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HOME, JAMES, HOME!

WHEN as and if the millennium is achieved, the planet Mars (or perhaps Saturn because it has rings around it) should be set aside for the vacationing of editors. There they should be turned out to browse for a considerable portion of each year, forbidden all access to "world news," inoculated against any thought of "local issues."

They should be reduced to something resembling "amnesia" while those delicate physical and metaphysical combinations which make up what is called "an editor" undergo alterations and repairs. Science which has done so much to eliminate barnacles from battleships has been strangely negligent of the incrustations on editorial chairs.

Mars or Saturn—if the fishing is good—would be ideal for editors. Till that is possible the ideal spot is on one of Mr. Daly's cowpastures on Smith river. At least, the last of the Oregon that was Oregon is there. There time and tide still flow—regardless of Roosevelt and Landon and Elisha Harte and Fred Beard and Fred Stickels and Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini or even Dr. Townsend and Gerald Smith.

There the pig which Mr. Daly's old hound is muzzling affectionately is still pork, if necessary, and the vast apples which drop from the trees in the orchard and the wild blackberries which bow down the bushes along the river bespeak a life where life has not yet become dependent on jiggling graphs and index figures. The first deer venturing down through the brush is still more important than "planned economy."

Of course, they've been building a road down Smith river. By now, probably, it is open all the way to Gardiner. Perhaps you can blame or thank the New Deal for that, according as you are minded. It would have been nice, though, to think of Smith river as a special preserve for editors—till the routes to Mars and Saturn are opened.

You see, the green turf in Mr. Daly's cowpasture is underlaid with certain sunken bumps which rise to the surface in the middle of the night due to contraction caused by contact of the warm earth with the chill night atmosphere (Physicists at the U. of O. can explain). Anyhow the person who wrangles a bedroll around those bumps several nights running ceases to care too much about what may happen to civilization in the next hundred years. And when he returns to the cockeyed world with its so-called troubles, the only thing he can think of is:

Three cheers!

We are informed reliably that Eugene and Lane county are in a terrible fix. We understand that businessmen on Willamette street and professors at the University expect confidently to attain a new all-time peak for worry this coming year. The state of the nation is rotten, and we stand between the Syria and Charybdis of the New Deal or the Liberty Leaguers. The world, in fact, has gone from bad to worse during the sojourn on Smith river.

We face the crisis calmly saying merely:

Three cheers!

DEATH LURKS IN DUST

THE tragedy which overtook Mrs. Herman Hobi and her little son on the Lake Quinalt road near Aberdeen, Washington, was due to dust, according to Mahlon Sweet who performed the sad duty of taking Mrs. Hobi's parents to her home there. There was a four-lane highway at the scene of the accident but it was not paved or oiled, Mr. Sweet learned. There was a heavy traffic of logging trucks which created an unusual volume of dust.

The driver of the car which crashed head-on into Mrs. Hobi's car swerved for the left to try to find an opening in the dust. The vehicles collided before either driver could use brakes or swerve to lighten the impact. The accounts of the accident in the reports to Aberdeen papers indicate that the driver made the mistake which causes so many tragedies.

He drove "beyond his vision"—a term which Mr. Sweet, an expert driver is fond of using.

In other words, he drove out of that range within which he could see a hazard and stop for it! Driving "within vision" is a fundamental of safe driving. If you can see 200 feet or 100 feet do not drive at any speed greater than will permit you to stop in that distance. If you can see only 50 feet or 25 feet, reduce speed accordingly. If you can't see at all, pull to the side of the road and wait till you can see.

The other lesson to be learned from this accident even though it is hundreds of miles away is that dust is a real menace. Oregon has been wiser than Washington in road policy. Most of our main roads are oil surfaced as soon as they are opened but Washington seems to prefer to wait till heavy concrete can be laid. Nevertheless Oregon state and county officials are not always as prompt as they should be in stopping a dust hazard.

Where the dust hazard crops up for any reason, of surfacing is economy of life and money.

No regrets can repair the tragedy in the home of the young Hobis. The sorrow is widely shared here because of the esteem in which the young people were held during their long residence in Eugene and because of the high regard for Mrs. Hobi's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Taylor. It was one of those accidents which reveal with terrible clarity the possible cost of a single moment of bad driving.

SURE SIGNS OF PROSPERITY

RECORD breaking crowds at the Oregon state fair, at the Pendleton Roundup, at every other occasion for massing "the public" give sure proof that a large measure of prosperity has returned to Oregon. Not only are the crowds larger than in several years, but they are spending crowds. Money is being made in Oregon and people have reached that state of mind where they are willing to spend it, with reasonable assurance that there will be more to replace it. It isn't necessary to study elaborate tables of statistics or industrial graphs to get the evidence that prosperity is here.

The real question was propounded by a Portland

businessman who stood at the corner of the 4-H building watching the crowds clamoring to spend their dimes on the gadgets along the state fair midway. He said:

"Can it last?"

A Republican by every instinct and inclination he is willing to give the Roosevelt administration all the credit in the world for "shaking things loose." But said he:

"The taxes on our business will be \$4,300 higher this coming year than last. Even with continued gains in the volume of our business we cannot hope to make as much profit next year as last year, if we make any at all, and we may not because all other expenses are going up. If the margin between the cost of doing business and what we can get continues to shrink we shall have to cut employment instead of increasing it as we would like to do. So what?"

How much of the current prosperity is due entirely to New Deal spending? How much of it is due to the simple elementary fact that a great many people who incurred losses or found themselves in debt at the 1929 crash are again "even with the boards," able to "loosen up." How soon will public and private borrowing precipitate a new crash? Is the New Deal orgy of spending with borrowed money essentially different from the orgy of private speculation which preceded the 1929 crash? Is the New Deal prosperity a speculative prosperity? Will it wreck the real prosperity of natural readjustment?

You answer it!

OREGON—UNSPOILED STATE

STANDING on the new bridge across Yaquina bay at Newport a man from Indiana who has toured the Pacific Coast from British Columbia to Mexico this summer remarked on the beauty of that graceful structure, the way in which it seems to float between the wooded hills and he remarked on Oregon as "the only unspoiled state."

Not entirely unspoiled, however. The gentlemen from Indiana qualified his praise by some rather bitter remarks about what has happened in some parts of Oregon. He recalled Eugene, for instance, by the shacks and junkheaps and billboards which desecrate the otherwise superb views at Jenkins point. He had little praise for Medford's "procession of hot dog stands and ratty tourist camps." He considered downtown Portland "a mess" and Salem nothing "to write home about."

But as to the smaller towns and particularly as to the Oregon countryside he was enthusiastic. By comparison he remembered Washington as only long reaches of logged-off jungle and brush. He appreciated California's grandeur, but deplored most of California's ideas of "adornments." The gaudy stuccos, he declared, made him take pills every night.

"Relatively," said he, "Oregon is an unspoiled state, especially this coast, and judging by the travel most of this timber is worth more as scenery than all the boards or paper you'll ever make."

Planning to retire, he is thinking of a home on the Oregon coast, he says—if there is any place where a decent development will be safe.

That's something to think about.

JOHNNY GOES MARCHING IN

THE schools of Eugene will open Monday for another year. Within a few days, as the enrollment figures are added up, we shall know the size of the school problem here. It is becoming uncomfortably apparent that with continued growth the building of some new schools cannot be indefinitely delayed. But it will be at least seven more years before we are clear of old building debts, and in the meantime payments are at the peak.

Superintendent Gould has followed the sound principle that good schools depend more on people than on things. Steadily he has endeavored to improve the teaching faculty and as fast as the tax situation will permit he is endeavoring to provide better pay and teaching conditions. He has been ingenious in making old buildings and old equipment "stretch."

This year's enrollment may put the Eugene schools to a real test. We may have some pressing problems to meet. Mr. Gould has been level headed and thrifty and he will continue to be that way. Taxpayers need not get excited. We have achieved good schools, to which Johnny may go marching in proudly. Now we come to the very practical problem: will Johnny get a seat? School can only bulge just so much, prosperously.

Ajax McGurk who has also been to Smith river (with his family) says that any guy who goes camping with his family deserves his name in circus lights along with Clyde Beatty.

Now Mr. Hitler is demanding colonies, etc. That guy just can't seem to remember that we made the world safe for democracy.

Canadian official thinks television will help to keep boys down on the farm and out of the cities. A little plain vision might do even better.

A burglar in Dunkirk was apprehended because he "left a ring on the bathtub." And probably because he did not leave any on the dresser.

A large Route F onion from Billy Maddaugh out at Veneta is a gladsome reminder that, after all, the soup season is here. Where's Sawyer?

Now that Candidate Landon has been photographed with the great Jesse Owens you can be sure he'll get somewhere. At that Jesse might be better than most of the advisers.

Case for justifiable homicide—the next guy who asks Prink Callison what he's "going to have this year."

We just met a student who says he isn't worrying much about the football team, but hopes the faculty will have a new line this year. Well, it may not be faster, but it may be heavier.

With the schools doing so much in adult education, it is time to suggest a little course for those guys who think a man resembles a deer.

The race is not always to the swift and the

"THERE AIN'T NO SUCH ANIMAL!"



IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

MILITARY

OAKRIDGE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—The Oregon Committee for Peace and Freedom was delighted to learn that the American Legion will fight the non-compulsory military training bill with ballots instead of bullets. This must have been a difficult and painful decision in view of the fact that the Legion for many years has assured the people that only guns can settle a thing rightly—and that we need more guns.

It was a gentlemanly decision. Had the Legion chosen guns, we would have been placed at a real disadvantage, because, as the Legion knows, many of those supporting the bill are probably pacifists.

The Legion is quite sure that pacifists, communists, and other "subversive" persons are behind the bill. I wish I could present statistics on the political and religious beliefs of each of the more than 1200 persons who have actively supported the initiative. Such a document might, or might not give the Legion more peace of mind. But, it happens, we didn't ask the life records of people when they went to work on the initiative. So I wouldn't be surprised if there were several communists and pacifists who helped. I even have a sneaking hunch that a least two republicans aided in the "subversive" work.

The bill was supported by the Morning Oregonian, the Eugene Morning News, and such men as Oswald Garrison Villard, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, and Frederick J. Libby, as well as most of Oregon's best-known ministers, organized labor, and practically all the Grange leaders. Then there was the unanimous endorsement of both the Methodist and Presbyterian conferences in Oregon, as well as the National Education association. (The Legion might investigate these for Moscow connections!)

The Legion wants 1000 people to help defeat the bill. Seriously, after the hundreds and hundreds of veterans who signed the petitions, I wonder if there are that many left who are opposed to it. Most any petition-pusher can tell of veterans whose fervent praise for the bill was ample indication that they know more about what modern war means than do the Legion big shots. Or perhaps they didn't belong to the Legion. Only about one-fourth of the veterans do!

In closing, I can't refrain from one more observation. The Legion, it seems, condemned the non-compulsory initiative as making for a "more militaristic national defense," or some such phrase. In the same resolution we were called pacifists. Shades of the Kremlin! Pacifists working for a more militaristic national defense? That's reasoning from Plato to the moon, and back again. Have the pacifists joined the American Legion? To arms, legionnaires!

CHARLES PADDOCK, JR.
 Chairman, Oregon Committee for Peace and Freedom.

THE MONEY POWER

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—The House of Morgan either directly or indirectly control 2264 corporations and banks, thus by virtue of that vicious agency of control the interlocking directorate the house of Morgan have set up a perfect working machine to make the nation safe for feudalism and social insecurity. It has debased the economic system of the nation. It has hamstringed every move toward social betterment. It has surrendered the labor movement. And through an elaborate system of propaganda on the one hand, and by coercion, intimidation and violence on the other, it will maintain its strangle hold on the gasping social body.

The House of Morgan & Co. con-

trois 881 industrial companies, 316 railroad companies, 262 public utilities, companies, 217 bank and trust companies, 154 insurance companies, 129 security companies, 266 miscellaneous.

Thus, by virtue of that most vicious agency of control, the interlocking directorate, the house of Morgan has set up a perfect machine to make the nation safe for industrial feudalism and social insecurity. It has debased the economic system of the nation. It has hamstringed every move toward social betterment.

It has been stated that J. P. Morgan is giving to the Democratic campaign \$750,000 and to the Republican campaign \$450,000. It will make no difference which is elected, Roosevelt or Landon, the House of Morgan will be in supreme control. His object (Morgan) is to defeat any movement toward social advancement.

It is plain then, that the control of our economic life through a vast network of interlocking directorate that this machine, designed to facilitate co-operation, cogency and collusion among liege lords, and the forming monopolies, must be smashed before we can hope for any "new deal."

Hence the Townsend Plan. If this vicious system is to be brought under control, for if allowed to continue unbridled, posterity will find itself in bad breaking serfdom and on its bowed knees doing homage to a dictator. All voters should weigh this question: The Morgan Plan or the Townsend Plan. Morgan will vote for his interest: Whose interest will you vote for? You should read the report of the Senate committee on banking and currency in order to determine where real control of the American government rests.

This is not all! "The Influence of Crime on the American Home," before the Round Table Forum in New York City last March. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of investigation gave some appalling and alarming figures. He declared that we was conservative. Last year in the United States there was a minimum of 12,000 murders, and 1,445,581 major crimes. Robbery, arson, rape, felonious assault or murder is visited on one of every sixteen American homes, and one of every 84 persons. Mr. Hoover estimates that crime costs each citizen a minimum of \$120 a year. The Townsend Plan would eliminate three fourths of the crime and its cost, and the savings in charity would go a long way toward paying in one year the national debt. Vote the Townsend Plan and see.

J. N. B. FULLER.

DOG CATCHER

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—We citizens of Almaden street are wondering if the dog-catcher is paid a salary by the city? If so what? There are at least a half dozen, half-starved dogs running around barking and otherwise causing disturbances day and night. These are just strays.

The dog-catcher has been called twice to get one of them, but after inquiring if it was valuable and finding it was not, he said he had no car and asked if we couldn't do it ourselves. I have no doubt if the dog

had been of value there would have been no time lost.

Also the police station was asked about the matter once, and still no action.

We really can't see the need of a dog catcher at all if the citizens are going to be requested by him to do his work.

Sincerely yours,
 MRS. A. FEGLES.

SUNDAY LESSON

The Christians in and around Jerusalem. Scattered far and wide, After the stoning of Stephen, After their preaching did not subside. "Now there were in the church at Antioch

Certain prophets and teachers." Barnabas and Saul came later, And many other preachers.

Some came from Cyprus and Cyrene And they were the only men Who "spoke unto the Gentiles, Preaching the Lord Jesus" to them. When the Church at Jerusalem heard this Barnabas immediately departed. He came to the church at Antioch. And the investigation started.

The Holy Spirit had filled them all And the Jew and the Gentile blended. Barnabas was glad of this. So the investigation ended. "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted"

Two ministers, Barnabas and Saul, Were ordained for evangelistic work. The Spirit gave them a definite call.

So they went to the Isle of Cyprus, Saul saving was their goal. They were bothered by a false prophet But God used him to save a soul. Sergius Paulus, a deputy sheriff, Sent for Barnabas and Saul To preach to him about the Lord, He wanted to hear it all.

The sorcerer withstood the Holy Spirit He was not talking to man at all. The Holy Spirit was doing the preaching Through the lips of Barnabas and Saul.

The Lord punished the sorcerer severely By making him blind for a season. The deputy sheriff believed the gospel And this miracle was the reason.

"Go ye into all the world, And preach the gospel to every creature." That this meant the Gentiles also Was hard for the Jews to feature, "Whosoever will may come" Is a scripture so big and grand That it requires the teaching of the Spirit To make us understand.

ELLA HAYDEN.

COMPLAINT

VENETA, Ore.—(To the Editor)—I see by a report made by P. M.

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Sullivan of the relief committee as to amount of money paid. He may have told the truth. I don't know but he did not tell how much property they had grabbed in that time. Being 78 past, I applied for an old age pension and furnished all proof. They sent a smiling young lady out to pry into all our affairs and they must have thought she had the case worked up all right for they rushed what they called a mortgage out for us to sign but did not say they would give us anything in return for it, not as much as the postage on the return. But it looked like they thought they saw something for nothing and thought to grab it, but it looked like too much graft for me so I did not sign.

Veneta.

Herb Gardening

By MARIE FLETCHER

September 18, 1938.

The ramifications of the story of herbs from early days are many and fascinating. The terms astrology, magic, occultism, philosophy, medicine, religion, botany, alchemy, chemistry, astronomy, perhaps more, are all connected with it. Legends, myths and tradition are all part of it.

A legend which sprang up in the first century relates to Hermes Trismegistus. He seems to have been possessor of the Emerald Tablet on which was inscribed the formula of the Philosopher's Stone, and at his death, the tablet was buried with him. Afterwards it was removed from the sepulchre by Sarah, the wife of Abraham, who concealed it in a cave in Hebron. Later it was discovered by Alexander the Great.

The inscription on the tablet describes the virtues and powers of the Philosopher's Stone. "This thing has more fortitude than fortitude itself, because it will overcome every subtle thing and penetrate every solid thing. By it this world was formed.... For this reason I am called Hermes Trismegistus, because I possess three parts of the philosophy of the whole world."

The practice of Simpling which consists of curing common ailments with simple, single remedies culled from the soil, has always been associated with herbs. Our word drug comes from the Anglo Saxon drigon, to dry. It is related to medicinal herbs.

"Simpling is a subject as ancient as the creation, yes, more ancient than the sun and moon and stars, for they were created the fourth day, plants the third. Thus did God confute the folly of those astrologers who go about to maintain that vegetables in their growth are enlivened to a necessary and unavoidable dependence on the stars, whereas plants were even when stars were not."

The Doctrine of Signatures was first expounded by Paracelsus, 1493. This doctrine considers analogies. Exterior forms of plants, root, stem, leaves, fruit, seed, color, scent, birthplace, time of birth, manner of reproduction, growth, plants with long and short lives could be used to lengthen and shorten human lives. Plants of each country were intended to cure diseases of inhabitants of that country, on the ground that the same climate produces diseases and cure. "On the basis of this supposition, salicin, cure for rheumatism was discovered." Salicin is found in the bark of the willow which is found in damp places which in turn produce rheumatism. Scaly plants were used to treat skin diseases. Flame colored flowers were found soothing in inflammations. Green and purple, colors under the control of Saturn, were good for the spleen, while multi-colored flowers, belonging to Mercury, were stimulating to brain and memory.

This theory was criticized because it has no guiding principle, but it was nevertheless, accepted and believed by many of the Herbalists. The claim is made, along lines laid down in this belief, that the Cruciferace family has not a single poisonous plant in it.

It would hardly be fair to reject these beliefs and practices in their entirety. Doubtless study was put upon them and observations. Animals have an instinct for herbs that cure some of their ills. When the "sons of Elisha" sent them for meal, put it in and "there was no harm in the pot."

Wild herbs are as useful as ever, but today chemists grow them under

suitable conditions and extract goodness for us.

"Somewhere, somewhere, herb of healing:

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