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As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? — Ezekiel 33: 11.

HISTORICAL MYTHS

Rafael Sabatini, the author who furnished for post-war readers several thrilling tales of piracy and other varieties of romantic adventure, declares that history is so full of myths that it takes years of research to find out whether any colorful incident of the past is fact or fiction.

Among the "historical" tales which are pure fiction, says Mr. Sabatini, are the famous yarn about the man in the iron mask, the William Tell episode, and the story that Richard III of England made away with his two youthful nephews.

This is interesting information; but when you stop to think of it, it really makes very little difference whether these and similar historical anecdotes have any basis in fact or not. True or false, they all have more or less value. They summarize certain times, certain people, and certain events in such a way that they will continue to live even after we prove them false.

For instance, the tale of the man in the iron mask—who hasn't felt a cold shudder or two upon hearing this story about the Bastille's hopeless prisoner? The story may be a fake, but it tells us more about the way France was governed in those dark days than a whole volume of dry facts.

Similarly, consider Marie Antoinette's supposed remark that the starving peasants ought to eat cake if they had no bread—a remark which, historians assure us, was never made. Suppose she didn't say it? The whole ruling class had just such a flippant and stupid attitude toward the lower classes then; and once we recognize that fact, the French revolution is not so hard to understand.

And the story of William Tell, whether true or false, expresses the spirit behind the Swiss struggle for freedom so graphically that no reader can ever forget it. Tell may never have existed, but nevertheless he has become an important character in history, for he helps us to understand his times. So it goes. Scores of anecdotes could be called to mind, and perhaps very few of them ever actually happened. But they provide such illuminating highlights for more sober history that the world will go on using them for a long time, even though they cannot be proved authentic.

CUTTING WORKING HOURS

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, is pressing his plan for a reduction of working hours as an unemployment remedy before the LaFollette committee of the senate in the hope of obtaining immediate relief for the idle through its universal adoption.

The labor leader and other advocates of a shorter working day and week are now talking in terms of a five-day week and a seven-hour day, estimating that if all work were distributed among the whole body of labor on that basis, there would be enough to go around.

There is no intention of fixing arbitrary working hours, of course. An elastic plan for the division of labor is suggested, by which the working hours would fluctuate with the demand for labor. No other plan would be practical, for there are periods of peak consumption when production would fall far behind if skilled labor, always inadequate at such times, were held strictly to the shorter day and week.

It should not be difficult for large industries to reduce the working hours of each man instead of laying off a part of the men whenever consumption drops. The latter method is probably the more efficient, since the multiplication of workers and decrease in working hours naturally increases the overhead of the plant, but anything gained in that direction is more than offset by the general reduction of buying power from the unemployment.

Industry not only survived but actually benefited from the reduction from the twelve to the eight hour day, and indications promise equal benefit from further cutting of hours.

A "kicker" may be necessary on a football team, but he won't last long on a baseball nine.

State Employees To Have Holiday

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Virtually all state employees will receive a three-day vacation over Christmas. It was definitely announced here today. Relief crews, however, will keep the various department headquarters open during Saturday morning of this week. The holiday period starts with Christmas on Friday and will last until Monday morning. Governor Willard Marks will remain in his office the fore part of this week, he announced, although no board meetings have been scheduled. Secretary of State Hal E. Ross is also at his office. Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, will be in Portland this week. His office announced he would not be in Salem until after Christmas. The state supreme court rendered several opinions today but will observe the Christmas holiday period the rest of the week. The next opinion will be handed down on Tuesday, Jan. 5. The annual Christmas programs will start at the capitol tonight.

In Washington

WASHINGTON—It is interesting to watch the shifting values in the leadership of the house as the congress moves steadily on with the Democrats at the helm.

Almost every day brings to the surface a new figure on the Democratic side of the chamber—a figure perhaps generally little known before or one who in the past has had little to do with house proceedings. On the other hand, on the Republican side, voices raised loudly and frequently in other days now are being stifled.

The one-time majority has now become the minority. Consider the case of William B. Bankhead of Alabama—referred to by the newspaper boys as "Tully's" paper—for example. He has been in congress for 14 years, faithful in attendance and regular in his utterances on the floor of the house.

Yet no one in the press gallery grabbed a pencil when he started to speak in the past. He was just another Democrat—one of the minority.

It's Different Now
But the other day he rushed to the defense of his party when it was being attacked, and before he finished he had bowled "em over"—Democrats and Republicans alike. He accomplished in publicity in that one speech perhaps more than he had in years.

One by one they stick their heads up every day. Huddleston of Alabama made front pages all over the country when he spoke his piece about the Hoover administration. Formerly he perhaps considered himself lucky if he "got" the inside pages.

The short, wiry Rankin of Mississippi is another. They're even passing the word around in the press gallery now that "Rankin will speak at 2:30 this afternoon." And that's something usually done only for men like Borah.

Arnold of Illinois, Oliver of Alabama, Summers of Texas and McKeown of Oklahoma are others who are getting a kick these days out of feeling that words they utter on the floor are not quickly forgotten.

Freshmen speak up
Even the freshmen Democrats feel cocky enough to sound off now. Unless they were members of the majority doubtless they wouldn't dare open their mouths for months.

But since the Democrats are in control, Freshman Sweeney of Ohio feels that he can get up and tell everyone from President Hoover on down the line what he thinks of them. And he did just that the other day.

"The ladies of this house," said Sweeney, "behave like perfect gentlemen. A lot of the gentlemen of the house conduct themselves like a bunch of old women."

"It's going to take us a long time to undo what you Republicans have done," he said, "but we face the task with a courageous heart."

Precedious utterances for a man to make on his fourth day in congress. But then Sweeney is on the side that's in.

PASSENGERS ON LINER DRENCHED

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see the water come rushing down upon us. The majority of the third class passengers standing in the alleyway were swept off their feet.

"An elderly woman was flung from her chair and fell upon her head. All over the ship passengers were thrown to the decks and groups of people who were talking before the wave struck found themselves in a heap."

The scene afterward was remarkable. McGuire said. The dining room, cabins and lounges were flooded with nearly two feet of water and passengers in evening clothes were drenched.

Farmer Drives Fifteen Miles To Play In Band

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dealers, bank employes, an abstractor, a minister and an electrician, a plumber and a couple of ice men. Besides all these there were at least six high school students, one of them a young lady. The director also stated that some 10 or 12 were absent from the practice and who knows what might have been in their midst? All of these people are home talent, their ages range from 16 to 60 and they work as enthusiastically on one end as they do on the other.

Why are all of these folks willing to give up their time? Why should the farmers come in from their farms, some of them as far as 15 miles, to sit in on a two hour band rehearsal? Why does the droppier, who perhaps has two nights in the week away from his business, give one night to band rehearsal? Why do men who have worked hard all day in their stores, over their desks, in the mills and railroad shops, or perhaps pushing a big maul over the hump, forget they are tired and show up for band practice? Why do the plumbers and ice men drop their wrenches and hang up their tools, slip into a clean jumper and beat it to band practice? Why do these men do these things for the sake of having a band? The answer is simple, first is their love of music and next their loyalty and love for their director. He has instilled in the members of the band a spirit of loyalty and appreciation of the good things in life. He has created a desire in them to do the thing which is probably the nearest to his heart and that is to create good band music and have a willingness to let others enjoy it after it has been perfected.

Much credit is due Andrew Loney Jr., who has given of his time and energy many times over the value of the small salary he has been paid. With such a spirit existing with the members of the band and their director willing to carry on in spite of reversed conditions, the citizens of La Grande cannot afford to say "no" when called upon by the American Legion to assist in keeping the band intact for the coming year.

Lindsay Found Guilty But Will Escape Gallows

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mer he was using in repair work. Two months after the killing, the body of Mrs. Lindsay was found buried in the backyard of their home here.

The University of Iowa will be host to the Western open-rope swimming championship meet in 1933 for the first time in the 23-year history of the affair.

Pola Negri — A Face for Every Mood



REMOERSE
HORROR PASSION VAMP FURY
The triumphs, joys and tragedies of her own life are reflected in these pictures of Pola Negri, now critically hailed at Santa Monica, Cal., who reached her pinnacle of fame in the silent movie days when actresses had to depend upon sheer power of expression to enact their roles. Her dark loveliness, brooding eyes, glossy black hair and full red lips brought acclaim of millions of fans who called her the "Queen of Passion." The striking picture at the left, above, shows Miss Negri as she appeared in "One Arabian Night." At the right, above, you see her in a recent photo. Below she is shown registering various emotions in roles from her silent films.

Tableau Given at High School

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gathered around one tree, expressing a feeling of goodwill among the nations at Christmas time.

Miss Edna Kincaid's room received the picture for the largest attendance of parents. Mrs. N. W. Press, president, wishes to express her appreciation for the part the teachers played in making the pageant a success, and the appreciation of the association for the hand blocked programs which were furnished.

An executive board meeting was held this afternoon, and the next meeting will be at 2:45 at the Central school on Jan. 22.

Had Clear Field
It's our notion—take it or leave it—that Shakespeare made a great success of literature because there were no copyright laws to cramp his genius for adaptability.—Toledo Blade.

Imaginative Names
Among unusual names of horses on an old program of racing events found recently in Glasgow, Scotland, were "Jack's My Favorite," "Briton's Strike Home," "Fear Not, Victorious," "Kiss in a Corner" and "First Time o' Asking."

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If you have a picture to be framed it will be done for you in an hour's time if you will take it to Richardson's Art and Gift Shop. "The Christmas Shop." 12-22-31.

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Lowest prices in years. Book orders now with Clark's Florists. 12-21-31.

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CRAZY CRYSTALS is the answer. Send \$1.50 by mail to Crazy Crystals, Baker, Ore. 12-2-31.

NEW TOPAZ GLASS
Have you seen the new Topaz glassware now on special sale at Richardson's Art and Gift Shop. "The Christmas Shop." 12-22-31.

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\$10.00 and \$16.75

GAY times ahead and, of course, you'll want to be the best looking creature at all the parties — so whatever you do, concentrate on semi-formals. There'll be new men to meet — fun galore — plenty of keen competition, so you must look absolutely fatal.

In your wildest dreams you've never imagined frocks like these for \$10 and \$16.75.

Laces, chiffons and velvets — gorgeous colorings — some with little jackets. These frocks are the kind that will make the girls around you wish you'd stayed at home — See them for the first time tomorrow.




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