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Homecoming on Mount Olympus

IT is rare indeed that one finds a classical allusion in a present day editorial. In the earlier day an editorial was not an editorial if its points were not illustrated or buttressed by quotation from Homer or reference to those gods and goddesses who filled the pages of the Odyssey and of Virgil's Aeneid. Our editors, now, trained in the hack writing of journalistic schools, know not "Arma virumque cano" from "So's your old man." Ignorant of the classics even of English literature, their style shows none of the embellishment of that more leisurely day when a discursive editorial might stretch interestingly for a column of solid brevity.

Rarely, too rarely may we say, our estimable colleague of the Portland Telegram, Mrs. Lois Myers, drops in a classical reference in her editorials, and deftly, too; for the even more ignorant modern reader will have "none of that stuff" if he knows it. So it was, in an editorial on "Tin Cans," which enlarged upon the importance of modern canning, both in industry and in the home, Mrs. Myers concluded neatly:

"Ancient artists gave Ceres and Pomona an overflowing cornucopia. Moderns would more suitably depict these goddesses of agriculture surrounded by a shining splendor of tin cans."

To the point indeed. And why not go further and modernize the investiture of all the old worthies? Why not a modernistic homecoming on old Mount Olympus? What a party that would be! Zeus would be there, the old Thunderer, with his hand on the control box of high power lines. Athena would probably be reading "Main Street" with a copy of "American Mercury" lying beside her on the grass. Icarus, happiest of them all, would fly in from Hollywood, in a brand new Stinson plane, with an Apollo from the movie lots for passenger. And there would be Aphrodite (Venus) looking quite natural in a Jantzen swimming suit, holding a Lucky Strike for Prometheus to ignite from his cigarette lighter.

Hermes (Mercury) would be fat for lack of exercise, acting as announcer for KOLYM. Diana would show up with a bag of golf sticks over her shoulder while Orpheus was playing "Auld Lang Syne" on the saxophone.

Modern Olympus would have its unemployment problem too, with Bacchus put out of a job by prohibition and Pluto, lord of the underworld, by the modernism theological seminaries.

Two absentees would be noted: Pandora delayed in Wall Street trying to get Hope out of the box; and Helen in the county jail in Portland on first class triangle charge.

The House Speakership

WITH Herbert Gordon needing to nibble away only two more votes from Frank Lonergan, and working diligently at the gnawing task, the speakership battle this year is genuine. If Gordon should win it would represent something of a defeat of the system which has grown up for many years, by which the speakership is almost settled by the sign-up at the close of the preceding session. The old members naturally form the nucleus which functions as the organization, newcomers being on probation for a session or so. The legislators are like sheep, eager to be on the winning side, for the speaker appoints the committees. As the house functions through its committees, the ordinary member thinks he has to line up to get the committee assignments he wants. So the clever politicians herd the file members and get them to pledge a year or two in advance.

This is no new thing in Oregon, nor is the system confined to Oregon. It is a practical expedient engaged in generally. The advantage of determining on a speaker before the session opens is that it permits speedy organization. The chief evil is that it permits the professional politicians who are frequently the tools of special interests to control the organization from session to session and thus dominate legislation.

The fight for the speakership has been quite unusual in that the result was not clearly apparent long before the opening day. While Lonergan seems to hold a firm 30 or more to insure him the place, the situation is by no means settled. The shifting in issues has been seized on by Gordon. Two years ago no one thought of a power revolt. Now that has occurred and Gordon is endeavoring to ride in on the tide.

The experience this year will be sure to make legislators more chary of signing on the dotted line or making promises on their votes of two years hence.

Secretary Hess recommends the construction of a fireproof vault on the state house grounds to house records. The vault is sketch, but we hope it will not be by the construction of something like the postoffice annex or a county jail. There should have been provision for a vast basement vault in the new state-office building. A separate blockhouse on the capitol campus would be an eyesore.

Treasurer Nutt of the republican national committee admits the Lucas campaign against Norris was a mistake. That is only one of the mistakes of the national committee beginning with Dr. Work. Apparently too many "nutts" on the committee. For practical politicians they certainly have pulled the prize boneheads.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

Editor Oregon Statesman Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir: There is a very effective way to thwart these mean, cowardly and unscrupulous chicken thieves. If every poultryman in the fall and winter would adopt all-night lights in all poultry buildings and install the kind of burglar alarm hereinafter described, there will be no successful attempts to get away with night raids of chicken houses. On the other hand, most of the thieves will be lucky to get away without perforated skins, followed by hospital, mortuary or jail expenses.

The burglar alarm should be so contrived that after the buildings are locked at night, a switch is closed which puts the alarm into "ready." Then, being ready, it should act thusly: If the wires are cut, or the current disconnected; if a window is raised or smashed; if a door is opened; if any poultry wire over the openings is disturbed; if a body weighing 25 or more pounds walks over the floor in front of the dropping boards; if any of these things occur in the night, two alarms should sound. One should at once warn the farmer who can reach for his gun; the other should warn one or more neighbors who usually are glad to cooperate in the undoing of a dirty, low-down and contemptible chicken thief or thieves. I know this plan can be put into operation, and I know it will be used. If thieves know such a contrivance operates on a farm they give the place wide berth; if they ignorantly attempt to rob such a place, they regret it suddenly, and sometimes violently. Yours very truly, FRED H. WINSON.

HEALTH

Today's Talk
By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

Every little child has a right to straight eyes. Children are humiliated and made unhappy if they have cross-eyes. Every child who is like the rest of the kiddies. Many a childish heartache comes from some slight deformity like this, which is easily overcome.

The natural dread of its parents as to an operation has persuaded many a child to grow up with no effort to correct the defect. Other children are the victims of the idea that the condition will be outgrown.

If your child begins to show any crossing of the eyes, you should consult a competent physician at once. It may be that wearing the proper glasses will overcome the trouble. In any event find out what should be done.

In order to see things as they really are, the rays of light which enter the eyes must focus properly, just as the rays of light entering a camera are focused. On the plate or film, the lens focuses the light. If it isn't properly focused, the picture is blurred and distorted.

Nature has provided the eye with a wonderful focusing muscle. By its action the rays of light are made to focus on the retina of the eye. The image is made clear and distinct.

You see, how is the cross-eyed condition brought about? Each of us has two eyes, of course. Each eye must work with the other in looking directly at a given object. This action requires perfect team work on the part of the eye muscles. Sometimes, unfortunately, this team work is lacking. Then one eye will wander off to the side, instead of looking straight ahead. The focusing muscle is not working properly and without clear vision the eyes wander.

In a large majority of cases this condition can be overcome by wearing proper glasses. The glasses take the pressure off the focusing muscle and gradually overcome the tendency of the eyes to cross. As the child grows the eyeball grows. There is less and less need for the focusing muscles of act. The vision grows clear and at last the glasses may be discarded.

Sometimes a very bad case of cross-eye may call for a slight operation. It is a simple matter and not at all serious. There is no danger that the operation will ruin the sight, because the cutting is confined to the outside of the eyeball, and not on the inside where the vital parts are. Parents need not dread having it done, because there is no chance of danger.

It is only right that every child should have the best care and treatment of the eyes, teeth and of the entire body. Now days the great hospitals and clinics are open to the public and the best medical skill can be obtained there. If you cannot afford to pay for the service it will be well done in one of these institutions.

When a child begins to show the slightest sign of cross-eyes, the first thing to do is to consult your doctor. If he is not a specialist in eye troubles he will direct you where to go.

Answers to Health Queries
MISS M. B.—What causes a weak heart? I get weak spells quite often and these last for several days—what would you advise?

2—I am 24 years of age and troubled with neuritis and arthritis. What treatment would be of benefit?

A.—May be due to several different causes; there may be some infection at the source. A thorough examination will determine the exact source of the trouble and also determine the necessary treatment.

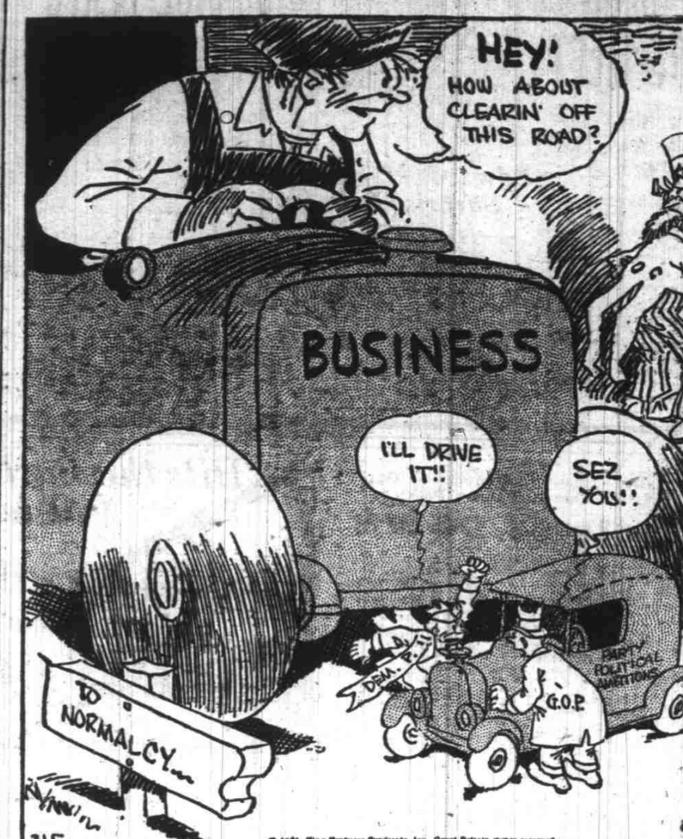
2—These disturbances can usually be traced to infection in the system—and the underlying infection is probably responsible for the heart condition.

R. O. Q.—What should a girl of 32, 5 ft. 5 1/2 in. tall weigh? I am naturally small and slender—would this not make a difference in the weight?

2—Do tomatoes affect the kidneys?
A.—You should weigh about 115 pounds. This is the average for one of your age and height as determined by the examination of a large number of persons. The build is an important factor, when determining the proper weight.

2—No, although there may be cases where they are too acid owing to some disturbance of the system, or a bladder condition. Each system is different and should be studied and treated accordingly.
A.—Such biomedical should have proper medical attention and treatment. It is most unwise to attempt treatment unless it has been specifically prescribed. See a skin specialist and he will advise the treatment you require.
A. B. Q.—What do you advise for arrous indigestion?
A.—Try to clear up the nervousness by building up the general health. Your digestion will then improve.
A READER. Q.—Is yeast fattening?
A.—No. It aids assimilation.

ANOTHER TRAFFIC PROBLEM



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"FOREST LOVE" By HAZEL LIVINGSTON

CHAPTER XLV
Aunt Ellie's fat face flushed. "Please get me a glass of water," she asked Louise weakly, and the look that she gave her frightened niece was perhaps the only entirely unselfish one of her life. For once she was not concerned with her own symptoms. She felt dizzy and she didn't want to faint. She wanted to keep her consciousness until she could get rid of this loon the poor girl thought she was going to marry.

Instantly Mat was all contrition. "Oh, I'm so sorry!" he cried quickly. "I wouldn't have had this happen for anything. Lou, will you ever forgive me?"
"Of course. It's nothing," Aunt Ellie, please don't mind. Mat was just fooling. He didn't mean—"
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"But I wasn't fooling!"
"Mat, you ARE joking!"
"All the bravado was gone. He looked shy and nervous, as he used to look. He tugged at a dark lock of his hair, pushing it back nervously. "But I'm not joking," he reiterated miserably. "I should have understood Louise. I got sick of everybody pointing me out back home as the Tully boy... you know. I thought I might amount to something if they'd let me work in peace, and I'm getting there... Lou, will you ever forgive me?"
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Her room was full of odds and ends. Nancy began to pick them up.
A regular man that can take care of you and drag you out of this awful slump!"
Nancy answered the rhetorical question. She poked pictures and ringed hastily into the handkerchief box, powdered her nose and ran downstairs.
"Grandma!"
Grandmother Hollenbeck was discovered talking over the back fence, probably describing Lou's romance to the Whaley's cook.
"Papa snored in the wheel chair. Mama slept fitfully on the davenport near the window. The once cheerful living room seemed seedy and close.
She COULDN'T go on like this. She couldn't stand it! She'd go crazy!
In a voice that shook a little she called Jack Beamer's office. He wasn't there.
After a moment's indecision, she called the Jackson street house. (To be continued)

Yesterdays

Of Old Oregon
Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read
January 9, 1906
Louis F. Lieber of Denver, Colo., is in the city and will open a clothing store on Commercial street. He has rented the building vacated by the Economy store.
The Farmers' Fire Relief association of Sublimity held its 10th annual session. The company has at present 186 policies in force, insuring 366 buildings.
The Marion county principals' club will hold its meeting here Saturday, with various educational subjects to be discussed.
James Mott returned to his studies at Stanford university after spending the holidays in the city.
The city council has issued instructions for the military company to vacate the armory within 30 days, and now the guardsmen are wondering where to hold practice. Adjutant General Finzer thinks the county should build an armory here.
Next? Scotchmen
Please Take Note
CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP)—Casper Luschak isn't a Scotchman, but his wife is. His wife won a divorce here, charging that his four children eat their meals in front of mirrors.
"To improve their table manners?" the court suggested with

BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Our guardians:
Now that the Salem city official family has been given the unanimous ok of the municipal council, the hall mark of "good and faithful servants," it is considered worth while to list them, and tell something of their duties, responsibilities and deserts. Starting at the head, P. M. Gregory is mayor, elected on an issue of progress. There are 14 councilmen, two representing each of the wards, as follows:
First, Y. E. Kuhn and H. Vandervoort; second, S. A. Hughes and Hal D. Patton; third, F. Needham and W. H. Dancy; fourth, G. Ayer and S. E. Parvillie; fifth, F. L. Wilkinson and David O'Hara; sixth, Watson Townsend and Chris Kowitz; seventh, O. A. Olson and Paul R. Hendricks.

The mayor and councilmen get no pay. They earn, mostly, criticism and abuse. But they carry on in the line of civic duty, giving the capital city an administration that will compare favorably with any. There is a sentiment here for a commission form of government. The Bits man is in favor of it, but the latest kind and the one now being most generally adopted, the corporation form.

We almost want it now, with the mayor representing the president and the council the directors, and the heads of departments experts. It would not require much change to give Salem an efficient commission form.
Next in order is the recorder's office, with M. M. Poulsen recorder, and Alfred Mundt bookkeeper, Edith Burch stenographer and Bessie Wood bookkeeper. Then the city treasurer, C. O. Rice, with Mrs. Rice as part time clerk. Then W. H. Brindley, city attorney, and Hattie Bratzel stenographer.

Next in order is the police department, 22 on the payroll, with Frank A. Minto chief, Mrs. M. Shank police matron, W. F. Thompson sergeant on the day desk, J. L. Cutler on the night desk, and Asa Fisher plain clothes man. The chief gets \$200 a month, the three sergeants \$150 a month each, and the following police officers \$125 a month each: George W. Edwards and E. C. Charlton, traffic officers, and a number of other duties that arise; Edwards being on the day and Charlton on the night shift. O. F. Victor is night officer in the S. P. depot district. Marion Putnam and H. A. Smart, down town policemen, with night and day shifts respectively. Altee Winterstein has the night shift with the south end prowl car. C. A. Kuykendall is a day time down town policeman, and Don Nicholson has the day emergency car. Louis Burgess is a night time police officer and finger print man, Frank Reeves, night time northeast prowl car. Orey Coffey, day time plain clothes man, W. R. New, day time patrol, marking cars, etc. Walter Kestley, M. W. Miller and Frank Davis, day time patrol. H. M. Deschamps has the north night prowl car, and Leo F. Strong same for the south end.

The 22 members have had an average of several years' experience of approval.
"No," counsel answered, "to make them think they were getting double proportions."
Oh, Hum! Ham's Not Ham When It's Not Cured
BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 8 (AP)—The question of when a ham is not a ham was decided in supreme court here yesterday when Justice Almon W. Lytle ruled that a ham does not become food until its curing is complete.
The state attorney general's office brought suit to collect a \$100 penalty from the Danahy Packing company for failure to obtain a cold storage license. In granting a motion for dismissal Judge Lytle said the law specially exempted "articles in process of preparation or cure" and added that no cold storage license was required since ham did not become food until completely cured.

Chinese, 63, is Held Sans Bail On Death Court
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7 (AP)—Lui Fook, 63-year-old Chinese, charged with the murder of his employer, Mrs. Rosetta Baker, December 6, today was held for trial in superior court. Municipal Judge Sylvain Laaruss directed the Chinese be held without bail.
Lui, employed by Mrs. Baker at her apartment house here, told police he found the body of his mistress by her bed when he entered her apartment to deliver a morning paper. She had been strangled and crushed to death. Several of her ribs were broken.

Mergers Favored By Ralph Budd
DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 8 (AP)—Ralph Budd, president of Great Northern railway, here urged the consolidation of railroads to reduce expenses. Addressing the Des Moines chamber of commerce, Budd said the condition of railroads has been brought into sharp relief by the present economic situation and the variety of competition they face.

TEACHERS BEAT WHITMAN
ELLENBURG, Wash., Jan. 7 (AP)—The Whitman normal defeated the Whitman college basketball team here tonight 43 to 26 in the first of a two game series. The normal led at the half 20 to 19.

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