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September 6, 1927 Sing unto the Lord, bless His Name; shew forth His salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:2.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT

The reunion of old timers of "French Prairie" at Champoeq on Sunday was a success. In the crowd that assembled there was a sprinkling of men and women who lived on "French Prairie" when that strip of land running back to around Gervais and old St. Louis was all there was of the farming section of Oregon.

With Champoeq the central point, because the trading post and warehouse of the Hudson's Bay company was located there—

Placed there because it was the first point on the Willamette river where the wide expanse of open prairie met that stream; convenient for the landing of the small boats of the traders.

There were good speeches, and much friendly visiting of the old timers at the reunion on Sunday—

And among the speakers was Eva Emory Dye, author of Old Oregon books and historian of the days when the Oregon country was foreign territory. Mrs. Dye, in the course of her talk, made the statement that Dr. McLoughlin came to the Oregon Country as the result of an interesting episode of his young manhood. He was a medical student at Montreal, Canada, and was walking with a young lady who might have become his bride, when they were met on a narrow walk by a British officer with his red coat and otherwise brilliant uniform; and the soldier rudely swept them aside, landing the young lady in the mud by the side of the walk; whereupon, his Scotch ire up, young McLoughlin resented the insult with blows—

And Canada was immediately too warm for him; he became a fugitive, and joined the Frasers in their trapping expeditions—the Frasers after whom the Fraser river was named. This led to his joining the historic Hudson's Bay company and becoming their chief factor and virtual governor of the whole vast Pacific northwest country.

F. X. Mathieu, when a young man in Canada, joined a historic rebellion against the rule of the British government in that country, and became a fugitive and drifted west with the trappers.

Mathieu was one of the few men of French descent who voted with the majority on May 2, 1843, which decided the Oregon Country for United States territory instead of a British colony.

And Dr. McLoughlin was a friend of the early "covered wagon immigrants who came later in their "trains" drawn by ox teams, to wrest irrevocably from his country's dominion the Oregon Country over which he held sway.

These two runaways from Canada changed the course of history. The insolence of the red-coated British officer led to the saving of many precious lives of distressed Oregon pioneers. The hot young blood of Mathieu, stirred in patriotic zeal, was ordained by the Ruler of the universe to become instrumental in placing the Stars and Stripes over a vast domain out of which have been carved four great states of the Union.

SUICIDES ARE DECREASING

The death rate from suicide is now decreasing in the United States; a lowering rate being shown at all ages—

The most favorable showing being made in the age group from 10 to 19 years; a welcome thing, considering alarming reports of a few months ago; especially referring to the students of eastern schools—

And the recent study was made largely to ascertain whether there was any justification for the feeling of alarm that followed press comments early in the year. The study was made by the statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company—

And it is further gratifying that the age group 20 to 29 made the next best showing of decreases, and the age group 30 to 59 the next; the age group over 60 showing the lowest relative decreases, though the footings indicate a recession even in that group.

The very opposite is shown of what might have been expected, from alarming publicity reports. The concluding paragraph of the summary of the analysis is as follows:

"The conclusion seems to be that suicide among the older persons is occasioned by stresses of a more fundamental and irremedial character than in the case of younger persons, and, hence, is less amenable to reduction. Suicide, in youth, is no doubt committed in many instances under provocation that, on reflection, would appear insignificant even to the victim."

HEALTH ENGINEERS

(Portland Telegram.)

It is interesting to note that speakers at the opening session of the Oregon State Medical society meeting at Salem emphasize, in their several fields the importance of preventive rather than curative practice.

One doctor discusses the thyroid gland as provocative of disease; another tells of sterilization provided under Oregon laws as a preventive means of eliminating feeble mindedness; another gives common sense suggestions for avoiding these shocks to the ear drum that occasion deafness, and all agree on the importance of periodic examinations by the physician in order to discover and nip in the bud the beginning of illness.

A generation or two ago, it was the ambition of the young medical student to snatch an imperiled victim from the jaws of death by some spectacular display of skill. Now the conscientious physician considers it a greater victory to reach his patient first, rather than the eleventh hour. The old-fashioned doctor was altogether occupied with repair work, with tinkering up broken down human machinery. The modern doctor tries by teaching proper hygiene,

by prescribing right exercise and diet, to build up healthy bodies, so vigorous and resilient that they won't break down.

The latter method is by far and in every way the pleasantest for all concerned. The time should come when a doctor will have not patients, but clients who will accept his direction and advice in keeping themselves well.

Meanwhile, the members of the medical profession are generously concerned with broadcasting health education in an altruistic effort to cut down their business, or rather to promote themselves from the repair shop to a prouder post as health engineers.

A resident of Pierce county, Washington, J. W. Ware, is on the point of developing a thornless evergreen blackberry vine. If he wholly succeeds, he should have a monument.

The current report of Henry Clews & Co., Wall Street authorities, gives the general business situation and outlook as good. One of the encouraging features and surprises to financial authorities is the continued volume of exports to foreign countries, coupled with the mounting lending business on foreign account, the latter now amounting in one class to \$14,000,000,000 of foreign bonds taken in this country since the close of the World war.

Champoeq now has electric lights. It was a long struggle that was made in securing this modern convenience. But that historic shrine has no telephone. It will take about \$150 to secure the telephone poles that will admit of the extension of the wires to the memorial building by the monument. Why not get up a public subscription and have the telephone? Albert Tozier will contribute \$5. The Statesman will contribute \$5 more. That is \$10. Who will be the next to subscribe? And the next, and so on, to the furnishing of the \$150? Up to August 31 inclusive, 16,837 cars had entered Champoeq park this year. The size of the procession of patriotism is constantly growing.

Speaking of the proposed new evening paper, projected by strike voting printers and their sympathizers, it perhaps might be well to remark in passing that The Statesman is well on its 77th year, and it will be hale and hearty when it reaches its 177th year, and young and lusty as such institutions go. And The Statesman has lived to see a very well filled newspaper graveyard, which will likely have its potter's field enlarged from time to time as the years come and go. The Statesman has no professional jealousies, and nothing but good wishes for every legitimate newcomer, for which a growing city and country will provide room and a welcome. But there is no call for spite organs, which always and everywhere have short and troublous and useless lives.

MISSING PLANE GOT TO COAST: PUT OUT

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air in the vicinity of Battle Harbor, traveling steadily in a north-west direction. They watched it about thirty minutes until it became lower and lower, finally disappearing behind the highland of the coast, at 12:30 a. m.

The assistant light keeper saw the red light and is quite positive of hearing the noise of an engine at intervals. The light was then erratic going up and down in the sky as well as changing direction until it disappeared in a southeast direction. This red light appeared to have a steady white light below it. Light keeper claims he and all his assistants saw it the first time and feels quite positive in his report as the sight was unusual here.

Levine Ready

CRANWELL, England, Sept. 6.—(AP)—Charles A. Levine today postponed his trans-Atlantic flight until tomorrow, owing to adverse weather conditions over the ocean.

Detroit in Calcutta CALCUTTA, BRITISH INDIA, Sept. 6.—(AP)—(Tuesday)—The American round the world plane Pride of Detroit arrived here from Allahabad at 11:40 o'clock this morning.

Royal Windsor Prepared OLD ORCHARD, MAINE, Sept. 5.—(AP)—A complete reversal of former plans was announced just before midnight by the pilots of the Royal Windsor, trans-Atlantic monoplane, in a decision to take off from here tomorrow directly for England without touching at Newfoundland.

Carling Set to Go HARBOR GRACE, N. F., Sept. 6.—(AP)—The London to London plane Sir John Carling, piloted by Captain Terry Tully and Lieutenant James Metcalf, landed on the Harbor Grace flying field late today after a flight of nearly 700 miles from Caribou, Maine. Preparations were begun immediately for taking off on the trans-Atlantic leg of the journey early tomorrow.

Courtney Delayed CORUNNA, Spain, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Heavy fog today caused postponement of the departure of Captain F. T. Courtney on his trans-Atlantic flight. His flying boat "Whale" which hopped off from Plymouth, and made a forced landing near here Saturday, is in good shape, and Courtney and his flying companions are confident they still have a chance to make the overseas voyage.

Two big political parties are needed in this country, one to scare the other.—Toledo Blade.

Bits For Breakfast

Just a little hope—

In weather man's prediction for fair days, which would be very welcome to 50,000 pickers and other workers in the hop yards of the Salem district.

The Portland News is jumping onto the state institution for the feeble minded; the burden of its scold being the idea that there are persons there who are not feeble minded. But the News seems to be taking the word of the inmates themselves.

By the same sign, Dr. Steiner's wards, most of them, are being held under the idea that they are insane, when the fact is that they are sane, and the outsiders are the crazy ones who ought to be confined.

And by the same sign all the men and women in the penitentiary are innocent and ought to be turned loose.

The fact is that the Oregon institution for the feeble minded is one of the leaders among such institutions the country over, and the world over. Visitors from other states and countries are arriving here constantly to study the methods employed in the Oregon institution, and the studios and outstanding among them having only words of praise.

It would be a burning shame if any newspaper were able to create a rift in the wonderful work being done at the Oregon institution, on the word of inmates who imagine they are capable of self support on the outside. The latter idea is what seems to be one of the leading things giving cause for this Portland newspaper's attack.

KOZER'S TERM QUERIED

PORTLAND, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The Morning Oregonian will say tomorrow that it is possible that the term of Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state, may end in May, 1928, and not in January, 1929.

There is a provision in the constitution of the state, the paper says, recalled by a Portland attorney, stating that a secretary of state cannot serve more than eight years in any 12 years.

"Kozier will complete eight consecutive years as secretary of state the latter part of May, 1928," the paper says, "although his elective term extends nearly 18 months longer."

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2 KILLED IN CRASH

PORTLAND MAN DRIVES CAR INTO HEAVY TRUCK

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Sept. 5.—(AP)—Two persons were killed and four injured when an automobile driven by A. S. Danner, a dining car steward of Portland crashed into a heavy truck 12 miles west of here on the Columbia highway tonight.

The dead: Mrs. Margaret Creasy, 46, of Los Angeles; Jack Powell, 18 months.

The injured: A. S. Danner, severe cuts on face, bruises; R. K. Powell, cuts and bruises; Mrs. R. K. Powell, cuts, bruises and shock; Robert Powell, 18 months. Jack's twin brother, cuts. Mrs. Creasy, a widow and sis-

ter of Mrs. Powell, was visiting in Portland.

The party was returning from Goldendale, Wash., where they had spent the week-end. The automobile was demolished and those not killed were badly cut by it. Their condition is believed to be not critical.

The name of the truck driver was not learned but representatives of the district attorney's office tonight were searching him.

DEMPESEY'S PARTNER WINS

KANSAS CITY, SEPT. 5.—(AP)—Dave Shade, San Francisco middleweight and sparring partner of Jack Dempsey tonight outpointed Warnie Smith of Bartlesville, Okla., in a 10 round bout.

Shade showed superior ring craft throughout the bout and baffled Smith with an array of punches.

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF HELEN OF TROY

By JOHN GRSKING

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THE CHARACTERS Helen, an ancient lady with modern ideas. Menelaos, her husband while she stayed at home. Hermione, her daughter and severest critic. Orestes, her nephew—young enough to be a reformer; old enough to have ambitions. Eteoneus, gate-keeper by calling; philosopher by instinct; moralist by observation. Adraste, handmaiden and friend to Helen; scandal to most everybody else. Charitas, the lady next door. Damastor, a boy who strayed from the family door-step.

PART THREE THEIR ELDERS

There was one thing about Helen which her contemporaries appreciated but which posterity has apparently lost sight of. She was a most stable character; nothing of fickleness was in her. Once she set her mind on a thing—on a person, for that matter—there was no gaining saying her. For example, she wanted Hermione to inspect Pyrrhus before committing herself to Orestes. Hermione was rebellious. Now go on with the story.

Chapter I "If you insist on knowing my reasons," said Hermione, "they are three, as nearly as I can take an inventory at short notice. In the first place, I don't love him. In the second place, I do love Orestes. In the third place, Pyrrhus is a good deal of a brute, from all I have heard, and the strong-handed sort of husband doesn't appeal to me. Let Pyrrhus come; I will look at him, as you wish, and then he can go home. All this talk makes me care less for him every day."

"If my object were merely to arrange a marriage between you and Pyrrhus," said Helen, "I certainly would not talk so much about it. But it is your education I have set my heart on, even more than your marriage. We of the elder generation have a point of view, you know. It comes from having brought children into the world. We wish to give them a better life than we had. The only way is to put our experience at their disposal. But nothing annoys the young so much. Now I don't pretend to know everything about love, but I know a great deal more than you do, and your three reasons for not considering Pyrrhus seem to me absurd."

"They don't seem absurd to me," said Hermione, "and I'm the one who has to decide."

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THE MORNING ARGUMENT

AUNT HET By Robert Quillen



"I don't stop at nothin' when I get mad, an' this noon I chased a pesky fly until I got so riled I swatted him right on the butter."

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POOR PA By Claude Cullen



"We haven't got any of the furniture we had when we was first married, outside of the few pieces in my room."

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son which would justify your going off with Paris," said Hermione.

"I had no intention of justifying my life, Hermione, but your question made me think of the reasons for my actions, whether they are justified or not. Let me advise you not to justify your life after it is lived; at that stage it will speak for itself. I discuss your life so much because it is still in the future; what you have once done, however, I shall say nothing about."

"I meant no discourtesy," said Hermione, "and I do see why you are different from other people. You are so beautiful that ordinary rules seem not to apply."

"They didn't apply," said Helen, "but they ought to have done so, and I wanted them to. That is the whole trouble. No one has the right to shut us out from any part of life, not even from hard things, from the sorrows and sufferings. They always said I was beautiful, but the only effect I could notice was that they treated me as if I weren't a human being. My whole life's been an attempt to put myself back among other people, to make sure I wasn't missing anything. If I did wrong when I was a child, I wasn't punished. As a young girl, foolish and inexperienced, my mistakes never brought me to harm. In marriage at least I expected to find reality; living with a man, I thought, would bring home to me the mortal drama in which we are supposed to be playing our parts. But I was more sheltered than ever—practically immune to life. I gave myself to Paris because I loved him, but somewhere in my thoughts was the hope that our love would actually be the great tragedy it seemed to promise, and that in the end I should suffer and feel. But my days in Troy might have been so many nights in a dream; no one took me seriously; no one, not even Priam, upbraided me for ruining the city. When the end came, I said to myself, I shall live at last, for Menelaos will surely kill me. Your father will never know what was in my mind as I saw the anger go out of his face, and that sheltering look come back into it. It isn't exactly that he has forgiven me, but I am not counted in the same world with other people—I'm a sort of wraith."

"Dear child," said Helen, "there's no connection between them!"

"That's what I thought!" said Hermione. "No, indeed," said Helen. "I should never in the world advise you to do what I've done. It would be useless. You couldn't do it. And even if you could, you haven't my reasons for it."

"I fear I can't imagine any reason."

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