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WHEN A MAN'S WAYS PLEASE THE LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.—Proverbs 16:7.

OUT OUR WAY

By WILLIAMS



HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN.

The power of speech is an unmixed blessing only if the fellow who uses that power happens to be talking in your favor.

BASEBALL FOLLOWS FLAG.

The sailors of our fleet now visiting Australia are said to have been impressed with the progress of civilization in that region in every respect but one: dense ignorance prevails, or has prevailed until now, regarding the game of games, baseball. It has remained for our gallant seamen to carry light into the dark places of the island continent.

The first shock came when our bluejackets, looking over the Australian newspapers, failed to find any baseball "dope" on the sporting pages. They had hardly expected box scores, but they did suppose there would be at least some mention of the momentous contests being waged back home. So they appointed a committee to visit the newspaper offices and give an emphatic hint. The word to the wise was sufficient and the Australian papers promptly cabled to this country for the important news.

The next step in this campaign of education of our Australian cousins was naturally to furnish a practical demonstration. So some games of baseball were staged, to the exceeding wonderment of the natives. It is not reported whether many converts were made, but we must give the natives time. Thanks to visits of American vessels, it is said that baseball is now quite generally played in Japan, as it is in the Philippines. Southward the course of civilization takes its way. Some day perhaps we shall have an Australian league battling with us for the world's championship in baseball.

VANISHING ILLITERACY.

Illiteracy in the United States is rapidly approaching the vanishing point among the whites and is not nearly so universal among the negroes as a score of years ago. The first nation to eradicate illiteracy will undoubtedly be our own and the passing of another generation may see that accomplished.

America can attribute its government stability, high standard of living and economic independence to the advancement of education among its whole people more than to any one other national qualification. Force is the weapon of the ignorant, so anarchy is unknown in this country. Intelligence supplies all human wants, so famine is unknown and poverty is minimized in America. National education increases productive efficiency, so more than any other nation on the earth we are economically independent. But universal literacy has another advantage besides those heretofore enumerated.

The older generation remembers a time when the persons who could communicate with each other in writing were numbered. The unlettered comprised a large portion of the population. In the rural districts illiteracy was quite general. To be able to sign your own signature was an accomplishment and the inability to write and read was no disgrace. Americans are now surprised when they see in Spain or a negro or a mountaineer touch the pen while the "X" is made for his mark in lieu of the signature.

Imagine—we cannot wholly realize it—how complicated and difficult social and business intercourse were made because of illiteracy. Communication between man and man was confined to the spoken word and letter writing was a luxury not. How different today when few are those who cannot write to friends and relatives and receive letters in return. And so for the reading, there is hardly a household into which the newspaper does not go and in which books and magazines are not read. We would as little think of giving up the habit of reading as we would of plucking out both eyes or strutting off the right hand.

OFFICE CAT

By Junius

George: Bessie, there is something the matter with this cat again. It refuses to eat.
Bessie: Use your head, George. Drive up into that shady nook there. This is her favorite haunt.

"Fresh air is fatal to germs," Ethelwilda! What about the post office?
Bessie: What did you have for your afternoon dinner?
Ethelwilda: I don't know. I ate a sandwich.

The early had escaped the worst but who's nose an early morning nap just for a wisp.
Texas surgeon recently announced a 25 cent fee for automobile. Some more reckless motorists have taken it without a cent.

The woman in politics may not be responsible, but show us man who still goes around the house in his slouching coat.
No matter how low the thermometer falls, it's never colder than the heart of a politician.

The girls who paint their faces are usually interested in the boys who paint the town.
Royal Aero Club Designates Pinos for Scavenger Cup Race

LONDON (AP).—It has been decided to send Henri Haged and Albert Broad in America to represent the Royal Aero Club as pilots in the Scavenger Cup race of Baltimore in October. Haged is a Representative-Supplier member and Broad a Glorioso III Navy member.

As a result of recent tests it has been decided to fit Broad's motor with special tires. On the question of speed, the maker of the "British" planes realize that speed is not to be at all neglected and their efforts are also being concentrated on speed as well as altitude.

See that they're going to kill all the rest—another's the word!

SNAPP CARNIVAL TO LEAVE CITY AFTER TONIGHT

Snapp Bros. Carnival company which has been playing all week in La Grande will shortly fold its tents and slip away during the night, according to Dick O'Brien, one of the show's executives. O'Brien stated today that the big midway has exceeded expectations, considering the inclement weather of the last few days.

"It's the closing night tonight and we invite everyone to come out and enjoy themselves," O'Brien said. Snapp Bros. and the show's personnel are pleased with the treatment accorded them by city and county officials, by merchants and by the public generally. If possible he wants to include La Grande on his itinerary every year for we like it here very much.

Following the concluding show tonight a train the midway company will entrain for Baker where a week's stand will be made.

Japan to Send 200 Delegates to Sunday School Convention

WYOMING (AP).—In response to the invitation of the All-American Christian Union and the Sunday School Union, the Japan Sunday School association will send 200 delegates to the tenth international Sunday School convention to be held in Los Angeles in 1925. This decision was reached at a recent meeting of the officers of the local association in Tokyo. H. E. Quinn and Seaside Williams of the association have been appointed a committee to arrange the details of the expedition.

In Milwaukee, a woman hit a man with a bottle, but maybe she will say he looked like an umpire.

Worry is a great thing. It is about the only thing that can make most of us think.

Bulgarians Observe Holiday

SOFIA (AP).—International Cooperative day was celebrated recently and was made a national holiday in every city, town and village. The movement for the celebration was under the direction of the Central Cooperative bank which has a large establishment in Sofia.

The growth of this bank is reflected in its business for the past year which was more than 2,000,000 leva. The previous high record did not exceed 1,900,000 leva for any year.

LOS ANGELES (AP).—Los Angeles grew 3.75 square miles in the past fiscal year. Its city engineer reports that its area now totals 419.77 square miles. From 14 miles south the city acreage would amount to 269.5 miles. During the past year 129 miles of street were paved, while for the same time last year the city engineer has on hand orders including 229 additional miles of paving.

Washington (AP).—The population of Moscow on January 1, 1925, was 1,311,000, as compared with 1,372,000 on January 1, 1924, and 1,511,000 in 1912, official statistics compiled by the Russian information bureau here show. The area of the city was 712.5 acres, as compared with 42,700 acres in 1912. The death rate for last year showed a decrease of 0.2 per thousand from 1912, the marriage rate showed an increase of more than 100 per cent, and the birth rate showed a small falling off.

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Baker.—Gas has inflated the new 50,000 cubic foot boiler costing \$20,000 which has just been constructed by the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company at the new plant. This marks the beginning of operation.

Milton-Freswater.—Some 200 cartloads of prunes have been loaded out of packing houses here to date.

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Chloride Pinch Hits for Ice

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Newspapers took up the complaints and published warnings to the public together with caricatures showing avaricious chlorides snatching avaricious chlorides with a hypodermic needle into cash.

BARGAIN—AN ADVANTAGEOUS AGREEMENT



Here And There In East Oregon

Pendleton.—Chief of Police Taylor is willing to resign if the council wishes such action. Mayor Fox has stopped his pay.

Wallawa.—Schools will open here Tuesday, September 8, at 9 a. m.

Pendleton.—About 1,000,000 bushels of the 1925 wheat crop in Umatilla county has been sold. H. W. Collins says.

Baker.—The Baker Hite and Fur company has been incorporated with capital stock of \$5000.

Lostine.—Wheat smut caused a peculiar explosion in a threshing machine near here. The fire was extinguished after some damage to the threshing.

Baker.—A water spout between Turke and Hamilton damaged the highway. Teams dragged automobiles through flooded portions.

Wallawa Lake.—The Rev. John Carson slashed his foot with an axe while working with lumber for a cabin at the Methodist camp ground.

Pendleton.—Two of the four trains now operating between Walla Walla and Pendleton will be replaced by an auto bus, the U. P. announces. This will be the first time that a railroad will have entered into direct competition with the motor buses in this district.

Baker.—Dr. J. H. Watkins, of the board of directors of the Mother Lode Copper Mining company, is highly pleased with the progress of development of the copper zone.

Joseph.—Dan Freeman's mining claim on Tunnel mountain will be worked, following the closing of a deal with a mining company.

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