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Prof. Albert Frederick Wilson, instructor in journalism in the New York university, believes that much of the writing in newspapers is more direct, more dramatic, more picturesque, than in books or magazines.

"You are a little closer to the folk who are hammering out civilization with their bare fists," he added.

In England and France most of the magazine and book writers not only have been newspaper men, but remain actively engaged in the service after they have become famous.

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the many men who have done or do both types of work here and abroad have one style for the newspapers that pay them their steady salaries and another for the books and magazines that give them uncertain returns.

From now on hens are urged to do their best that the price of eggs may not take the enthusiasm out of the Easter anthem.

Oleo trust is said to have colored its product with sulphur. Thus it is shown that the kind of pasture has nothing to do with the shading of our oleo.

An English suffragette threw a book at a judge and hit him. When suffragettes get to actually hitting things they throw at, the time has come to call a halt.

It would cost the United States \$1,000,000 a day to intervene in Mexico and there is some doubt as to whether Mexico is worth it.

The postoffice department evidently does not appreciate a joke. They refused the other day to accept a lot of laughing gas, which a Minneapolis dentist tried to send by parcel post.

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Not at All Necessary. Mrs. Ives was but a bride. Still she had clearly formed ideas on industrial questions. One morning when a species of human being known as "tramp" called at the door and asked for something to eat she looked toward the wood pile in the back yard.

ST. PATRICK'S NAMESAKE

By ARTHUR W. BREWSTER

It was St. Patrick's day in the morning. Mrs. Mulcahey dressed her son Pat, eleven years old, in his best suit and put a bit of green ribbon in the buttonhole of his jacket.

Everybody knows that St. Patrick's day falls on the 17th of March and that the 17th of March is near the beginning of spring.

It happened that on this St. Patrick's day where these children lived they had an inundation. The O'Rourke children went home from the Mulcaheys about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and found the water, which had not been within half a mile of them in the morning, was now a foot deep all around the house.

But the water kept getting deeper and deeper, so that before dark the lower floor of the house was covered with water.

The flood began to look serious to the children, and they wished their mother would come home. But she had been at work during the day at a house built on lower ground than her home, and when the waters came up she was obliged to stay and help the persons living there to move out their effects.

So Nora lighted a lamp, and she and Tommy climbed the stairs to the second story to get away from the water. Tommy began to be frightened, but Nora told him that there was no reason to be scared.

"Mother," said little Pat Mulcahey that night, "we're lucky to be on this high ground."

"Yes, we are. It's dreadful to think of people in the valley."

"I wonder how it is at the O'Rourkes."

"I don't know."

"I'm going out to have a look."

"Don't you go far," said the mother anxiously.

Pat went down toward the O'Rourkes, but when still some distance from there he was stopped by the flood.

In the direction of their house he saw a light slightly rocking, as though it were in a boat.

All sorts of articles—boards, furniture and other things that would float—were slowly drifting about.

Pat was worried about his two little friends and wished for a boat in which to go and see how they were getting on.

But there was no boat at hand.

Presently the light he had seen appeared to be drawing nearer. Pat watched it as it came on, and after a while he could look into a window.

Some person or persons were inside but the boy could not distinguish who they were.

The house drifted to within a hundred feet of him, when it evidently grounded, for it didn't come any nearer. Then Pat heard a child crying.

A large board had floated near Pat, and he resolved to go out to the house.

So he got some small pieces of wood for paddles and pulled out. Coming to a second story window, he put in his head.

"Tommy," cried a girl's voice, "we're saved. Here's St. Patrick come to take us to land."

"I'm Pat," said the little rescuer, "but I'm not the saint."

"Oh, Pat, is it you?" cried Nora, relieved, "and have you come in a boat?"

"No, I've come on a board."

"My gracious goodness! We can't go away on a board."

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Shaniko Star: A party of over-land travelers passed through Shaniko Monday en route to The Dalles, consisting of an elderly couple and their younger members of the family.

older persons appeared to be about 60 years of age and had never before seen a railroad train. It was some treat to them to stand at the depot and see Engineer Hi Donley drive his iron steed into town.

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