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Clark Wood says:

"We're a bit fed up with the type of campaigner who always hands the other side a pitchfork and his own a harp."

A referendum movement against the state police bill which passed the legislature with little opposition is being sponsored by "Independence Hall of Oregon, Inc.,"—if you know what that means. The referendum organization is officered by Fred L. Gifford, ex-great grand dragon of the K. K. K., president; Clarence Trevathan, (don't know him) secretary; Harry W. Poole, Klamath Falls movie theatre operator, treasurer; Albert Ferrara, Italian consul and attorney of Portland and R. T. Cookingham, once sheriff of Umatilla county, executive board members. Governor Meier estimates that the new state police department which is patterned after the departments of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, should save taxpayers of Oregon \$187,330 in the next biennium. With reference to the referendum movement against the new department, we are of the opinion that Independence Hall of Oregon, Inc., will have to hook up with a few more master minds and squeeze them into the personnel of their roster.

At no time in the recollection of The Press has the mail service been worse at Athena than it is at the present time. With the annulment of two Union Pacific stages, was included one arriving here from the east at 8 a. m., which delivered Portland mail so that delivery was made at once through the local post office. Under present service, Portland and eastern mail arrives in Athena at 10:23 a. m., and is around 11 o'clock before it is possible for one to receive his mail. The change is one of great inconvenience to Athena business men and works a hardship on rural delivery as well. It is to be hoped that the matter may be successfully taken up with the postal authorities and result in at least a part of Athena mail being delivered on the morning stage from Pendleton.

Oregon seems to have been more than holding her own in farm acreage increase over the last ten-year period. In 1920 Oregon had 13,542,313 acres under the plow; in 1925 14,130,847 acres, but in 1930 it had jumped to 16,649,711—a ten-year increase of 3,107,393 acres. The last five years it was an increase of 2,518,864 acres or 18 per cent—the largest in the United States reported to date. Oregon's gain in people residing in the ten-year period was 24 per cent. In the face of a national movement away from the farms, Oregon has been not only maintaining its farm population but has shown a very satisfactory increase.

Perhaps the most versatile writer we know of is Ben Hur Lammpan, of the Morning Oregonian staff. Ben can write interestingly about most anything that pops up—from fishes to skillets, from ants to mastodons and then some. Last Sunday he took a cold, gray, onery old grindstone for his subject and out of it he molded a literary gem that sparkled with the glamor of boyhood days. After reading it, a fellow felt like taking a hike down to the creek, sans shoes, sans socks.

That the buses, on the whole, are paying their way and contributing a constantly increasing sum to the cost of government is shown by a recent survey conducted by the National Association of motor bus operators. There are now 46,000 buses engaged in common carrier business, paying an annual tax bill in excess of \$30,000,000.

Six gangsters are in custody, taken at St. Louis. Included in the haul by Chicago detectives working in conjunction with the crime-fighting committee of Chicago millionaires known as the "Secret Six" are men charged with almost every crime in the category of law breaking.

It has been observed that the worst thing about reform is the reformers themselves. Recently, Sinclair Lewis, first American to win the Nobel prize for literature, gave a new twist to this by saying, "Reform in general is all right. Individual reformers are all hell."

The last picture taken in Oregon of Mayor Baker of Portland, who is en route to Paris, was at Baker (city). Imported by a girl newspaper reporter, the mayor clad in pajamas and bare feet, posed on the

steps of his pullman—and both were satisfied.

Golf and archery do not mix well in the same pasture. Down in California a demure Miss took a shot at a 20-foot target and her arrow got tangled up in the rear anatomy of a golfer who is now telling hospital nurses all about birdies and tees.

During 1930 farmers suffered one of the greatest fire losses in agricultural history—a total of about \$125,000,000, according to the National Fire Waste Council, as compared with an average of \$100,000,000 in "normal" years.

Russia confiscated all wealth. Its experiment worked out in the usual manner—after a top-heavy government has eaten up confiscated capital, the individual worker is forced to dig up taxes for the official machine.

Helen and Carol seem to have smoothed out the troubled waves of domestic storm and are ready for reconciliation to the joy of their royal court and to the disinterested interest of everybody else.

Another real sign of late spring and early summer is the blooming of the roadside dance halls throughout the country.

Cheyenne beat Pendleton to it. Mayor Baker of Portland will wear a Frontier Days 10-gallon hat in Paris.

THE VALUE OF THINKING
(Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall)

At the University of Wisconsin I taught for many years a course in American Government. I always used two sets of examination questions in order to try out relative efficiency of the different types. One experiment I tried frequently always gave the same result. I would ask one half of the class, how may the constitution of the United States be amended? The other half I would ask, how may an amendment to the constitution of the United States be proposed and how may it be ratified? I did this five times with the result that of the first half of the class only thirty per cent answered the question correctly and in the second half ninety per cent answered the question correctly. Both questions involved the same information for a correct answer, yet there was a difference between thirty and ninety per cent in the two sections.

What was the cause of this striking difference in results? It was that in the second group I had broken the question into its constituent parts. All the students in the first group could have done the same thing for themselves if they had the habit of thinking. They must have known that the amending process involved just two things—the proposal of an amendment and its ratification, and yet they did not take the time to think, or perhaps, putting it in a better way, they were not in the habit of thinking.

When you have a problem to solve the first step is to break it into its constituent parts. If the first group in my class had done this they would have attained ninety per cent perfection instead of thirty per cent. Whether or not one attacks a problem this way depends upon his habits of thinking. What one gets out of his university education depends upon thinking habits that have been formed. Long after the information gained has been erased by the hand of time the thinking habits that have become fixed will tend to deepen and endure and render increasing dividends as the years go by.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Umatilla.

In the matter of the Estate of Sanford C. Stone, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Sanford C. Stone, deceased, by the above entitled Court.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me, at my office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 17th day of April, 1931.
B. B. RICHARDS,
Administrator

22 Years Ago

Friday, May 21, 1909
There was a large attendance at Athena's annual Sales day Saturday, and in every way the sale was a success. The stock and vehicles and household goods were of higher quality and the prices better than at former sales.

There promises to be a big demand for the Athena Land & Trust Company's sub-irrigated acre tract. To date, \$7,900 worth of land has been contracted for and four other deals are expected to be closed tomorrow. With the exception of the park, which was sold to the city for \$175 per acre, all of the present sales include \$500 per acre land.

B. F. Ogle and family departed for Pendleton Tuesday, where they will make their future home.

Rawl Miller and Benny Gross, who attend the Oregon Agricultural college, will be among the next to arrive home, sometime next month.

Dr. Plamondon, Attorney Wilson and M. L. Watts transacted business at the agency Wednesday. They made the trip in the Barrett automobile.

Wenaha Springs will be opened to the public June 1. J. A. Borie, the proprietor has been making improvements on the roads leading to the resort.

The reading room is being well patronized by the young people of the community. All who have magazines are requested to bring them in. It will be greatly appreciated.

New sidewalks are being put down this week in front of the Jarman residence on Fourth street and fronting the Mosgrove property on Third street, between Main and Current.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Colburn returned from California Friday evening. Mr. Colburn has purchased a residence at Long Beach and hereafter will spend the winter months there.

Misses Bertie Booher and Kate Maloney assisted the Press force this week in folding the thousands of publicity tracts that are to be distributed by the Athena Commercial Association.

Decoration Day is to be observed at Athena in the usual appropriate manner. The local G. A. R. post has issued a call for a general cleaning up of the cemetery. The work will be in at 2 p. m. Saturday, May 29. Sunday, May 30, the churches are to hold union memorial services at the Methodist church. Rev. Geiszler, of the

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M. E. church, will preach the memorial sermon. On Monday, May 31, all are invited to meet with the war veterans at Masonic hall at 10 o'clock, a. m., when the march will be taken up proceeding to the cemetery, where the graves of the dead will be decorated.

Dr. Joseph Baddeley, the veterinary surgeon, will be in the city from Boise, Idaho, between June 5th and 12th and will remain for a few days. Any one desiring his professional services will find him at McBride's livery stable.

The Athena Truck company has purchased a splendid team of draft horses from Henry Barrett. This makes the second team purchased by the company in the past two weeks, the other being a fine pair of black 3-year-olds.

The Press is in receipt of an invitation to attend the commencement exercises at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, which take place next Monday and Tuesday. The invitation is sent by courtesy of Miss Doris Barnes, of Weston, who is a member of the graduating class.

School closed in Athena this forenoon, and children and teachers will now take a needed vacation for the summer. The Misses Orswell will leave for their home in Eugene, the first of next week, and Mrs. Walker will go to Walla Walla, where she will take a position as bookkeeper for the summer months.

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