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Announcing the Autogiro

THE article reads like the magazine section of a Sunday metropolitan daily. Nowhere else would one expect to find what he would set down as such wild fiction. It needs only the garish pictures with cheap colored inks to make it a journeyman product of vivid imagination for low-brow consumption.

But appearing as it did in the staid old North American Review, one can't put it down as fiction nor the product of extravagant fancy.

What we are talking about is "The Autogiro and a New Air Age" which appears in the June issue of the Review. Do you know what an autogiro is? The author, Donald F. Rose, calls it "The Windmill that Flies." Neither airplane nor helicopter, he says it is the greatest thing in aviation since the Wrights flew at Kitty Hawk.

There are three weaknesses in the present airplane, according to Mr. Rose. First, it requires too much space for starting and landing fields, making city landing difficult, and country landing hazardous for lack of sufficient room of smooth ground. Second, a plane must land traveling too fast. If anything goes wrong, there is a smash-up. Third, the airplane requires the constant control of the pilot. The helicopter was designed to overcome some of these weaknesses, but the helicopter encountered other problems, notably "torque" which have rendered futile experiments in that direction.

The autogiro, which has flown successfully following a period of 10 years in experiment, is described by Mr. Rose thus:

"It has a conventional fuselage, an ordinary aviation motor and propeller in the usual place, and tail surfaces and rudder like those of an ordinary plane. It has however no wings like those we are accustomed to, except for brief fins which serve principally to carry the banking controls. From the center of the craft rises a steel mast, at the top of which is a 'rotor,' a four-bladed windmill-like arrangement, which at first sight suggests the helicopter propeller. It is not, however, a propeller, since it propels nothing but swings freely on ball bearings. . . The most startling fact of the autogiro's flight is that it flies on this freely revolving rotor, which serves it exactly in the capacity of an airplane's wing."

Experiments have shown that the autogiro requires less space for landing than the airplane, it settles to earth like a parachute; and it lands at slow speed reducing the danger of a crash. Then "actually it lands itself, right side up and with care. An autogiro has been literally dropped for 1500 feet and suffered nothing but a broken undercarriage."

The machine is the invention of Juan de la Cierva, a Spaniard. Harold Pitcairn of the Pitcairn aviation interests has flown the machine, and its patent rights are held by the Pitcairn-Cierva Autogiro company. Last week we noted that one of the big companies, the Curtiss company, had taken over Pitcairn Aviation, which deal may have included the autogiro patents. At any rate the prediction is made in the magazine article that flying will be revolutionized by this invention.

Measuring the Results of Training Youth

THEY were mere boys, the quartette who launched forth on a wild career of crime in the Clearwater country of Idaho last week, rousing the countryside till they were captured and lodged in jail. One, age 19, is from Alabama; another from Metairie, La., 20; the third, 21, was from Red Mound, Wis., while the fourth who was from North Dakota, was just 21. The reputed leader was 47 and gave his address as Seattle. What chain of circumstances led to the meeting of these youth from such wide points of the compass? What prompted their adventure which resolved into a kidnapping, a shooting, an assault and a robbery? What sort of homes did they come from? What school opportunities did they avail themselves of?

Youths just entering manhood, was their moral catastrophe the result of hereditary kinks; or were there great social blunders in their upbringing? What sort of pedigrees did they have; and what kind of homes?

If this were an isolated case it might be passed over as some strange excess of love and adventure. But it is youth which is indulging so freely in crime nowadays. The rosters of penitentiaries are full of young men of 25 or under. Yet precisely these young men have shared the lavish generosity of this generation for the betterment of youth. For the good of our children has been the touchstone which opened the purses of the public for splendid schools, trained teachers, playgrounds, libraries, athletics. Youth has been freed from the compulsion of early toil.

When we see cases like that of these boys in Idaho we wonder just how sensible we have been. We have freed youth from labor—and from discipline as well. We have given him money to spend, and robbed him of self-dependence. We have sated him with pleasure; but deprived him of the sense of values. Something is wrong. Our statutes do not deter, nor do our penal institutions reform the wayward youth. Schools and churches have too large a percentage of failure. Our homes are the best in human history; our homes have vital deficiencies.

In our boasted civilization humanity has not yet learned how to live and how to rear its young.

A British Retort

AMERICANS are getting over the idea that the English are dense. As Russell Brooks told the Rotary club recently the English have a real sense of wit. This is attested in the smart repartee of Stopford Brooke a liberal candidate in the recent election. He is a young fellow in his early twenties. An English paper reports some incidents in his campaign as follows:

"A Tory lady at his meeting at the village of Elstead put the question 'Don't you think you are too young to go into Parliament?' Mr. Stopford Brooke replied: 'Well, madam, I would rather go into Parliament in my first childhood than in my second.' That ought to become a classic in this age of youth. Another of his scores with hecklers was when a drunken man interrupted a meeting and demanded if this was not a public meeting. The candidate said, 'This is a public meeting, my friend—not a public-house.'"

Quite a contrast with the "you're too damn dumb" reply of Charlie Curtis.

Now we are getting the pioneer regulations all fixed up. Oregon sets the date for an Oregon pioneer as 1859, and Washington for 1859, while out at Aberdeen on Grays Harbor they have fixed the date for 1858 on the 20th of March, which was the day Aberdeen was incorporated. Our hopes are blasted, for we did not come till the immigrant train of 1910—Union Pacific, Pullman car 18, lower berth 7. Still our great-grandchildren will probably decimate the hardships of their forefathers who rode on railroad trains as they jostled about in almshouses.

Envoy



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BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Oh yes; yes—
We have had our "usual June rains," with some showers to spare to boot—

But all of you who have been here for some time will remember how we missed them, and even some folks prayed for them, in the seasons when they did not come; some of them within the memory of the tenderfoot among us.

"The Desert Song," at the Elks' more Thursday, with a company of 100 flesh and blood people, will give the Salem district a privilege it has not had for many a day, and perhaps will not have again for a long, long time.

The copy of The Statesman of February 6, 1874, quoted from in this column on Saturday morning is a four page paper of five columns to the page—rather small compared with the present Statesman.

There is an item in the old copy showing that Dr. L. S. Skiff (whose son, Dr. Mark Skiff, is the well known Salem dentist of the present day), had invented a new dental chair and bracket. He had been using the Morris engine, run by steam, as most practitioners of his day did. The Morris engine had made a great advance. The inventor had said of it: "It abolishes the tiresome working of the treadle with the foot, and enables the operator to give his whole attention to his work, making it much easier for both operator and patient; the machine can be entirely out of the way, on the other side of the chair; and lastly the engine, including boiler, occupies a space only four feet long by two feet in width."

But Dr. Skiff's invention, running his dental apparatus, using water power, occupied only 12 by 16 inches, and, the item reads, "The operator can turn on the water 50 times while he would be getting up the steam once, and this without stirring out of his tracks; and after the water is on, there is not the liability of a blow up that we are always uncomfortably reminded of by the hiss from the steam cock."

It was predicted that the Skiff machine would come into general use by dentists using the Morris engine, and by others among the 14,000 dentists then in the United States.

But that was before the age of hydroelectric power, and the incandescent light, which have revolutionized so many of the industries and professions.

Among the advertisers in The Statesman of that date, not one is now in business here. Weatherford & Co., druggists had an advertisement—and Dan J. Fry commenced his career in this city as clerk in that store, which was on the west side of Commercial street, near Ferry; that was long ago. Buildings were numbered in Salem, Mr. Fry is the same young fellow who still sticks around here as a crude drug buyer, president of the First National bank, and doing other odd jobs.

There was practical jokers in Salem in that day. An item in the old paper told of a citizen of Marion county, the first letters of whose name are George Smith, and who is a law abiding and Sabbath observing gentleman. The item recorded the fact that George Smith put on his Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes on a Monday and started to go to Turner to hear A. J. Hunsaker preach. On his way he called at the residence of his neighbor, C. K. Read, and found Mrs. Read spinning, and gave her a lecture about working on the Sabbath. He also found Mr. Read

at work. Neither Smith nor Read was satisfied about the day of the week, so both of them proceeded on to Turner to attend church. They found E. E. McKinney waiting on his customers in his store. Without doing or saying anything to arouse suspicion, they "returned home wiser if not better men." But the joke was too good to be lost, and the women folks "blowed on them."

There was another item to the effect that "the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Werner Breyman poured in upon them last evening and used them a taste of the future in a tableau which represented the future of the city. It was a new feature of the commencement week exercises."

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THE greatest surprise of all, however, was the fact that the hostess was fully prepared for her self-invited guests in the refectory, with a sumptuous assortment of viands—more commonly called eats in these degenerate days.

"We venture the assertion that Salem can hold its own in a social size in the known world, this side of Ashantee," were the concluding words of the item about the surprise at the Breyman home.

PERFECT GARAGE COSTLY
Plans for what is believed would be the perfect public garage won the prize in the recent competition of the Royal Institute of British Architects for a garage in London's theatre district.

Thomas Spencer, of London, was awarded the prize of \$1,750. The garage planned by him would cost \$2,950,000, and would house 750 cars, all of which could get in and out at a moment's notice. The entrances and exits are on two streets to avoid traffic blockades. A central room, in touch with all the floors by telephone, controls the exits. All of the six floors are reached by one-way ramps. Writing rooms, lounges, bathrooms, waiting rooms and repair shops and cleaning room would be features.

MOVIES MAR FRESH-AIR
DUST TRAVELS 2,000 MILES
One of the most unusual dust journeys on record was that made by many tons of Australian soil, which traveled more than 2,000 miles through the air to New Zealand, according to recent reports. The greater part of the journey was over water. In many parts of New Zealand during the first falls, when the dust was brought down by rain, the mixture was referred to as mud rain.

Some of it fell on sweaters of players during a football match, and so discolored them that it was difficult to pick out the uniforms of the different teams. Although not the first dust storm to travel from Australia to New Zealand, the deposit was remarkable both for quantity and the area over which it was recorded.

DOFF TROUSERS, ENJOY SHOW
Amanullah's reforms had a setback recently when a European theatrical company visited Kabul. All Kabul society appeared in western clothes, but the performers evidently bore the mark; it was refused to sit it out in the uniform of the show. These they removed and placed neatly on the backs of the seats. After that the audience, in true Oriental fashion, endeavored to enjoy the rest of the show sitting on their haunches.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

June 18, 1904
Some 400 persons witnessed the exhibition given in the W. U. gymnasium last night by the young ladies' department of physical culture. This is a new feature of the commencement week exercises.

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ANCIENT MINES YIELD RICH
Modern mining science is making possible the working at a profit of ancient mines in Mexico that were deserted as exhausted generations ago, according to a report of the Mexican chamber of mines. Among them are those once worked by slaves to fill the tribute lists of Montezuma before the discovery of America. These are considered more important than any recent discoveries of metal deposits. The early miners tapped only the richest veins. Ventilation of shafts was unknown, illumination was accomplished by oil lights or tallow candles, and the ore was carried out on the human back. When mining by these expensive methods became unprofitable the mines were deserted, and new ones opened.

SCOTCH CLAIM FIRST JAZZ
That jazz really originated in Scotland instead of America is being claimed by Scotch critics. They say that the kind of music in which "the emphasis is shifted from the strong to the weak part of a time unit by making the first note or two, into which the beat is divided, take only a fraction of time of a second." Nothing more or less than the old Scots snap or catch. They declare that it has been used in old reels, and was copied in the Italian airs of the eighteenth century.

RIDES ON RUNNING BOARD
Three-year-old Bernard Bidwell recently enjoyed a three-mile ride on the running board of his father's automobile. The boy crawled onto the vehicle unnoticed when his father started from their home at Winlock, England. While the father was howling along at 30 miles an hour a passing motorist called his attention to the child. "Mumma, daddy does drive fast. It was lovely," was Bernard's comment.

The community daily vacation Bible school which the Ford Memorial church in West Salem is sponsoring, began in the new school building Monday morning, June 17, and will continue through June 28, reports the pastor, Rev. Meredith Groves. Classes will be offered beginning with the kindergarten and through the sixth grade and will be held from 9:30-11:30 o'clock five days a week.

Mrs. A. F. Goffrier will be superintendent of the beginners' department and Mrs. J. R. Benton will direct the junior department work. Other teachers and leaders will be on hand for the first day. A picnic and field day for the children, in which parents and teachers will also participate, is being planned for the closing day of the school. A program will be held the evening of that day.

TAX EXEMPTIONS SUBJECT TO SUIT

Suit to determine whether the intangibles tax law enacted at the 1925 legislature intended exemptions of \$500 or \$200, probably will be filed in the courts within the next few weeks. This was announced by members of the state tax commission which administers the new law.

The original engrossed bill, as enacted by the legislature, fixed the maximum exemptions at \$200. Through a clerical error the engrossed bill, as signed by Governor Patterson, provided for exemptions of \$500. Officials said the courts probably would hold that it was the intention of the legislature that the exemption should not exceed \$200.

In case the courts hold that the exemption is \$500, as provided in the bill signed by the governor and filed with the secretary of state, the receipts from the intangibles tax law will be reduced materially. The legal proceeding probably will follow an arbitrary order of the tax commission that the exemption shall be \$200, as provided in the engrossed bill.

AD CLUB LEAVES FOR COAST MEET

Salem's delegation to the annual meeting of the Pacific coast association of Ad clubs is on its way to Oakland today, by railroad and by auto, last minute changes in plans necessitating that the idea of flying to the convention in Lee Eyerley's plane be abandoned.

William Paulus, president of the club, and Stanley Keith, a former president, head the delegation as official representatives of the local club while other men going from here include Leo Kafoury, Edward Suling and Edwin Thomas. Mrs. Thomas accompanies the latter.

The convention opens Sunday night at Oakland and lasts for four days. Portland's delegation which made the trip by airplane, passed over Salem on Saturday on its way south.

Woodburn Group Observes Flower Mission Day

WOODBURN, June 17.—The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Carrie Young, Friday, to observe flower mission day. The program which was in charge of Mrs. Young, opened with the song, "America." Miss Ina Bonney read a paper on the origin of flower mission day and Mrs. A. H. Dean discussed the flower mission and relief work in action. Mrs. Jenny Austin and Miss Sarah Jenny both gave talks on the subject and the ladies sang a hymn. This was followed by a paper by Mrs. Martha Gore, "Flowers That Tell Time." Mrs. Jeanette Zimmerman talked to the group advising flower study. Mrs.

Wins Title



Winning beauty contests is a matter of course with 17-year-old Ethel Mae Stoddard, of Auburn, Me. She has already won four of them and is now selected as "Miss Maine" to represent her state at the International Beauty Pageant at Galveston, Texas.

Francis Woodfin read Joyce Kilmer's "Trees;" devotions were led by Mrs. Maude Mochel. Mrs. Eva Landon gave a reading called "Doubt," and Mrs. Young read "A Package of Seeds." Mrs. Woodfin read "The Little Gardener." Mrs. Lottie Livesey gave a sketch of the playette, "We Can Tell You." At the conclusion of the program, a business meeting was held and after the meeting the bouquets that decorated the house were distributed to the shut-ins around town.

Unique refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Bonney.

PARIS BREAKS SHOW RECORD
Paris, long recognized as the city of amusement seekers, broke all records in that direction last year, according to figures recently released. The public paid more than \$23,000,000 into the box offices of theatres, motion picture houses, music halls, concerts, circuses, skating rinks, museums and boxing events. This was an increase of \$2,000,000 over the amount spent in 1927. With a total of \$3,000,000, motion pictures led over all other forms of amusement in the point of gross receipts for the year. The city now has 176 movie theatres, and more are being erected. Circuses and skating rinks, however, made the greatest gain.

MORROW CONFERS WITH PORTES GIL

MEXICO CITY, June 17.—(AP)—United States Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow today held a conference for an hour with President Emilio Portes Gil concerning the negotiations now going on for settlement of the controversy with the Catholic church.

While the ambassador declined to make any statement after the interview, the fact that, after keeping out of the negotiations for a week, he has now taken a hand in the matter led those in close touch with his situation to believe that negotiations have perhaps entered a critical stage. It was known that Mr. Morrow had much to do with bringing about opening of the negotiations for settlement of the dispute which caused a critical state of affairs in Mexico for the past three years. However, he has observed a hands off policy since the arrival of Archbishop Leopoldo Ruiz and Bishop Pascual Diaz a week ago. They have talked with the president twice.

PRIEST SHOT DOWN BY HIS LANDLORD

WINONA, Minn., June 17.—(AP)—Jealousy was the motive given by police tonight for the slaying of Father Nicholas Brommenschenkel, 65, a Roman Catholic priest, by John Gira, also 65, at whose home the priest roomed. Gira was wounded in the thigh with his own pistol.

Father Brommenschenkel, on leave of absence from the La Crosse diocese for the past ten years, was shot to death, police said, in an encounter with Gira, after the latter had clubbed his wife over the head with a baseball bat. Mrs. Gira, 48, said the priest was killed when he responded to her screams for aid.

Gira charged that his wife shot him, but Mrs. Gira maintained he was wounded when his pistol was accidentally discharged as she grappled with him for possession of the weapon. Both Gira and his wife are held without charge.

Helen Curry Is Chosen Head of Church Session

Helen Curry was elected president of the Leslie league of the Leslie Memorial church at the business session Thursday evening. Other officers named for the year include: Ronald Hulbert, first vice-president; Glen Huston, second vice-president; Ellen Jean Moody, third vice-president; Naomi Fleet, fourth vice-president; Alice Linfoot, secretary; Alfred French, treasurer; and Gladys E. Miller, organist. The new corps of officers will be installed Sunday evening, June 23. Ellen Jean Moody is retiring president.

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