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Aiding Cripples

Among the many humanitarian activities which engage the support of benevolent societies and individuals, the restoring of crippled children to health and happiness is one of the most commendable.

Among the organizations which have given special attention to crippled children, the Shriners have been particularly active, each member contributing regularly to the maintenance of homes for these unfortunate little ones, who would otherwise go through life with deformed bodies and limbs. Other societies are doing a similar service for humanity and so widespread has the movement become that a world-wide conference of workers for crippled children has been called to meet in Geneva, Switzerland, next year to more effectively coordinate the efforts in this direction.

The hearty encouragement and support of this labor of love should be extended by every person who is in a position to lend a hand. School principals of Portland's schools want the law penalizing parents for the misdemeanor of their children enforced as a means of curbing juvenile delinquency. So far the law has not been tested out since its passage and I just how it came to be a law is queer too as we as parents are prone to pass the buck even in the matter of rearing our children.

We spend too much time considering and legislating on ways to restrict law-abiding citizens and too little time on catching and punishing criminals. We listen to visionary proposals to prevent the sale and ownership of small arms to honest home owners, while the criminal goes merrily on smuggling in all the guns he desires.

"Give the people issues and you will not need to sell your soul for campaign funds," says Senator W. E. Borah, and follows it up with this broadside: "Give the voters policies squarely presented and you will not have to mortgage the future action of the party to concession hunters."

The name of Charles L. McNary is to be placed on the primary ballot as candidate for the vice presidency. All this is being done by the Multnomah county republican committee who want a favorite son on the ballot.

The lone highwayman is passing and in his stead is the well organized band whose operations involve many millions annually. The Kansas City and Chicago jobs both show strong organization.

Some people seem to think, says Senator Reed Smoot, that an act of Congress can work miracles in any field of human activity. No, no, Senator, just the political field.

Since the new law prohibits the swearing in of voters on election day it behooves those who wish to take part in the coming primary to be registered. Do it now.

Early History of Halsey Reviewed

By William H. Wheeler

Continued from last week

Three youths from Salem came one night to rob the Halsey bank. A young man, returning late to his home a block away, saw the boys meddling with the door lock of the bank. Through the central telephone he spread the alarm. By

mischance the operator sent the word through one party line which also served the bank. The would-be robbers took the alarm and left.

After circling a couple blocks in their car they returned to the bank, but a posse of citizens, expecting their return, was in hiding. One of these, showing a star, told them as they stopped in front the bank that he was a deputy sheriff and that they were under arrest. The driver stepped on the gas and sped away, the three firing pistol shots as they went. From the officer's rifle came a single shot and two boys with a dead comrad in their car, broke the speed laws back to Salem. The Halsey bank however was not robbed.

A considerable per cent of the population consists of elderly people who have retired from nearby farms, and the mortality for years has been largely among people who have passed the three-score and ten mark.

Local Business

With the exception of garages and filling stations, local business nearly all depends on the surrounding farm population and though the automobile and paved high ways draw much trade to larger cities, including Portland, so great an increase has come in the general prosperity of the valley in recent years that local merchants continue to be very prosperous.

One general merchandise store was opened in 1871, on the advent of the railroad, by the owner of a store at Peoria, until then the most promising town in Linn county. In 1876 he sold to an employe, a local resident, and the descendants of the latter still conduct the business.

The Halsey State Bank opened for business in 1910 in offices fitted up for the purpose of doing a banking business, in the Alex Powers warehouse and a few months later moved into its own modern equipped brick building on First street where it is now located. It is now capitalized at \$25,000 with surplus of \$10,000 and deposits of over \$206,000.00.

The city is the market center for all farm commodities of the surrounding rich lands. In season several large warehouses are filled to capacity with hay, grain, and wool, while local buyers the year around ship large quantities of cattle, sheep, hogs, wool, mohair, hops, poultry, eggs, and dairy products. Several brands of dairy and poultry feeds are manufactured by local concerns.

Roads

The revolution in roads is as apparent in Halsey as elsewhere in Oregon and began about 1900 when graveling was begun and now nearly all the streets are treated with a gravel surface. Second street being in line of the Pacific Highway has an asphalt surface thus Halsey is on the longest paved street in the World, extending from British Columbia to Mexico, nearly 2,000 miles.

About Boys and Girls

Benjamin Shmurak who was an immigrant boy with no knowledge of English five years ago, has graduated from a Neward high school at the age of 13, winning first prize for technical scholarship offered by a business association.

When Maida McCartney and Emma Lou Martin were introduced to President Coolidge as the champion girl cow-milkers of Kansas, he told them that the strong hand and wrist he developed milking cows when a boy enabled him to shake hands with so many people without fatigue.

Scholarships provided by the Harmon Foundation were recently awarded to 52 Boy Scouts of Eagle rank selected from all sections of the United States.

Oscar Amey was elected president of the Farmer's Union of Payne county, Okla., at the age of 18.

Ronald Myers, a high school boy of St. Louis, Michigan, won the national prize for soy bean raising at the International Hay and grain show, in which his own teacher was a competitor.

Whitewash Is Excellent for Use on Implements

The use of white wash is not commonly recognized in connection with the prevention of rust on implements and other metal equipment. Probably few farmers have ever tried whitewashing implements to keep them from rusting, but some with experience say a coat of whitewash in the early winter will be highly effective for this purpose, and if they are under cover a simple mixture of lime and water is sufficient. Then when the implements are put into use in the spring the whitewash quickly wears off and causes no trouble.

A whitewash for preventing rust is not the same as oil paint. Oil paint keeps air and moisture away from the surface of the implement, but whitewash on the other hand, being alkaline in character, serves to neutralize the acid which normally causes rust, and therefore prevents the rust forming.

Agricultural Facts

Keep all the stock and poultry well watered.

Good equipment makes good farmers better.

Legumes and lime are the gold dust twins of agriculture.

A good farm record book accurately kept will enable a farmer to really know his business.

A soil that is well supplied with organic matter will retain more moisture than one with a low supply.

A silo increases the producing capacity of a farm at least 10 per cent, and will often increase its stock-carrying capacity 25 per cent.

To keep well silage must be thoroughly packed. In fact, forage is cut into small pieces just so it may be packed. The better it is packed the better it will keep.

GREATNESS AND SLANDER

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
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ONE of the most interesting situations in biographical literature within recent years is the tendency of the biographer to unearth incidents of a disreputable character about the men whose greatness in history we have been accustomed to revere. It had its beginning in England first, as I recall, but soon spread to our American heroes.

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Washington, who since we first heard of him has been held up to every school boy as a model of propriety and veracity, has been shown by his recent biographer to have had all sorts of vulgarities and dissolutions. Franklin and Lincoln and Webster and a host of others less noted, perhaps, have been featured as far from the perfect men that we were wont in our childhood to think them. We measure buildings by the shadows they cast and great men by the slanderous things said about them, an Asiatic proverb tells us. If you want to find out whether or not you amount to anything, run for a political office or try out for the presidency of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Even good men who are great as well as not exempt from the attacks of those who would like to blacken their character and ruin their reputation. I am old enough to remember distinctly the great scandal which connected itself a half century or more ago with Henry Ward Beecher, one of the greatest preachers which this country has ever had. Even in those days when yellow journalism was not so widespread and murder and immorality were not broadcast under such heavy headlines, the newspapers were full of the vulgar details of the stories which in the end only went to show what a great man Mr. Beecher was. If he had been otherwise less fuss would have been made over his lack of discretion if it really was as much as that.

Jordan decided last spring that he would come out as a candidate for one of the undergraduate offices. This did not signify greatness on his part, but simply a desire to become great. He had been rather insignificant before, quiet, modest, unobtrusive—a boy about whom no one had much of anything to say. But the situation changed when he put himself forward for recognition and dared to aspire to a position of prominence. They began to say things

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about him, to dig up his past and to feature his mistakes and his irregularities. What they didn't know they made up until, if one believed half he heard, Jordan was one of the most disreputable members of our community. He came to me almost in tears.

"What would you advise me to do?" he asked. "Should I withdraw?" "By no means," I said. "The more evil they say about you, the more they fear your power. Just so it isn't true, you are all right."

I was right; Jordan was elected. Whoever is not talked about is likely to be commonplace; it is inevitable that envy or fear should cause the great to be maligned.

Water Came From Fire

It is hard to believe that water could have at one time been a part of the seething mass of fire that was the earth. But this is true, and such a large part of the gas or water vapor cooled down and became water that it covers nearly three quarters of the surface of the earth. (©. 1928 Western Newspaper Union)

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