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PAGING MR. RILEY

ABOUT a year ago, it was, that we first challenged the pundits of Oregon to tell us something of "the life of Riley," that personage whose joyous exploits and delights are mentioned so frequently by those who seek the sylvan solace of the forests of Oregon. It was our surmise that there must be somebody quite familiar with the habits and history of this patron saint of fishermen and mountain climbers and mere idlers. But even the sage Ben Hur Lampman was able to give us no more than the shadow of an answer, the mere guess that Riley must be a distant relative of the celebrated Jim Dinkens.

And now come scholars of note making further inquiry. Mr. Pat V. Morrisette, of the department of English at the University of Oregon, writes that his colleague, Mr. B. A. Botkin, of the University of Oklahoma, has pressed him for information regarding the Wandering Gael and would make the story the subject of research and literature (he'd better not let Alfalfa Bill know how he's wasting time!). So Mr. Morrisette has begged us to try to give Mr. Botkin some tangible clue to this delightful character.

Perhaps we can give just a hint out of the results of our own intensive and exhaustive research. Patrick Aloysius Augustus O'Riileagh was an Irish king, of course, who lived and loved about the time of King Arthur. Sir Patrick Aloysius was but the least of his distinguished titles, and 'tis well established that even beyond Lancelot and Galahad and Tristram was he beloved not only by the king but by all the ladies of the court. Mighty was his sword, and sweet was the music of his lute, and 'twas he that disarmed the Black Knight of the Saracens with his laugh.

It is reported that Guinivere, who had quite a penchant for strong young men, took quite a fancy to the youth. But the amiable Sir Patrick Aloysius was not minded to return the compliment. Gally, over his head, had he worn the tokens of many a blue (or brown) eyed colleen, but not for him were tedious romances with the fusty dowagers of the court.

"What-a-man!" sighed Guinivere.
"Methinks," laughed Sir Patrick, "such epithet were suited only to the dull but doughty Lancelot." "Grinning idiot!" shrieked the queen, and for this insult she caused him to be bewitched. By the arts of the crafty Merlin he was transformed into a simple rustic and for his honor he was given a fishing pole instead of a lance, and he was transported back to the lake of Erin among the snakes. But all this worried Patrick not a bit. For back on the Old Sod he was beloved by a young and beautiful princess. Kathleen Mayvourneen, they say, was her name. Poor they were but very happy all their days, though sometimes when Pat came slinging home from the hills where he had been for many days, Kathleen would remark:
"Pat, you're a divil, and sure you're bewitched!"
Naturally there were many little O'Riileaghs, and though they were no longer kings of Ireland, it is well known they became kings of the earth, for there are O'Riileaghs (or Rileys) everywhere, most especially in that beautiful and beneficent climate which is peculiar to Oregon in the United States. More than this we can not tell Mr. Botkin, for the present, for we have only begun our own research. But our suggestion is that if Mr. Botkin would know "the life of Riley," he should remove (before Alfalfa Bill sets the time clocks on him) to some mountain meadow in the high Cascades.

Setting his tent in the shade of some spreading hemlock, he should wait and watch. Riley will pass that way. It may be when the morning sun is lifting the veils of silver and purple from the snowy peaks. It may be in the brilliant noon when mountains and meadows are bathed in warmth and light. He may come trudging through the crimson of the sunset, dangling his long rod in the grass, singing those songs which are attuned to mountain brooks. Or he may come softly through the meadows in the dark, kneeling in the mosses to drink the crystal and the starlight.

Riley has left behind him the silly noise and strife of tournaments, the petty intrigues of cities and courts. There's never a care in his heart. More we do not know than this.

MONUMENTS, ARMS, TARIFFS

PEACE is the popular cause of the day. The old-fashioned patriot who stood up and pleaded for good, big, manly wars is silent. After the last Great War, the noble sport of international massacre has perhaps even less moral standing than prizefights.

are the cause of war, there is a great deal of sentimental tommyrot.

Canada and the United States have kept peace for more than 100 years not because they have had no brawling armaments but because all commercial and social intercourse has been on a fair basis. It is a little bit too disturbing to note that in the last year, due very largely to the erection of tariff barriers, relations have been perhaps less cordial than at any time since Perry won the big fight. Undoubtedly wars can be delayed and peace promoted by keeping armaments out of sight, but it's the day to day relationship in trade that fosters the germ of fights. Give the Canadians or give the Americans the idea that friendship has been abused and plenty of arms and gunpowder would come to light.

There is no one formula which will guarantee peace, unless it is the Golden Rule itself, applied to every detail of international life. The simplest of all formulae, at that, but in its applications, how complex!

CITY TAX REDUCTION

AN immediate reduction of approximately two mills in city of Eugene taxes is proposed by City Recorder R. S. Bryson by the expedient of proportioning annual sinking fund levies more nearly to actual yearly requirements than has been the practice in the past. Thus, by levying \$30,000 a year instead of \$55,000 a year (with an increase to \$40,000 for five years beginning in 1942 because of heavy maturities at that time) Mr. Bryson believes all outstanding bonds can be paid as they fall due and all interest payments as they fall due, without any risk of piling up a deferred debt.

The plan is similar to that by which Governor Meier proposes to reduce state property levies for veteran aid sinking funds—except that the Meier plan, as we understand it, proposes the complete dropping of the levy for 1932 on the theory that sinking funds earnings and sinking fund levies of the future will bring the program out on schedule without deferment of any payments.

Both plans deserve the scrutiny and criticism of skilled accountants. The thing to be avoided is any scheme that will cause a sinking fund shortage at some future date because that means merely deferred payments, additional interest and expense and the "kidding" of the public as to savings and expense. Mr. Bryson's plan has the virtue that it avoids any complete suspension of sinking fund payments over any period. If his calculations are accurate as to the entire program, it should be welcomed.

But if there is any flaw in his estimates, if there is any doubt as to the adequacy of the program to meet all payments on the dot, it should not be adopted, because there is no policy in public finance more disastrous than postponement of debt.

The Wickersham commission has found little of the third degree in Oregon. It must have overlooked the operations of the state board of control since Julius became governor.

Commenting on his rather rough reception at Corvallis, Portland's own Mayor Baker remarks that he doesn't guess the Legion boys want any serious speeches. Why limit that to the Legion, mayor?

The famous legend of Don Quixote's tilt with the windmills will now be replaced by the fact of Alfalfa Bill's tilt with the oil wells.

As we gather it, the Salem idea in this Hawley-Roseburg mixup is that Roseburg would be a swell place for a home for retired congressmen.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

"THE ENCHANTED LAKE"
(Bend Bulletin)

THE literature of Oregon has just been enriched by the publication of "The Enchanted Lake," by S. C. Papham of Marshfield, a new writer to us but, we understand, a native Oregonian whose literary skill is here well demonstrated.

The enchanted lake is, of course, Crater lake and the book is about that scenic wonder, its history, Indian legends relating to it, the geology of the park area, a record of the flora and the fauna found in the park, a description of the points of interest around the lake and an account of the origin of many of the place names—to list some of the chief features of Mr. Papham's volume. It is a guide book to a super attraction of the Oregon country.

Quite properly much space is given in the book to the part played by Will G. Steel in securing the designation of the region around the lake as a national park and his connection with the park and its progress ever since. Due space is given to John W. Hillman, who was at the head of the party of gold seekers who first discovered the lake in 1853, but for Will Steel there is more prominent mention because of his leadership in the work of securing due recognition for the park as a national asset. To other names such as Applegate, Cole, and Miller—identified with the park in one way or another—full reference is made.

The book was printed in the plant of the Salem Statesman and is a credit to that institution. It is of the right size to afford proper reproduction of the photographs with which it is beautifully illustrated, the cover suggests the blue of the lake itself, the paper—soft and of the whitest—pleases both the eye and the hand and the type, clear and black, is easily read.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY BUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The Democrats say conditions are pretty bad right now and the republicans say things might be a lot worse. That sums up the 1932 campaign strategy of the politicians to date.

President Hoover gets the blame from the democrats because things are as bad as they are and high praise from his own party because they are no worse.

The U. S. O. P. is obviously the party of hope and optimism. The democrats have hope and optimism, too, but their hope of victory is based on the alleged hopelessness of the economic situation for the next year or so and their optimism is thus based on pessimism. The republicans, on the other hand, found their 1932 expectations almost entirely on the hope of a pickup in business. If there is no such pickup, according to common theory, the election will cause this city to be so overrun with democrats in 1933 as to result in a serious shift in the center of population because it is based on the fundamentally sound theory that things get just so bad and they get worse but that sort of thing can't go on forever. Lately some republicans have come to suspect that their best chance will be presented in 1936, by which time the country will have learned that the democrats can't end a depression either. But that theory is unorthodox and the official party campaign dogma is a reversion to the slogan of 1924: "Don't sweep horses while stuck in the mud."

President Hoover and his cabinet members presumably would still be leaving statements to assure the country that the depression was all over if such statements were not invariably followed by crashes in the stock market and the commodity markets. But although gentlemen in high position now realize the discretion of restraint concerning such matters, the official party propaganda, besides pointing out how much more serious conditions would be if they were a great deal worse, continues to be fashioned after the manner of Pullman. One of our little independent items in the republican national committee's weekly news letter starts off like this:

"Now that the slump is about over and people are beginning to quit talking about hard times—"

SIDE GLANCES



"Well, captain, I like that! Putting it out to sea before I've half finished my painting."

DAILY HEALTH SERVICE
BODY NEEDS PLENTY OF WATER
Far More Necessary to Body Than Food and Loss Must Be Compensated to Offset Ill Effects

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
(Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine)

SIXTY-FIVE per cent of the human body is composed of water. Suggestions as to the proper amount necessary for internal use to keep the body well supplied vary from six to ten glasses a day. Humorists insist that Americans have all been thirsty for the last 10 years.

The necessity for water in the body is far more pressing than the necessity for food. A healthy human being can live without food and with decreasing physical efficiency, for some 40 to 60 days. He can do without water for a much shorter time. Without this cooling and comforting fluid he gets uncomfortable after two or three days, feverish in four or seven days, and he usually dies in from eight to 12 days. That is what happens to a man lost at sea in a desert without fresh water.

So necessary is water to the continuing of the chemistry of the tissues that the blood begins to take it from the tissues of less importance and transport it to those of more importance very promptly when the supply from without begins to fail. When a human being becomes unconscious, a physician or those in attendance must make certain that water is put into his body if he is to live. It may be injected by a stomach tube into the stomach or it may be injected with a needle under the skin or directly into the blood.

When a person becomes exceedingly thirsty, his tongue, throat and mouth get dry and burn. Because of the anxiety, he becomes restless; because of the lack of evaporation of water from the surface of the body, he becomes feverish. The sensation of thirst can be lessened somewhat merely by wetting the lips and tongue, but there is a satisfaction only to the sensation and cannot satisfy long.

There is one portion of the brain which is particularly interested in seeing that the needs of the body for water are satisfied. Obviously this is important since the water is necessary to the conditions of life. Some people drink a great deal more water than do others. Excessive thirst is brought about by excessive loss of water from the body.

Sometimes this loss of water is due to disease which puts a great deal more water through the kidneys in order to relieve the body of concentrated salts that are the products of disease. Sometimes the occupation of the person or the character of his sweat glands is such that he loses a great deal of water by way of the skin. In some instances much water is lost from the body by the intestinal tract.

Following hemorrhage with a considerable loss of blood, a person is usually intensely thirsty because of the amount of fluid that has been taken away in this manner.

In a recent review, Prof. Carlson points out that the thirst appetite has not yet been properly named. This appetite, he insists, is nevertheless a real factor in life, "as it is apparent that many people imbibe so-called soft drinks without being thirsty or drunk one-half of one per cent beer without either thirst or hope being present."

4-H Calves Are Given Blood Tests

Blood tests of 24 calves belonging to Four-H calf club members were made free of charge Tuesday by Dr. J. A. Flannigan preparatory to the calves being shown at the Junction City Four-H club fair and the Lane county fair. Animals to be shown at the county fair must be free of contagious abortion.

Thirteen of the calves were tested at Norton, the others being at Lone Pine, Junction City and Clear Lake.

No False Light in This Girl's Eyes

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Club Leaders Hold Meeting Tuesday

The monthly Four-H leaders meeting held Tuesday night in the Four-H building at the Lane county fair grounds was attended by 55 local leaders who discussed plans for the exhibitions and demonstrations to be given by the clubs as their part of the Lane county fair, Aug. 25-29.

The program for the evening was in charge of the Art club. Mrs. George Saunders, it included the singing of the "Dreaming" song, a musical appreciation number, "The Toy Makers Dream," by Lois Bailey; and a demonstration of batik dyeing by Melba Andrews and Alice Gillespie.

Catch 'Em Young, Say the Soviets

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Soviet Russia's generation of future leaders is multiplying rapidly.

In the first half of this year membership in the communist organization for boys and girls increased 1,000,000 to a total of more than 4,000,000.

A FISH STORY

SEATTLE.—Just as Ronald Egerer was reeling in his fishing line after an unsuccessful day, a huge lake trout hit his bait and he landed it. He took it home to his wife and she suggested he show it to the neighbors before she prepared it for dinner. Egerer displayed the finny prize to an elderly neighbor. That worthy calmly picked up the fish and made for home. He was deaf and thought Egerer gave it to him.

THIS IS BRAVERY

LONDON.—Bernard Gilmurray, Ulster man, received the 1930 Carnegie Hero award for his feat of rescuing a fellow workman from a burning mine. The kiln was filled to within a foot of the top with burning coals when the workman fell. Gilmurray immediately jumped in, and with a shovel freed the man from the coals. Gilmurray was burned so badly himself that he spent months in a hospital.

FARMERS CUT WHEAT

BOISE, Idaho.—(AP)—Idaho farmers have followed the advice of the Federal Farm Board to curtail wheat production. If federal farm reports bureau forecasts are correct, the farmers plan to cut down their wheat acreage 23 per cent this year. On the other hand they will increase their oats plantings seven per cent; corn five per cent; barley 12 per cent; Irish potatoes, 11 per cent; sweet potatoes, 29 per cent and hay one per cent.

Eugene Lodge Loyal Order of Moose will entertain Corvallis Officers and Drill Team, Thursday, Aug. 13th. There will be class initiation and feed.

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