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THE FAITH THAT IS LIFE'S MYSTERY

The old, old mystery of life and death—how we hunt for an answer, in books and in poetry and in long, secret communings with our own hearts!

Here, if you care to listen, is one such incident. It is a thing hardly worth talking about, perhaps; yet it does not take either a poet or a visionary to read into it a hint and a promise touching on this oldest and deepest of riddles.

A man we knew lay dying the other night; a man in his 60's, who had been a hard-working printer all his life, who had set some miles of type and lived one of those useful and unassuming lives...

Now, there is no logical reason why this homely little happening should be so moving. And yet it is. That tired veteran, clinging to his job even in his last seconds on earth...

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TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUTO ACCIDENT FENDLETON, Ore., June 4 (AP)—Seven persons were injured in an automobile accident on the Walla Walla highway about five miles northeast of here Saturday night...

TWO DIE IN WRACKS EUGENE, Ore., June 4 (AP)—Automobile accidents cost two lives in this district early Sunday.

BOY DROWNED PORTLAND, Ore., June 4 (AP)—Everett Newell, 13, was drowned Sunday in an indoor Portland swimming pool.

ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT ASTORIA, Ore., June 4 (AP)—County Judge Guy Boyington announced today he had been offered appointment as a member of the state unemployment relief committee by Governor Julius L. Meier...

LOUIS PAYNE ADMITS CRIME TO OFFICERS (Continued From Page One) spread, he nonchalantly walked into the Huntington Beach police station...

Father O'Donnell Dies in South Bend SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 4 (AP)—Father Charles L. O'Donnell, 47, a 35-year-old six years president of Notre Dame university, died from a streptococcal infection early today.

Extortionist and Innocent Man Slain PHOENIX, Ariz., June 4 (AP)—A coroner's jury was studying today the tragic details of the death of an innocent youth when the law's arm reached yesterday to exterminate an extortioner.

Quintuplets Have Case of Jaundice CORNHILL, Ont., June 4 (AP)—Jaundice gripped the Dionne quintuplets today but their physician, Dr. A. B. Dufresne, said their condition was not alarming.

Parasite Carries Duck Disease ANN ARBOR, Mich., (AP)—A malaria-like disease which annually takes heavy toll of the young of both domestic and wild ducks is due to a protozoan parasite which is carried from bird to bird by the common black fly, much as human malaria is transmitted by the mosquito, reports the University of Michigan school of forestry.

REDUCTIONS ON CHEVROLET CARS RECEIVED Reductions of from \$25 to \$50 on all models of Chevrolet has been announced, effective yesterday morning, according to word received by Larison-Pross Chevrolet company, local dealers.

Drainage projects designed to eradicate mosquitoes in the vicinity of Miami, Fla., have furnished employment to 550 men.

The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; probably light showers in the south and east portions; slightly warmer in the east and south portions tonight; gentle variable winds offshore.

LOCAL WEATHER Sunday: Maximum 56, minimum 47 above. Rain 45 of inch. Cloudy. Today: Minimum 44, 7 a. m.—46 above. Cloudy.

Clark Wood Says

Russia is to have a chain of motion stores, but we haven't heard that they'll stock up with safety razors.

You don't have to be a blonde to be light-headed," says Doc Riley in the Hubbard Enterprise, but we just can't tell from this remark whether he's a gentleman or not.

One wonders why The Digest doesn't go in for exploration, it asks so easily from poll to poll.

It may have been out of deference to the candidates that the esteemed Oregon Journal waited until after the campaign to reprint an article on "Wind Erosion."

We share President Roosevelt's yen for hamlets, if egglets are added.

Communists who do not use their heads in German are likely to lose them.

Will Rogers says no preacher can move people like a car. Even so, preachers were among the first to feature knee action.

An eleven-year-old saxophone player of Texas had, at the age of nine, memorized seventy-six compositions. We predict for him a ripe old age, if only the good die young.

An eastern tourist complains of dangerous curves out this way, but may not have seen the other West's.

The difference between private and government loans is that in most instances the private lender wouldn't be likely to make them.

District Shows Most Business in 60 Days

(Continued From Page One) the largest number of policies secured by any lady agent.

The 60-day contest which closed May 31 was one held by the Edgar C. Smith company, general agents for Oregon Mutual Life, in Eastern Oregon and Washington, and includes many districts throughout that large territory.

In addition to District Manager Coolidge, others from the local district at the Lewiston conference of agents include: Tom Bruce, E. C. Hertzinger and Jack Coolidge of La Grande; Fred and Vera Fox and Tony D. Smith of Union; C. E. Bean of Elgin; Fred Edwards and Sadie E. Hall of Lostine; Ruth Dodson of North Powder; J. A. Dement of Walla Walla, and J. P. Jackson and Forest L. Hubbard of Baker.

Tom Bruce, following the Lewiston conference, will proceed to Spokane, where he is to make his home as assistant to Ed Coolidge, appointed recently as district manager of Oregon Mutual Life for Spokane and territory. Coolidge will leave for Spokane the middle of the month after installing Fred Fox as manager of this district.

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Over The Valley Personals

From Walla Walla—Mr. and Mrs. James Eobanks, of Walla Walla, were among the former residents who came back Wednesday for the Summerville dance and reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Eobanks have the habit of visiting among their old friends hereabouts on that day.

Closed Three Years' Service In conclusion of the year's work, Mrs. Mary Kall, teacher of Liberty school, and her pupils went to Riverside park near La Grande Thursday for a picnic. Parents and a few friends were also in attendance. A basket lunch at noon and games and other amusements were the features of the day's pleasure. The teacher distributed prizes to three of her pupils, Glen Mullenburg, receiving one for making the most A grades during the year, Ronald Lindsey, for the most 100's on report card and Mildred Fishman, for highest grade in spelling for the 9 months' term.

Mrs. Kall has completed her third year as a very successful teacher of Liberty school which is located in the Grande Hall district. This last year she had 12 pupils, six boys and six girls. Three eighth graders, Glen Mullenburg, Ronald Lindsey and Mildred Fishman, passed the state examinations, all making good grades. Glen making a general average of 93.6 per cent, Ronald, 93.1 per cent, and Derrell, 95.1 per cent.

When school opens next fall, Mrs. Kall will have charge of the Telephone school and Miss Edna Brown, Liberty school.

From Portland—Mrs. Olga Eckersley and daughters, Miss Nellie and Miss Harriet, came from Portland for Memorial day and have remained for a visit with their friends in and about Cove. They are guests at the home of Mrs. Mae Kelley and daughter, Bease.

Has Operation—Word has been received by friends in the Ladd Canyon that Roy Halley, who moved from that locality several weeks ago to a farm near Baker, had undergone a very serious operation. He is in a Baker hospital and at last reports was doing as well as could be expected.

Elected At Wallawa—Miss Emma Dunham, of La Grande, has been elected to teach the fifth grade and art in all the grades in the Wallawa school for next year.

Have Big Reunion—Members of the Elmer family met at the Riverside park Thursday in great numbers, May 31 being the date on which they hold their annual family reunion. The great long table spread at noon accommodated the relatives who came from all parts of the valley, from Walla Walla county and some old family friends from the Willamette valley. At the conclusion of the dinner, Harvey Elmer, of Lower Cove presided over a short meeting, when May 31 was permanently settled as the reunion date. Mrs. Tom Bates, of the Willamette neighborhood, read something of their first ancestor to come to America and family history, followed by short remarks by several of those present. The first Elmer who came to this valley settled in the Summerville section about 1800 and his descendants have been well-known citizens of this and adjacent communities during the intervening years.

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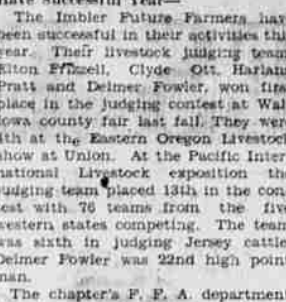
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POET'S CORNER

OUR FLAG Say Dad, what's this, that floats on high, A grand and glorious sight, Why do the people wave their hats And cheer with all their might?

It has a ground of purest white, A field of deepest blue, And then those stripes of deepest red That run it through and through.

The field of blue contains stars, They seem to almost shine, What is this grand and glorious sight That moves this heart of mine?

It is your country's flag my son, An emblem of the free: A flag that's been baptized in blood And gained our liberty.

As long as hearts are true and strong, Our earth contains the brave, So long will this proud flag my son Above our country wave. —W. H. HAYTER.

LEAVES TODAY ON LONG TRIP

Miss Edna Happersett was to leave today on a summer trip to points east, which will take her to Denver, Nebraska, Kansas City, Chicago and the World's Fair, and Kentucky. On her return home she plans to come by way of Texas and California. She will visit relatives in Nebraska and Kentucky.

OMAHA SHEEP

OMAHA SHEEP.—(U. S. D. A.)—Sheep: 6,000; show; short load good to choice Idaho \$9.25; sorted 50 per cent; around three decks native \$9.25; package solid mouth breeding ewes strong at \$2.75.

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Copy for this Column must be in by 9 a. m.

NEW LAMPS

The very latest things in Table Lamps and new shades at especially low prices are now being shown at Richardson's Art and Gift Shop. 6-4-t. f.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. one of Union County, State of Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING of said District will be held at Central School building and Greenwood School building, to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. and close at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. on the third Monday of June, being the eighteenth day of June, A. D. 1934.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director for a term of three years. Dated this 1st day of June, 1934. COLON R. EBERHARD, Chairman Board of Directors. ATTEST: R. O. WILLIAMS, District Clerk. June 4-11-16.

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COVE PERSONALS

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Among the other visitors present were Mrs. P. M. Little, grand representative for the state of Nebraska, Worthy Matron of the Grande Ronde Valley chapter, Mrs. Grace Halsey, of Union, and Worthy Matron Mrs. Jessie Rogers, of Baker chapter, with several other honored visitors from abroad. After the work of the chapter was concluded, refreshments were served.

Mrs. A. E. Corpe left Friday for Walla Walla, to visit her sister. From there she will go as a delegate to the grand chapter O. E. S. at Portland, June 12, 13, 14.

The Woman's club held their annual meeting Thursday at the library. As this is the last meeting until fall, much business was transacted. Officers were elected, Mrs. Lillian Fisher, president, Mrs. R. S. French, vice president, Mrs. J. R. Fletcher, secretary, and Mrs. Mary Mangrum, treasurer.

The library board elected its successors, Mrs. A. E. Corpe, Mrs. J. R. Fletcher, Mrs. T. O. Hefty, and Mrs. L. E. Anderson. Other members of the board are: Nellie R. Grace, honorary member, Mrs. Lillian Fisher, and Kenneth Lavoie who as principal of the school is always a member of the board. Program committee, Mrs. Hefty, Mrs. T. E. Johnson, and Mrs. French. House committee, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Hefty and Mrs. Fletcher.

The library received a new shipment of books from the state library this week and they are for summer reading as they are all fiction. Two new books have been added to the shelves via "Pepys His Life Character" by John Drinkwater.

Another new book, "The Babylons" by Cleonore Dane, covers four romantic periods, from the Georgian through the late Georgian, then the early Victorian, and at last the Edwardian opening years of our own century.

The Mothers and Daughters Banquet Thursday evening May 24 was an event of the week. It was served in the parlors of the Methodist church and the guests filled the banquet hall to overflowing. The tables seated almost 100. The sons and fathers of the organization served, and did it in a decidedly graceful manner. Mrs. Hefty was toast mistress and announced a program in a unique and delightful manner. The first number was a piano solo by Miss Maxine Conley, who responded with an encore. A reading "To my Mother" by Rita Harris followed.

A trio by Misses Maxine Towle, Phyllis Hancock and Jean Miller, accompanied by Mrs. Eleanor Towle. The address of the evening was made by Mrs. Smutz, who took for her subject "Mothers and Daughters." In this great book "Pepys His Life and Character," John Drinkwater reveals popular for the first time, the whole picturesque panorama of Pepys' life and age. What is particularly interesting about his life of Pepys, however, is that John Drinkwater actually lives today in the same house in which Pepys lived over 250 years ago, and this book is written in the same house. No wonder it breathes the spirit and flavor of those old eventful times.

Miss Maxine Towle responded to this address from the daughter's view point. A solo by Mrs. E. H. Bell accompanied by her daughter, Roberta, at the piano, "Land of My Dreams" completed the program.

SAVING TAX DOLLARS

To effect greater savings in road work, Union county recently converted an old gasoline tractor into a "Caterpillar" Diesel. On one 8-hour day's work the Diesel used 16 gallons of 6c fuel—36c worth. The former gas tractor would have burned 40 gallons of 15c gasoline. The saving per day for the tax payer, \$5.04.

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Garage Mechanic: "What's the trouble, Madam?" Mrs. Newdriver: "They say I have a short circuit. Can you lengthen it for me, please?"

Willie went to Paris, And loved a Paris queen, Until she made his salad With lost of Paris green.

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Jack: "Man is wonderful. He has learned to fly like a bird." "Yes, but he hasn't learned to sit on a barbed wire fence."