

Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides and, following them, you reach your destiny.—Carl Schurz.

An Editorial Thought

WILLIAM COWPER, the great hymn writer, in hypochondria, resolved to take his own life and rode to the river Thames, but found a man seated on some goods at the very point from which he expected to make the fatal plunge; he rode back to his home, and that night threw himself upon his own knife, but the blade broke; then he hanged himself to the ceiling, but the rope parted. No wonder that, when he had been delivered from that awful dementia, he sat down and wrote that beautiful hymn:

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.
Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own Interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

Samuel L. Simpson had suffered the pangs of recovery from a period of dissipation and repaired to the banks of the river at Albany, with the thought of throwing himself into the stream, when he wrote that imperishable poem, "The Beautiful Willamette."

Mixing Moonshine and Gasoline

THE other day, in Portland, a drunken driver crashed his auto into a crowd waiting for a street car in a safety zone, and killed three and injured a dozen or so of them. Returning home to Portland from Seaside on Wednesday, a drunken driver ran into a car and trailer and spilled a whole family onto the pavement and wrecked their outfit and scattered their goods helter-skelter, then a few miles further on turned his own car over and went to sleep; and his car burned up and started a forest fire—the drunken driver being rescued by chance passers that way and landed in jail. This same driver has been arrested twice in Portland for driving while drunk, and was sentenced to six months in jail the second time, serving only 59 days of the sentence—

And so the depredations of the drunken drivers go on. The fellow who mixes moonshine with gasoline and goes out onto the highways is not only a menace to himself; he is a potential dealer of death to all the thousands or other people who happen his way, in autos or by any other means of locomotion.

And yet there are people in Oregon, even among the 250,000 or so who drive automobiles or motorcycles, who will vote for Al Smith, who believes the prohibition amendment to the constitution ought to be amended, the Volstead act nullified, and every state allowed to say how strong booze should be allowed to be concocted to make a man a drunken driver—

And the same thing applies to many of the other 24,000,000 drivers in the United States, every one of whom is constantly in danger from the mixers of moonshine and gasoline, the potential manslaughter criminals who travel the highways.

Even they would make this privilege a national issue, in importance above the hundreds of issues that really concern the prosperity and progress and well being of all the people of this country, and, by the same sign, all the people of the world; for the United States is holding high the torch of civilization in the great experiment of prohibition, as in many other realms affecting the welfare of all mankind.

Hearst for Hoover

APPARENTLY the democratic party is endeavoring to make its opposition to prohibition the dominant issue of the campaign. It is a false issue, William Randolph Hearst cables from Paris.

"If the people do want a change in prohibition, it will be in the direction of genuine temperance. That means they will not want it modified by Tammany hall, which, as everybody knows, has always been hand in glove with the liquor interests and has always in the past supported the saloon and been supported by the saloon.

"The real issue is the people's wealth and welfare, their material and spiritual benefits, which the republican party is best equipped to guarantee.

"The history of Tammany under Tweed and Croker and Murphy and in fact the Tammany scandals in New York today establish the fact beyond contradiction that the people of the United States do not want Tammany in control of the nation. It is bad enough to have Tammany in control of New York. It would be a calamity to have it in control of the United States."

Mr. Hearst therefore declares himself for Herbert Hoover of his home state of California for president.

Labor this year will vote republican as it has in the past. It is aware of Herbert Hoover's ability, as president, to help the working man. He knows more about the problem of distribution than any other man in the world, and distribution is the outstanding difficulty in the way of greater prosperity.—Hudson, N. Y., Star.

How strange it is that the democratic party which tried its best to take Herbert Hoover into its membership eight years ago, because of his acknowledged ability, now should attempt to tell the country what an error of judgment it made.—Sioux City (Iowa) Journal.

The greatest government experiment in human history was universal free education at public expense—and it has been successful.—Herbert Hoover.

The important witness in the Tammany sewer graft case was found the other day with a bullet in his head. He will never be able to testify. Tammany rules New York by hook or by crook, usually crook.

A dumb girl won a beauty contest in Beaver Falls, Pa., recently. At last it has happened, "beautiful but dumb."

The Statesman's 'Fourteen Points'

A Progressive Program To Which This Newspaper Is Dedicated

- 1. A greater Salem—a greater Oregon.
- 2. Industrial expansion and agricultural development of the Willamette valley.
- 3. Efficient republican government for nation, state county and city.
- 4. Clean news, just opinion and fair practices.
- 5. Upholding of Oregon's young linen industry.
- 6. A modern city charter for Salem, adopted after mature consideration by all voters.
- 7. Helpful encouragement to best sugar growers and other pioneers in agricultural enterprise.
- 8. Park and playground development for all people.
- 9. Centralization within the capital city area of all state offices and institutions.
- 10. Comprehensive plan for the development of the Oregon State Fair.
- 11. Conservation of natural resources for the public good.
- 12. Superior school facilities, encouragement of teachers and active cooperation with Willamette university.
- 13. Fraternal and social organization of the greatest possible number of persons.
- 14. Winning to Marion county's fertile lands the highest type of citizenship.

Pre-Election Precaution



A Washington Bystander

By Kirk L. Simpson

WASHINGTON—There is one man in Washington to whom all the Chinese turmoil of the last year or two has had deep personal significance. He is Dr. Soa-Ke Alfred See, the Chinese minister, who has managed to retain that title, at least, through all the shifts of political power at Peking since 1921.

Strictly speaking, he has no diplomatic status here, the United States not having extended de jure recognition to the national government that overthrew the late Chang Tso-hin, Manchurian dictator. In that respect, however, Dr. See is in no different position than Minister Mac Murray at Peking.

The Chinese diplomat, however, has weathered a succession of political storms at home and seems to enjoy the confidence of the national League of Nations by his recent appointment to represent it at Geneva whenever necessary for League of Nations purposes. He is said to expect to be formally accredited to Washington by the nationalists whenever the United States decides to extend full recognition. The fact that the new authorities at Peking commissioned C. C. Wu as special representative in the United States and named Wu as the Chinese negotiator rather than See in proposing negotiations for a treaty of commerce, has created speculation as to whether Peking might not have in mind to name Wu to the Washington diplomatic post ultimately.

Washington is watching developments in China carefully. There are signs of uneasiness as to how the Nationalists are going to accomplish the ambitious stabilization and development program adopted at the Nanking conference of the nationalist party chiefs.

American Attitude
The recent visit to Washington of Sun Fo, nationalist leader and son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, afforded opportunity for Washington's viewpoint to be presented informally but very frankly to the Chinese authorities. Sun had already conferred with many American bankers as to the possibilities of loans to help get the new government on its feet. While he was being entertained by Dr. See here, he met several high government officials under such circumstances that plain speaking was possible.

Without question the Chinese visitor carried away the impression that the nationalists would have to do much to put their government house in financial order before they could expect American capital to come to their assistance. The outstanding Chinese loans for which they assume responsibility must be dealt with and the movement to oust foreign control of the customs administration, which forms about the only immediate available source of revenue for the Peking central government, does not have a happy look in Washington eyes.

When Sun gets back to Nanking there is little doubt he will inform his nationalist colleagues that Washington will be able to see its way clear to approving large American private loans only if the evidence that the nationalists are willing to move slowly and carefully with their governmental reform program and to extend a helping hand to legitimate business enterprises in China, foreign or domestic.

A New Yorker at Large

By G. D. Sevmour

NEW YORK—When Jascha Heifetz, a strapping 16, made his American debut at Carnegie hall in 1917, his hearers were almost as amazed at his nervous imperturbability as at his mastery of the violin. But a few weeks later, when he played at Smith college, he trembled with fear and self-consciousness, for all his hearers were girls.

Heifetz outgrew his shyness before he reached his majority, but he always has had to avoid the attentions of throngs of women and girls who crowded about stage doors after his recitals, sent notes to his hotels by the basketful, and pressed invitations upon him.

For half a dozen years he has been regarded by many a mother and daughter as New York's most eligible bachelor, yet when he was married the other day to Florence Vidor, the motion picture actress, he was only six months past his twenty-seventh birthday—almost too young to deserve the designation of bachelor.

The clothes he wears must be sartorially perfect. His street ties are fashioned by London tailors from silk fabric he found weavers making in Lyons, France. Jascha Heifetz may shrug his shoulders deferentially when told that he is the ablest violinist of all time, but he will beam gratitude at the assurance that Florence Vidor has married the best-dressed man in America.

Marked For Greatness
Only in his later years, since his artistic fame was secure, has Heifetz had time to play. His father, Ruvim, a cafe violinist in Vilna, Russia, where Jascha was born, watched his son from cradle days for tokens of genius, and tells how Jascha, before he could walk, would tug at his parent's coat tails with baby fury when the father purposely sounded a flat note on his fiddle. Jascha was studying under Leopold Auer at nine, and was famous through all Europe when he came to America at 16.

The elder Heifetz—Heifetz, by the way, is Hebrew for "treasure"—and Jascha's two sisters, now married, live in Central Park West. Ruvim teaches violin. Among his pupils are the children of Etram Zimbalist and Alma Gluck.

CLICKS

"Swing to Hoover Seen in Middle West," headlines the Oregonian. Looks as though Kipling's hope about the east and west never meeting would be upset in November.

The Maharajah of Indore is in trouble again. Those women just will not let him alone.

Portland is all worried up over its earwigs. Why not turn Mill Miller loose on them. They'll leave them, all right.

Wisconsin still is half off the reservation. Young "Bob" LaFollette won, although his victory was purely a personal triumph.

These air derbies are getting so common that the sky is literally crowded with planes.

Young Cortland Hill, who had intended to enter the Canadian mounted police has changed his mind and will go to Yale. That's once the "Mounties" failed to get their man.

Aimee Semple McPherson has settled that land fraud suit out of court. Wonder what her next publicity stunt will be?

John Coolidge hasn't got a job yet. Bet that boy's laziness worries Cal a lot.

A singer and a harpist have wed in New York. We pity the neighbors.

An ancient "shell," dating back many years, has been dug up near Baker. That shell game was an old-timer, all right.

Venzelos is recovering from dengue fever. A man who can weather the storms of Greek politics is too tough for a mere fever to kill.

The Statesman's idea of a real rough-neck is a fellow who would waylay a newsboy on his route and rob him of his hard-earned money.

With all these "golden weddings" in Oregon why not start a marriage marathon with a nice fat prize for the century mark?

At least a pet ostrich would come in handy in getting rid of dull razor blades.

Looks to us as if Chicago's crime wave really is a permanent wave.

Watermelons and canteloupes are classified by the O. A. C. as "vegetables." We have tried to eat some that ought to have been classified as "gourds."

When fewer clothes are worn, women will wear 'em.

The sight of some of these painted old chromos, aping flappers and making fools of themselves, makes us wish that the ducking-stool could come back.

A fine peach-tree has been grown in Baker without grafting; a fact to which we respectfully call Tammany's attention.

Work On Liberty Bridge to Start

Work on the South Liberty street bridge, contract for which was awarded to the Holdener Construction company of Sacramento by the city council Tuesday night, will start as soon as machinery can be shipped here from California. It was stated Wednesday by A. J. Wagner, secretary-treasurer of the company.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talk From the Statesman Our Fathers Read

September 8, 1903
Adjutant General W. E. Finzer was in the city yesterday and held a consultation with the Governor along military lines and attended to some other minor details in connection with his office.

Captain C. A. Murphy of Company M. O. N. G. arrived home last night from Gearhart Park to attend to some urgent business here.

Charles A. Park was transacting business in Portland yesterday.

George W. Weeks was a passenger for Jefferson yesterday on the forenoon's overland train.

State Printer and Mrs. J. R. Whitney went to Albany yesterday morning for a visit.

Mrs. E. G. Patterson and little baby of The Dalles arrived in the city last evening for a visit with Mrs. Patterson's father, E. C. Churchill.

Mrs. Mattie Know who has been visiting at the home of W. T. Rigdon in this city returned to her home in The Dalles yesterday.

Miss Kittie Harbord, a member of the state board of pharmacy went to Portland yesterday afternoon to attend a meeting of that body there.

Jordan Purvine of Portland visited in Salem yesterday and Sunday among his many friends here. M. Purvine is now working in the shoe store of Egert and Young and company in the metropolis.

Dr. J. H. Robinson formerly of this city and a graduate of the Willamette university but who has been located at Ione, Oregon was in this city for a few days visit. The doctor has been practicing in his chosen field for more than a year and says that he is meeting with good success, which he well deserves.

Secretary of State and Mrs. F. I. Dunbar are home from a visit to Astoria.

COOLIDGE WATCHES HORSE RACE EVENTS

SUPERIOR, Wis., Sept. 6.—(AP)—Breaking his rule of not charging from the seclusion of Cedar Lodge more than twice a week, President Coolidge attended the tri-state fair in Superior Wednesday.

Accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, the chief executive motored 40 miles from the Lodge to mingle with the thousands at the fairgrounds.

Driving quickly past the side shows and amusement booths, Mr. Coolidge stopped in front of the livestock exhibits where cows, sheep and hogs elicited his admiration.

Most of Mr. Coolidge's time at the fair, however, was given over to watching trotting races. Seated in a special flag-draped box in the grandstand, both the chief executive and Mrs. Coolidge displayed the keenest interest in the trotting. Mr. Coolidge especially requiring minute information about various horses entered. An agricultural exhibition also was inspected by the president before returning to the executive residence.

Albanians Build Palace For King Costing \$500,000

TIRANA, Albania, Sept. 6.—(AP)—The Albanian national assembly is expected soon to vote an appropriation of \$500,000 for the construction of a great palace for Ahmed Bey Zogu, the country's new king. Artisans, it is said, are already at work on an elaborate gold crown for him to wear upon state occasions.

Cocco Cotta, former minister of interior, completed the formation of the new Albanian cabinet today.

Guiding Your Child

By Mrs. Agnes Lyne

BREAKING A HABIT
All morning outside my window I hear an irritated voice: "Take your fingers out of your mouth, Joseph. Joseph, take your fingers out of your mouth."

A climax of annoyance is reached and I hear the little hands being slapped. Joseph cries. A few minutes later the voice takes up its futile refrain. Out on the lawn the law stands a little two year old boy with nothing to do. A silly mechanical toy lies at his feet. He'd rather suck his fingers than play with it.

This situation repeats itself day after day. The young mother who is so scrupulous about naps and orange juice never stops her round of duties for a moment to wonder why Joseph sucks his fingers and how she can break him of the habit.

If she took time to watch her child she would observe that he sucks his fingers as a consolation when things are going hard with him or out of sheer boredom because he has nothing to do. She would divine that the gratification of sucking his fingers in some measure atones for his exile since his baby sister came to usurp his place in his mother's love and attention.

She would stop scolding and punishing. She would provide him with the sort of toys that would keep his hands too busy to get into mischief. A few old pie tins and a wooden spoon would prove glorious entertainment. He could dig and spill the dirt from one pan to another and infinitum. He could bang the spoon upon the pans and make a splendid and satisfying noise.

If his mother would take pains to plan her day so that, when baby sister was tucked away for her nap, Joseph could feel that he had his mother all to himself again for a little while it would further relieve the tension which underlies his apparent disobedience.

Thoughtless discipline is worse than useless. In breaking any undesirable habit it is imperative to find out the cause, and as far as possible remove it. It is equally necessary to substitute some desirable habit in its place.

TRAINING SCHOOL REPORT SUBMITTED

Approximately 130 of a total of 360 boys paroled from the state training school for boys during the past 18 months, are profitably and satisfactorily employed, according to a report prepared here by E. L. Ferguson, parole officer at the institution. The report was prepared at the request of the state board of control.

The report showed that 101 boys are reporting regularly, and that only 48 complaints have been received by the school officials. It was said that many of these complaints were without merit, and that no action on the part of the parole officer was necessary.

School officials obtained employment for 23 boys during the past five months, with homes obtained for 11. Twelve parole violators were returned to the school during the five months period. Thirteen boys have left the state, one has joined the marines and six have failed to reply to letters sent to them by school officials.

The report indicated that the population had been reduced materially during the past few months, and that other reductions were in prospect. It was predicted that the population of the school would be reduced to 100 by October 1. The normal population is between 180 and 200.

The reduction in population has been made possible through the efforts of the parole officer. Many of the boys have been placed in jobs, while others have been released to their parents with the understanding that they shall attend school.

Antique Cannon Shell Is Dug Up

BAKER, Ore., Sept. 6.—(AP)—An ancient type of shell, evidently fired from a cannon many years ago, was unearthed by workmen excavating for the new hotel at Main and Auburn streets here today. The shell was a dud and weighed seven pounds.

GOD'S BIRDS

With the intention of adding the life and color of wild birds to Belcrest, plans are being made to provide favorable conditions for their coming. The most important attraction is food. The landscape architects are working from lists of berry bearing shrubs on which birds are known to feed. There are a considerable number of these. The task is to select shrubs which will provide food throughout the year. A number of varieties are necessary to give this continual yield. Then too, each shrub selected must be one that is thrifty in this climate. It must have beauty as well as food value, for these shrubs have their part in the general scheme of beautification. The presence of birds will not only add a note of beauty. The birds are a far more efficient destroyer of vermin than any spray. To all natural attractions it is desirable to add artificial improvements—bird houses, and bird baths.

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