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THE DIFFERENCE

Augustus Thomas, playwright, was lately mentioned by Mark Sullivan among the noted Americans not actively in politics whom Sullivan thinks would make good presidents.

Mr. Thomas has just concluded a highly interesting series of articles, "The Print of My Remembrance," in the Saturday Evening Post. Of especial value to the citizen who wants to "keep posted" is a quotation the playwright makes from an old book entitled Toulmin Smith's Local Self-Government and Centralization, issued in London in 1851. Read it:

"Local self-government is that system of government under which the greatest number of minds, knowing the most, and having the fullest opportunities of knowing it, about the special matter in hand, and having the greatest interest in its well-working, have the management of it, or control over it."

"Centralization is that system of government under which the smallest number of minds, and those knowing the least, and having the fewest opportunities of knowing it, about the special matter in hand, and having the smallest interest in its well-working, have the management of it, or control over it."

These definitions were brought to the attention of William J. Bryan, who described them as the best he had ever heard for the purpose of showing the difference in the two systems of government. In a general way they might also be said to define the distinction in faith between the two great political parties—the republican party being the party of Hamilton, the great exponent of centralization, and the democratic party that of Jefferson, the equally renowned champion of local self-government and of opportunity for the fullest possible development of the individual. In other words, the true gospel of the democratic party is unalterably opposed to socialism in any form.

Mr. Thomas thoughtfully pursues a middle course. He would have the local self-government idea carried out to the greatest possible extent in our domestic affairs, and strong centralization in our relations with foreign countries. And this, to our own way of thinking, is the correct attitude.

JUST A BEGINNING

The Blue Mountain Highway proposition is especially fortunate and almost unique in the respect that there is no dispute over the route. Everyone is apparently agreed that the road should run from Elgin to Weston, following in a general way the old Toll Gate route. And there is universal and enthusiastic acquiescence in the idea that Weston is the proper connecting point at this end, providing a half-way terminal on the Oregon-Washington highway that is fair alike to all the towns concerned. Such being the case, one would superficially suppose that all is over but the building, since the great need of the road is alike apparent to the governing bodies of Union and Umatilla counties and to the Forest Service. Not so. There is a vast amount of work to do, involving painstaking research, infinite detail and voluminous correspondence. The association's executive committee, and more especially its secretary, has no enviable job. The officers, who are volunteering their services without thought of recompense, are therefore entitled to the hearty co-operation and assistance of every loyal friend of this great undertaking.

As to "returning good for evil," the American Relief Administration is now feeding ten million Russians, while if the Bolsheviks had their way America would soon be reduced to a condition wherein it couldn't even feed itself.

"President Pleads for Rigid Economy."—Oregonian headline. After reading which the usual number of people will fill up the usual number of gas tanks for the usual number of needless motor trips.

Fear is expressed at an osteopathic convention that with so much motor-ing mankind's legs will dwindle from disuse into dangling appendages. However, our bone-juggling friends forget that the hapless pedestrian

may be expected to keep up the general average through constant exercise in dodging motor cars.

"The prettiest girl in North America may live in Oregon," remarks The Oregonian, in its quest of a beauty queen for the Atlantic City pageant. But why imply a doubt? Of course she does. She lives right here in this town, if you want to know; but she will be hard to pick from a host of close competitors.

Present strikes are estimated to cost the American people fifteen million dollars a day, or at the rate of five billion dollars a year. We can think of nothing much to say save that this is a striking fact.

More American tourists than ever before are flocking into France. The French have our gracious permission to hold them up for enough to pay their debt to America.

"Every time a correspondent gets lost in China he discovers two or three hitherto unknown wars," declares Jim Montague.

The "rule or ruin" gang in Ireland didn't rule. What they successfully and very gratifyingly accomplished is their own ruin.

The German government evidently finds itself taxed beyond its power because the German people aren't taxed enough.

We fear the government faces that \$425,000,000 deficit with less confidence than the deficit faces the government.

Oregon Journal thinks "the Indian that danced all night to appease the spirits must have swallowed them first."

That "unsound propaganda" directed against the nation's fiscal system is mostly sound instead—and a fury.

Despite the recent failure, there are adventurous spirits who will never rest until they conquer Everest.

Worst of it is that Molla comes back not only beaten but Bjurstedt.

The Bolsheviks are learning that dishonesty is the worst policy.

Looks as though Sun Yat-Sen were indisposed to be deposed.

FREE SCHOLARSHIPS

Union Pacific System Announces Fifteen in 1922 and 1923

Corvallis, Ore.—A free agricultural scholarship, it has just been announced, will be awarded by the Union Pacific System to the highest ranking club boy in fifteen Oregon Counties during the years 1922 and 1923. The scholarship will be in the College of Agriculture, or the short winter course of the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, and will be worth \$75.00, plus transportation.

The counties in which the scholarships will be given are: Baker, Crook, Des Chutes, Gilliam, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Morrow, Malheur, Multnomah, Sherman, Union, Umatilla, Wallowa and Wasco.

For the 1923 requirements it is proposed that ten acres of wheat, five acres of corn, one acre of potatoes, or any of the live stock projects now being conducted under the Boys' and Girls' Club Work, shall be grown or completed by each person entering the above competition. The requirements for 1922 are similar to those of 1923, except that the competition shall be upon projects now in effect, such as calf clubs, pig clubs, potato and corn clubs, etc., and prizes are offered only in such counties as can be arranged before the close of the present season.

The winner in each county will be chosen from among the ten boys ranking highest in the county club projects, on the following basis: 75 per cent on rank in club work; 25 per cent on activities of the boy in community affairs.

The rank of these boys in community affairs, and the county winner, will be determined by a committee of three, consisting of the County Superintendent, one person appointed by the Director of Extension in the Oregon Agricultural College, and a third person to be chosen by these two members.

The scholarship must be used within a year of the date of award, except where the boy is a regular attendant at school. In this case, it may be used the year following, or at the next session following the time the boy finishes school.

The action of the Union Pacific System is due to the fact that its president, Mr. C. B. Gray, formerly a member of the governing board of the Maryland Agricultural College, was attracted by the work of boys' and girls' clubs as a factor in interesting the coming generation in farming; and he believes that the System he heads should further this work by offering scholarships, thereby helping worthy boys to obtain training in scientific agriculture.

24 Years Ago

Chehalis, Frank Frasier's great horse, lowered the track record at Overland Park at Denver by four seconds last Friday afternoon, and made the fastest mile paced in America this year, and the fastest mile paced in harness in the month of June in the world, 2:05 1/4 in the first heat of the free for all.

William Blakeley, the new sheriff, will appoint C. P. Davis as his chief deputy and Till D. Taylor will have charge of the tax rolls.

Will Harden, Ed Saunders and Fred Flint returned Friday from an overland trip through Idaho. They report a good time.

Harry Rosenzweig brought to the Press office a stalk of pieplant, the leaf of which measured 40 inches across.

Gerking, of the "Dewey" Meat Market, gets his meats fresh from Pendleton every day.

Mrs. Maggie Duncan and son, of Stockton, Cal., are visiting relatives in this vicinity. Mrs. Duncan is a sister of the Walker brothers, and of Mrs. Jamieson of Weston, and has numerous other friends in the county.

Marshal Carden is making needed improvements on Main street.

Barley is going to make a good crop this year. Several samples have been brought to the Press office, none are better than a sample from Sam White's place on Pine creek. The head in question contained 6 rows and there are 90 grains.

Jinks Taylor brought several head of horses into town Saturday, which he is offering for sale.

The Churches

Methodist Services
Sunday School, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. Union services, 8 p. m. Preaching by Rev. Russell. All are cordially invited to attend.
C. L. Lowther, Pastor.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Executor's notice of hearing Final Account and Petition for Distribution. In the County Court of the state of Oregon, in and for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the estate of Clark Walter, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the Account of John C. Walter as executor of the estate of Clark Walter, deceased, together with his petition for final distribution of said estate, has been filed in the County Court of Umatilla county, state of Oregon, and that Saturday, the 29th day of July, A. D. 1922, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the County Judge, in Pendleton, Oregon, has been duly appointed by such court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to such final account and petition and the settlement of said account, at which time any person interested in such estate may appear and file objections thereto and contest the same.

Dated June 30th, 1922.
John C. Walter,
As executor of the estate of Clark Walter, deceased.

Call For Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that City of Athena warrants numbered 978, 1000 and 1002 will be paid upon presentation to the City Treasurer. Interest on the above numbered warrants ceases from date of this publication.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 9th day of June, 1922.

E. A. Zerba
City Treasurer



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