out the good and let the rest go where it belongs.

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT

George Reilly Couldn't Get Interested Over Probable Loss of Another Person's Boat.

They were toasting about on the wild and restless fifth in a small open boat, at least a hundred feet from the beach. He was struggling manfully to battle with the surging waves and to pull for the shore; she was sitting in a heap in the stern of the frail bark, holding on like grim death and mentally vowing that she would never again be tempted by her sweetheart's daring spirit to venture so far from land.

"I knew we shall go over," she shrieked, as the boat gave another lurch. "Oh, George, try and manage it!"

"I will," replied he firmly. "I could get along splendidly if the waves didn't make it go all ways at once. Don't be afraid, Sarah. We're getting nearer, aren't we?"

"A little, Oh, George, what shall we do if the boat is lost?"

"Don't worry yourself about that, my dear," said George soothingly. "You mustn't upset yourself about other people's business. It isn't our boat."

And he continued to fight with the cruel, remorseless waves.—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

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Now, there are 52 Saturday afternoons off, which makes 26 days, which, taken from 69, leaves 43 days, from which deduct 15 legal holidays, which leaves 28 working days; but every man gets two weeks' vacation on full pay, which, taken from 28, leaves 14 days; and as every man has an hour each day for dinner, which amounts to 13 days in a year, there is only 1 day left. This day happened to be St. Patrick's day, and the Irishmen refused to work on St. Patrick's day, so the contractor arranged for a couple of GARY MOTOR TRUCKS to take the place of the six teams and drivers and so settled his labor troubles and solved his hauling problems without a strike or lockout and to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

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