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COUNTY SALARIES

Senator L. W. Wipperman and Representative Kenneth Martin are sponsoring a bill in the legislature to raise the salaries of county judge from \$1800 to \$2100; the county clerk from \$1800 to \$2100, and the sheriff's salary would remain as is, \$2000, but would receive seven cents per mile travel expense instead of the yearly appropriation of \$500. If the bill is passed it will become operative January 1, 1942.

There is also another bill relating to the salary of a few district attorneys in the state, and our county is included in this bill. We enjoyed having the house and senate calendars sent to us at the last session of the legislature, but we do not have that privilege this session and we do not know the exact meaning of this latter bill, but we were informed that if it passed, the district attorney would receive a small increase in salary, but would have to discontinue private practice.

The men holding the offices mentioned ran for election at their present salary and were perfectly satisfied with that salary or they would not have wanted the office. The increase is very slight, and our personal opinion is, the bill is an insult to the county at large and the men affected in particular. If the legislators wanted to increase the salaries of the county officers, make the increase correspond to the responsibility of the office and give the people in the county a chance to say whether they like it or not. After all it is the people who will pay the bill. We are not arguing that the men affected are not entitled to an increase. We think they are greatly underpaid for the responsibility that is placed upon them. But they knew what the stipend was when they ran for office, and should be satisfied until the people can say what they want, and we believe they are. We do not believe the men affected are responsible for the legislation proposed. If the legislators would put thru a referendum so the county could vote on the proposition, it would strike a more responsive chord of approval than the present proposed bill.

Another matter of salary raising was voted by the county commissioners this week, when they raised the salaries of most of the county road crew. When the shake-up was started by firing Engineer Brown, it was done to save expenses, so 'twas stated. Now it appears that all the saving has been voted out. We are glad to see the men get a raise in pay, but we don't like the jockeying around that occasioned it. If, when the commissioners fired Brown, they had used his salary saving and raised the others and not told us about the saving of expenses, no one would have thought much about it. But to pass the thought that the change was made to cut down expenses and then put the expense back is a bunch of "hooy" and won't set well with the tax payers.

Our representatives in the legislature are not making a hit with the tax payers and the county commissioners didn't make a bed of roses for themselves in juggling the road crew personnel and wages.

Seeing Europe in 1945



GOOD ADVICE FROM THE SIDELINES



CCC Camp

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experience now living at Cave Junction.

Most of the tools and equipment needed are furnished through the cooperation of various camp departments and facilities for the classes are provided in the educational building. The new defense training courses form an important addition to the regular educational program of the camp which also includes classes in carpentry, blue print reading, stone masonry, forestry and landscaping.

The Great Emancipator

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tury, appropriates two million dollars—stop to think of that—for a national monument in his honor, and on plans so elaborate as to call eventually for far more than this sum.

But I could tell you only half the story. Men have retired from business to go into solitude to study his life. Others have been made famous by reason of having known him. I recall a New York financier who had known the high life of the world, mingling with the princes and statesmen of nearly every land. On his seventieth birthday his friends gave him a complimentary dinner. He chatted to them of what he had seen and where he had been. But he dismissed all the honors of the big world by saying that the one thing that remained most worth while in his three-score years and ten was that he had shaken hands and conversed in private audience with your little boy, whom this cosmopolitan pictured as "leading the procession of the immortals down the centuries."

Nancy Hanks—This is beyond me. I am lost in mystery and amazement. What did my boy—that earnest, sad little fellow of the woods and streams—go to make men feel this way? How did it all come about?

The Present—That might be as

hard for you to understand, without a knowledge of what has taken place in the meantime, as the skyscrapers and the ocean cables and railroad trains that I have spoken about. But I will try to tell you something of what he has done.

Nancy Hanks—I am hanging on your words. I long to hear the story.

The Present — We have in the United States a great democracy. We are making a great experiment for the nations. Your little boy gave friends of democracy, the world over, the largest measure of confidence in its permanency and success of any man that has ever lived.

More than a million people a year now pour into the United States from lands beyond the seas, most of them unfamiliar with our language and our customs and our aims. When we Americans who are older by a few generations go out to meet them we take as the supreme example of what we mean by our great experiment, the life of Abraham Lincoln. And, when we are ourselves tempted in the mad complexity of our material civilization to disregard the pristine ideals of the republic, we see his gaunt figure standing before us and his outstretched arm pointing to the straighter and simpler path of righteousness. For he was a liberator of men in bondage, he was a savior of his country, he was a bright and shining light.

He became President of the United States, but that affords small clue to his real distinction. Few Americans ever refer to him as "President Lincoln." In the idiom of our people, he is Abraham Lincoln, called by the name you gave him in the wilderness gloom. To that name of your choosing no titles that the vain world knows could add anything of honor or distinction. And today, from the Atlantic to the Pacific seas, and in places under distant skies, children will recite in their schools his words, men will gather about banquet boards to refresh their ideals by hearing anew some phase of his wonderful story. Our nation could

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Associate Grand Worthy Matron Honored at Tea

Mrs. Fay Ambrose of Portland, Associate Grand Worthy Matron of O. E. S., conducted a school of instruction for the officers last Sunday afternoon in the Masonic Hall at Kerby.

It was announced that a district meeting would be held Friday, February 22nd, in Glendale, where Mrs. Hallie Huntington, Worthy Grand Matron, will make an official visit.

After the Sunday meeting a social hour followed with officers of Western Star Chapter No. 64, honoring the guest at a tea which was in charge of Mrs. George W. Martin, Mrs. H. R. Floyd and Mrs. L. H. Grizzell. Mrs. Chris Wendt and Mrs. L. H. Grizzell presided at the tea table.

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