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ROSEBURG, OREGON, MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1929. A FEMININE TRADER HORN

WHAT bids fair to become the "Trader Horn" of 1929 is a new book called "The Cradle of the Deep." Like "Trader Horn" it comes from the publishing house of Simon & Schuster. Like "Trader Horn" it is a story from life of amazing adventures purported to have been experienced by an individual. Like "Trader Horn" the story is being assailed by some critics as fictional in large degree.

The writer is a woman, Joan Lowell. She puts forth the book as a chronicle of her own life from the age of eleven months to that of 15 years. She relates that at the earlier age she was taken by her father, a schooner captain, from her mother and her ten brothers and sisters and thereafter kept and raised by him on shipboard, with only brief intervals on shore. After being nurtured on goat's milk through infancy she says she was dressed in boy's clothes, made to live and work with the crew and taught the ways of seafaring. She learned to swear like a pirate, hold the wheel in rough weather, climb aloft like a monkey and do everything else that sailors do. When she was six she leaped overboard to catch a seahorse. On one trip she made a hand with a shanghaied greenhorn crew on stormy seas. She learned to talk in fourteen different South seas dialects. And so on through chapter after chapter and prodigy on prodigy of adventure and valor. There was always something extraordinary doing on the schooner, Minnie A. Caine, and Joan was always in the middle of it, just as there was always something exciting going on along the African ivory coast with Alfred Aloysius Horn in the middle of it.

But just as the critics were able to riddle with holes parts of the old Trader's story on historical and factual grounds, so do the sea-faring critics find faulty technique in Joan Lowell's description of matters aboard ship. Thus Lincoln Colcord points out that she makes the sailors go aloft to "reef down the topsails" although there are no topsails on a schooner that can be reefed. She makes them "bend every inch of sail to hurry the ship" although to bend a sail is to fasten it to the spars, not to set it. She has them "reeve on new canvas" although reeve can only apply to a rope. She makes them throw over the keel anchors on the high seas to prevent drifting upon a near-by iceberg, although no ship casts anchor under such conditions, and so on.

The objection of the critics to "The Cradle of the Deep" is that it ought to have been put out as fiction instead of bona fide adventure. It is a story full of thrills and stings. And that is just what they said about "Trader Horn." Miss Lowell is now an actress and the wife of a theatrical manager. Maybe that will account for some things. Anyway her book is good.

Building supply people, lumber manufacturers and other producers of products used in the building trades are uniting in a great nation-wide program of home modernization. In cities of 100,000 population and over, home modernizing bureaus are being formed and the work is handled through these bureaus in large volume. Modernization is the answer to the home owner's problem and spring is the time to do it. Another page in this newspaper is devoted to the subject of building and real estate. Home plans and modernization pictures will be shown in future issues of this page.

The appearance in Roseburg tomorrow night of the Russian Royal Choir is a musical event for this community of more than ordinary importance.

POEM FOR THE DAY By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

APRIL I'm glad to see you, April dear— You bring the world a lot of cheer I know you're a capricious Miss, But, oh, my soul, how sweet your kiss! I know you're not dependable, And not so very sensible, And, for the middle of the season, Don't always show a lot of reason. Yet, April, you can count on me To fight for you with rapturous glee— Whenever you have any trouble, Just count on me to measure double. I think you're sweet as honeycomb, Although, like March, you sometimes foam. You are a sweetheart made to love— And bring such blessings from above! You mother all of March's sprouts And find much joy in their wild shouts; And you have children of your own And give them chest where'er they're sown; And though you give them discipline You give them sap enough to win. We glory in your sparkling showers That put the glow in May's sweet flowers. So, April, sweet, we swear by you— You have your freaks but still you're true: And many birds that come from South Have your rapt praises in their mouths; And if a month we had to choose How could we then your eyes refuse? We're charmed with all the dainty lines You put in sunny woodland plaques.

OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.

The Office Cat

A shoemaker had just opened a store, and the first customer bought a pair of shoes for six dollars. "I'm sorry," he said, "I haven't six dollars with me, but I'll give you three dollars and bring the rest tomorrow."

The shoemaker agreed and the man took the shoes and left. "Fool," cried the shoemaker's wife, "He won't come back with the three dollars."

Many a man who seems to be on Easy Street is only on Easy Payment Street.

Home brew is the sort of stuff that kicks like a mule when you want to ride along easy.

Mother: Helen, little girls must not talk all the time at table. Helen: When will I be old enough to mother?

Americanism: Worrying because you can't hire anybody with sense enough to do the work you would do yourself if you weren't so prosperous.

A French aviator has a plane that takes off straight up. Eventually planes may light and swing on telephone wires.

"Auntie, will you please wash my face?" "Why, Bobbie, I thought you could do that yourself."

"Well, I can, but I'd have to get my hands wet, and they don't need it."

If one does not take chances he must take what's left by those who do.

If it weren't for the pronoun "I" some men wouldn't know how to begin a sentence.

Do You Know Your Own State?

Excerpts from "Oregon Geographic Names" by McArthur, which explain the origin of names of geographic landmarks throughout the state.

TODAY: ENTERPRISE Enterprise, Willows county—Ben Weather, postmaster at Enterprise in 1925, is source of information that the community was named in 1857. A meeting was held in a tent owned by a mercantile company and several names were suggested, including Bennett Flat, Willows City, Franklin and Fairfield. Finally R. F. Stubblefield suggested Enterprise, and that name was selected by a majority vote. The post office was established November 9, 1887, with Catherine Akin first postmaster.

NEWS BRIEFS (Associated Press Licensed Wire) BRIGHTON, England, April 1.—Seriouly, the Rev. H. J. Campbell, just back from the United States thinks that country is drifting into war with this one.

NEW YORK, April 1.—The explanation of half a dozen young women who smoked cigarettes in the Fifth Avenue Easter parade is that they "cherish freedom" while fighting the way to equal rights for smokers of both sexes.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—The last violin made by Stradivarius has been purchased by Dr. Thaddeus Rich, concertmaster, with some 40 other rare instruments from the estate of Rodman Wanamaker.

CHILDREN ROLL EGGS ON LAWN OF WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, April 1.—The White House grounds were thrown open today to a crowd of laughing, shouting youngsters for the annual Easter Monday egg rolling. Although the skies were dark and rain threatened, several hundred children gathered within an hour and scrambled about the lawn. As they played, the children of members of the cabinet, bureau chiefs and other officials of the government gathered within the White House and were greeted by Mrs. Hoover before joining the crowd outside.

EDITORIALS ON THE DAY'S NEWS (Continued from page 1) Cinderella and her slipper. Herodotus heard it in his wanderings in Egypt, it being then ascribed to Queen Nitocria, who ruled in Egypt in the sixth dynasty. Nitocria, so the story goes, was a very beautiful courtesan, from which we may gain a glimpse of the great antiquity of another human institution.

STATE MARKET AGENT'S LETTER Federal Supervision Individual and Cooperative Dairying Pays the Dimes Juvenile Stock Raisers Poison Them Early Distributing Apple Money (By Seymour Jones) A few days ago a meeting of hay dealers was held in the state market agent's office in Portland to consider the question of having federal supervision of hay inspection established for Oregon. E. J. Parker, in charge of hay standardization and inspection in the U. S. department of agriculture, gave a complete and interesting explanation of the system and of the desirability of having such supervision in order to secure a uniformity of standards and grades. W. Schoenfeld, W. L. Close, A. E. Nelson, E. E. Christian and H. W. Whitlock, all of the federal service, were present, as were State Market Agent Seymour Jones, Chief Grain Inspector Wright, A. F. Tegner, N. Babcock, H. T. Taube and G. T. Andrews of the state inspection department and the following dealers: J. E. Maylor, F. O. Zwickler, Wm. Miller, C. E. Heibrich, W. C. Sumpster, Sam Whinger, L. Sims. No decision was reached.

John Hanks, a successful farmer in the Willamette valley, Washington,

By Williams

Our American Birds

THE BIRD OF THE WEEK (By Louis Albert Banks)

THE WHITE SWAN

The white swan, like the turkey, is so well known both in Europe and America as a domesticated bird that we almost forget that it is still wild in many sections of the world. It is a most magnificent bird. It has long been a citizen of the world. In Iceland it is an object of chase, just as the fox is in England. In August they lose their feathers to such a degree during the moulting season that they are unable to fly. The natives, at that season, resort in great numbers to the places where the swans abound; and chase them with dogs and fast horses, trained to the sport, and capable of running nimbly over the boggy soil and marshes. The swans are able to run as fast as a tolerably fast horse. The greater number are caught by dogs which are trained to seize them by the neck. They are very swift on the wing. When flying before the wind they can make a hundred miles an hour. We have two varieties of the white swan in the United States—the whistling swan which breeds in Alaska and the Arctic islands, wintering from British Columbia down the Pacific coast to southern California. It is more common on the Atlantic coast than on the Pacific. It is fifty-eight inches long, is snow white, with exception of the bill and feet which are black. They nest near ponds or lakes or in marshes on a large mass of rubbish and moss and weeds. They have three to six greenish or brownish or buff eggs. The other species, the trumpeter swan, is larger, being sixty-five inches long; it is found more in the interior than on the coast. It has a spread of wing of ten feet; plumage and habits the same as above.

THE SWAN SONG

And now we come to praise in song, The grandest bird in all the throng— A bird that's famed in song and story, A bird that's covered o'er with glory: Most famous bird in ancient world; Around it, classic fame has swirled. It has its place in honary rhymes, And aways its wand in many climes.

O ancient bird, all clothed in white, We welcome your returning flight; Each child your presence always marks; You grace our finest city parks; O why not cease the world to roam, And make United States your home? Come spend the future years our land, And cease for aye your wandering quest.

We will not chase you with our dogs, As oft they do in Iceland bogs; We will not run you with our horses, We'll curb the girls you crave your dresses; To wear about their silken tresses, O come and live with us again! We'll please you all the ways we can.

There is a legend strangely quaint, That, just before you die a saint, You sing a most delicious song, That captivates and wins the throng. This legend through the earth has run To every land beneath the sun; A man's last work well done and strong. We like to call his sweet swan song.

THIEVING CASHIER KILLS HIMSELF AS HOLDUP PLOT FAILS (Associated Press Licensed Wire) DAYTON, Ohio, Mar. 31.—Sheriff Robert Blank of Montgomery county announced today that Sherman Mills, cashier of the First National bank at West Alexandria, near here, committed suicide March 12, because a holdup of the bank, which he had arranged to cover his alleged shortage, failed to materialize.

Mills, for many years, was a respected citizen of West Alexandria. His shortage was found to be between \$55,000 and \$60,000, the sheriff said. Sheriff Blank stated that Lawrence Kreider, held in connection with another holdup, had confessed a plot to hold up the village bank, which had been arranged by Mills. Only his arrest, in connection with a gasoline filling station hold up here prevented his carrying out his part of the plot. Kreider admitted to the sheriff.

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