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YES, WE ARE NOT A CATHOLIC

"Was the editor of the Herald raised a Catholic?" is a question the writer has heard of being asked several times within the past few months and while such personal matters are not usually considered of public interest it may be as well to settle the question now as at any other time.

No, gentle reader, the editor was neither born nor reared nor educated nor baptized as a Catholic. In fact his youthful environment was such that he was perhaps 12 or 15 years old before he ever saw a real, live Catholic, Irish or otherwise. And, furthermore, his lineage runs back through a good many generations of the Pattison, Humphrey, Rogers, Craig and Stewart clans, all dyed-in-the-wool Scotch Covenanters who might still have been enjoying their oatmeal porridge "Mid the Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon," had not one John Graham, also known in history as Lord Claverhouse, a British soldier and, perchance, also a Catholic, some 300 years ago waged war on the canny Scots and told them to give up their religion or their lives. Now, no true Scotchman was ever known to give anything away without something like a cost plus recompense and rather than contribute either religion or warm blood to Mr. J. Bull they beat it while the going was good. After some adventures they landed in the north of Ireland.

Judging from the histories of those stirring days Graham, or Claverhouse, were he living today, might call himself one of the "100 per cent" boys for it is understood he was always inclined to be peevish, maybe a bit narrow, and to say the least, very thorough, when talking religion with or seeking the scalp of a Covenanter.

Perhaps one reason the editor has been suspected of being a Catholic is that he does not subscribe to the doctrines of the Ku Klux Klan. The best defense against that charge is to blame it on his Scotch blood. Those old Scotch forbears of his were battered about for quite some time because of their religious belief and it took them quite a spell to quit resenting it. But as time passed and the resentment died out they began to have a genuine dislike for religious or political persecution no matter who was the persecutor or who the persecuted and after coming to America and helping frame the Declaration of Independence they finally became so broad-minded and so nearly "100 per cent American" that they came to believe that being a good American did not hinge on color, creed or political belief, but that the elements of good citizenship must germinate in the heart and soul of the individual.

That brand of so-called religion or patriotism which would deny to any man or woman equal rights of citizenship because of his or her political or religious belief is spurious and will not bear the light of day. Is this the reason for the mask?

RURAL INTEREST IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

If no other good should ever come out of the movement started last Friday to adopt the county unit system in the management of our elementary schools the fact that the circuit court room was comfortably filled with interested citizens from all parts of the county who traveled miles to hear the new plan discussed shows that the people of the country districts are keenly interested in the education of their children and the discussion and questions that followed Mr. Smith's and Mrs. Shurte's explanations of the working of the proposed innovation showed very plainly that the men who have been wrestling with rural school problems for many years have an understanding of school matters greater than some of the residents of the towns have suspected.

That everyone present is heartily in favor of any change in the operation of their schools that will insure better advantages for the children was apparent, yet there was no stampede towards endorsing the plan off hand without taking time to give it the careful consideration its importance deserves.

That the new plan may, for a time, increase the taxes in some districts while lowering them in others was indicated, but there was heard no remonstrance from any quarter on that score. Increased efficiency and better kept school houses and equipment was what seemed to appeal most to the country people and if the proponents of the measure can show that these results will follow it may be pretty safely predicted that the measure will be approved by the voters if placed on the ballot in May.

SEED GRAIN

Spring Rye

Bearded Barley

Beardless Barley

Federated Wheat

Brown & Lowry

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR CONGRESS

To the Voters of the Second Congressional District of Oregon: I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination by the democratic party for representative in congress in said district at the primary nominating election to be held on Friday, May 16th, 1924, and if nominated will make a campaign covering said district in the special advocacy of such measures as will give immediate relief to struggling agricultural interests and in advocacy of other measures that will re-establish this government as a government of, by and for the WHOLE people.

Respectfully,
B. F. WILSON.

(Paid Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

To the Republicans of Morrow County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination at your hands for the office of County Judge at the primary election in May, 1924. My experience of many years as County Commissioner makes me conversant with the duties of the office I seek, and I shall greatly appreciate your support in the primary; and for all past favors, I thank you kindly.

G. A. BLEAKMAN,
Hardman.

(Paid Advertisement)

FOR COUNTY CLERK

To the Republican Voters of Morrow County: I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk at the Primary Election to be held May 16, 1924.

GAY M. ANDERSON,
(Incumbent)

(Paid Advertisement)

Radio in the Arctic

Daylight acts to disintegrate radio waves, or affects the earth's crust so that it "or some other undefined natural phenomena" absorbs them, experimental communication with stations in the frozen north has convinced K. B. Warner, secretary of the American Radio Relay league.

His experiments were made in a world-wide "check-up" to discover what was preventing contact during the five weeks of Arctic daylight between stations on this continent and the ice-bound ships of Roald Amundsen and Donald B. MacMillan.

NEW BIG PACKAGE

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Cigarettes

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Mrs. P. A. Anderson entertained a few friends Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Kate Moore, of Echo, who was the house guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson.

WASHINGTON

Liberty unsheathed his sword, necessity stained, victory returned it. If he had paused here history might have doubted what station to assign him—whether at the head of her citizens or her soldiers, her heroes or her patriots. But the last glorious act crowns his career, and banishes all hesitation.

Who, like Washington, after having emancipated a hemisphere, resigned his crown, and preferred the retirement of domestic life to the adoration of a land he might almost be said to have created?

How shall we rank thee upon Glory's page
Thou more than soldier and just less than sage?
All thou hast been reflects less fame on thee.
Far less than all thou has forborne to be.
—Charles Phillips.

Union County Man Candidate for Congress From This District

B. F. Wilson, a leading citizen of Union county, has announced his candidacy for congress from this district on the democratic ticket.

Mr. Wilson is a farmer. He is also a lawyer, has served as county clerk and county judge of Union county and also served four years as register of the U. S. Land Office at LaGrande.

Will Ball is at Portland this week on a business trip.

The Episcopal ladies guild was pleasantly entertained last Wednesday by Mrs. C. L. Sweek at her home on Court street.

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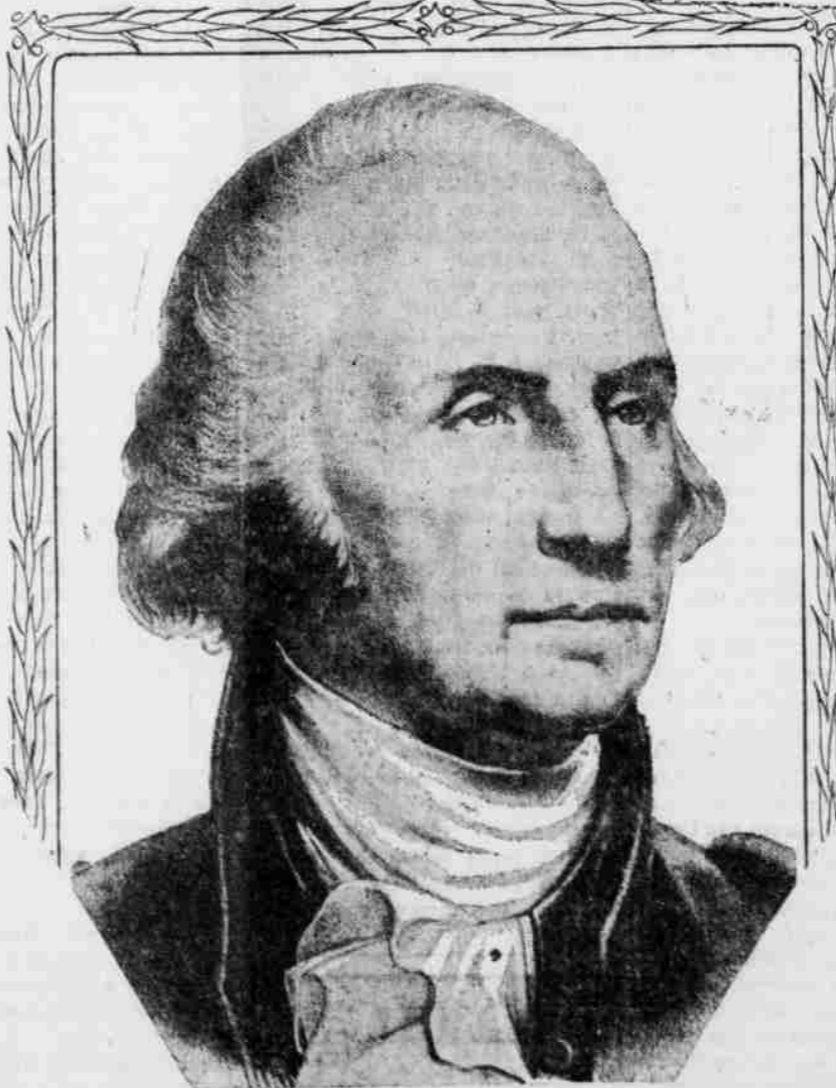
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It is fitting that we pause today in our tasks and reflect upon the genius, the leadership qualities, the perseverance of him who fought and won for this great nation its priceless Liberty—

George Washington.

Confident that his was a just cause, though handicapped in many ways, his keen determination gained us our most cherished asset—Freedom. And as we honor his memory today let us give thanks for the Prosperity and Exalted Position this nation enjoys—the direct result of Washington's greatness.

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