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The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.—Isaiah 40:8.

A Noble Woman

When death claimed Mrs. Grace Barrie Friday one of the sweetest characters in Oregon passed on. To her life was what it should be to all of us—a life of service to make others happy and contented. We knew her as matron of the Hot Lake sanatorium, as proprietor of the Moore hotel at Ontario, as caterer at the La Grande Country club and throughout the many years of her active life in caring for the public she maintained that sweetness of character which is only known to pure womanhood.

Her Christian life reflected her beautiful thought; her high type of feminine modesty made everyone better by her association. Always refusing the spotlight positions in this world she found her joy and pleasure in doing things for others—in smoothing down the rough places in lives of these with whom she came in contact.

Her work in this world has been well done. Her sterling character has left its impress on many. La Grande as a community sorrows today over her demise. This city held deep devotion for her, and to her relatives the most profound community sympathy is extended.

Union County Stands Up

The wheat growers of Union county did the right thing Saturday at their meeting in La Grande when they placed the county squarely behind the McNary-Haugen bill which is to provide for assistance to the wheat grower.

It is gratifying to know that without opposition this matter, after discussion, was approved and the sense of the meeting wired to the Oregon delegation in congress.

Those who have felt the plan might not be sound were convinced before the meeting adjourned that the plan is sound. Surely it is as sound as a hundred other things undertaken by the government, and in this instance the government is not asked to finance the undertaking. The wheat growers do that themselves, so why should it not be tried out.

Union county growers have stood up for the new departure in marketing wheat, just as the steel manufacturers have stood up for practically the same plan in marketing steel bars, just as the farm machinery houses have stood up for the marketing of farm machinery.

It is a good thing, help it along whenever the opportunity offers.

That Tourist Camp

Since the Evening Observer called attention to the need of getting busy on a tourist camp ground for this year several business men have taken up the matter and discussed it to some extent.

La Grande people who have done a great deal of motor travel, are unanimous in their recommendation for a good camp ground. They can figure out where on an average a tourist will leave from $3 to $5 in every town that has suitable parks for him to stay over night in.

We have the roads and we are all paying for them, now why not complete the project with a tourist park. If one were building a house he would not stop without putting on the roof, and there should be no stopping until a suitable municipal park is installed in La Grande, thus completing the general tourist scheme.

Romance Will Stay

Literary critics who read the trend of modern literature as indicating the passing of romance are reading against the truth. Romance came early into the world, and it will stay late. From time to time literature may wander after new gods and romance may temporarily be laid aside, but not for long. Man invariably takes it back again to his heart when he craves the warming thrill that nothing else in writing can give.

The Muse that holds sway over romance has made for herself a place from which no assaults by the so-called realistic or psychological or any other school can oust her. Romance has rendered man great service by cheering him in time of depression, by luring him to heroic action, by stirring him to high idealism, by shortening his hours of weariness. Other kinds of literature will not replace it, because they can't.

Livestock values in the United States showed a decrease of over 250 million dollars in the past year. Oh, it's coming—that time when stock ranches in Eastern Oregon will be in demand and the livestock we raise in this broad country will be sought for at prices never before dreamed of.

Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain is doing a lot of talking about abolishing secret diplomacy. But it is all talk. He will be like many other leaders when he is in office a while—it will look a lot different from the inside than it did from the outside.

THE OLD HOME TOWN • • By Stanley

Editorials From Over the Nation

DEMOCRACY AND CHRISTIANITY

Christian Science Monitor: Among the changes which are coming about in Europe today, none perhaps is more significant than the apparent decline in confidence in democracy as the condition of stability and peace. First came Russia with the overthrow of the Constituent Assembly and the proclamation of the dictatorship of the Communist Party as the last word in human progress. Then we saw the triumph of Fascism in Italy and the triumphant declaration by its apostle, Signor Mussolini, that the day of liberalism was over and that he would tolerate Parliament so long as it did what it was told. After that came the steady rise of reactionary and monarchical sentiment in Germany, encouraged, no doubt, by pressure from without, but ending in the establishment of a dictatorship and a situation in which the best observers seem to agree that confidence in the Republic is almost gone in Germany, though there is still doubt as to what is to be put in its place. And finally came the overthrow of constitutional government in Spain and the establishment of another dictatorship, this time an old-fashioned military one, in its place.

Recent advices show that for the moment there is almost universal acquiescence in the Spanish dictatorship. This is not due to any especial confidence in Gen. Primo Rivera, for apparently he is not in any way a remarkable man. It is due to hopeless disgust with the workings of the older parliamentary system. Politics had become a mere scramble for office between the various political parties and leaders. Corruption and inefficiency were rife. Disaster followed disaster in Morocco. Government after government rose and fell. Yet nothing was ever remedied, nothing was ever put through. And so, when a military clique quietly brushed the politicians aside and took charge, nobody minded. It opened the possibility, at least of a little vigor and decision, perhaps of a solution of the eternal problem of the Riff. And so democracy passed in Spain, as it has passed in Russia, Italy, and Germany, almost without a word. There is much speculation as to what will happen when the new government becomes unpopular, as there has seen in the other lands. But for the moment the transition from the endless speechmaking and aimless administration of democratic forms of government to the decision of autocracy is hailed with relief.

This experience does not, of course, in the least invalidate the merits of democracy as a system of government. All the greatest achievements of the human race, whether among the Hebrews, the Greeks, the Romans, or in modern times, have been inseparably of. But it reinforces from another angle what is perhaps the great essen of the past few years—that talk is no substitute for action, and that advanced institutions are no substitute for character. Alike in the field of international relations and of democracy within, we have had painful disappointment. The idealism that united the civilized nations in a common sacrifice for a great cause during the World War has given place to an almost shameless selfishness, and the great word of confidence n self-determination and self-government have ended in the overthrow of democracy in a large part of Europe. And the reason is clear. Enthusiasm may do something, a worthy ideal on may stimulate, a reform may be made to prevail by force—each may work for a time. But the only real foundation for a nation's standing of institutions is the character and intelligence of its people themselves. The reason for the temporary failure of democracy in Europe is that the peoples have not the energy and public spirit to raise up true moral leaders and to sustain an effective assembly in power, and they allow the politicians to play upon their cupidity and indifference over and over again. And the reason why the world is more divided than ever and seems to be drifting back to another era of war is that the nations are not yet willing to think in any other terms than of themselves alone.

But if this be the explanation it points also clearly to the cure. This does not lie primarily in any political program. Success in political action is a consequence, and not the cause, of a fine national spirit. The cure lies in that active fidelity to the right, that active desire for the common good, in the individual, which produces an alert and constructive public opinion insistent on high and vigorous standards in public life. People often say that the Great War and its aftermath constitute a proof of exactly the reverse. Christianity directs its primary appeal to the individual. It recognizes that if the individual will make of himself a new and better man all else will follow in its train; but that, if he does not do so, no change in institutions, no laws or political ideals, will avail at all. The world is in its present plight because the great mass of individuals have never really put Christianity into practice in their own lives. It is surely time that they should begin to give Christianity a chance. Then democracy will begin to succeed.

THE WAGES OF SIN

Dr. Henry W. Peabody in the Current History Magazine: Men and women who defy God's law find inevitably that "the wages of sin is death." Sin, in youth, is rose-colored and gay. It is a different thing in wrinkled, haggard old age. If, as we are told, young women laugh at Christian standards and become harlots from choice, without the excuse of ignorance or the excuse of the woman who in dire poverty sells her honor for bread, they will later pay the full penalty. Prodigical daughters are not modern. We have always had them, as well as prodigal sons. They have a way of coming back when they "begin to be in want." Husks and swine pall. Sin proves a relentless master, not a toy.

The women who transgress are still, I believe, a very small minority. Out of 110,000,000 people, how many degenerate women do you know personally?

We have been told that the American business girl is especially inclined to despise conventions and to sell her virtue cheaply. Nurses have also met an attack of this sort. Notwithstanding some of the tendencies which I see and deplore, I glory in these types of young women who meet the new temptations victoriously.

A philosopher is one who can drive his jit patiently behind a street car for seven blocks and reflect calmly that all life is like that.

OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK

BY JUNIUS

An Honest Confession.
She ain't so much on beauty,
For she's got a thousand freckles,
But she's my sweet patootie,
'Cause she's worth a million Shekels.

Percy, as a given name, just doesn't fit a big, husky man.

"There is not so much difference in humans as some would have us think," says a La Grande. "Most of us intend to do about what's right, but too many of us don't work hard enough at it."

The bird who said we only live once was certainly off. Lots of people lead double lives.

A positive woman is usually negative, but a woman's negative is never positive.

"Prohibition still in its infancy." Press writers report in some parts of the country it seems to be still on the bottle.

The fellow who is always going around with an axe to grind, also wants someone else to furnish the grindstone and turn the handle.

You can buy a friend whenever you find a dog for sale.

In marriage, he who hesitates is—bossed.

Sisters are your parents' daughters who usually ought to be ashamed of themselves.

In Egypt the queens wore beards. The queen we were out with the other night must have been an Egyptian.

We heard a girl say when asked if she would like to be married again, "No, just free."

Banana jobbers announce there is to be a convention in Florida soon. Judging by repeated comment during the past few months we are of the opinion there are no bananas.

The man who married a girl named Helen Summer says it just the same in winter.

It's a wise farmer who knows his condition—after reading what the politicians say about it.

If it is dull and slow and wordy, some critic is sure to hail it as the great novel of the year.

Too True.
When to church I do go,
A little prayer I whisper low;
I say in accents soft, but deep,
"Now I lay me down to sleep."

HEMP SHIPMENTS ENTER PORTLAND OVER WEEK-END

PORTLAND, Or. (Special)—Several large shipments of hemp were entered at Portland during the last few days. The United Shipping Board 88, "West Kader" brought in 6350 bales and the United States Shipping Board 84, "West Keats" is now unloading 13,760 bales at Municipal Terminal No. 2. This hemp was loaded at several ports in the Philippines, the largest shipments coming from Davo. Shipments from Manila are smaller now that the vessels are calling at the other ports of Cebu, Davao and Zamboanga. Imports of hemp into Portland last year were 5,341 tons. Much of this is used locally, the balance being consigned to Eastern firms. This moves from Portland in record time by train or intercoastal vessels.

The largest item of import tonnage into Portland is copra and each of these vessels had copra on board. There were 1967 tons on the "Keats" and 830 tons on the "West Kader." This is unloaded at the dock of the Portland Vegetable Oil Mills Company by suction at the rate of about 22 tons per hour. The imports of this commodity last year amounted to 23,262 tons.

TWO MILLIONAIRES HAVE YACHTS OF SAME NAME

MIAMI, Fla. (I.N.S.)—Two beautiful pleasure yachts, each bearing the name "Ara" and each the property of men of millions, were tied up together at the municipal docks here recently. The yachts belong to W. K. Vanderbilt, of New York, and E. R. Dane, of Boston. Vanderbilt's "Ara" has been outfitted for a cruise through the West Indies, where the millionaire sportsman plans to collect rare marine specimens for his private museum. The other "Ara" has been made ready for a pleasure trip to the Bahamas and West Indies. Waterfront rumors say Dane tried to purchase the Vanderbilt "Ara" but, failing, bought another and renamed it.

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