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A WISE THOUGHT—Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.—Lamentations 3:40.

Growing More Serious

There was a time when it was impossible for any but the frothiest sort of book to gain a wide circulation. The rule that only adventure, mystery and love stories attracted a circle of readers large enough to merit attention had but few exceptions.

Nor have the works of fiction which are written only to divert and entertain yielded first place even today to more serious books. It is hard to believe that men and women will ever in large numbers take up with the reading of more serious books, either fiction or non-fiction. Americans read mainly for diversion and entertainment.

Within the past few years, however, there seems to be in evidence a tendency on the part of the public to turn to more substantial reading. Not a few of the serious books of fiction ran into manifold editions. Surely there was a little romance and adventure to be found in Main Street, and still not many best sellers can boast of larger sales than this book. Mrs. Edith Wharton addresses herself only to the serious-minded reader, and so it occasioned no little surprise to find that The Age of Innocence held its own for months as one of the books most in demand.

In the field of non-fiction one is confronted with even greater surprises. Here in the expectation of a small demand the publisher puts on the market at first only a relatively small supply. Great is his astonishment to learn that the first supply of a book like Mind in the Making is at once exhausted and that more and more copies are being demanded.

People of this country are apparently becoming more and more interested in books which deal with sociological problems and phenomena. Had Mr. Wells written the usual kind of book on history, it is doubtful whether he would have found even a hundredth part of the number of readers who are by this time familiar with the book. But since it is an interpretation of history as seen through the eyes of a man who has himself given us one of the greatest of sociological novels, the book has found an incredibly wide circulation.

Ready For The Chief

The Oregon Trail celebration tomorrow awaits the passing of hours for the mountain air to be rent assunder by the firing of twenty-one guns, the President's salute, which will open the grandest event ever held in the Inland Empire.

Willing hands have worked day and night to turn the bare side of a mountain into a place where thousands of people can be comfortable while viewing the Oregon Trail pageant and listening to the address of Warren G. Harding, president of the United States.

It was an undertaking of no small size, but it has been handled in a most remarkably efficient maner. On every hand it is plain on visiting the grounds at Meacham, that the weak and least resistance people were not on the job. On the other hand, the personnel of the committee in charge has been such that no obstacle was too big to be overcome. From the rest tents to the large speaker's stand everything has been done in a substantial way.

The roughness of pioneer times has not been sacrificed. No cushioned seats are to be found at Meacham. Tomorrow is to be a day such as the old-timers had when they celebrated and those who attend will witness this country as she was in early days.

The main street of Top o' Blue Mountains is lined with frontier buildings, most of them saloons and dance halls, every feature of the mining camp being carried out.

Of course such modern things as a water system, a chlorination plant to treat all the drinking water, an electric lighting system, Red Cross hospital and tents, have been added, but these in no way mar the pioneer atmosphere.

It is to be the great interior day, for tomorrow the President of 110 million people pays his respects to the great celebration which marks the eightieth anniversary of the Oregon Trail.

Tom Marshall Speaks

Former Vice President Thomas R. Marshall has always stood for sanceness in the American government, and he is still preaching a gospel of safety that may well be taken to heart by many persons who are seeking to rouse class prejudice and create hostility between various interests of the United States.

One of the most threatening dangers to the American government is seen in the efforts that are being made to build up groups in congress, having in mind the interests of a certain class of persons, instead of seeking to ascertain what is best for all the people and basing prospective legislation on national interests.

"Laws ought to be far removed from the storm and tumult of political and economic life," Mr. Marshall said the other day. "The old American order was an order of representative American government consisting of three branches, one to make laws, one to interpret them and one to execute them."

Recent attacks upon the supreme court by representatives of class interests which profess to believe that the court has discriminated against them, constitute one of the indications of an attempt to break down the system that has kept the ship of state in the middle of the stream for so many years. Congressional blocs seek to secure special legislation for a particular class, and this is the most vicious kind of legislation.

The public might have less respect for the jury system if it knew how verdicts were reached in some cases.

The school of experience has no class reunions.

OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK

BY JUNIUS

Wild flowers get that way from trying to learn their botanical name.

You can't tell by the sweetness of a woman's smile how badly her pet corn is hurting.

Some girls pride themselves on their small feet. Others on their small shoes.

The Difference.

In the spring of the year a husband feels the urge to heed the call of the wild and go off in the forests primeval and revert to the primitive type. But with his wife it's different. The nearest she can come to start something exciting seems to urge and call to her is to start her spring house cleaning.

Automobile drivers are demanding more horse-power, but what a good many of them need is more horse-sense.

When a man wears both belt and suspenders he is a pessimist; but when he wears neither, he's in danger, says Amos Tash.

"Thousands of autos pass this property every day. Fine location for a doctor," reads an advertising sign near Telocaset.

America cares little who has the kings and queens if she may have the jack.

A lick town is a place where a man with fifty thousand dollars thinks people should treat him with proper respect.

The La Grande Naturalist says:
Billiard balls often have necks.
A dog never loses its pants.
It's always leap-year for fleas.
Some clocks are full o' ticks, and some would ticks.
Some leaves fall in the fall, and some are fall fallers.

Most of the notes should read: "Sixty days after date I promise to renew."

It takes but a day or two of summer sunshine to bring out the fact that freckles have been only skin deep all winter.

Air has always been free, but we couldn't appreciate it until auto tires were invented.

Girls who have been treated somewhat neglectfully by nature are not crying against the return of long skirts.

The best way to feel at home is to stay there is advice that is worth while.

There was a tap at the door. He arose and turned it off.

"If a wish could make it sew," said the La Grande wife, as she looked at her husband's socks.

"I'll never get over this," said the La Grande man being chased by a mad bull as he came to a nine-foot fence.

Maw Creek Says.

"Sisters, if you wish a man to think you are clever, encourage him to talk about himself."

One Guess.

"How's your garden getting along, old man?"

"Well, if the green things coming up are vegetables, it's fine, but if they're weeds it's terrible."

"As an indication of which way the wind blows, there is nothing to beat a new straw hat." (C. Kelogy).

Largest Solar Cameras To Photograph Eclipse

(By the Associated Press)

PITTSBURGH, July 2.—In the hope of determining whether there is motion within the corona during an eclipse of the sun, a party of American scientists, under the direction of Dr. John A. Miller, of Swathmore college, is preparing to conduct a series of important experiments from the top of a high mountain in Central Mexico next September.

A year or more has been required to complete the arrangements, and the actual working time of the scientists will be only 139 seconds, the duration of the eclipse. If the day should be cloudy, all the labor and expense of preparation will have gone to naught.

The largest photographic instruments ever made for solar observation will be placed in position. They are now nearing completion here, and will be ready when the expedition leaves July 25.

There will be two cameras, in order that two pictures may taken at the same time for checking purposes. The aperture of each is 5.5 inches, and the focal length is 15 feet. The impressions will be made on the finest plate glass, each plate being 18x18 inches, specially prepared for this work by experts. It is probable that not more than two photographs can be taken owing to the brief period when the face of the sun will be obscured. A dozen or more plates will be taken along, however, in order that every emergency may be met.

Correct this sentence: "Willie is a lucky boy," said the mother, "and I never am uneasy when he is down at the swimming pool."

SPEECH FAILS THE PRESIDENT

Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone Impresses Mr. Harding Beyond Expression.

GARDINER, Mont., July 2.—President Harding's power of speech failed him today for the first time since he left Washington 10 days ago. Standing at Artists Point, overlooking the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone National park, the chief executive was asked what he thought of the scene before him. He admitted his inability to reply, saying that the grandeur of the canyon was beyond his power to describe.

The trip through the canyon came to the president and Mrs. Harding as the climax of their two days' stay in the nation's greatest playground. Tonight the president's part returned to Gradiner, again boarded their train and headed directly for the Pacific coast. The first stop will be made tomorrow at Spokane, Wash., where the president will deliver one of his principal addresses speaking on reclamation, water power development and the problems of the far west.

Tuesday Mr. Harding will speak at the Oregon Trails celebration at Meacham, Ore. He will spend the fourth of July in Portland. On July 5, he will board the naval transport Henderson at Tacoma, Wash., for the voyage to Alaska.

UNION WILL MEET.

(By the Associated Press)

COPENHAGEN, July 2.—The Interparliamentary Union will hold its twenty-first meeting in this city August 15-17.

The union was formed in 1889 by French and English parliamentarians and it now represents 39 countries. Among the subjects to be discussed this summer are economy and finance, parliamentary control over foreign policy, international financial help to people suffering from disaster, mandates over colonies and disarmament.

The proceedings will be public in three languages, English, French and German.

It is suggested that everybody take up aviation because "it is safer up in the air." Being up in the air doesn't make France safer.

SHERIFF SLAYER MAKES ESCAPE

ALBANY, Ore., July 2. — George Parker and Rulie Johnson escaped Sunday afternoon from the Linn county jail, where they were being held for the murder of Sheriff W. J. Dunlap. Parker was captured a few minutes after he got out. He was seen by Sheriff Richard before he had climbed over an iron fence that surrounds the rear of the jail. Johnson was still at large late today.

The men dug a hole through the rear brick wall of the jail eight feet from the ground.

The escape was made at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon while the sheriff was in his office near the jail, talking to J. F. Roy, an ex-deputy. As the sheriff left Roy and started to his quarters in the jail building, he noticed the hole in the wall and Parker hiding behind a tree near the spot to the east of the jail. Parker made no attempt to resist the sheriff when he saw that capture was inevitable. Johnson already had fled from the scene.

The reason a chicken crosses the street is because there is an inviting window mirror over there.

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