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THE WAY OF ESCAPE.—It shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give them rest from their sorrow and from their fear, and from their hard bondage, wherein they were made to serve. Isaiah 44:23.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



Editorials From Over the Nation

Destroying Our Thrills

New Orleans Times-Picayune: It looks as though radio were destined to take the thrills out of life. Exploration if it does not actually banish romance from all exploration adventure that is left us on our earth grows too narrow. The report telling all the intimate details of the doings of the MacMillan expedition shows the remarkable contrast between the twentieth century courage and those desperate, almost foolhardy attempts that have left their traces along the frozen shores of the North Greenland coast.
Then, once in a year or in two years, perhaps, a brief message might be sent home by the chance encounter of a whaling vessel more venturesome than the rest that had slipped between ice floes or between shore and pack-ice further northward than customary. Today the Arctic party, equipped with wireless, can settle itself into winter quarters with the certainty that their condition will at all times be known back home, so that if there should be even a threat of short rations or other peril will be sent forth in time to prevent serious consequences.
But the old-fashioned "he-man" who went North because he just na-

turally liked to take a long-shot gamble with his life, who enjoyed the hazards of the wild, will, we fear, not be keen to join one of the modern expeditions. He will find more pleasure in less elaborately prepared adventures with the old-time kick. Even the Eskimos are to be rendered blasé and up to the minute, and we doubt not before the winter is over Eskimo flappers will have selected their favorites among the screen stars and will debate the rival merits of the Gish girls, Mary Pickford and Bebe Daniels with as much conviction as do their counterparts in America, and that they will be flocking to the newest, jazziest "Eskimo Blues."
Kiwanians Celebrate Armistice.
EUGENE, Or.—George A. White, adjutant-general of Oregon, addressed the members of the Kiwanis club and about 100 ex-service men at the weekly luncheon of the club yesterday. The Kiwanians were hosts to the world war veterans in commemoration of Armistice day. White emphasized the fact that Armistice day should mean more than a celebration of a victory in the world war and that a new victory of something accomplished each year would be the appropriate celebration.
We always wonder whether a Frenchman does that way to illustrate his conversation or to drop his shoulder blades.

Work on Highway Pushed.
ASTORIA, Or.—White John Stott & Co., completed this year's contract on widening the highway between here and Seaside some time ago, the concern is taking advantage of the continued fine weather and has one steam shovel and the necessary trucks to handle the dirt working on next year's contract. In addition the company has a steam shovel working the special contract to eliminate trouble at the point on this highway where the slide occurred last winter carrying out a section of the roadbed and pavement. At least four years of material is to be removed from the embankment and if this does not remedy the difficulty the excavation probably will be extended.
If the dealer has learned to say "no" in that loving, respectful way, you might as well prepare to get soaked.

El Sidelo CIGAR

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Where Livestock Is Shown at Its Greatest

MANY have not yet come to realize the size, importance and influence the Pacific International Livestock Exposition wields for the welfare and upbuilding of livestock raising in the Northwest. Nor does every stockraiser appreciate the opportunities offered for his own development and profit.

In 12 years the Pacific International has grown to be one of the great livestock exhibitions of the world, the largest under one roof in America, until this year, November 2 to 10, it will exhibit about 4000 head of purebred dairy and beef cattle, hogs, sheep, goats and horses; also 2500 chickens and rabbits, offering \$20,000 in premiums and showing many world's champions as well as other notable stock. The exposition combines:

- Gigantic Livestock Exposition
- Dairy Products Show
- Food Products Show
- Northwest Hay and Grain Show
- Western Winter Poultry Show
- Night Horse Show
- Industrial Exhibits
- Daily Auction of Dairy and Beef Stock.

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Overcrowded Colleges

Changed conditions in the college world are evident from the announcement at Yale that the entering class there will be limited to 850. A similar course will be pursued by other large colleges, owing to the fact that their equipment, classrooms and dormitories are unable to accommodate the heavy influx of students. Reports from 140 institutions of higher learning show that the number of applicants have everywhere broken all records. The measure in which attendance has soared since the war is evident from the statistics given out by 29 universities which last year had 56 per cent more full-time students than in 1918. The University of California leads with an enrollment of 14,061.

The old-time rivalry among colleges for students is at an end. The big institutions are in a position to choose their students and their methods of selection will be watched with interest. Yale has not yet announced exactly how her candidates will be weeded out, until the necessary limit is reached. Princeton, with 1,086 applicants on file, will restrict her freshman class to about 600. The general rules under which these lucky ones will be selected have been laid down. It is gratifying to note that they are not wholly examination tests. The committee on admissions emphasizes the fact that "in all admissions to the university regard is given to character and promise as well as scholarly attainment." Mere marks will not determine a man's fate. "Candidates whose records show unusual promise, seriousness of purpose or achievement under difficulty, shall receive particular consideration."

The method of rating students marks decided advance over those once in vogue. To determine a man's character is of course no easy matter and the examiner must rely to a great extent on others. The intellectual ability of the applicant can be more easily rated. But here the old style examination may fail, for it was a mere test of knowledge; and many students can absorb all someone else has expressed without thinking themselves.

Figurin'

Is your Johnny slow in arithmetic? Does long division still hold its threatening scaffold over him? Are quotients, cube root and multiplicands mere names, and not, alas, names to conjure the correct answers with? Well, don't be too glum about it.

There is something inhumane about the mathematical prodigy, insists Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian philosopher. This distinguished author acknowledges that he cannot extract the root of a number—and never could. Yet he tells wonder-stories of animals in which the faculty has been discovered. Yes, horses and dogs!

The chess players, those puny lads in sailor suits, who confound a whole roomful of bearded savants—they are not exhibiting any intelligence in their marvelous faculty of winning every game. The boys who add up columns of figures at a glance are also not so smart.

For the "mathematical faculty" belongs, not to the conscious intelligence, but to a weird, uncanny subconscious being that lives within us, Maeterlinck holds. Most persons who do marvelous feats in arithmetic in childhood outgrow that trait rather early in life, he says. And he adds that the mystery of numbers is a realm all its own, and little connected with the workaday brain.

So cheer up. If the Joneses' Willie struts around because he heads the class, be assured that defense will soon leave him. Turn your little kiddie's thoughts, to be sure, to enough mathematical knowledge for his use in life, but give him also other weapons—vigor for games, imagination from his reading, and common sense from contact with his fellows. Then though his report card in arithmetic be ever so black, you will not have to fear for his future.

The Destroyers

"The kicking is coming from the agitator, who seems to enjoy being unhappy," is one sentence in a trade bulletin contrasting distress elsewhere in the world with the generally prosperous conditions in the United States.

While nothing is truer than that the agitator starts the kicking, but he does not kick because he enjoys being unhappy. His delight is in making other people unhappy. There is no profit for him in contented people. There is no limit to the profit he can extract from those he makes miserable. The agitator is in the class of the quack doctor who convinces healthy human beings that they have serious physical ailments in order that he may extort money from them on pretense of curing them.

Various are the arts and wiles by which the agitator defrauds his victims. Never is there uncertainty about the effects of his machinations. He finds them reasonably happy and contented and he leaves them in the state of misery that he has made them believe they had occupied. Then they must make a new start and laboriously climb to the position that once was theirs. When they become prosperous again the agitator will return and repeat the performance. Like the medical quack, he holds himself out as a savior of those who in truth need only good sense to save them from him.

He is the most ignoble type in the land and the most dangerous to the public well-being.

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