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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Clifford Rowe

Without doubt, Benjamin Franklin has been the source for more anecdotes and stories than any other great American with the possible exception of Abraham Lincoln. At any rate, there is one told of the early colonial inventor, printer, and diplomat which has always been a favorite of mine because the lesson implied is just as applicable today as it was then.

It seems that Franklin had a close friend of long standing whom he weekly invited to his home for an evening of chess. Invariably, though, the two elderly gentlemen during the evening would get involved in argument about something or other as older men with fixed ideas are wont to do.

Franklin, being the more brilliant man and the most adept in the use of language would emerge the victor practically every instance. One evening after a particularly hectic verbal battle during which Franklin upset his companion's logic at every turn, the friend, a Quaker, rose in a huff and asked for his hat and coat.

Going out the door, he turned to his host and softly said, "Benjamin, tonight thou hast won an argument but in doing so hast lost a friend". And he spoke truly, for never again did he enter Franklin's home.

The story is typical of many an antic of today. For it would seem that too many men are less concerned with winning friends than they are trying to influence people. In a constant effort to talk down the other fellow, they forget principles and would rather win an argument though wrong, than admit defeat.

Personally, in my later years I have avoided argument unless it were in a good cause and possessing possibility for being an agent of accomplishment. I have come to feel that too much of today's arguments are based on supposedly authoritative statements released to the populace by adde-pated propogandists who are more interested in seeing their moronic mouthings in print than they are in ever being held accountable.

ALSPAUGH-LOPEZ WEDDING HELD

Margaret Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alspaugh of Brookings, was married to Albert Miles Lopez, of Smith River, August 21st, at Crescent City. Darlene Matlock was maid-of-honor and Edward Lopez Jr., best man. A large reception at White Rock followed the ceremony.

Margaret has been attending the Brookings school and the groom has just recently been released from the U. S. Marine Corp. The young couple plan to make their home at Smith River.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Twoby attended "Romeo and Juliet" in Ashland last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wilson of Centralia, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seeley of Bickleton, Wash., returned to their home this past weekend after a short visit with Mr. Wilson's and Mrs. Seeley's nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. LaVere Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wursch made a trip to Portland last week where they attended a wedding. Mrs. Strong went with them.

Mrs. Roy Kinion spent a few days last week visiting her children and looking her old home town over. While here, she stayed with a daughter, Mrs. Don Vaughn.

BOLLINGER HEIR

The PILOT is a bit late in reporting another great-grandson for Art and Beryl Bollinger. The young gent, Thomas Edward, was born at Crescent City August 19, second son of Mr. and Mrs. James Carte. "Jimmy" is a grandson of the Bollingers.

EMBLEM CLUB RESUMING

This Monday evening will be the first of the season's meetings of the Emblem club. All members and visitors in good standing are urged to attend, according to Mrs. Mabel Ostrander, president.

Amber Campbell is quite puffed up—says when she and Ike were in Frisco, Ike waved to her!

Particularly have I learned never to argue at the dinner table. I have learned through bitter experience that the fellow who isn't hungry is almost certain to come out the winner.

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