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## EDITORIALS

### What is a Water Grade?

The above question might as well have been "Why is a Water Grade?" Strange as it may seem, all water flows down hill, unless arrested by some natural or artificial barrier. In such cases it will rise to the level of the obstruction and then continue in its natural downward course. Otherwise our streams would flow up and down hills and over mountains, which would be a weird sight indeed. Since nature has provided that water shall obey the laws of gravitation the same as any other substance, it is only natural that it should seek the easiest if not the shortest route to the ocean. The tendency of any stream, large or small, is to wear its channel deeper and deeper, always wearing the fastest in the steepest places. This erosion continues until the grade is reduced to such an extent that wear is not possible. Thus it will be seen that there is a time in the life of a stream when an even grade will be found from the source to the mouth of the stream.

Long ago God's creatures in general discovered that in going from one elevation to another the easiest route was to follow some stream, because the grades there were less steep than when crossing the ridges and the ground being low was usually dry and free from those conditions which made travel difficult on the higher grounds. Later when civilization began to dawn, and roads and trails became necessary, the course of some stream was found to be the easiest and best place to build. To-day, permanent wagon roads and railroads in crossing rough, mountainous country always follow streams where possible. The only reason they follow the streams exclusive of other routes is because the best grade is almost always found there. The grade obtained by following any course of water is termed a water grade. It is safe to say that 95 per cent of the roads in Wheeler County are constructed along some

stream or water course on a water grade.

In reply to an article recently published in the Mite Hell Sentinel we wish to say that if one were to follow the water from the little spring on Mount Pisgah to Mitchell he would travel on a water grade. Will anyone deny that in going from that spring to Mitchell a lower grade will be found by going along the stream? The larger the stream the less the grade and the John Day River and the little spring on Mount Pisgah are not a parallel.

When Mr Donnelly uses the term Water Grade in his report, he uses it in the only sense that it can be used. The Oregon country is not a flat level plain like the Mississippi Valley, yet in that valley the principal roads follow the rivers.

The Sentinel asked the question: "Has Mr Donnelly ever built any roads?" We cannot say that Mr Donnelly has ever taken any active part in actual road construction, but we do know that he has traveled every road of importance in this state. He passed over the Columbia Highway a number of times during its construction, and the fact that the state regards his work as reliable are sufficient evidences that he has some valuable ideas of road building.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles,  
Oregon, May 20th 1916.

Notice is hereby given that George E. Gilbert, of Winlock, Oregon, who on Sept. 19th 1912, made Homestead Entry No. 010737 and on June 4th 1914, made additional Homestead Entry No. 013358, for SE 1/4, Section 24, E 1/2 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 23 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three Year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before David E. Baxter U. S. Commissioner, at Spray Oregon, on the 8th day of July, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
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## SENATOR BURTON IDEAL CANDIDATE

### An Intimate View of Him In 1912 Campaign.

### IS STRONG FOR FAIR PLAY.

On One Notable Occasion Declared  
That He Would as Soon Think of As-  
saulting a Man as Misquoting Him.  
Great Statesman and Prodigious  
Worker, Says Isaac M. Meekins.

When the presidential campaign in 1912 was in full blast the chairman of the Republican national committee requested me to do some campaigning for the committee. I was called to New York and informed that the committee had decided to put on what it pleased to call "The Tariff Special." This was a train with which it was intended to trawl Woodrow Wilson's western trip and cover each point touched by the Democratic presidential nominee. I was told that Senator Theodore E. Burton was in charge of the train and that I had been selected to accompany him on this trip. I joined the senator at Indianapolis, and in less than a half hour he had my complete confidence and I felt that I had known him all my life. His manner was easy, open and frank. He was positive, but not abrupt.

Very soon I began to learn some of the qualities of the distinguished senator. Among the first was an illustration of his scrupulous sense of fair play. On the train out of Chicago an Iowa newspaper man called Senator Burton's attention to a passage in Woodrow Wilson's "History of the American People" wherein he describes the panic of 1893-4 and concludes by saying, "Not until the year 1897, when the new Republican administration came in power, did the crisis seem past." This bit of information interested me vitally. I was curious to know what Senator Burton would do with it—how he would handle it. I fully expected him to use this item in his very next rear end platform speech. But he did not. I went to him and asked him why he did not make use of that quotation from Wilson. "I shall make use of it as soon as I have an opportunity to verify it," he replied. "I shall look it up as soon as I get to a public library." Late the next night in the Denver Public library I found Senator Burton poring over a volume of Wilson's "History of the American People." "I have found the statement," he said, "and now I shall use it." "I should have used it before," I told him. "But I could not afford to do that!" he exclaimed. "I would as soon think of assaulting a man as misquoting him."

Courteous and Considerate.  
An incident which occurred at Denver is so good an illustration of Senator Burton's fine courtesy and consideration for others that I think it worth while repeating. Although this was one of the most attractive points in our trip, he proposed that I should on this occasion make the set speech. Although I protested, it was finally arranged that he would take only fifteen minutes and give me the balance of the time. A splendid audience greeted us that night; several thousand were gathered in a theater. Senator Burton opened the meeting and was at his best. The audience responded to him immediately, and he could have held the attention of the men and women gathered there for hours. I tossed him a note telling him that he should hold the platform and not confine himself to the agreed fifteen minutes; that the audience was his and never mind me. After speaking just fifteen minutes Senator Burton sat down. That night on our train, chatting with the press reporters, I asked Senator Burton why he did not continue his speech. "Because I had to keep my promise," he said. "I would no sooner trespass upon another man's time than I would trespass upon his pocketbook."

Had I been a member of the president's cabinet Senator Burton could not have been more considerate of my feelings and my comfort in every particular than he was during this entire trip. I was as unknown to him as to the reader of this little story. Herein is revealed the real man.  
Traveling brings out the true character of the man. After close association with Senator Burton for a number of weeks I can say of him that he is not only a statesman and philosopher and in many respects a genius, but he is a sympathetic, honest, brave gentleman, personally kind, gentle and sincere. Campaigning in 1912 for the Republican nominee was fraught with many difficulties and embarrassments. By reason of these very difficulties and embarrassments I found that difficulties do not discourage Senator Burton; neither do failures frighten him. With extraordinary celerity of perception he finds his way out of every difficulty and out of every embarrassment. During my entire association with him I never once heard him complain.

Statesman and Worker.  
In addition to the refinement of character which he possesses, Senator Burton is endowed with a great mind. Is a great statesman and a prodigious worker. A man may be a great statesman and then lack those fundamental human qualities which the average American voter is inclined to expect of any candidate for the presidency.

Since the advent of the Man of Galilee people everywhere have demanded the humanities of their leaders. Prudence, Justice, duty, kindness, consideration, service and honesty weigh more in the scales of public opinion than wisdom and learning. But combine these attributes and we have all that is best in human character.

I am a delegate to the Republican national convention at Chicago, which meets June 7. I am not committed to any candidate for president. I am free to vote for whomsoever I please and to change from one to another candidate as my judgment shall indicate. However, knowing Senator Burton as I do, I felt that I wanted others also to know him as he is. To my mind he is a presidential possibility who possesses all the requisite qualifications in full measure. Besides making a great president he would make a good party man. Senator Burton believes in the Republican party. While he would not permit partisanship to interfere with the duties of the great office to which he aspires, yet he can be counted on to solidify the party and set it as a nail in a sure place. There is not a disloyal fiber in his great nature, not a suspicion of ingratitude in his character. He would cherish the organization that placed him in the highest and most honorable official position in the world.

If Senator Burton is nominated and elected president every citizen of the United States can have his cause heard at the White House, if he has a cause, and in party matters the humblest of our rank and file will be heard and considered. Mr. Victor Murdock said the other day, "Colonel Roosevelt is a natural man." So is Senator Burton. There is a quiet reserve and dignity about Senator Burton, but only that which is perfectly fitting for a president of the United States, while there is none of the happy-go-lucky spirit about him. The genial warmth of his spirit and his kindly and sympathetic manner are totally inconsistent with any suggestion that Senator Burton is cold blooded. Senator Burton is a man of deep sentiment without being sentimental. There is a vast difference between sentiment and sentimentality, just as there is a vast difference between kindly consideration and cold insensibility. But every man can expect of Senator Burton a quiet consideration of an issue or a cause, an honest conclusion and a gentle, kindly and sympathetic announcement of that conclusion at any time, any place, under any and all circumstances.

ISAAC M. MEEKINS,  
Elizabeth City, May 10, 1916.

### PRESS THINKS WELL OF SENATOR BURTON

#### Logical Man to Oppose Wil- son, Says Asheville Citizen.

While political leaders are for one man or another, for one purpose or another, it is found that Republicans seeking success this year want a man of strong Republican convictions, a man of experience in public affairs and a knowledge of the needs of the country.

Just what is thought of Senator Burton in different parts of the country may be seen by the comments of different papers of recent date.  
Says the Olean Evening Times of New York:

"The candidacy of Senator Theodore E. Burton is being pushed with an energy and vigor by his friends who know him best and his Washington associates who know him as a legislator that bid fair to land the nomination at Chicago. No other man now before the public as a candidate is getting the favorable comment in this relation as Senator Burton."

The Sioux Falls (S. D.) State Forum says:

"The Forum believes that for pure statesmanlike ability, knowledge and needs of the country and how best to meet them Senator Theodore E. Burton is the best man of the entire list. He is right on the tariff, right in his Americanism, right in his ideas of governmental service and one of the real leaders of the country."

Wheeling (W. Va.) Intelligencer:  
"Development of sentiment among West Virginia Republicans has been altogether favorable to Theodore E. Burton. As matters now stand he will undoubtedly have the West Virginia delegates to the Republican convention."

Asheville (N. C.) Citizen:  
"Senator Burton is the logical man to oppose President Wilson, because he combines the advantage of representing both Republican and Progressive elements without having any of the objectionable characteristics that bar others from leadership."

Burton of the Grant Family.  
Theodore E. Burton belongs to the Grant family. He is a descendant of Mathew Grant, who came to Massachusetts in 1630. On one of the few occasions when Senator Burton talks about himself he said: "The Grants have been unemotional men. They believe that Ulysses S. was as typical a Grant as was the venerable Mathew, the founder of the clan. Traveling by steamer on the James river, an explosion occurred, which caused every one but Grant to spring from his chair in great alarm. 'It is unbecoming an officer,' the general rebukingly said, 'to show even momentarily any fear or excitement.' A Grant," the senator added, "when he is a Grant can't be rattled by an earthquake."

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