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Editorial Now & Then



'Now and then' has been the 'sort of' title of this editorial page for several years now, and when we recently noticed an editorial in the Big "O" that began in the same manner, we were compelled to read on.

The editorial spoke of the fact that "Now and then..." it is good to tell people something that might make them feel that life is not just one tragedy after another, and small steps are being taken forward.

After one hundred and fifty years, the story goes, the Nez Pierce are coming back to their homeland in the Willowa Mnts. in eastern Oregon. The children of Chief Joseph are coming home. We finally kept our word as a nation.

Another story we heard was of a number of clergy from several churches in Astoria. They recognized the traditional leaders of the Chinook Tribe, and asked for forgiveness for the sins of their fathers. Healing, they call it.

It is nice, now and then, so we must say thanks to the Oregonian, for telling us something that made us do that singularly human thing of crying and smiling at the same time. Shame and hope.

H. L. Mencken wrote "In Defense of Women" in 1922, and we think Erasmus' "In Praise of Folly" may have crossed his mind in choosing the title. Mr. Mencken was far from a feminist; he, like most men of our acquaintance, apparently stood in a state of wonder when it comes to the distaff side. Men really know little or nothing about these humans who can grow another human in their belly. We realize that they are different and are quite fond of those differences.

Recently Laurie Beers, a local roofing and siding contractor, completed a triathlon in Hawaii; and Cheri Lerma, who basically bakes cookies for a living, won a world weight-lifting championship in South Africa. A lot of men understand what this represents in time and pain, and they respect it. They don't pretend to understand it, but they respect it. After fifty-two years, we are still constantly amazed by human beings, especially women.

Cannon Beach has a rich history of exceptional women; the "can do" women who made Cannon Beach look like Cannon Beach, and who are still trying to keep it looking that way; our famous "Energy Committee" who were asked to testify before Congress on the off-shore oil drilling (you may have noticed there is no drilling!).... we could go on for pages.

It can be difficult for men to express respect for women. Your editor has no problem. Good work!

Mo Stuff

Our faithful readers may not know that an event was held to try and save the Edge and help us publish the books we have been talking about for over a year. The turnout was great at the Chamber Building in Cannon Beach, last Sunday. Your beloved Rev. was asked to perform with the North Coast Symphonic String Orchestra, and, well, that is for the critics to decide, but we had a great time, and collected over two grand for the books, and nearly a grand for the paper. We would have done better, but someone stole the money folks donated for the beer and wine that Bill's Tavern and Laurel's Wine Shop gave us.

Oh, well, money comes and goes; karma, on the other hand, lasts forever.

The Sons of the American Legion are giving a benefit for the Edge on Dec. 8th, (see the ad on the Music page) and if things go well, we will be able to get the books printed and continue to print this small effort you hold in your hand.

As we sit here on the wind-and-rain-swept edge, by a warm fire, we are truly grateful for our readers, advertisers, friends, and complete strangers, who come together and make these things happen. Thanks.

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