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EFFACING TIME.

JOHN MUIR.

John o' the mountains, wonderful John, Is past the summit and traveling on; The turn of the trail on the mountainside, A smile and "Hail!" where the glaciers slide, A streak of red where the condors ride, And John is over the Great Divide.

—Charles L. Edson.

RATHER a striking quotation from the late John Muir was made at the burial of this author and naturalist who died in California recently.

"Longest is the life that contains the largest amount of time effacing enjoyment; of work that is a steady delight," is the remark which was made by John Muir and quoted by his friend.

It suggests a point of view that with all our strenuous interest in life we are likely to miss. Time need not worry us when we are absorbed with the joy which makes us forget time. We become unmindful either of its dragging or of its flying when we concern ourselves with work that is a steady delight. Every new year, while it lasts, ought to be just as good as eternity for us. We can only live in the present anyway.

But we have formed a habit of looking ahead and anticipating the end of our year, and of looking back and regretting the beginning. And we lose a great deal of the passing moments in this rather futile occupation. So far as we know it might turn out that time is only an illusion anyhow, invented by mortals who are sighing for eternity. The wisest course seems to be to grasp the little section of existence before us that the philosophers have such difficulty in defining and live it to the best of our ability for "steady delight." This would really end a lot of our dismay about the flight and passing of time.

MEDICINE BEING SOCIALIZED.

THAT doctors are tending steadily more and more to pass from private practice to public service in official or semi-official capacities has been frequently noted of late, and striking illustration of this is found in the fact that New York City has on its payroll 650 physicians, with aggregate salaries of \$881,000 a year. If to these be added 982 who do municipal work without pay, 20 per cent of the profession in this vicinity is accounted for, and American Medicine declares that if to these be added those who serve for nominal or no salaries in private institutions, a third of the whole number is doing some work at no cost to the individual sick man.

The change is not without a precedent, and American Medicine says that there is as much about the same reason for "society" to care for the sick as for it to teach the young, instead of leaving that, as in the past, to be done at the direct expense of parents through the employment of private tutors and governesses. In the one case the reason given is, and in the other it can be that the protection of society rather than the personal benefit either of children or the sick is sought. The argument for compulsory preservation of health is as well supported as that for compulsory education, and enormous expenditures of public money are already made to prevent illness.

But just as private schools and private teachers have survived the establishment of public schools, so, American Medicine says, there is no danger that the private practitioner will ever disappear altogether. Those who can afford it or who prefer him will always be able to secure his services, and least of all is the specialist likely to become a public official.

Times Want Ads for results.

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING.

As they, who for every slight infirmity, take physic to repair their health, do rather impair it, so they, who for every strife are eager to vindicate their character, do rather weaken it.—Mason.

THE PEACE RING.

The new silver ring is a dove of peace, and above it, in blue enamel and silver the words: "Peace."

The ring is worn to say "We pray That peace may come some early day."

The ring is worn more as a prayer That peace may soon reign everywhere.

The ring is worn—a prayer to God That no more blood may stain the sod.

The ring is worn—its dove in flight— To bring to all men peace and light.

The ring is worn that night be past And brotherhood may reign at last.

LILLIAN E. CRAVER

QUESTION FOR THE DAY.

How are those January resolutions today?

Most Coos Bay men have such an uphill fight getting anywhere that it is only natural to speak of them as going down hill later.

An eastern actress, Fannie Steadman, when asked to express her opinion of eugenics, declared: "I would rather make people laugh than make their laws." Fannie never met Representative Barrows or she would be wiser. He does both.

The pressman leads a happy life. He's a contented soul; He always knows where he can put His hands upon a roll.

—Anon.

HOME-MADE PHILOSOPHY.

You cannot buy experience on credit.

Few sermons are as broad as they are long.

A female cynic is one who declares that all men are alike.

A man with a grievance never misses an opportunity to air it.

A woman isn't necessarily a jewel because she is set in her ways.

But the Lord never helps the man who is too lazy to help himself.

He is a poor sign painter who is unable to make a name for himself.

A girl's idea of a ringleader is the first man to come along with a suitcase.

Even a suffragette may be able to select a good brand of complexion powder.

The meek may inherit the earth some day, but the other fellow has a mortgage on it right now.

History records the one race won by the easy going tortoise, but says never a word about the many previous races won by the hare.

Some girls will not marry unless they are supported in the style to which they are accustomed. There are others who will not until they have been assured that they will be supported in a style to which they have always been perfect strangers.

Did you ever notice the enormous bluff a little dog puts up with a big one?

You will not learn anything if you are not curious and people will not like you if you are.

We would like to be popular, but not so popular we would never have a chance to eat onions.

This is not a free country for people who run newspapers, boarding houses and telephone exchanges.

One difference between a good woman and a bad one is that a bad woman raises hell with a good wayward man, while a good woman only raises hell with one.

SAYS BRIDGE WORK NEARING FINISH

Engineers Hoey and Fontaine Declare It Will Be Finished This Summer Sure

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 1.—The Guard says: "The construction of the Willamette Pacific bridge across Coos Bay has progressed to such a point that the engineers feel warranted in predicting its completion by summer if no unseen difficulties arise. When completed it will be the largest steel bridge on the Pacific coast."

H. V. Hoey, assistant Southern Pacific engineer in charge of the Willamette Pacific construction, and W. R. Fontaine, assistant engineer, returned on the Willamette Pacific train late yesterday afternoon from a trip of inspection, pleased with progress of construction.

"The construction of that Coos Bay bridge is a gigantic project," said Mr. Hoey. "With 1400 feet, or nearly half a mile of structural steel, it is one of the longest steel bridges on the Pacific coast, and the process of erecting it is being carried on at an enormously large scale. It is a project worth seeing in operation."

Five Crews at Work. According to Mr. Hoey, the whole structure is rising together, with five separate crews totaling more than 100 men working on the several parts of the bridge.

One crew is sinking a twelve-inch wooden wall, a huge cofferdam some sixty-five feet long, above each of the ten piers. The twelve-inch timbers are morticed into each other in deep grooves to form a solid water proof box. They are sunk into the sand, not with pile drivers, but with jets of water that force the sand out from below them. Another crew is excavating within the caissons, and another crew is driving piling at the bottom of the caissons already excavated. Upon these pilings, driven far under water, rests the concrete piers of the bridge. No bed rock is available. A fourth crew is pouring concrete, and two of the piers are already completed. Another force is driving piling for the false work between the piers that extend entirely across Coos Bay. The steel is already on the ground.

November Latest Date. "We hope to finish this bridge by summer," said Mr. Hoey, and Mr. Fontaine added that the first of November will be the latest date. "We can finish the Siuslaw bridge within six months after we start, and we are ready to begin on this whenever the right-of-way problem can be settled at Point Terrace. This is already in court."

The completion of the Coos Bay line to Marshfield hangs upon the completion of these two bridges.

Mr. Hoey states that the completed line into the Siuslaw is in excellent shape, that fewer slides have occurred and less trouble has come this winter than is customary on a new road built into the mountains.

At present nearly the entire Marshfield and Coos Bay traffic is going in and out over this line, which connects with motor cars on the beach. The commercial men make use of the new route to stop at Mapleton, Acme, Florence and Gardiner on the way. The Eugene hotels have observed a material increase in the business resulting from the completion of the line and the routing of traffic in this direction.

REPORT NOT OPTIMISTIC.

Eugene Paper Says Bridges Will Not Be Done for Eighteen Months.

The following from the Eugene Register will be of interest here: That the two big bridges on the Willamette Pacific Railway will not be completed for a year and a half was the statement yesterday of one of the contractors on the line. This contractor has built railroads nearly all his life and has seen many large bridges of this kind go up, and declares that he speaks from experience.

Nothing whatever has been done on the bridge across the Siuslaw river above Acme for the reason that the railway company has not yet been able to get the right of way across the Anderson-Johnson rock quarry a short distance below Mapleton on the track can be laid to the bridge site and the materials assembled for the beginning of the work. A good start has been made on the bridge across an arm of Coos Bay, but this is a big undertaking, said this contractor, and such jobs invariably take longer to complete than the engineers and contractors estimate.

That the grade and tunnel work will be completed by April or May and everything in readiness for the laying of the track except for the completion of these two gigantic spans was the statement of this contractor. The work has progressed rapidly all winter, he says, and the weather has been prohibitive for completing all classes of work along the line.

World's Greatest War From Day To Day

SOLDIERS IN FIST FIGHT

German and Russian Attempts to Save Flying Machine.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 2.—German and Russian troops came to fistfights on the Polish front recently, according to dispatches received here.

A Russian aviator, having completed a reconnaissance over the German lines, was returning to the Russian position when he found that his supply of gasoline had been suddenly cut off by a German bullet which had gone squarely through the feed pipe. This forced him to land down, and he had to land about half way between the opposing trenches.

The Germans stopped shooting, thinking the prize was secured, and wishing not to damage the valuable machine further. They rushed out empty-handed to bring in the aeroplane. A party of Russians did the same, and the two groups found themselves facing each other, both unarmed. A hearty fight with fists for possession of the machine followed. The Russians came under the fire of the sharpshooters in the German trenches, and suffered some losses, but got their aeroplane back to safety.

WORK OF SUBMARINES

German Naval Authority Discusses Work of New War Craft.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The steady extension of the sphere of activity of German submarines, is the subject of a recent article by the German naval expert, Count Reventlow. The sinking of the British battleship Formidable in the channel, preceded as it was by the sinking of a patrol boat off Dover and later by the destruction of two commercial steamers off the French coast, gives evidence, says the writer, that German under-water craft are able to operate almost anywhere even in the most frequented waters.

He dismisses the suggestion that the revival of German submarine activity has been due to the restoration of the locks at Zebrugge, Belgium, Germany's new naval base, stating that to his knowledge the locks were never damaged by British gunfire and had been maintained. As a matter of fact, he argues, German submarines are not dependent on Zebrugge as a base in order to make successful raids in English waters. That their radius of action is extensive enough without it he says is proved by the fact that submarines have gone as far as the Shetland Islands and to points even more distant, referring evidently to a well-authenticated report that one of the little craft had circumnavigated the entire British Isles.

"DON'T SHOOT! I'M IRISH"

The Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—"Don't shoot, I'm Irish," served as a password to safety for a young woman student fleeing from a convent near Ypres when the fighting was raging there a few days ago. An account of the incident reaches London in a soldier's letter:

"One night after we had moved towards Ypres, we heard a light footfall close to our outpost.

"The man in front challenged quickly, and raised his rifle to his shoulder with the intention of firing if he did not get a satisfactory reply.

"Don't shoot, I'm Irish," came the reply and the pretty young woman dressed as a man stepped out of the darkness.

"We are, always suspicious nowadays, no matter what the person looks like, and for a time we would not take this woman at her own valuation. We allowed her to approach, but covered her with rifles all the time.

"She soon satisfied us that she had made her way from the Irish convent at Ypres. She was sent home to England the next day."

CANNON KILL FISH

The Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—An unexpected fish dinner was enjoyed by some of the German troops around one of the Masurian lakes in East Prussia recently. The Russian batteries were shelling the German position. Many of their shells dropped into the lake, where they exploded and stunned or killed great numbers of perch and pike. They rose to the surface and were collected by the natives in boats.

SHOOT WHALE FOR AN ENEMY'S SUBMARINE

The Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 2.—A dead whale which drifted ashore a few days ago on the northern part of the Dutch coast was found to have been killed by three-inch naval shells. Presumably it has been taken for a submarine by one of the patrolling English warships.

TARIFF IN GREAT BRITAIN

The Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The British Government's scheme for creating a national aniline dye industry is almost certain to lead to tariff protection for the infant industry, according to The Express.

"Unless some kind of protection is included in the plan," says this newspaper, "the manufacture of these dyes can scarcely be expected to survive German competition after the war. Unless this tariff wall is set up, capitalists cannot be induced to put their money into an enterprise which can have no chance against the powerful tariff-protected German combine when peace comes."

MANY LAWYERS SLAIN

The Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—More than a thousand German lawyers had been killed in battle up to December 28. The number officially given in the reports is 1071. Six of these jurists were professors of law, 236 were judges, state attorneys or other officials of the judicial department of government.

SAY RUSSIANS KIND

The Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2.—The Berlin Vorwarts publishes extracts from a letter from a German military surgeon which show that in future all rumors about the ill treatment of wounded prisoners at the hands of Russians must be carefully examined. He writes:

"In God's name I saw our wounded who on November 23 and 24 fell into the hands of the Russians. It must be stated for the sake of justice that they have been extremely well treated and that they are all praising the Russians. It would be good to give this wide publicity because it would comfort many whose relatives are in the hands of the Russians."

SEIZE WAR SHIPMENTS

The Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.

MADRID, Spain, Feb. 2.—The quantity of merchandise seized as contraband by the British authorities at Gibraltar is calculated at 100,000 tons. According to advices from the Spanish town of Algeciras, just across the bay from Gibraltar, the English authorities are perplexed with the problem of providing adequate warehouse space.

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