

# BROTHERS MEET AFTER 31 YEARS

## E. L. CHURCH SURPRISED BY VISIT OF HIS BROTHER AFTER A SEPARATION NEARLY THIRD OF CENTURY.

The E. L. Church home on Isthus Inlet was the scene of an unusual reunion this week when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitney, of Portland, arrived there. Mr. Whitney and Mr. Church are half brothers and this was their first meeting in thirty-one years. They had not seen each other since they left the old home in Nebraska when Mr. Church came West and Mr. Whitney went East to complete his education. The brothers drifted apart and not having written their lost knowledge of their locations. A year or two ago Mr. Whitney came to the Pacific Coast as traveling representative of the Hess & Clarke Stock Food Company and since then has been searching for his brother. Learning of his location in the Coos Bay County he came to Marshfield. Mr. Whitney's arrival was a complete surprise and the brothers have spent a most enjoyable week recounting their varied experiences since the parting nearly a third of a century ago.

## THE GAS METER.

Old Ananias did his best, and fled with fluency and ease; he lied along and took no rest till he was scolded in the knees. He did his utmost, but alas! his best was but a thing to mock; the small machine that measures gas could beat the old man by a block. Mancheson fled with grace and skill, considering his handicaps; he started out the truth to kill, and mangled it a bit, perhaps; but he is dead and gone to grass, his fame's a thing of rags and rents; the small machine that measures gas has made him look like twenty cents. And all our human liars fade, and to the wall their faces turn, contrasted with the trap that's made to measure gas the people burn. It has no conscience and no soul, it does not fear a judgment day, no hell or heaven is its goal, so recklessly it lies away. It lies when mortal liars sleep, worn out by lying in the mart; it lies when human liars weep because they've no more lies by heart. All other liars tell the truth once in a while just for change; but such a weakness is forsooth, outside, beyond the meter's range. The human liar some times sighs because he's weary of the game, but tirelessly the meter lies, exulting in its deeds of shame. — Walt Mason.

## WOMAN IS BAND LEADER.

Miss Soller is a young Swedish woman who is leading a band in Philadelphia. She is the daughter of Vladimir Soller, one of the leading bandmasters of Europe, but she insists on not telling her own first name. She has only men in her band and is said to be a splendid disciplinarian and to insist upon the best work. She says that she never had a toy, which she would have loved as other little girls, but she has been playing before the public since she was five years of age, appearing at that time before the king of Sweden.

## THE COFFEE QUESTION.

Somebody asked Herman Steleken, the greatest coffee expert in the country, what kind of coffee was best, and his reply was: "All kinds of coffee are good if you will use enough of them." Perhaps this accounts for the popularity of coffees from so many different lands. General Grant used to say he thought Mexico produced the finest coffee in the world. Experts always have sung the praises of Brazilian coffee, and the favorite sign of the restaurant people is "Best French Coffee." During the Cuban war many of our army officers were found in praise of Porto Rico coffee. Perhaps as a result of the popularity it thus obtained, our imports of Porto Rico coffee have been increasing constantly. The bean is small and its aroma very pronounced. Americans are the greatest coffee drinkers in the world, and with all these sources to draw upon, for a limitless supply, there is no fear that their demands will not always be met, thinks Leslie's.

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THIS IS PURPOSE OF THE AMERICAN COMMISSION WHICH IS NOW STUDYING THE SITUATION IN EUROPE—A FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

(Special to The Times.)

PARIS, August 1.—On July 4th the American Commission took part in the annual pilgrimage made by the American colony in Paris every 4th of July to the tomb of Lafayette, on which it placed a wreath, after addresses by the Director General, Dr. Clarence J. Owens, and Col. Owsley, of Texas.

Several members of the Commission were afterwards entertained at luncheon by Mr. Dop, Vice President of the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome, and Mrs. Dop. Mr. David Lubin, delegate of the United States to the International Institute of Agriculture, spoke and toastings were responded to by Congressman Moss, Col. Jordan, of Georgia, and others.

In the afternoon Director General Owens was presented by the Commission with a very handsome silver token, in recognition of his eminent services.

In the evening the members of the Commission attended the 4th of July dinner given by the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris, at which Dr. Owens made the following address:

"Mr. President, Fellow Americans: We, the members of the American Commission on agricultural co-operation come among you tonight as the representatives of the three great forces for democracy. You, gentlemen of the Chamber of Commerce, represent a second force, capital. The third is labor."

"We celebrate today the winning of our national independence. But it is not less a day of consecration of Americans to the great task of preserving that liberty which was declared to be our inalienable right by our forefathers. The experiment of democracy has been carried far enough to establish these facts, that for the development of strength, self-reliance, and resourcefulness within the individual there is no other form of government comparable to our own. But, secondly, that democracy demands not only a high standard of citizenship, but poise and balance among the social forces of the republic."

"It is with the maintenance of this balance that this commission is concerned and I hold that this day of celebration of the foundation of our democracy is a fitting occasion to demand your attention to a problem that lies at the roots of our national life. The balance to be maintained within our republic is between the radical and the conservative. I speak tonight in favor of the sane conservative, the backbone of the nation, the American farmer."

"The movement in which this Commission is engaged seeks added strength for our farmers. You will say that they are strong. That is true, but there have come changes in the organization of civilization today which have strengthened labor, but which our farmers have not adopted. It is the principal of co-operation."

"Among capitalists it is called combination. Among laborers unionism. For the farmers we speak of it as co-operation. It is the same thing in principle—the welding together of weaker units for the creation of a stronger whole. You know that the wheelwright and the weaver have been eliminated forever by the stronger force of combined capital. You no longer think of the laboring man as an individual. I do not mean that the laboring man has lost his individualism. I think that he has increased it as he has bettered his economic situation. But he uses the force of that individualism to buttress his organization. He has met your combination with his unionism and God knows what would have become of him if he had not."

"Now the farmers have not learned

ed this lesson of co-operation. I have spoken of the farmer as the sane conservative of the nation. That is true and will always be true in the broader sense of the man upon the soil. So today within our democracy we have the radical elements of the urban population rapidly gaining in strength through organization while our conservative rural forces remain yoked to the hollow form of an ancient individualism, that is not individualism if you measure by initiative but which is only a disorganization. Obviously our democracy cannot maintain that balance essential to its existence if our rural forces continue in this state of disorganization as opposed to the astounding organization of the forces of capital and labor. The strength which our farmers have is largely a strength of the past. We have been always an agricultural nation and we have today sufficient strength within our rural population to balance the nation. But no social force can stand still. It must progress or retrogress. And in comparison with the radical urban forces the rural forces of America are losing ground. It is well upon this, Independence Day, to weigh this question. Perhaps a consideration of the history of past republics, of the Roman republic, that fell from the overweight of urban power and military glory will help us. Eternal vigilance for the preservation of our democracy is demanded of us and in this vigilance not the least attention should be given to the maintenance of that balance of social forces that will make our progress a sane and safe progress."

"So you see, gentlemen, that the problem with which this Commission is dealing is a social one. In its details it seems only a study of dry forms; it seeks social and commercial means to better the farmer. It seeks first to better the financial standing of our farmers. It seeks to increase the control of the producers over the marketing of their products. It seeks to strengthen the position of the farmers as buyers. All of these matters, however, are but the means to an end. That end is to weld the farmers of our country into a coalesced force. The plan to strengthen them financially and commercially is based upon co-operation, combination, coalition, and their consolidation then must increase their power as a social force within the democracy. You cannot live without your nation, and your nation needs this increased strength within its rural forces or it will need it sorely before many years have passed. Whether or not you see it now, this problem is of direct and vital importance to you, to every American."

## TUNNEL NEARLY FINISHED

**309 Feet to Go Before Daylight Can Be Seen.**

The Eugene Guard says: The Willamette Pacific tunnel at Notli is gradually nearing completion. The bore is now 2117 feet into the mountain at the east end and 54 feet at the other. There is yet 309 feet to be scooped out by Twoby Bros., the contractors hope to complete the job in about 30 days.

Work on the west end is still difficult. Yesterday a slide of 2,000 square yards almost buried the big shovel and shoved it back 20 feet. It was necessary to dig and pull it out by hand, but the task was accomplished and it is hard at work again.

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