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GOVERNOR PATTERSON

Governor Patterson has suddenly been taken from us by death. The best known and loved man in Oregon, the governor's death is mourned not only by his close friends but by everyone. He was one of the most popular and yet the most dignified governor Oregon ever had.

His two visits to Springfield this year to dedicate the new aviation field and the new bridge made him closer to local people's hearts. His popularity was evident every time he came into a crowd. No doubt if he had lived he would have been re-elected governor of Oregon.

Governor Patterson had not only made a good governor from an economic and businesslike standpoint, but he contributed largely toward human betterment. His reforms at the industrial school for boys has been wonderful, and has resulted in turning many boys from the path of crime to useful citizens. He had similar ideas for making changes in the penitentiary in an attempt to reform and restore the youthful law offender to honorable and useful places in society. Oregon suffered a severe loss when death called her governor.

LAWS THAT ARE NOT LAWS

The administration of criminal justice in America is a disgrace to civilization. The man who said that is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Hon. William Howard Taft, once President of the United States.

We have too many laws that are not laws. A citizen can hardly go about his daily business without violating some law of which he never heard and which nobody obeys. In Connecticut it is illegal to travel on the road or railroad on Sunday. In New York it is, or was until recently, illegal to operate a motor-propelled vehicle on a highway unless a man on horseback carrying a red flag or lantern rode a quarter of a mile ahead of it!

Congress and State Legislatures try to "make" laws. No law is a good law unless the people whom it affects agree that it is a good law. In the early days of popular law making people gathered to tell each other what the law was in their districts, the law being rules of conduct agreed on by common consent.

The idea that a Congress or a Legislature has a right to impose an unpopular law is a reversion to the old myth of the divine right of kings. Because a law is old is no proof that it is good. Times change but the law lags behind.

Lawyers and judges live in the past. Lawyers dominate our legislative bodies and try to make new laws, intended to fit present conditions, comply with principles and practices long outdated. One result of this is that law and justice often mean two different things. Poor men and honest men hesitate to go to law; they fear legal technicalities which have no relation to justice.

All law ought to be based on common sense and so plain and simple that any man with an average sense of fair play could tell without asking a lawyer whether he was violating the law or not. Then everyone else would know it, and intelligent public opinion alone would keep us all on the right side of the law or punish us promptly if we overstepped the line.

Coach McEwen, of the University of Oregon, talked himself out of a \$8,500 a year job. Now that he is free we expect to read in the news that college athletic managers all over the country are lining up to present him with contracts at his own figure. Everyone knows that it was the faculty at the University of Oregon that kept Mr. McEwen from winning every game. Too bad studies are allowed to interfere with football.

Uncle Si Tinklepaugh says he's glad women's dresses are getting longer instead of shorter, because if they went any other way they wouldn't be dresses.

What has become of the old-fashioned folks that didn't buy anything they couldn't afford?

**TALKING OF LIFE
BY BRUCE BARTON
WHAT MAKES US WHAT WE ARE?**

Recently there came into my possession the photographs of five brothers whom I have known all my life. The pictures were taken when the eldest of the five was only eight years old.

The first thing that impressed me was the resemblance of each one to all the others. Anybody, looking at them, would have known at once that they are children of the same father and mother.

Even more striking was the fact that today when their average age is forty, they seem to have changed very little. I had no difficulty in laying the baby pictures on the desk and saying:

"This is Joe, and this is John."

One might almost jump to the conclusion, from such an exhibit, that experience and will-power have very little to do with character.

Yet I know that each of these five boys has been changed, and by the exercise of his own free will.

The hot temper of the eldest has been cooled by self-control; he has become far sweeter and more tolerant.

The impatience of another, which made him quick to start new things and quick to leave them half finished, has been transformed into steady staying power.

By exercise and self-discipline the physical weakness of a third has been built up into solid health.

Another told me that he and his wife went to an orphan asylum to adopt a little boy. For a couple of hours they watched two hundred youngsters playing on the floor. One of them was trying to fit the cover onto a tin can. Time and again he struggled to push it into place, only to take it off and start all over again.

"We'll take that baby," said the man. He will be a worker."

I discussed this subject once with a shrewd observer of the human race. He mentioned the man who had been the leader of his class at college and has never been heard of since.

"Perhaps he had some hidden illness," I said. "Perhaps he just couldn't amount to anything." My friend disagreed vigorously. "He could have changed himself," he said. "Deep down in his heart that man knows why he has failed."

Personally, I believe this. The pictures of my five friends tend to confirm this belief. They are what they were as children, but they are also different.

Each has moulded himself, and not merely been moulded. Not birth alone, but will power, has made them what they are.

**MANY HEALTH SEALS
SOLD IN SPRINGFIELD
BY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

The sale of Red Cross Christmas seals in Springfield has netted almost \$100.00, according to the receipts turned in to Mrs. Gertrude Wilson, general chairman of the seal drive in Springfield this year.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Maude Bryan, finance chairman of the local health group, canvassed the business section of the town and sold \$14.75 worth of seals to the business men.

The schools have all had stamps for sale and have done very good with them. The Brattain school leads the list with \$33.50 in sales. Pupils at the Lincoln school have sold \$22.63 worth of stamps. The reports from the Girl's League at the high school have not been completed. They have sold the stamps from booths at Gray's store for several Saturdays and afternoons, and their sales will bring the total sum received locally to something near the \$100.00 mark.

Mrs. Wilson is well satisfied with the efforts put forth by the workers in Springfield, and although the goal of nine cents worth of stamps per capita has not been reached, the response has been very generous.

**EXTRA EMPLOYEES KEEP
MAILS MOVING ON TIME**

Three additional employees were added to the staff of the local post office, in order to adequately handle the annual Christmas mail rush, just prior to the holidays. LeRoy Nice was put on as an extra carrier, Ira Nice served as an auxiliary clerk and Paul Nice was a general assistant in the post office.

The volume of mail handled this year was about the same as that of former years, thinks Ira Nice, although he was quite sure that all the mail early advertising had not been very successful, as the large rush of Christmas mail seemed to start later this year than it did last.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WILL NOT MEET FRIDAY**

There will be no regular meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce on Friday evening, according to a decision reached at the special meeting of that body which was held at the chamber rooms a week ago Monday. The special meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the matter of purchasing a community club building, and the members present agreed to have the installation of new officers at that time, and not to meet again until the next regular meeting, which is to be on January 24, 1930.

W. A. Taylor was installed as the new president. The officers assisting him will be C. E. Wheaton, vice president; C. E. Kenyon, treasurer; W. K. Barnell, Jesse Seavey, Carl Olson, F. B. Hamlin, and W. C. Wright, board of directors. W. A. Taylor, W. K. Barnell, and Jesse Seavey are the representatives to county chamber meetings.

Go to Bend—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker left Sunday for Bend, where they will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Korff.

Visits With Son—Mrs. Katie Brumette went to Portland on Friday to see her son, John. She returned to Springfield on Monday.

Have Family Reunion—Mr. and Mrs. Byrl Crow went to Grants Pass on Tuesday, where they participated in a family reunion at the home of Mr. Crow's brother.

Leaves for Washington—Mrs. Nick Meier left Springfield last Saturday for Granger, Washington, her home, after a visit here.

CALL FOR WARRANTS
Notice is hereby given that School District No. 19, in Springfield, Lane County, Oregon, will pay at the office of the clerk of said district all warrants to and including 780. Interest ceases after December 24, 1929.
W. G. HUGHES, Clerk.

**HUNTERS UNSUCCESSFUL
BUT CONTINUE HUNTING**

Springfield duck hunters are bewailing the fact that wild ducks and geese just will not be shot this year. Many parties have taken the field in search of the migratory birds and nearly all of them have returned time after time with the same, sad story. "We saw a few, but we could not get any."

Early in the season the weather was too good, the water holes were all dry and the ducks didn't stop. Now the ducks are all in a hurry to get south and seldom stop at our bodies of water. Several wild geese have been seen by local hunters, but they have been unsuccessful in getting close enough to bag any.

Among those who tried their luck on Sunday, all without success, were Frank Smitson, W. K. Barnell, Dr. W. N. Dow, Bob Perry, and Jack Wade.

**BARGAINS ARE POPULAR
WITH TRAVELING PUBLIC**

The popularity of bargain prices is not confined to general merchandise, according to J. A. Ormandy, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific at Portland.

Mr. Ormandy bases his conclusion upon the generally favorable reception which the traveling public accorded the thirty day \$24.00 ticket from main line points to Los Angeles. "As an experiment," he says, "the Southern Pacific company put into effect, for a thirty-day period, (November 21 to December 21) a bargain fare of \$24.00 to Los Angeles. This service up to the present time has proven so popular that it has been decided to extend the period of sale to February 28, and if the traveling public, by reason of its use, indicates continued popularity, it may be further extended.

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