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As I See It

By Barton W. Marsh

At the turn of the century and for a number of years thereafter, in the mining districts of the Rocky Mountains, there was waged a bitter and murderous labor war. A daring and capable group was leading its labor following in open and bloody revolt against the unjust and unhealthy conditions under which the miners were forced to live and labor. Prominent among the group of leaders were the names of Hayward, Foster and Harry Orchid. The writer lived during this period in various mining districts of Colorado, and was an observer of some of the bloody battles waged between the miners, and the state militia and deputies.

Late in 1907, Frank Stuenen-berg, governor of Idaho, was blown to death by a bomb, attached to the yard gate of his home, that exploded as he opened the gate, upon his return late in the evening from his office. For this crime, Harry Orchid was arrested, tried and convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. If the story ended here, it would be just another record of a murderer being convicted and made to suffer the full penalty for his crime. But the story does not so end.

To introduce the sequel, to this, until now drab story of murder and imprisonment, I here quote in full a letter recently received from the Hon. L. E.

Clapp, warden, Idaho state penitentiary:

August 16, 1947. B. W. Marsh, Brookings, Oregon. Re: Harry Orchid, ISP No. 1406. Dear Sir: This is in reply to your letter of August 13, relative to Harry Orchid.

He was received here on Mar. 18, 1908. He is an old man now, more than 80 years old. For a man of his age he is hale and hearty, and seems to get about as well as he ever did.

It is true that there was a change in his life shortly after he came to the penitentiary, and this change came about chiefly through the influence of the wife, son and daughter of the man he killed.

He is very religious and is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church. For many years he has been a trusty on the outside of the prison walls and enjoys taking care of the turkeys and chickens of the prison farm near the institution. Very truly yours, L. F. Clapp, warden."

The Stuenenberg family, after the murder of the husband and father became convinced that they should try to help the man that had brought such great suffering and sorrow into their lives. From the warden they obtained permission to visit the slayer of their loved one. Their Christ-like spirit of gentleness and kindness slowly broke down the barriers that had walled in the crime-bound soul of Harry Orchid and it dawned upon his mind that there was something for life infinitely better and nobler than the life of force, violence and blood that he had lived.

In time Harry Orchid came to know that there is a living Christ who is able to wipe away the blackest stains than can mar the heart of man. He learned to confess to his newly-found Redeemer the many crimes that had cursed his sin-bound life. He felt the sting of the bitter tears of shame, guilt and remorse, and as he poured forth his soul unto his God, he found forgiveness and peace.

For many years now, he has remained true to the experience brought to him so patiently and tenderly by the family he had so cruelly wronged. He steadfastly refuses to leave the guardianship of his prison. He declares that he is unworthy of freedom. It is his choice to pay the full

physical penalty exacted for his crime, though he fully understands that he has been forgiven by his God.

Looking out from the window of our mountain home, by which I sit and type this column, upon the peace and untarnished beauty that surrounds us, there springs up in my heart a new understanding of our Savior's words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Methinks this would be a much happier world if there were more of the Stuenenberg kind of men and women living in it. What do you think?

New Lily Society Formed In Mass.

About thirty persons interested in promoting the culture of lilies met in Horticultural hall, Boston, Mass., on July 9, and organized North American Lily Society.

The organization meeting was sponsored by the lily committee of the American Horticultural society of Washington, D. C., and met at Boston at the invitation of the Massachusetts Horticultural society, which was holding its annual lily show at that time. The American horticultural society for the past eight years has been sponsoring work with lilies and has published four lily yearbooks. The new society will publish annual year books, organize field days, promote lily exhibits and encourage research on lily problems.

The new society is country-wide in scope, including the U. S. and Canada. Membership is open to any persons, who is interested in promoting the culture of lilies. Provision is made for the organization of regional groups within the society and for the affiliation of garden clubs and other societies interested in lily culture.

At the meeting a constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected for the coming year.

Officers are:
President—Dr. L. H. MacDaniels, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Vice-president—Dr. E. F. Palmer, director, horticultural experiment station, Vineland Station, Ontario, Can.

Secretary—Dr. Norma E. Pfeiffer, Boyce Thompson Institute, Yonkers, N. Y.

Treasurer—Dr. Phillip Brierly, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md.

Elected Directors are:
Alan Macneil, North Springfield, Vermont.

Dr. Victor Ries, Dept. of Horticulture, Ohio State University Columbus, 10, O.

Appointed directors are: Mrs. Harrison U. Bresee, Orange, Va.; Jan deGraaff, Sandy, Ore.; Dr. S. L. Emsweller, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md.; Mrs. M. J. Fox, Foxden, Peekskill, N. Y.; Mrs. Norman Henry, Gladwyn, Pa.; Mrs. Wallace A. Rowell, 5537 15th Avenue South, Minneapolis, 7, Minn.; F. L. Skinner, Dropmore, Manitoba, Canada; Donald Stryker, Langlois, Ore.; Dr. Albert M. Volmer, 313 Lansdale Ave., San Francisco.

Dues in the new society are \$3.00 for annual membership, \$5 or more for sustaining membership and \$50 for life membership. Inquiries regarding the society can be sent to the secretary and applications for membership are to be sent to the treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Templar left Saturday for New York City where they will attend the national convention of American Legion, which opens today. Mrs.

Templar, past department president and national committeewoman, will have a part in the program for the Auxiliary.

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G. H. JENKINS.

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