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Music is Ailing

A thoughtful article on "What is happening in world of American music" in the last issue of the Portland Spectator presents something of the plight in which those who live by and for music find themselves.

Particularly interesting is the comment on popularity of songs. The radio wears them out quickly. Even good music wears thin; and Paul Whiteman, was it not? who recently remarked on how radio had cheapened many of the great classics of musical literature through too frequent playing.

The Spectator has this to say about the way radio has shortened the life of popular songs:

"Before radio, song hits had an average sales life of sixteen months. People heard a song in theatres or music stores and bought copies of the sheet music. The total sales advanced slowly, reached a peak, and maintained a steady peak sale for sixteen months, thus assuring a fair remuneration to the composer for the exercise of his creative genius.

"Then came radio. The composer's income from sheet music and phonograph records declined. Nevertheless, hundreds of stations play his songs over and over again. Always on the lookout for something new, the radio seizes each new hit, plays it to death in a few weeks, and then—CRASH! The song is done to death in three months because it has been overplayed. Total sale for even an unusually outstanding song hit now averages about 228,000 copies.

"Thus, although more people hear and appreciate his songs, the composer is getting smaller payment for the use of his creation, and must write many more compositions in a given time—or starve!"

The above relates more directly to the reduction in income to the composer and publisher. Even more important is the public reaction by which splendid music is made stale in a very short time through too frequent hearing.

Gasoline Consumption

THE increase in consumption of gasoline in 1933 in Oregon although slight, marks a reversal of the trend; and indicates that a secular increase is being resumed.

Here we are raising seven millions a year on one of the "necessities of life" to spend on our roads; but there is bitter resistance to a sales tax of 1 1/2% in order to raise about half that amount for keeping the schools open.

The significant thing we want to point out is that as consumption increases revenues for roads increase. The people fail to take this into consideration; and of course the road spenders never allude to it.

Air and Ship Subsidies

A congressional smelting committee has been uncovering some odoriferous matters in its investigation of mail subsidies by sea and by air. Such forms of graft are the natural result of government subsidies.

Whether there was outright corruption in the air mail contract or in ship subsidies we do not know. President Hoover should have known better than to appoint as postmaster general a politician from Ohio.

In the case of the air lines, those who were in on the "ground floor" (no pun intended) ran miniature investments up to fabulous fortunes.

What the country needs is a cleaner spirit among the people and among politicians. Instead of tammanyizing the whole country from the federal treasury down to city halls, there should be honest conceptions of citizenship, with no graft, no subsidies, no loose and inefficient administration.

In all this churning of the markets the profits go to the speculators. The ordinary man gets dizzy trying to figure out the ways and wherefores. The best policy is just to stand aside for a time and let the markets adjust themselves to the devalued dollar.

Pres. Griffith told the Highway board Wednesday the traction company would move its tracks at Milwaukee to accommodate the new road.

Hams Across the Sea!



Health

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

RECENTLY I told you about the great strides that have been made in the treatment of stomach ulcer and other disturbances of the digestive system.

A day passes that does not receive inquiries about "indigestion," "heart burn" and "dyspepsia."

These complaints are universal. But when we consider the manner in which most persons live, it is surprising that the number of sufferers is not even greater.

No one will deny that many of the digestive diseases can be traced to our improper methods of living. Too many men and women unwittingly bolt their food and give little thought to their meals.

The digestive process is a complicated one. To have it operate as it should requires care and attention. Neglect or abuse of the delicate mechanism of digestion quickly leads to trouble.

It is probable that few persons are familiar with the action of the digestive juices. How many know that the saliva is necessary to the proper digestion of food?

If the food is not properly chewed and is hurriedly swallowed, an important step is omitted. The saliva is not permitted to act upon the particles of food, to get it ready for action by the stomach.

Of course, not all cases of indigestion and other digestive complaints are so easily remedied. It is possible the symptoms may be due to an organic disturbance of the digestive tract.

Answers to Health Queries A Constant Reader. Q.—What do you advise for postorists?

We get a great deal of information and inspiration from editorials in our Oregon newspapers; but when we picked up three of our prominent state dailies Saturday and read the same editorial on Sinclair Lewis, we got a pain in the back of the eyeballs.

Sam Brown shouldn't mind if some papers sneer at him as the Gervais sausage-maker. If he is elected they will all be around for a share of pork.

Times may be getting better but we notice the country store-keeper still keeps the ginges snap barrel behind the counter.

New York is suffering from a cold snap and from a gold snap at the same time.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Chief Two Guns coming to Salem on Jason Lee Special:

Who is Chief Two Guns?

If you have a buffalo nickel you may find his face on the reverse side of that coin. Five American Indians were considered for that honor.

Starting in New England, reaching Boston on Monday, April 16, a covered wagon caravan will leave that city for Salem, Oregon, bearing a message from the governor of Massachusetts to the governor of Oregon; also one from the mayor of Boston to the mayor of Salem.

Another message, this one at least in the hands of Chief Two Guns, will be brought from the Methodist bishop of the part of New England that saw Jason Lee's departure in 1833 for the Oregon country; the last named letter intended to be delivered to Bishop Titus Lowe of Oregon—and, presumably, at the end of the trail.

The end of the trail? Yes. What will be the end of the trail for the 1934 Jason Lee special caravan? It will be the hallowed ground in the afternoon—with all the people of the old Oregon country and the rest of the world invited to attend; to be present in person at that highest point of historical importance west of the Rocky mountains.

The date for the proposed vesper service, and the hour, too, is tentative. But the place is definite. There could be no other appropriate spot. And the date is about definitely set, as stated.

The special caravan may be seen after that date, here and hereabouts, and elsewhere. And it is planned that it shall visit many places on its pilgrimage between Boston and Salem—all the places where Jason Lee appeared and spoke and labored in 1833-4 and 1838-9, first on his way west and last during his eastward journey on which he embarked for reinforcements, resulting in the coming of the Lausanne party in 1839-40.

The managers of the Jason Lee special caravan are now working on the definite itinerary. The Boston date, as indicated, is already fixed, and so is the one in New York, and Philadelphia, with their programs. All the other dates will soon be announced, and the preparations hurried.

Chief Two Guns will be accompanied by his wife—he told the managers that he could not come without her; she would not allow him. That is a rather modern note for an Indian's wife. There will be other Indians on the jour-

ney, and speakers and moving pictures, etc., etc.

The main feature of the caravan will be a covered wagon, mounted on automobile wheels. The cover and wagon bed, etc., will probably be fashioned on the plan of an actual covered wagon that crossed the plains to Oregon in the Keil colony company of 1867, from Neneveh and Bethel, Missouri, to Aurora. This wagon belonged to the family of Charles Becke, Sr., and his son, Chas. Becke, Jr., deceased, made a replica of it several years ago, from the actual materials of the original. Most of the Keil colony wagons were built at Bethel, Mo., but this one was turned out of the shops at Neneveh, about 60 miles away.

Why is the trail's end, the Lee mission site, the highest point in history west of the Rocky mountains? It is because Jason Lee, answering the Macedonian call of the Indians of the westernmost west, landed there Monday, Oct. 6, 1834, and began building the original little log house of the first Christian missionary establishment on the Pacific coast north of the American line. So there was begun the Christianization, the civilization and the education of the domain west of the Rockies and north of parallel 42.

Civil society began on that spot. The provisional government was organized there Feb. 18, 1841.

The Oregon Institute was organized there Feb. 1, 1842, and it became by change of name the Willamette university; thus was established the first institution of higher learning west of the Missouri river.

The first ground for a white mother and child was opened there; first west of the Rockies and north of Spanish California.

Civil government began there that was merged into the territory and became the state of Oregon. From that spot went the cry that called and brought the covered wagon immigration that transferred 350,000 people across two-thirds of a continent to the ultimate west.

At the Jason Lee Mission originated the movement that brought the settlement of the international boundary question—12 years to a day after Jason Lee stepped over the Rockies the treaty was ratified in Washington.

Without the coming of Lee, in the time he came, and being the education of the snows of the Rockies to the sands of the Pacific.

Thus, without the cost of blood in war or treasure in purchase, was added an empire in extent and value to the expansion of our nation—the only creature of the kind and manner in our history.

This year 1834 we are beginning the centenary celebration of

"Take This Woman" By ALLENE CORLISS

After three years' travel in Europe, where she had gone following her father's death, young and beautiful Stanley Paige became bored and returned to New York to find the "something sort of sweet and important" which she felt she was missing.

The next morning, Dennis called Drew at his club. "Have lunch with me, today, can you, Drew?" "Love to! To what do I owe this unexpected pleasure?"

That was perhaps one of the most characteristic things about Drew—his ability absolutely to put out of his mind any puzzling, disagreeable or unpleasant thought. It made life much more amusing, much more charming. It certainly made it much less confusing, much less complicated.

They laughed together, moved toward the grill room. It was not until they had found a table sufficiently cool and secluded and selected their lunch that Dennis mentioned her reason for lunching with him.

The coming of Jason Lee. The evidences of this observance will soon sweep from sea to sounding sea, and echoes of it will be heard in all our cities, in every town and hamlet, throughout all our valleys and on every range and plain, and reverberations will shingle to all lands under the shining sun where newspapers are read, telegraph and cable wires stretch and sound waves go.

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completely, irrevocably in love with her. "Well," observed Dennis coolly, "what of it? You've been in love before—you've been in love with me."

"I know, but—" Drew met her eyes frankly. "I've never wanted to marry anyone before, Dennis, I never even wanted to marry you. I've been in love scores of times but this is different."

"I don't know that I do, Dennis. You're talking an awful lot of rot. I know I'm not so much but at that I'm not so very bad. I intend to marry her. I think I can make her happy—I'm most certainly going to try."

The third week in June plunged the city into a terrific wave of heat. Even Alita Lawson's Park Avenue apartment was stifling hot. But Stanley went serenely on, cool and fragrant and lovely, utterly oblivious to it, completely isolated in her love for Drew.

The evening programs presented by pastors and community leaders are increasing in interest and attendance. The special children's work is getting well under way; a number of experienced workers with children are interested and are giving their services for the benefit of the young people.

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care of Stanley, but as the days slid into weeks she smiled less and less and a worried little line appeared between her bright blue eyes; and it was indicative of Stanley's detached mood that she noticed nothing unusual in the familiar nearness that was Ellen.

September had come to seem as intolerably long time away. If Drew had suggested it, she would have married him immediately. But he didn't suggest it.

Charles Carleton suffered a complete financial debacle and shut himself in his office on Wall Street. He left Stanley a brief little note—pathetic in its futility. "It doesn't matter about me but I can never forgive myself for having done this to you. Try to think kindly of me if you can."

"I know—but he couldn't stick it." "But the money doesn't matter—and I liked him, Ned. He was always so good to me."

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Mission Lodges

673 Persons in January Report The Open Door mission reports for the month of January having served 3021 meals, registered 673 for lodging, cared for 83 sick persons, given 35 haircuts, checked 529 parcels and donated 404 garments, many of these remedied by the women's council.

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