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BORROWED FROM THE QUIVER OF THE "OPTIMETER"

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The best way to break a bad habit is to drop it.

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People who are afraid of missing something, seldom make a hit.

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Many a slow thinker gets a reputation for being "conservative."

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When you have a fight with your conscience and get licked, you win.

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The worst thing that can happen to a man in this life is to get its best things too easily.

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What you are likely to get is determined by what you are willing to give for what you want.

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If you have no trouble in living up to your ideals, it indicates that you need a set of new ones.

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Probably the reason some folks don't mind their own business is that they simply must have something to do.

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The most humiliating punishment you can inflict on one who has done you a wrong, is to do him a favor in return.

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About the most useless thing in the world is a good idea that has never been made to get out and hustle for a living.

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There is just as much pleasure and satisfaction in goodness as there is in wickedness, but the latter is more widely advertised.

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The worst thing about failure is that it merely convinces some people that they could make a whale of a success at something else.

## "RED HEROINES OF THE NORTHWEST"

"Red Heroines of the Northwest" is the title of a new book by Byron Defenbach, Idaho's state treasurer.

Mr. Defenbach is an old Indian Service employee whose name is familiar to a number of employees still in the service. At one time he was Chief Clerk at the Genoa Indian School, and later Superintendent of the Fort Peck boarding school. For sometime he was side-kicker with Fred C. Campbell and Calvin Asbury and other old-timers who will rejoice at the political and literary success of their old friend and co-worker.

The three red heroines are Sacajawea, the daughter of a Shoshone chief, who accompanied Lewis and Clark; the Dorion woman, who was a member of the Wilson Price Hunt expedition along the course of Snake river and in whose life the most tragic and noble event occurred in the Boise valley; Jane Silcott, the Nez Perce girl who guided the Pierce party to the spot where gold was first discovered in Idaho.

Sacajawea and the Dorion woman were born in the year 1786 and Jane in 1842. So far as is known, the women never saw one another, although their journeys led all three into Idaho. The one thing which they all had in common was their service to the white man in undertakings which affected materially the development of the northwestern states.

Sacajawea's service to the Lewis and Clark party was a service of love. She won the friendship and admiration of every man in the party by her cheerful endurance of the severe hardships of the trail. A pitiful note is sounded in descriptions of the devotion of the girl to the red-headed Captain Clark, whom she held in God-like awe.

The Dorion woman was stolid, unemotional, devoted to her children, brave in the face of apparently insurmountable difficulties and grave danger. She made her way on foot with her two small children from the Boise valley to the Walla Walla country in the dead of winter, alone and snowblind, after her husband and other men of the party had been massacred by hostile Indians. There is no greater bravery or self-sacrifice recorded in history than the Dorion woman's struggle to save her children.

Jane, in the words of the author, was just a good woman. Her contribution of service to the white man's cause was less than that of her sisters. She

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