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SENATOR McNARY BURIED

The casket banked high with over a thousand floral tributes, Senate-Minority Leader Charles L. McNary who died in Florida, was buried Friday after simple funeral services held in the hall of representatives of the state capitol at which many hundreds of the great, the near great and the humble paid him their last tribute. He was a member of the U. S. senate for nearly 27 years, one of the longest and most distinguished records of the congress. In 1940 he was a candidate for the vice presidency.

The funeral services were conducted by Bishop Bruce Baxter who paid eloquent tribute to Senator McNary's many years of service to his country and described him as a "genuinely modest man who would deplore extravagant praise. First of all," said Dr. Baxter, "was his unswerving devotion to duty. He stayed by his work when others rested. He stayed by that work when the interests of his health required that he also rest. He was a power for good in his nation—a war casualty as truly as any boy who falls in battle."

POTENTIAL CANDIDATES

The double-barreled announcement made by Governor Earl Snell—naming Guy Cordon as interim U. S. Senator and that he, the governor, would not be a candidate for the unexpired four-year term—left a panorama of potential candidates. It is natural that those who were proposed for appointment should be looked upon as apt to seek nomination, among them: Wm G. Hare, former member of the state senate known as "Brother Eloquence"; Merle Chessman, editor of the Astorian-Budget and state senator; P. J. Stadelman, industrialist of The Dalles, Charles A. Sprague, former governor is expected to file for the four year term also.

CONGRESSMAN'S DAUGHTER TO WED

Pretty, brunette Dorothy May Mott is on the romantic beam here at the capital. Congressman and Mrs. James Mott have announced her engagement to Benjamin Murray Whisenand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Whisenand of Bend. The benedict-elect is enrolled in the navy V-12 program and is attending Willamette University.

BIOGRAPHY OF NEW U. S. SENATOR

Guy Cordon, Oregon's new U. S. senator is 53 years of age and was born in Texas but has been a resident of Oregon for 52 years. He was married to Ana Allen in Roseburg in 1914. There are three children, Allen, a lieutenant in the army air forces, Carolyn and Margaret, students at the University of Oregon.

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A Sensible Decision

Admirers of Governor Earl Snell, and they are legion, have a higher regard for his integrity and political sagacity than ever, following his action Saturday in removing himself as an aspirant for the senatorship left vacant by the death of Senator Charles L. McNary. With all the pressure brought to bear by friends and the urge from within to seek the post, and having the machinery in his own control to step in and take the job, it took courage to do what the governor did, courage backed by wisdom that has earned him his present high position and a following that cannot help but be strengthened.

There appears to be nothing in the way of Mr. Snell entering the May primary if he chooses to do so, and it is doubtful if there will be any effective criticism of such a move. The expressed opinion of the man on the street is that he should enter the primary and if this opinion grows within the next few weeks it may rise to the proportions of a demand, meaning, of course, a "draft Snell" movement. That is the feeling of a strong segment of the voting population of eastern Oregon where the governor has always been popular and where the desire for representation in the upper house is seldom appeased. It is natural, therefore, that we of the two-thirds area would like at least one-third of the congressional delegation, irrespective of the population basis, and in Snell we would have a man not only directly acquainted with our needs but one familiar with the state as a whole.

Following the Right Course

Decision of the Heppner school board to keep pace with the salary increases granted in other districts and wages and salaries paid in other vocations was a step in the right direction. School district No. 1 can ill afford to sit by and permit the best teaching talent to be hired elsewhere.

It so happened that the district is in excellent financial condition at this time and the school authorities made the best of their position. Had the proposal for higher salaries been made last year it would have embarrassed the board to meet the situation, but in the interim funds have been received from the income tax surplus and some of the district's obligations have been paid off, so with very little bonded indebtedness hanging over their heads, the officials could advance the salaries without placing additional tax burden upon the citizens.

In wartime and other emergency periods there is a tendency to neglect the schools. As all of us know, the present situation is one of the most critical in our national history. Shifting the lives of more than 130,000,000 people from a peacetime basis to an all out war endeavor cannot be accomplished without disjoining some of our most cherished institutions, of which the schools hold high rank. Budgets could not be changed hurriedly or automatically, consequently school boards were confronted with maintaining teaching and plant operations on a frozen schedule in competition with rapidly rising wages and salaries in war industries. The result has been that many teachers have abandoned the profession for the duration to accept jobs paying much better wages, and school officials in desperation have turned to ex-teachers and almost any source where qualified persons may be obtained. This has gone on until the supply is exhausted and there is but one alternative—offer salaries comparable to those paid in other places and in other occupations.

It is the belief of this newspaper that a qualified, experienced teacher should not have to teach here the first year at a beginner's scale. If the pay is commensurate with or better than an applicant

is getting elsewhere and that applicant is the person the superintendent and the board want, he or she should get the top scale paid and not be compelled to work up to that level. After all, it is not a matter of consideration of board rules, not a matter of a few more dollars in taxes, but the training of the future citizens that is at stake. They deserve the best training our money can buy.

For a Cleaner Town

As spring approaches, the perennial question of cleaning up the town comes to the fore. Civic-minded persons blush at the appearance of their property and of the slovenliness of their neighbor's yards and the urge to grab a rake and start in on trash almost precipitates them into action—almost, but not quite. Now come the mayor and city council with the announcement that there will be a clean-up in a few weeks, a movement in which every citizen and property owner will be invited to participate—and pay for the privilege. There will be no free hauling by the city this year. The city fathers are emphatic on that score. Instead, the city will put one of its trucks in charge of some one engaged in the hauling business, if additional transportation is needed, and property owners can hire their hauling done if they have no vehicle of their own for that purpose.

Heppner, like many other small towns, could well devote time and money to making the town presentable at all times. The fact that most small towns lack sufficient civic pride causes them to remain small towns and in many instances become smaller. Well kept streets, tidy vacant lots, and well cared for homes are an invitation to the homeseeker. The city accepts responsibility for the streets but too often shows a lack of interest in the vacant lots. It is a problem no one seems to want to tackle and yet their neglect is an economic loss to property owners and the town.

There is at present a movement on foot for a small park. Chief interest centers in providing a playground for children and a spot where adults too may congregate for picnic parties and other affairs. The amount of money involved to equip such a spot would not be great, yet in the light of all the drives for war activities, it seems a bit out of order to go out and raise funds to set up a park. Subscriptions for such a purpose would come largely from public spirited citizens, many of whom perhaps would never use the place. Experience has shown that public enterprises of this nature soon fade out. Would it not be better to levy a small tax for establishing and maintaining parks and appointment of a park commission to plan and supervise their operation. By parks it is meant playgrounds in different parts of the city. A start could be made with the central park and others developed as the demand grows. Surely this matter commands serious thought by all citizens as well as the city officials.

The trouble with waiting for something to turn up is that in the meantime you may be turned down.

If you have done a good job, don't look as if you had fluked it. Let 'em know it's a habit of yours.

If you want to test your memory, try to remember what it was that worried you yesterday.

If you are not tired at night you are not doing your part.

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