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Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; behold, he is at hand that doth betray me. Matthew 26:45-46.

REALIZING ON OREGON'S HISTORY

(The following outline is furnished by Prof. F. G. Young, dean of the school of sociology, University of Oregon.)

The history of the Pacific northwest and of Oregon in particular is glorious. It outranks that of any other section of our country. The Oregon pioneers without the cost of war and its aftermath of hate won the region north and west of the Columbia. This historical prestige should function as a strong influence moving Oregon ahead.

Representing the Oregon Historical society and the University of Oregon, I am desirous of securing the consideration by the patriotic citizens of Salem, of Marion and the neighboring counties, of the project of participation in an appropriate series of commemorations of the Oregon anniversaries of the year 1928.

The anniversaries carry over a wealth of light and leading from Oregon's past to those seriously concerned with the state's advancement. A glance at the following list of Oregon anniversaries reveals how much of the making of the present Oregon is thrown into clear perspective.

1778. Captain James Cook's exploration of the northwest coast. Opportunity in northwest fur trade disclosed. This section of the world brought within the pale of civilization. Our shores up to that time visited by only two or three ships, in a few years were thronged with vessels seeking trade with the Indians for their furs.

1826. The compact of joint occupation with England indefinitely extended. The English speaking nations thus commit themselves to a policy that for the first time meant the turning of swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks—and it worked.

1829. Jedediah S. Smith of the Rocky Mountain Fur company completes the advance of the fur trading enterprise across the continent to the Pacific northwest. Meets disaster at the mouth of the Umpqua, finds shelter and restoration of property with Dr. McLoughlin at Fort Vancouver.

1838. Etienne Lucier, a retired Hudson's Bay company servant, farms and home building in the Willamette valley, two miles west of Champeog. This signifies the first jump from savagery to civilization in Oregon, from precarious livelihood in hunting and fishing and without domesticated plants and animals and the luxuries and arts of civilized life.

1842. A band of pioneers from direct route across Oregon, coming up the Middle Fork of the Willamette.

1852. The Rogue River valley occupied for agricultural purposes.

1852. The Coos Bay company enters the Coos Bay region.

1852. The Coquille valley occupied for farming.

1878. The Nez Perce war. A commemoration would be a debt tribute to a worthy predecessor to the white man.

1882. The commemoration of these anniversaries would yield: a clear visualizing of the conditions met by the actors in these achievements that would communicate their spirit. This would be a sentiment that spurs to effective action with the problems of today.

These events commemorated with discussions would line out perspective the stages in the making of Oregon and render clear course of endeavor for the future.

The contagion in these anniversaries: the settlement of Oregon by the ox-team-covered-wagon pioneers realized the culminating mass achievement of the 19th century.

1892. The typical 19th century opportunity was wilderness subsistence; that of the 20th century is as clearly one of our people's defining themselves of the sciences and inventions at hand for co-operative community building and the raising of the general standard of living here so that Oregon will become the Mecca for the most desirable new comers.

The appeal thus of our Oregon past is that we emulate the heroic nature of the founders through equally strenuous endeavor and heroic though different adventure in scientific community building. Appropriate commemoration of the above anniversaries through spirit kindled and insight given put us far on the way to the two main classes so that their

group One: Signalize the first great stroke in international cooperation.

group Two: Signalize the occupation for agriculture and home building of the different regional units of western Oregon.

group Three: Signalize the transition from the transition from savagery to that of civilization here. The commemoration of them would recall the displacement of the redman's ways of life war and precarious and meagre living by the occupation by white settlers whose people had through the centuries accumulated the full social heritage of western civilization. The establishment of the first farm in the Willamette valley one hundred years ago meant the meetings of the vanguards of two branches of the human race—one moving westward having benefited by all the opportunity of contacts afforded by the Mediterranean and later by the Atlantic, and the other moving eastward through a sub-arctic wilderness had been deprived of opportunity to rise above the most primitive level of human life.

The centennial of this transition for Oregon in which the white man reaches and wins the farthest and most favored west should challenge the 20th century successors in possession to such that 19th century feat through recourse to 20th century science and with science and cooperation effect an equal transformation.

Science is already moving to take its part with a pageant portraying the evolution of trade here.

The centenary of the beginning of agriculture and home building in Marion county will quite naturally suggest to the Salem people and other communities in the lower Willamette valley something to project to incorporate the best of civil and social engineering in a plan for the upbuilding of that region. Other communities farther south, the sites of events whose anniversaries occur this year, will be moved to like appropriate responses.

The situation amounts to this: Shall the sentiment and perspective potential for release in this anniversary year be conserved and utilized? Shall Oregon as a whole be handled by the engineers of science and cooperation? In our Oregon we have the resources of a peculiar topography, a soil covering, a climate affording an annual supply of heat and sunlight energy and an annual supply of water, a forest covering and a host of unlightened communities and peoples. Shall they get their heads and purposes together for the future inspired and guided by a glorious

ning of farming and home building in the Willamette valley, Etienne Lucier's project in 1828, two miles west of Champeog. Prof. Young suggests that a celebration of this would be a natural prologue for the grander plans proposed for 1928, when the centenary of the coming of the missionaries to a point below Salem will be celebrated. Prof. Young says the Oregon Historical Society and the University of Oregon favor the idea of a series of commemorations. He says the Eugene chamber of commerce is about to canvass that community for putting on a pageant for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the coming by a direct route across Oregon of a company of pioneers in 1853; the theme to be in line with the "Trail to Rail" affair of 1926 there. Oregon has a great history. We can capitalize this history for the good of this state. Our glorious past can be made to serve for making a more glorious future. The reader is invited to study the outline submitted by Prof. Young.

SWEETHEARTS

READ THIS FIRST: Lynda Fenton, daughter of John Fenton, a periodical drunkard, has obtained her first job in the office of Armitage & Son.

Her father is always telling her that every woman has her price, and that her own mother deserted them for a wealthy man.

Lynda's one friend and constant companion since childhood is David Kenmore, a salesman for Armitage.

At the office Lynda meets Emily Andrews, who cherishes a secret fondness for David.

All at once it dawns upon David that, although he imagined he was interested in Emily, he is really in love with Lynda, and when her father deserts her, he tells her he loves her, and that if she'll wait until the first of the year he'll ask her to be his wife.

Lynda finds an old acquaintance, Claire Stanhope, and asks her to come and live with her.

Ralph Armitage appoints Lynda his private secretary, and Emily Andrews tells her she can expect the girls to "high tail" her.

Chapter 14: Claire Tells Her Story. EMILY ANDREWS had the grace to blush when Lynda asked her whether she would turn down the position with young Mr. Armitage as his secretary.

"I'll say I wouldn't," she stated, decisively. "I'd take it so quickly that it would make Arm's hair curl in spite of the stycoback that is on it. But you see, Lynda, I didn't think you were that kind."

"Why, you're a regular little annexer. What will your David say to all this?"

"He told me himself that he expected me to become Mr. Armitage's secretary very soon," replied Lynda.

Still she looked rather startled when Emily Andrews asked her what David would think of her promotion. She realized that she had not once thought of David since Mr. Armitage had called her into his office, and even at that moment she didn't care what David would think.

"When are you going to work in Arm's office?" asked Emily, using the nicknames she had given him before he came into the firm.

"Tomorrow morning."

"Well, you certainly are the fast worker; and to think you did it all with that little guileless white face of yours. If I thought I could enter your class, I'd never use a lipstick as a disguise again."

Lynda looked puzzled, but did not ask Emily what she meant. She had already decided to beg Claire to tell her what kind of a lipstick she used, as she knew Claire was going home with her tonight.

When the office closed, she hurried out to meet Claire. After they had gone all over Lynda's house, Claire sat down in the clean kitchen with a sigh of content.

"This is altogether too good to be true, Lynda. Do you really think I can afford to live with you? I only get thirty-five dollars a week."

She put her hand into her pocket and drew out some bills.

"I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll put thirty-five dollars in this blue pitcher against the rest of your house for a month, and we'll see how long it will last for food. If you have to pay out more, I'll pay half. If we can't make it do for both of us, I'll consider myself luckier than I deserve."

"Why, Claire," said Lynda, with a smile, "I've never had thirty-five dollars in one month in my life to spend for food, and I've been Dad's housekeeper ever since I was twelve years old. Of course, we'll have to do every bit of the work ourselves, and be very economical, but I am sure we'll be able to make a go of it."

"You take Dad's room, Claire, and I'll see what I can do with the marketing for the first week."

Rising to her feet, and making a very dignified bow, she asked: "What will you have for dinner tonight, Miss Stanhope?"

"I'll have hot waffles and honey, Miss Fenton," answered Claire, not dreaming she would get them.

"All right. You go get your clothes and things from where you have been staying, and I'll have the waffles ready when you get back."

Claire was gone longer than she expected, and when she stepped into the kitchen, Lynda knew that something had happened while she was away.

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