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PROOF "If radio's slim fingers Can pluck a melody From night and toss it over A continent or sea; If petaled white notes Of a violin Are blown across a mountain Or a city's din; If songs like crimson roses Are culled from thin, blue air, Why should mortals wonder If God hears prayer? -Ethel Romig Fuller

#### Source Material

IN his unique column O. O. McIntyre, rambler in New York

city reported a few days ago:

Edison Marshall, the novelist, is off again, this time to a scrawny tag end of the world known as Manipuz, an independent Himalayan state, for more material. In Paris en route he was made a 'Commander of the Dragon of Annam' by the French government. Last year he was a house guest of His Majesty in Annam. And the decoration was a compliment in honor of the visit. Marshall, with this jaunt, becomes America's most widely traveled author, next to that incurable wanderer, Bob Davis."

It is always a problem, this locating of source material for literary work. Some people travel to the far corners of the earth seeking to "prime the pump" of their brains by drawing on the rare, the distant or the unusual. Other authors remain at home and fabricate novels, poems, plays from the stuff in their dooryards. And there are others who journey far in time and recreate scenes and characters from days long past.

Charles Dickens sketched characters "from the life" of his own London, a London not of the gentry and nobility, but of humbler folk, clerks and tradesmen. Scott and Thackeray found Clio their muse and developed the historical novel. Victor Hugo took the human materials of Paris and gave them literary immortality. Robert Louis Stevenson, though he journeyed far from his Scottish birthplace, and finally died in the South seas, made this interesting comment at the end of his "An Inland Voyage", descriptive of his boat journey ong the canals and rivers of Belgium and northern France:

You may paddle all day long; but it is when you come back at nightfall, and look in at the familiar room, that you find Love or Death awaiting you beside the stove; and the most beautiful adventures are not those we go to seek."

Is it not something of a confession of lack of originality to seek inspiration and materials in remote quarters of the globe, as though the author hoped by using liberal splotches of foreign color to cover deficiencies in his imagination? Then there are those who as Carlyle says in his "Essay on Burns" may "travel from Dan to Beer-sheba and find it all

We have had some excellent production in recent years of novels whose material is wholly indigenous. The south, for example, has been a newly discovered mine of riches. Mrs. Julia Peterkin has taken the Gullah Negro of her own section of South Carolina and used him as source material for Pulitzer prize-winning "Scarlet Sister Mary" and for other novels. Basso's "The Cinnamon Tree" is another recent novel of the south which excels in character study. English novelists,-Hugh Walpole, Galsworthy, Priestley, Bennett, for the most part have used materials right at hand.

There is however, always a danger of parochialism. Local material often may be shallow and inadequate, lacking sufficient substance to serve as the vehicle of great writing. After all there is no final answer to the problem of source material. Rather it is more accurate to say that the chief problem is not one of material but of imagination. The writer with alert mind and expansive eye can see not only "sermons in stones" but great novels, poems, dramas in local material, in sources distant in time or place, and sometimes in character which is virtually dateless and placeless.

#### 1935 Automobiles

THE automobile is still the plaything of the people. It is I still the prized possession of families in nearly every range of income above the lowest. And popular interest is always keen when new models are introduced. The automobile always rivaled the weather as a topic of conversation; and while it has been displaced by the depression and the new deal as a subject for chit-chat, now it is coming back.

Today The Statesman prints a page of pictures of new automobiles as a news feature, in recognition of the widespread interest in new cars. While mechanical changes now amount chiefly to refinements, designs are in constant evolution; and the cars of today make those of, say 1927, look like antiques. Stream-lining is the vogue, but different makers give different accent to the same idea. Car stylists are clever. Take the matter of louvres which are the gills of the gas-propelled fish. For years and years they were vertical on the sides of the hood. Then the stylists changed them to horizontal; and presto, every car on the road was a back-number.

The automobile industry is of such vast proportions that its welfare means much to the general prosperity of the country. It led the way out of the slump of 1921; and its revival in 1934 shows its present capacity to resume leadership. Makers and dealers look forward to a busier 1935 because in recent years more cars have been junked than were made, so there is a deficiency to be recovered; and a vast replacement demand is in sight.

### Tax Modifications

ON another page appears an article by the editor suggesting modifications in the income tax laws of Oregon. It was prepared prior to the recent election when the 20-mill limitation bill was voted on; and represents an effort to meet the problem of the excessive property tax by shifting more of the load to the income tax. The suggestions are submitted, not as a "plan" but as ideas to be considered on their merits by the public and by the legislators. The modifications proposed are three in number, each independent, but the whole representing a balanced program of alteration. They are: 1. Abolishing tax on capital gains and deduction of cap-

2. Imposing a light surtax on gross incomes less per-

At a Keyhole in New Jersey



By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

ERYSIPELAS HAS been known to mankind for many centuries. But it is only within recent years that great success has followed treatment of this serious

skin infection. I call this a "serious" disease becountry the number of deaths from erysipelas to that of scarlet

The disease has always been considered highly contagious. It is most dreaded because of the rapidity with

which it spreads

Dr. Copeland from one person to another. This explains why, during the Middle Ages, it was often referred to as "St.

Anthony's fire". Erysipelas is caused by a germ be longing to the "streptococcus" family. The germ enters the skin through a bruise or cut. As a rule the infection is confined to the face but may attack the feet, legs, chest or back. Sometimes the entire surface of the body is covered with red-

lened areas of erysipelas. The victim is first stricken with chill followed by high fever. Headache, general ache and indigestion are other symptoms that may be present. Within twenty-four hours the characteristic skin rash of erysipelas appears.

#### Spreads Rapidly

The skin becomes red and swollen, the inflamed area having a sharp, clear, elevated border. Blisters form in the reddened tissues and the inflammation spreads rapidly.

The area that is first involved clears up as other portions of the body become affected. Usually the eruption begins to disappear about the fourth day. Neglect is dangerous because serious complications, such as gangrene, may result.

Since it is so contagious, every precaution should be taken to guard gainst this danger. Solled linens, bed clothes and eating utensils should be kept apart from those used by others of the family. It is necessary that the patient receive expert hygienic care. In severe cases it is ometimes advisable to have the patient removed to a hospital where

he will be assured proper care. Mild cases of erysipelas usually last from ten days to two weeks. Ice and saturated solutions of a drug called magnesium sulphate are beneficial in reducing the swelling and lessening the pain. Recently ultraviolet light has been recommended as well as the use of a special serum. This serum is obtained from the blood of patients who have recovered from erysipelas. It has met with much success in reducing the complications and lessening the fatalities from this infection. Unfortunately, it does not prevent further attacks.

#### Answers to Health Queries

8. F. Q .- What do you advise for falling hair? 2: My work necessitates standing all day long and although my shoes are comfortable my feet ache at night. What would you ad-

A .- For full particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question. 2: Make sure there is no tendency to fallen arches. For further particulars send a selfaddressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question.

(Copyright, 1935, K. F. S., Inc.) LOOKOUT IN '35! AUBURN, Ala. -(A)- Thirteen ophomores were awarded football letters at Alabama Polytech-3. Consolidating the intangibles tax with the net income | ed with only one in 1933. Two ceived monograms.

## Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

The White Headed Eagle of Richard Montgomery:

There are many biographies of Dr. John McLoughlin. Every true history of Oregon or the Oregon country must of necessity contain 4 4 4

The latest one is that of Richard Montgomery of Portland, great grandson of Dr. W. H. Willson, who platted down town Saem, and Chloe A. Clark-Willson, first teacher of the Oregon Institute that by change of name became Willamette university. Mr. Montgomery thus needs no excuse for taking up the responsibility of supplying the need of a better biography of the man often called the "Father of Oregon."

5 He has done this. He says in his introduction: "Although a search for hitherto unpublished material was not without result. I am frank to say that my principal aim was to collect, between the covers of a single valume, such information about the White Headed Eagle' as has heretofore been accessible only to the more enterprising students of western history." It was a worthy aim, and is well performed.

Eva Emery Dye, 34 years ago, gave the world her "McLoughlin and Old Oregon," an interpretative biography in which the high points of the epochal career of the great organizer, leader, administrator and statesman were band. made to stand out in plain and intelligible outline.

Seven years later appeared Dr. John McLoughlin, the Father of Oregon," by Frederick V. Holman, which he called a "plain and simple narrative of the life of Dr. John McLoughlin, and of his noble career in the early history of Oregon." It was well and sympathetically done.

\* \* \* Mr. Montgomery in his new ook has, as his introduction indicated, gathered the essential and added what new ones he could find from original sources. Mr. Holman said in the introduction to his book, in 1907: The full history of the life of Dr. John McLoughlin will be written in the future. Such a history will have all the interest of great romance. It begins in happiness and ends in martydom. It is so remarkable that one unacquainted with the facts might have set forth could be true. Unfortunately they are true." \* \* \*

Dr. John McLoughlin was born Oct. 19, 1784, in the parish Riviere du Loup, Canada, 120 miles of the St. Lawrence river. He tury. was baptized Nov. 3, 1784, both riage was Angelique Fraser, daughter of Malcolm Fraser, Scotch; a member of the Highlanders, related to the General Fraser who was one of Burgoyne's chief officers-killed at the pivotal battle of Saratoga,

Oct. 7, 1777. David, older brother, and John were brought up in the home of Malcolm Fraser, their maternal grandfather. They both were doctors. David served in the British army and after the battle of Waterloo practiced his profession in Paris.

nic Institute this year as compar- juniors and six seniors also re-

Governor-elect Martin has made it clear that he is op-posed to any new taxes. The suggestions offered here are not creased income from this source.

for new but lieu taxes, the added proceeds to go to the reduction of the general property tax. There would be no added each of the changes later in this column.

We invite comments on the proposals; and will discuss the marriage date."

(Continued on To

Dr. John, the blood of the Frasers in his veins, responded to the call of the wilds and frontiers. He joined the Northwesters, rivals of the ancient Hudson's Bay company in the fur trade of North America. He risked his life in the armed conflicts of the rival concerns battling for precedence on the hunting and trapping grounds of western Canada and the old Northwest of the United States.

In 1821, Dr. John McLoughlin was in charge at Fort William, chief depot and factory of the Northwesters, on the north shore of Lake Superior, having worked up to that prominent place from the lower levels of the service. In the more or less hazy span

before the attainment of this distinction, he had married Margaret McKay. Wrote Montgomery: 'It was on one of his sojourns at the North West company's (the Northwesters') isolated Sault Sainte Marie post that he met this comely widow and promptly lost his heart. Up to then the young North Wester, save for one obscure affair, had had no time for romance; but his infatuation for Margaret appears to have been instantaneous and profound. Through the long years ahead, their association was to contain all the elements of a great and lasting love.

"It was at Sault Sainte Marie that Margaret, still attractive, though well past 30, had resided since the death of her first hus-

"Of her early life almost nothing is known. Her father was a fur trader iamed Wadin, and her mother was either a full blooded Indian or a half breed. The historians appear evenly divided between these two alternatives though at least one is positive that the widow of Alexander Mc-Kay was 'one fourth Cheppewa from Red River of the North." (Reference is to S. A. Clarke's Oregon history, volume 1, page 189.) Whatever her origin may have been, she was, when John known facts in print up to date, first met her, a picture of loveliness with her straight dark hair, her flashing black eyes, and her slightly coppered skin. She not only was charming, but, to a very limited extent, educated, for, as a girl, she had attended the convent of the Ursuline nuns in Quebec. There is a remote possibility that John's older sister, Marie Louise, was a student there at the same time, in which case the dark haired girl from the Reddoubt if some of these matters I River country may have learned something of her future husband long years before she met him. Doubtless the heart of many a stalwart Scot had thumped in than be idle. Older men would vain until she succumbed to the wiles of the bold spirited McKay ord gets no pension. Taxes would ian ministers, Ross W. Anderson below Quebec, on the south side toward the close of the old cen-"The name of Alexander Mc-

parents being Roman Catholics. Kay is renowned in the annals of His father was John, native of the North West company. Among ty relief would end. Everyone force her criminal syndicalism Ireland. His mother before mar- other daring feats he had accompanied the pathfinder, Alexander Mackenzie, on his overland, expeditton of 1789-93. Later he had joined the Astor enterprise only to be murdered by hostile Indians ed the ill-fated ship Tonquin and massacred all hands." (This was in June, 1811.) Resuming, from the Montgomery text:

"Margaret, waiting at Sauli Sainte Marie with growing alarm, could scarcely have received news of her husband's tragic death before the latter part of 1811. How long she tarried before accepting under the Townsend Plan we pay Dr. John, who had been pressing it to make our old age secure. his suit with vigor, is an unsolv- Under the plan, instead of unem- Commandments" are an infringely in 1812. The fact that the first prosperous.

(Continued on Tuesday.)

"BEACH BEAUTY"

Harrow smiled at her concern

know, you owe me nothing. I'm sure I'm really going to make money on you and it wouldn't matter anyway. You owe me nothing in any way.

might say.

"I need to be married, Kay," he said. "It's the only way. I'm no prize and it's asking a lot, but I am lied her a moment."

"You don't have responded softly.

Harrow pursed he ied her a moment.

exact words that would convey her feeling, "and no one ever did more for me, but I couldn't honestly say I love you and that's what I know he said.

Words that would convey her shoulder approvingly.

"We have found something no one can take away, then, haven't we?" he said. I love you and that's what I know

you want—"
Harrow's glossy black eyebrows arched gracefully and he nodded

You know how things are with Pete and me. Pete also asked me to marry him, time and again, and I've given him almost the same answer. Yet I could marry either of you in a minute without stopping to think about it further and I might be perfectly happy, but it still wouldn't be fair to you. I don't know. Maybe I'm not a very real person

"Have no fear," Harrow said "But I can't be. I've come aw-fully close to eloping with Pete— awfully—and I let my career ambi-little of Harrow, Pete, Boris or Ida, tion rule me. I could come just as though Spike accompanied her on close to marrying you—and yet— the trips to town. She noticed a you'll think I'm terrible, Earl—I've change in Spike. He no longer

to Boris Warren."

"You're grand, Earl."

"No, I'm not. I'm a pretty bad case, but I can appreciate grand-ness and fineness in somebody else "red-head" who was his new You owe me nothing in any way. So remember that when you and when I see it. Suppose I were to tell you that at first my intentions atrical "find" and was to be the star of Harrow's next show, the lat-

"You don't have to tell me," Kay est effort of the bohemian Boris Warren.

Harrow pursed his lips and studBoris had turned over the first

"Understanding?"

"How this is going to work out one of us can say," Kay mused, but I'll be perfectly fair with you, Earl, and I'll marry you in a minate if—if I know that I should. But, Earl, I'm afraid

with a faint smile. "Perhaps . . ." And that was where they left the situation. . . .

"Afraid that it's Pete?" he asked

Kay worked with Ben Leschin that day and the next and saw really felt really a frightening attraction seemed to have what he had called lhis "yen" for her, though they were

CHAPTER XLVI

A bath and a few hours of rest
refreshened Kay remarkably. That
afternoon she was downstairs
again, chie and lovely in a little
tweed sports outfit, as if nothing
had happened to disturb her life
or the tranquil routine of this well
appointed big house. She had to
tell her story for everyone, of course
—Ida, Boris Warren and Leschin
when he came out from the city to
see her.

That evening after dinner Harrow drew her into his study and satt
down opposite her, almost knee-toknee. She knew he had something
rather important to say and she
waited anxiously.

"The police are in on this job, of
course, and they tell me they're going to be able to pin it on Nick Caspar," he began. "I certainly hope
so."

"Isn't it dangerous now for you?"
she asked.

Harrow miled at her concern.

"And already has gone through a
specific don't know myself. I've
every reason for loving Pete, you
his or is it only our old friendship?
We've known each other since we
were children on the beach and, if
left tegether in Florids, probably
sould have married each other in
time; yet now it's so confused, so
you. Maybe I'm just too young;
you. Maybe I'm just too young;
you. Maybe I'm just too young;
you. Maybe I'm shellow and silly and
selfish and never will know what
it."

Harrow miled his arm around
Kay's shoulder as he settled on the

Harrow slipped his arm around kay's shoulder as he settled on the arm of her chair.

him industriously. Spike seemed to be enjoying it, too. He had begun to strut and preen. And there, Kay told herself, was the reason for his

I need to be married, Kay," he said. "It's the only way. I'm no prize and it's asking a lot, but I am asking it. Will you marry me? I love you; you know that. And you rather like me, I can tell. If you think it's worth a chance, let's do it. And right away, before something else comes up. We can do it in town tomorrow in the Little Church Around the Corner. Will you, Kay?"

Again the inevitable problem, the necessity for the inevitable choice. It had come to a crisis at last—Pete, Boris and Harrow. She didn't know how to begin, let alone give him a complete and definite answer at the moment.

Kay's answer to Harrow was the only one she could give honestly.

"I'm very fond of you, Earl," she said slowly, picking painfully the exact words that would convey her feeling, "and no one ever did more for me but I couldn't honestly as yet hat I couldn't hep myself at the moment.

"I'm very fond of you, Earl," she expense the public's expectation. Back in Day-tona Beach, she knew, Keith Pitts and her before she could say another word. He drew back, smiling, and patted her shoulder approvingly.

"We have found something no one for the reviews. She can take away, then, haven't wa?"

"I'm bet only will sen the first act of the play and Kay was study-ing at carefully with Ben Leschin. For the first time the fact that she was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the star of an Earl Harrow was to be the

alternative; she had to. Harrow's glossy black eyebrows arched gracefully and he nodded very slightly.

"I could marry you, yes, Earl,"

"I could marry you, yes, Earl,"

Kay continued. "but it wouldn't be spoil it."

"Industrial time friendship."

Kay put her hand on his. "We to think about such things, she noticed a change in Boris. His great is ad eyes were sadder now than ever land he spoke searches." It was uncanny; as if he had sensed everything that had passed through her mind during the week. She was just as glad, though, because she liked this strange young man a great deal and hated to have to put nto words anything that might

hurt him. Pete, too, seemed to be silent and discreet, though probably for an-other reason. She imagined that he realized the difficult job she had beore her and was remaining in the packground and keeping his feelings under control as much as pos-sible that she might have no inter-

As Harrow so aptly put it: "The battle is on. (To Be Continued)

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## The Safety Letters from

Statesman Readers

TOWNSEND PLAN Jan. 1, 1935. The Editor of The Statesman:

he three R problem. Those against the plan try to create the impression that the state commander of the American \$200 a month is a gift, that we can travel outside the U. S., can bank it, buy bonds or give it away. They have even got the president of the lately organized great Babson on the air telling us we are trying to get something for nothing.

It is just the reverse. We are gents of the government to pay the \$200 out for labor, service on our homes, and for utilities each month. As we could not use all the utilities we must buy, there should be some one to tell us what to buy, and where to place them to do the most good. When the president signs the bill, 10 milition people will be taken from relief, and unemployment rolls. With at least one to three quarspent each month for utilities, industry would soon need the balwith the increased demand. gentleman and his cohorts will reyoung men would rather work good citizenship. would be busy. Poor farms could stopped. One county in Kansas needs \$500,000 for relief, 40 counties two billion dollars, New York budget calls for 50 millions for relief. So it goes all over the U. S. A dole never can bring back prosperity, for the one who receives it can just live, never having enough money to buy any utilities. The sales tax is a fair and just tax, for we all enjoy the protection and privileges of our

government and we all pay ac-

cording to our ability to buy, but

prices for our labor or produce. Scientists and industrial engineers are always finding new ways to cheapen production, takes less labor, and the Towncan be lowered when necessary. M. W. Rulifson, Rt. 2, Box 59 Salem, Oregon.

CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM

The Townsend Plan will solve To the Editor: Note from a Monday Portland paper that W. J. Chamberlin Legion has been challenged to a debate on criminal syndicalism by the Reverend Ross W. Anderson American Civil Liberties union.

Joe Chamberlin is exceedingly busy at present holding American Legion district conferences and spreading the gospel of 100 per cent Americanism. In case commander Chamberlin cannot spare sufficient time to meet Brother Ross in open debate, permit a buck pirate of old fashioned Andrew Jeckson and Theodore Roosevelt Americanism to suggest the names of two Portlandders as possible opponents of Mr. Ross W. Anderson. In event either Harold J. Warner, national vice comter billion dollars new money mander of the American Legion. or Chaplain John W. Beard, lock horns with Reverend Anderson on ance of unemployed to keep up criminal syndicalism, the worthy

Crime would decrease. Boys and ceive a much needed lesson in It would be educational to say go straight-for a criminal rec- the least to hear two Presbyterbe much lower, income taxes re- and John W. Beard, take diametduced, and inheritance taxes in- rically opposite views on this percreased. After two or three tinent subject of whether Oregon months, national; state and coun- should continue to effectively enlaw; no one need apologize for be sold. State old age pensions Chaplain Beard's brand of Americanism.

> Today, January 1, is an appropriate time for all patriotic, law abiding Americans to stand up and be counted. Let us resolve here and now that we will do our level best to defend our state and nation from the insidious attacks of those misguided souls who, in their fanatical desire to further personal liberty would destroy the larger liberty that makes limited personal liberty possible.

There is no such thing as com-plete personal liberty. "The Ten able riddle, but we can hazard ployment insurance-dole - em- ment upon personal liberty. All the guess that their wedding took ployment is insured or assured; laws are a negation of personal place either late in 1811 or ear- and our country will always be liberty. The "bill of rights" of our American constitution does not child, John, jr., arrived on Aug. The tax will not affect industry give anyone the right of unbridled 18, 1812, offers our only clue to because it will be passed on to free speech as some of the spoutthe consumer, but we will be glad ers and loud speakers for criminto pay it for we will get better al syndicalism repeal have stated.

It might be well for Americans, who believe in the principles of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Cleveland and McKinley, to spread the gospel of good Americanism send plan is the only way to take as exemplified by the latter porcare of those that are displaced tion of the "American's Creed": by machines; and keep the coun- "I therefore believe it is my duty try prosperous. The age limit to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies." Immediately following the word enemies, we suggest adding the seven words-from within as well as from without.

> C. BEECHER SCOTT, McMinnville, Oregon. January 1, 1935.

> > UNION PICKS OFFICERS

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Jan. 5 .-Annual election of officers for the Farmers' Union local Wednesday night resulted as follows: President, Glenn Southwick; vice-president, Ammon S. Grice: doorkeep, Guy McDowell; secretarytreasurer, Robert Adams; conductor, Frank W. Wilson; Roscoe Clarke, Victor Lynch and Ammon Grice compose the legislative

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