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THAT WEAKEST EXCUSE

Sombody ought to collect statistics some day to find out whether more human suffering is not caused by bone-headedness than by cussedness. When someone makes a costly blunder, we're apt to excuse him by saying that "it was a mistake of the head and not of the heart." We seem to feel that if a man "means well," as we say, he can be forgiven almost anything. But it sometimes seems that nearly all of our troubles come from just these mistakes of the head. Few people are downright perverse; nearly everyone means well. Incompetence, not malice, or dishonesty, is the great foe of happiness. Here's an example: The late Lord Asquith's war diary was printed recently. It gives a number of inside views of the conduct of the World War. And nowhere on earth is there quite such an example of the price people sometimes have to pay for these easily forgotten "mistakes of the head." Asquith tells how Sir Winston Churchill, then a prominent cabinet member, was all absorbed, at the beginning of 1915, in a plan for a great attack on the Dardanelles. Admiral Fisher, Britain's famous old sea-dog, opposed the plan violently; but Churchill was enthusiastic and carried the day. The Allies were to bombard and reduce the Turkish forts, send troops up the straits, capture Constantinople—it was all very nicely planned. The world doesn't need to be reminded what happened. Of all the battlefields of the war, Gallipoli was the most tragic. Thousands upon thousands of young Australians died there; and after some months the British ministry was obliged to admit that it was all a ghastly mistake. Troops and warships were called off, and the Dardanelles remained unmolessted for the rest of the war. The attack on the Dardanelles was ordered by men who had the best intentions in the world. But they lacked the wisdom of such men as Admiral Fisher, who was shrewd and war-wise enough to see that the venture would be worse than useless. As leaders, they simply did not measure up to their jobs; and some 50,000 Australians, therefore, had to die. That's the way things usually work out. It isn't lack of good intentions, but lack of knowledge, ability and foresight, that causes most of our trouble. Never forgive anyone on the grounds that "he meant well." That is the weakest of all possible excuses.

Orange county, California, and its county seat, Santa Ana, are to be congratulated upon the acquirement of a new daily newspaper, the Times, launched auspiciously by M. C. Maloney and D. E. Maloney, for nearly twenty years publishers of the Coos Bay Times at Marshfield, Oregon. A copy of the initial edition, just received by the News-Review and heralded as the "get-acquainted" number, justifies the publishers' declaration of a "friendly newspaper in a friendly community." It is comprised of 48 attractive pages of well-arranged news matter and special articles descriptive of Santa Ana and its commercial tributaries. A generous percentage of advertising accompanying the Times' debut evidences the appreciation and progressiveness of its chosen field and constitutes a splendid start toward the permanent business support which is richly merited by two such capable and wide-awake men as Maloney Brothers.

It's our guess that one of the most interesting members of that daring band who will penetrate the desolate Antarctic with Commander Byrd will be Paul Siple, 19, the Erie, Pa., Boy Scout, who was chosen from among millions of Boy Scouts for that honor. There is something about the idea of a Boy Scout going to the South Pole with a band of hardy adventurers that challenges the imagination and fires the spirit of youth. His course is certain to be followed with avid interest by millions of boys, their fathers and their mothers. And we admire the Spartan spirit displayed by Paul's mother, Mrs. Clyde A. Siple, when she learned her boy had been given the honor of making the dangerous trip. "If the good Lord permitted Paul to be selected, the Lord will permit him to return to me," Mrs. Siple told reporters. That's a mother who's worthy of her adventurous son.

Many avoidable serious accidents are due to awkwardness or lack of alertness and agility, according to a bulletin of the Chicago health commissioner. The awkward individual who, because of weak muscles and stiff joints, needs both muscle development and training is not only subject to laughter when he stumbles over his own feet, but actually possesses insufficient grace and agility to keep him out of danger. Exercise is healthful, it seems, in more ways than one.

COMING EVENTS IN ROSEBURG

Cut out this list of dates of outstanding events for the year and keep it in your pocket for handy reference. Watch for changes and additional announcements as they may be arranged.
Douglas County Merchants' Institute August 30-31
Southern Oregon Seal Sale
Conference Sept. 18
Knights of Pythias Convention, Dist. No. 3 Sept. 22
Regional P. T. A. Convention Oct. 17-18-19
Fall Meeting Presbytery of Southern Oregon Oct. 23-24
National Election November 6
State Horticultural Meeting Dec. 12-13-14

PRUNE
DICKIN'S

By BERT G. HATES

GOD EVENING FOLKS

A herd of cypresses
Dropped into
The village 'day
An' the daisies
Of the tribe
Were without sox
Which oughta make
The local shebas
Purty dern sore.

The gentleman from the rural
districts were in today this p. m.
makin' fun of we city fellers' cheap
cars.

Just finished readin' an article in
this week's Colliers, "Home Sweet
Home Brew," in which the author
points his finger at the corner
grocery store chargin' that in the tale
of malt they are a darn sight wuss
than the ol' time saloons. We have
yet to see anybody sicker out of a
grocery store unless it was at the
first of the month when he was
presented with a bill.

The big hailstorm for Hoover and
Smith is now on. Step right up
folks, we'll promise ye anything.

As this is Saturday night we im-
agine the Latinus spigot is joinin'
full blast. Be sure and wash off
the high water mark.

Local jawflippers will go to Med-
ford tomorrow, exceptin' the legions
of rascals who just returned from the
conviction here.

Wot this country needs is not a
good five cent cigar but a place
to park yer flivver. One promi-
nent local merchant called ye ed on
the phone a few moments ago and
said: "Dang it, why can't some of
these fellows who want to park
their car on the main street all
day, put the bus in front of their
own place of business and let the
rest of us enjoy a little patronage?
Country folks come to town
on Saturday and want to do some
shopping. They can't find a place
to park 'cause we town fellows
hog it all." The complaint is jus-
tified. Why not park the car in
front of your own business and
not block the neighbor?

LAPE PERKINS SEZ—

"Give us a kid with watermelon
needs in his ears and we'll point
out a feller who's gittin' in full
time durin' these vacation days."

BUICK GARAGE
TO BE REMODELED

O. C. Baker, local Buick dealer,
is preparing to remodel his garage
building at Jackson and Court
streets and construction will start
the first of next week. The pre-
sented lot is to be removed and a
new structure front will be built, with
one portion of the building set back
from the street several feet to
make room for a modern filling
and service station. One section,
next to the street, will be retained
and reconstructed for salesroom
purposes, while the well equipped
repair shops in the rear will be
placed in warm, substantial quar-
ters. In addition to the Buick
agency Mr. Baker conducts a well
equipped repair department, having
a complete line of machinery for
doing automobile work.

In the future he will conduct a
filling and service station in con-
nection with the other lines.

DR. NERBAS
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CITY OF SUTHERLIN

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FACTORY OPPORTUNITY—14,000
acres with 224 million feet of
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150 acres. Further particulars
E. G. KINGWELL, SUTHERLIN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
Sutherlin, Oregon.

Tammany Foo



George K. Morris, chairman of
the Republican State Committee of
New York, who sees presidential
year possibilities of overthrowing
Tammany Hall in New York State.

The Woman's
Day

Sometimes one wonders if all
the stories about the June girls
who besedge offices and newspa-
pers and stores and factories for
jobs, and modestly admit that
they'd just as soon start as vice-
president or editor, are true. But
opera directors surely must be ac-
tually accustomed to young singers
asking for prima donna roles, for
Gatti-Casazza signed up a Miss
Pearl Bosmer, 22, for next sea-
son in the Metropolitan Grand
Opera company because, he admits
himself, he was as much impres-
sioned by her willingness to "start as
a page" as by her voice.

UP IN SMOKE
Two huge buildings were delib-
erately burned by the U. S. Bureau
of Standards in Washington the
other day, and dozens of sales
filled with records were burned.
It was all done while official-
ists stood by, making no attempt
to stop the fire, for the buildings
were burned in a scientific attempt
to discover habits of fire and the
best resiliency of various safes.

This was typically a male act.
Woman is never destructive. She
would have insisted on saving the
buildings some way, even though
they were no earthly use. Just in
case she might need them some
time, and she would have spent
more time and energy and money
than it would take to replace the
buildings in finding some other
way to get the required informa-
tion. Whatever we think of our
superiorities, most of us are much
more "penny wise and pound fool-
ish" than males.

JAZZ 'N' GIRLS

Jazz and girls are raising frater-
nity life, according to Trustee
John L. Porter of Carnegie Insti-
tute of Technology.
"Fraternity, years ago," he
says, "meant a linking of ideas,
ambitions, dreams, pride in
achievement and comradeship. How
we can look for marks above 70
from a student who spends half his
time out of schedule in tumultu-
ous and the balance necking in
some secluded corner."
Question: "Do men spend any
more time and interest on girls
these days than they ever have?"

WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS

For some reason or other a New
York paper found it news because
two women hailed into court on
the same charge as several men
arrested with them got the same
sentence. One woman, a taxi
driver, was fined along with some
male competitors for driving with-
out a license. The other woman
was summoned with a score of
men, all charged with smoking on
a ferryboat, and given a suspended
sentence. The headline reads:
"Equally Nips Two Women."

CHURCH NOTICE

Community Church, Oakland,
Calif. The Oakland Community
church is planning for a special
service for women next Sunday
night. Rev. James Aikin Smith,
synodical evangelist for the Pres-

byterian church of Oregon from
Portland, who has been supplying
the church this summer, will de-
liver a lecture on "The Woman for
the New Day," the story of Queen
Esther. There will be a ladies
choir, lady ushers and collectors.
Men will be admitted, but are ex-
pected to be accompanied by a
lady. Service to begin promptly
at 8 o'clock. Jas. A. Smith.

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POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

THE FISHERMAN'S THRILL

Apropos of the fine editorial in the News-Review last Sat-
urday, dealing with the question of why men go fishing, per-
mit an old fisherman who has spent more than half a hundred
summer vacations angling to have his say.

O how it wakes my fishing blood
To chew this editorial cud;
To see again that mountain stream
As fresh as any dryad's dream;
To feel the gentle cooling breeze
And hear the softly sighing trees!
As on the pool I cast my fly
My heart with hope is beating high.

Just on above's a waterfall
Which would an artist's eye enthrall;
And yonder on a mossy rock
A dancing eazel—head agock.
And sunshiny, sprinkling through the leaves,
Sweet fancy web about we weaves—
And then—a mighty rush—a trout!
And all my dreams are put to rout.

Or change the scenery to a lake
And let the entrancing memories wake:
I'm in a humble fishing boat
And on the placid water float;
Off yonder is a diving loon
Which oft will laugh in mocking tune.
But O my soul, my rod's a thrill!
I'm fighting bass with all my will.

And once again I'll change the stage
To where Atlantic surges rage:
I'm off Nantucket's friendly isle
And see a shoal of blue fish smile.
The catboat cuts the singing brine.
The eel skin bait is showing fine:
A strike! He's standing on his tail!
I pull! He fights clear o'er the rail.

No matter whether brook or lake
Or from the sea your way you take,
The finest cure for brawn or mind
Is where you can good fishing find;
It clears the cobwebs from the brain
It brings the nerves to fighting strain.
Get in your hands a fishing rod
Amid the clean outdoors with God

The International Uniform Sun-
day School Lesson for August 25,
Paul in a Roman Prison, Acts
16:19-34.

By WM. E. GILROY, D. D.
Editor of The Congregationalist
The winning of Lydia to the
Christian faith with its favorable
consequences for Paul was not al-
together typical of Paul's experi-
ence at Philippi and the influence
of his teaching upon the women
who heard him.

Among his converts was a young
woman who, we should say today,
had "psychic" powers but who was
thought of in that day as a sooth-
sayer exercising her strange art
through some evil possession. As
the company of devout people that
Paul found at Philippi went to
prayer, this young woman followed
Paul and his associates, crying,
"These men are the servants of
the most high God which show
unto us the way of salvation." This
she did on successive days until
Paul turned and exorcised this
spirit of evil, and the young wom-
an became a freed from her strange
possession.

Freed From Bondage

Just how we are to interpret
these things with our modern
knowledge of psychology is doubt-
ful, but it is quite clear that the
masters of this young girl were
using her powers for their own
base ends and for material gain,
whereas Paul was interested in
the young woman's welfare; and
whatever the experience was, she
was saved from a distressing con-
dition.

The benefit that came to the
young woman, however, through
Paul's ministrations roused the au-
tagonism of her masters, who now
saw that the hope of their gain
was gone. Here in Philippi, accord-
ingly, we see the beginning in
western civilization of that con-
flict between spiritual interest and
selfish gain which has continued
to the present day. Instead of be-
ing glad that the young woman
had been helped by Paul, her mas-
ters were roused to great fury,
and, like all such people influenced
by their own self-interest, they be-
lieved that religion ought to "keep
to its own place."

It would not have sounded very
well to accuse Paul by saying that
their own gains had been dissipat-
ed by the conversion of the young
woman and that that was their
real concern about the matter. It
sounded much better to attack
Paul on the ground of his religion.
So the masters of the young girl
brought Paul and Silas into the
marketplace and before the magis-
trates, seeking to stir up religious
prejudice against them.
"These men being Jews," they
said, "do exceedingly trouble our
city and teach customs which are
not lawful for us to receive nei-
ther to observe, being Romans."

Ed Walker, deputy state game
warden, has just returned from a
trip through the North Umpqua
district, visiting Steamboat, Twin
Lakes, Black Rock, Fish Creek
desert, Anderson Camp, Devils
Knob and many other points in
that section of the country. He re-
ports that the deer are apparently
more abundant than in any recent
year, and that he anticipates a most
successful hunting season.
"The deer were thicker than I
have ever seen them before," Mr.
Walker said, "and every place I
went on this trip I saw deer and

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WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

PAUL IN A ROMAN PRISON



Text: Acts 16:19-34

And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone,
they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the market place unto
the rulers.

And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being
Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city.

And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither
to observe, being Romans.

And the multitude rose up together against them; and the magis-
trates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them
into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely:

Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner
prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God:
and the prisoners heard them.

And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the founda-
tions of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were
opened, and every one's hands were loosed.

And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing
the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed
himself, supposing that the prisoners had broken loose.

But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for
we are all here.

Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and
fell down before Paul and Silas,

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be
saved, and thy house.

And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that
were in his house.

And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their
stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before
them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

And the next day Paul and Silas went out, and came to the river,
and sat down by the water side to preach unto the people.

And certain of them of the city of Thracia, Trophimus the
Ephesian, and Timotheus the man of Lycaonia, worshippers of
Jupiter, were with him.

And they preached there many days, and the multitude increased
very much.

And when the Jews of the synagogue saw that their numbers in-
creased, they were provoked, and took Trophimus the Ephesian,
and Timotheus the Lycaonian, and brought them to the forum,
saying, These men do many things contrary to the law, saying that
they are Jews, and do teach things which they ought not to teach.

And the multitude rose up against them, and the magistrates
comanded to be beaten, and to be put in prison; and they laid
down their clothes before the doors of the prison, and cried,
We are Romans; and we are here beaten!

And when they had read their rights, they were released; and the
magistrates commanded the jailer to let them go. And they went
out of the prison, and came to the river.

And there sat Paul and Silas, and preached unto the people.
And the multitude increased very much, and the Jews were
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How persistent in history has
been the device of selfish men in
making religious prejudice serve
their own ends! How difficult,
often, it is for the masses of men
to see how grossly they are misled