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MY STRONG HABITATION.—Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me, O Lord, O my soul. O Lord my strength—Psalm 71:3.

Tried to Take It With Them

Finding of immense treasures in the tomb of a king of Egypt who died thousands of years ago appears to have carried to the new king of that land an intimation of the possible source of great wealth, and he will see about it. Heretofore archaeologists have been working on a fifty-fifty basis. If in their excavations they found anything of value the discoverers took half. Now the Egyptian government exhibits an unexpected commercial instinct, and intimates that if there is a possibility of great treasure it will do the digging and take all the profits. The exclusion of foreigners probably would result in little being done in uncovering the works and treasures long buried. The Egyptians are not well equipped for such work, nor do they possess the persistence which is inseparable from success in such an enterprise.

Yet it is not astonishing that the discovery of jewels, gold, silver, ivory and other furniture of the estimated value of \$15,000,000, with the possibility that much in the tomb remains to be uncovered, should arouse the cupidity of King Faud and his ministers. The great find of which few particulars have been given came only as the result of 15 years of intermittent work. It is not an occupation which is likely to bring quick results. Possibly after thinking it over the Egyptian authorities will not hasten to cut off Europeans from assuming all the risk in consideration of half the profits.

Only enough has been given out about the great treasure unearthed to show that the ancient rulers of Egypt were possessed of enormous wealth and that they did their best to take it with them when they died.

The Tourist Turns

Managers of European steamship lines held a secret meeting in Brussels the other day and agreed to a general reduction in passenger rates for trans-Atlantic travel for next summer.

It is interesting as showing that apparently somebody has rudely awakened to the fact that the great American public at last is wise to the European travel bunce game.

The really important step to be taken is not reduction of steamship rates, however, but reduction of prices to tourist purchasers in European cities. Over there there is a general impression that all Americans are millionaires, or that if they're not they spend money just as freely.

Those lucky enough to make a trip to Europe have contributed somewhat to this impression, it must be admitted. Most Americans go to Europe on holiday, and at a time like that like to forget expenses.

If the Europeans will kindly remember that the one time that a million and a half Americans went there on business the job was done quickly and efficiently, and will be content to charge the same prices as others pay, and not double prices, then the trend of tourist will set in heavily as of yore.

More Truthful

At a New Year's party given in Oregon one of the guests, during a lull in the activities, made the statement that the present generation is more truthful than the preceding generation. One of the other guests took exception to the remark, reinforcing his own expression by saying that the present generation is ethically and numerically more given to prevarication than any preceding generation.

"How come?" asked the defender of the truth. "How come?" added he of little faith. "Think of the millions of followers of that French doctor of 'Faithology' who daily say unto themselves, 'I am getting better and better every twenty-four hours.'"

Whitman Taboo

Truly censorship moveth in a mysterious way. The latest ban to be pronounced is that placed on Walt Whitman's works by the Hungarian police. Hungary's censors condemn the American poet's products on the claim that they have a destructive tendency.

One guess as to the reasoning of those who have declared the ban is that they were unable to understand some of the poet's lays and therefore attribute to them possibly sinister meaning and "destructive tendency." Another is that his picturesque titles may have been rated as overaudacious. Perhaps he offends the Hapsburgians by singing of liberty.

Nations used to lay down the law to the Turks, but now the Turks lay down their cards and call.

Every day and in every way the Christians are going to the scrap-heap faster and faster.

Editorials From Over the Nation

THE MOST DELIGHTFUL PURSUIT IN THE WORLD.

Recently, I read in the Yale Review, in dreams we are always better than ourselves, and the world is always better than it is, and surely it is by seeing things as better than they are that one arrives at making them better. This indeed is what "vision" means, and one knows that without vision the people perish. Now, stay as they are, not even go backwords. But, perhaps, from the point of view of the world, the most delightful pursuit is the pursuit of the world better, instead of frankly admitting that dreaming and idealizing are in themselves the most delightful pursuit in the world, far surpassing even the shooting of big game in Africa, or invariably resorting to by disappointed heroes of lady-novels. Why not simply urge that ideals should be resolutely pursued for their own sake, however far they may lead us up into the empyrean of thought, and quite regardless of whether they may result in actual achievement in terms of this world's work? Well, that is a perfectly fair objection; for, after all, perhaps the world's work is neither very much better nor very much worse than it has always been, and possibly never will be. But I would submit that in the end it comes to very much the same thing, whether we think of ultimate consequences to the world or not. For if we are perfectly honest with ourselves, we must admit that we always do the thing that we really like doing, for the sake of the doing itself. If in addition we achieve something definite, so much the better for ourselves, and for the world. If not—and it is not given to everyone to achieve at least we shall have had our ide-

PEACE AND GOD WILL AMONG THE ALLIES.

James Russell in the Yale Review, this week, over again history teaches the same lesson, that the will of a people is stout to repel the invader, and that a foreign alliance of force is a stable foundation for policy. From a great deal of learned from come, whether it be friendly or inimical, and the close call of the great war has left behind it a lesson of experience. It was an Englishman who discovered during those years that the British officers stood with a certain politeness. It was a great American who said that France had saved the soul of the world. It was a Frenchman who wrote comprehensively to disregard danger, to stand under fire, is not for an Englishman, and act of courage, it is part of the good of civilization. When you have forgotten all things which either factor for compromise should be the sentimentality has dissolved under the pressure of reality, there remains, and will remain, a good understanding which is the basis of good will. At present the nations are being drawn together by a common peril, and a little bit of our common country, and more than a little irritated by one another's actions. There is one thing which saves them that they had better stand shoulder to shoulder for some time to come. This is the manifest determination of the Turks to keep on killing.

DIET AND EFFICIENCY.

Amos Taub says in the "Food of War." "Upon what meat doth the our Caesar feed, that he hath grown so great?" is a question that has never been answered in detail. Jack Dempsey says he eats meat once a day, drinks coffee in the morning and gets away with plenty of fruits and vegetables at all meals. In the German army the diet of the troops was thought to be reduced to a matter of scientific exactness. But the war upset more than one German theory. It appears that the favorite food of the American doughboys was not meat at all, but sweet chocolate, chocolate cake and whipped cream, plus cigarettes. At least, that was what they consumed in vast quantities during the early days of their occupation of the Rhineland; and they introduced this inspiring fodder to the German people, and the craze for these things has now spread throughout Germany. The rotund native German now sits in a chair in the cafe of the Unter den Linden and instead of a stein orders a cup of chocolate, large quantities of whipped cream and as many cakes covered with thick chocolate frosting as the waiter will bring him. Several portions are usually ordered; the demand for cigarettes has increased in the same ratio. Who says the Americans can't teach the learned Germans a thing or two?

VANISHING TEACHERS.

Banner Commercial: At a rather alarming rate, those scientific men who are interested in forwarding the progress of investigation and research are leaving their chairs in the colleges and universities to continue their work with industrial firms. Lack of funds with which to buy equipment, and necessary time-consuming routine are the charges brought against the colleges. The industries offer larger salaries, unlimited resources, encourage the development of research activities—and are amply rewarded by the results. As regards the progress of scientific investigation, the effect of the removal of those men from the schools is good. The effect on the schools is disastrous. The most important teacher must be the one who takes enough interest in his line of work to seek to forward it. If this type of teacher is to be lured away from the schools by the easier conditions offered by business corporations, the schools must suffer, and indirectly the progress of the science itself. The fault does not lie with the men who have left their teaching positions. The colleges are to blame for their loss, but for lack of funds are unable to deal with the problem. The people who furnish the funds and profit by the scientific research, are the ones to come to the front in this emergency, to demand that adequate provision in the schools be made for their work, and to give their demand by a solid financial backing.

THE QUEEN'S NECKLACE.

Providence Journal: Another oil curiously indicated by the necklace of an Egyptian queen who died more than 3,000 years ago. The necklace was among the articles recovered upon breaking into a beautiful tomb in the first chamber of the recently opened tomb of King Tut-anthamen. The contents revealed robes of his queen, slippers, sandals and much jewelry, this treasure being a splendid find if there were nothing else in the tomb. Apart from the intrinsic or archaeological value, however, the most interesting of the relics was the necklace of beads of black amber. It is said that black amber is found only in districts where oil deposits have oozed through the soil. Their hue is accounted for by this blackening saturation. Amber was greatly esteemed for ornamental purposes by the ancients, and very likely the black variety was reserved exclusively for royalty. The evidence brought down to us through the centuries is that there is an oil field not far from the tombs of Luxor. The ancients contented themselves with digging for beads. The modern world drill for oil. The queen's necklace is a romantic link between a period of antiquity and the new age of petroleum.

SOME OFFICE BOYS.

New York Evening Post: Life continues to beat its own game. Fifty years ago John G. Shield started with Marshall Field as a clerk at \$10 a week. Now he retires from the presidency of the great store. He is succeeded by James Simpson. Somebody must take Mr. Simpson's place. So John McKinlay becomes vice president. Mr. McKinlay was another office boy. Apparently there is no keeping a good office boy down. The only way the movies can compete with this sort of thing is by speeding it up. On the screen no office boy would have to wait more than three months before he was standing around waiting for the head of the concern to see that the only thing for him to do was to die or retire. And he would be a super-office boy, one who never made anything that looked in the least like a mistake. If Mr. Simpson or Mr. McKinlay had gone on for a week or two without making a mistake his immediate superior would have realized that he was not cut out for a practical career.

THE OFFICE CAT.

HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU? (Original on file in this Sanctum). There is a young man named James Sawyer. Whom we all certainly much admire. For his sense, wit and vim. I congratulate him. And hope there will nothing transpire. To show him his job. He's like the office cat. To know much men we all asper. (Please publish this, it is my desire.) L. DE CLAIR.

IN WRONG.

There was a young fellow named Stamus. Who got on a terrible scam. He had the right key. In the keyhole, you see. But the keyhole was in the wrong house.

THIRTY MAN.

A miser is old Herbie Reese. The tightest in this section. He wouldn't give a cent piece To see the car action.

WRONG SORT OF ADVICE.

And Tankins says zanie people are like steam shovels full of valuable suggestions, but poor company just the same.

ORIGGEN'S EXPLAINS IRISH SITUATION.

DUBLIN, Dec. 28. (By Mail)—Writing regarding peace, Kevin O'Higgins, minister for home affairs to the Irish Free State, says: "The actual position is that a body of the people of the country, though numerically insignificant, refuse to accept the terms with us a deathly party in our political affairs, and besides there can be no peace on the basis of the treaty signed by the plenipotentiaries entered by the Dail and accepted by the people. This situation is dictating every move to restore Irish power in Ireland and to help people of the fruits of their struggle and sacrifices of the last six years. The members of the government elected to the Dail are bound to carry out the treaty which is before us, and if we are prepared to do so, we will be such a program."

BRIDGE BEING REBUILT.

LEBANON, Ore., Jan. 15.—Lebanon has a force of men rebuilding washed-out bridges over the canal and replacing cross walks and fitting holes washed in the streets in the recent flood waters of the South. It will take a month to get the city back in normal condition. Power pumps are being used to clear the basements in the business district of water. Oil stoves have been drawn into service to warm offices in business buildings during this week. The heating plants in these buildings will be open again Monday after a full week's vacation caused by the high water.

FOR SALE.

New six-room modern bungalow in excellent condition, three bed rooms, breakfast room with built-in benches and tables, full basement with inside and outside entrance, furnace, wash trays, fruit room. This place is beautifully furnished and everything goes with the exception of dishes and bedding. The price and terms are attractive.

FOR SALE.

If you are planning to build next spring and would like a garden piece of some size and still have all the advantages of a close-in home, investigate this. Lot 55.5 feet by 140 feet, 55.5 feet frontage on a hard surfaced street, located among some of the best homes in the city, sewer, cement sidewalk. Price \$1500.00 terms if desired.

FOR SALE.

Beautiful four-room modern bungalow, excellent location in the west part of the city. Full basement, garage, tin lawn, well graded with many flowers, shrubs and shade trees. If you want a fine home at a right price, look into this.

FOR SALE.

Modern four-room home, well located across the tracks. Price \$2200.00, terms \$500.00 down and balance like rent. Modern six-room home, cement sidewalk, lawn, trees, shrubbery, new fireplace, basement, built-in kitchen, wash trays. Price \$3500.00.

Advertisement for N. K. West & Co. Last Week of Savings! 28th Annual Jan. Clearance Sale. Ends Saturday, January 20th. 'THE GREATEST SALE OF THE YEAR.' PROFIT BY ITS SAVINGS—THIS WEEK.

FLEET MEETS ARE PLANNED

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—Inter-fleet athletic competition in nearly all branches of sports will be staged when the United States battle fleet and Scout fleet units meet at Pan-17 to March 30, according to an announcement reaching here today from the U. S. S. California, flagship of the battle fleet unit.

High School News

Happenings in and Around the School Centers. While La Grande high school is considered one of the proudest schools in Oregon, many things are being done to increase its pep and spirit. A school has real high school spirit when all the students take an active interest in every school activity. It does not take many knockers in a student body to ruin the school spirit. Every student must take an interest in his studies as well as in athletics to keep high school spirit. If a student has lots of pep at the school games and backs his school in all athletics, he is not a good backer if he falls down in his studies. That is what people go to school for and if they fall down in that they are a failure as a student. If a student will take an interest in all school activities and above all pass in his studies he is a real school supporter.

Children Like Figsen

A mild, laxative should always be kept in the home—especially where there are children—it never fails. NVAL'S FIGSEN is pleasant to take, mildly laxative, will not gripe, and readily taken by children. Take just before a meal if you are troubled by indigestion, flatulence and brings about a proper absorption of food. NVAL'S FIGSEN is a tonic laxative—mildly good for young or old. Two Sizes—25c and 50c.

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Geo. H. Currey. Real Estate Insurance.

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Happenings in and Around the School Centers. The Spanish club officers were elected last week for the new year. The officers are: President, Francis Snodgrass; vice-president, Dorothy Kirby; secretary and treasurer, Garnet Bowery. The home economics girls held a meeting Tuesday night to elect new officers. Those elected were: President, Lucille Craig; vice-president, Lila Bean; secretary, Gladys Killpack; treasurer, Mae Bean. You never know how much contempt mere words can express until the barber says: "So you shave yourself, eh?" An official observer by any other name could get the same result by tossing a monkey-wrench into the machinery.

Extra Fine

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