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Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

THE KINDLY NEIGHBOR

I have a kindly neighbor, one who stands
Besides my gate and chats with me
While
Gives me the glory of his radiant smile
And comes at times to help with willing hands
No station high or rank this man commands
He, too, must trudge, as I, the long day's mile;
And yet, devoid of pomp or gaudy style,
He has a worth exceeding stocks or lands.

To him I go when sorrow's at my door,
On him I lean when burdens come my way,
Together oft we talk our trials o'er
And there is warmth in each good-night we say.
A kindly neighbor! Wars and strife shall end
When man has made the man next door his friend.

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THE STRANGE VIEW OF MR. PURCELL

MR. PURCELL, representative of the federal good roads bureau in Portland, is reported as having gone before the state highway commission in Portland with an amazing line of thought on the subject of the Wallula cutoff.

The following from a front page news story in the Oregonian yesterday gives his position:

Under the law the primary roads must be interstate in character and whether they come within this meaning must be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Secondary roads must be intercounty in character. On the primary system are 1176 miles and on the secondary system 1639 miles.

Engineer Purcell, representing the government, pointed out that the only connection with Washington's state system is at Vancouver. The road between Walla Walla, Wash., and Pendleton is not a state road in Washington. Mr. Purcell announced that he is determined to recommend to his superiors at Washington, D. C., that the Umatilla-Wallula cutoff be designated, as this will give an interstate connection.

So, the Purcell view seems to be that the standard paved highway between Walla Walla and Milton is not an interstate road because the Washington part of that highway has not been given a certain technical definition by the Washington state commission. What a quibble and what a point on which to base a recommendation for the needless expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars at a time when money is scarce and road projects of great merit are going uncared for.

If the Walla Walla-Milton highway is not a primary road neither is the Wallula cutoff. But the present road can be made a primary road by purely perfunctory action and no doubt the Washington commission would be glad to take such action. On the other hand it would cost real money and a lot of it to provide an interstate connection by the Wallula cutoff.

Of all the ideas thus far advanced regarding the much discussed cutoff the contention of Mr. Purcell is about the weakest thus far set forth. It is a contention that a splendid interstate highway used all the year round by thousands of people does not exist as far as the Portland branch of the federal highway department is concerned.

WHY DID THEY DO IT?

IT is a wholesome thing that newspapers throughout the west at least, generally condemn the senate action in the Newberry case and do so in unmeasured terms regardless of partisanship. The leading newspapers of Oregon are united in the matter and the following editorial in the Oregon Journal is to the point:

It is asserted, and it is not unlikely, that the vote of Senator McNary for the seating of Newberry was secured by making the McNary reclamation bill a part of the legislative program of the present session.

What is the character of the senate when a powerful group in that body will hold up legislation or pass legislation as part of a bargain in seating a senator convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary on a charge of corrupt use of money in elections?

What was back of Newberry that led senators to traffic in legislation in order to help him keep his bought seat? Who is the 'social group' and what are its purposes and plans that 'social group' which Senator Kenyon (republican) declared on the senate floor was moving heaven and earth to seat Newberry?

What does it do but bode evil for the republic when legislation is passed, not on its merits, but in a bargain to seat a corrupt politician, who is able to be present in the senate instead of in the penitentiary only because the federal supreme court, on a technicality, by a five to four vote, declared unconstitutional the law under which he was convicted and sentenced?

What are the moral standards and the civic standards of a powerful group of senators who plot and conspire in the dark to seat this man whom a Michigan federal court condemned to prison, and who must now sit with him as their colleague and fellow legislator, tarred and tainted as he is?

Newberry was not necessary to the party supremacy in the senate. There is a republican governor in Michigan. If Newberry had been unseated a republican senator, named by the governor, could have been in the Newberry seat within 24 hours.

There was something back of Newberry, something behind the scenes, which Senator Kenyon describes as "the social bloc." Somebody in Washington ought to tell the American people what the "social bloc" is and what its plans are.

The Michigan election was a national scandal. The seating of Newberry in his bought seat is a hundredfold worse. It is senatorial shame without a parallel.

The seating of Newberry was neither good morals nor good politics. It would have been better for the republican party to have cleaned house while a good occasion was at hand. It would have been better for the nation because after all politics is only skin deep as a general thing and good Americanism should have precedence over everything.

U. S. WAR HERO SLEEPS WITH CHINESE FATHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—Chen Chang-Sen, Chinese by parentage, but a soldier in the American army when he died, sleeps with his ancestors outside the South Gate of Canton, China.

And by order of the United States war department he has fruit cake in his coffin so he won't get hungry; Chen was killed fighting in France. His father, Chen Sing-lo, wrote to the war department and asked that his son's body might be returned to Canton, to sleep with the ancestors of the Chen family. The war department

listened to the plea of the father and directed that whatever the old man asked he should receive.

So the body of Chen Chang-Sen was brought from France to New York, where it was met by the father.

"It's a long journey back to China and then a long way more to the place where our forefathers sleep," said the elder Chen. And according to Chinese custom, he asked that cake and other goodies be placed in the casket "lest the boy be hungry." The request was officially granted and the dead boy's body went on its way to China.

On top of the casket are two inscriptions, one in Chinese and one in other in American. They were written by the father and both say:

"This soldier named Chen Chang-Sen, also named Intso, another name Sze-Too-Sun. His home is Jia at Chuen, outside of South Gate, Tai Sen Shen (Shia Ling), Canton, China."



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WOMAN'S GREAT PROBLEM IS TO HOLD HER HUSBAND, SAYS "PEARL OF SHEEPSHEAD BAY"

Roberta Menges Gives Some Interesting Experiences from Own Matrimonial Career.

BY MARGERY REX. (Written for International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Woman's best career, take it from the feminist, W. L. George, or leave it, is a man. But woman must beware of cultivating a career only to lose it to another woman.

Translated from the Georgian into everyday language, the woman who aids and abets a nickel-nursing husband is only laying up a bank account for another woman to hand over to a dressmaker.

The warning comes from an observer of woman's career, Ma, and from one quite as competent to judge as the sharp Mr. George. And that is in a word, more or less Mrs. Roberta Menges-Corwin-Hill-Tearle, known early in life as the "Pearl of Sheepshead Bay" and later recognized as a sparkling ornament to gay circles in Europe and America.

"With all the amateur 'vamps' that are running about these days," declares Mrs. Menges, as she is now known, "the woman who helps her husband save money is merely laying up a bank account for another woman to spend."

Plans "New Career." Mrs. Menges does not deny that she is planning a new husband—that is, a new career—and says she believes another American mate would be quite to her liking. At present she is resting ready to sue Prince William of Wied for \$10,000 loaned to him before he became king of Albania as well as to trace jewels stolen from her some time ago.

"Wifely extravagance is merely self defense," she declares. Out of the crammed storehouse of her varied experiences and contracts with life, Roberta Menges, who was Mrs. Corwin, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Tearle, as well as heroine of many romances, discusses her views on life and those who live it.

"For every woman who loses her husband because she is at fault there are a thousand who lose their husbands because the men are at fault." Getting married is easy, she declares but staying married is a baffling problem.

"The trouble begins before marriage," she says. "Men pay so much attention to a woman, they even keep it up till a year after the wedding, and suddenly they withdraw it. The woman, however, has become accustomed to this attention, acts to like it, and

finally is conscious of missing it very much.

The Ideal Husband.

"The ideal husband? The business man of forty," avers Mrs. Menges. "Whether bachelor or widower, he must be a man who has travelled about and who is somewhat settled."

"He must like the theatre, must be an agreeable dinner companion, and, above all, he must like his work."

"He need not be on his knees all the time to a woman, but should be just a good, sensible, all-around man."

Her marriages have ended because she, and not the man involved, left, Mrs. Menges says. She adds that she states it merely as a fact and not in conceit. From that moment, it must be assumed that she knows how to hold on if she considers it worth the trouble and so we searched her ideas on how to interest a husband, one's own husband, we hasten to add:

"Smiles help to hold men; in general, amiable qualities."

"Never complain and don't try to make him jealous. He will get tired, or disgusted and think, 'I'll let her go.'"

"If I had a husband with whom I was in love and he was flirting about with other women I never, never would give him up to any one of them. I would pretend I didn't notice it."

"If he loved me in the beginning he would come back home in the end."

"Women can do a lot to hold a man, even cry just a little now and then. Be womanly, cling, and ask sweetly for advice."

"Women never are too intelligent or too worldly to fall deeply in love. Let no such woman deceive themselves and fall unawares."

NEW SYSTEM FOR CONTROL OF TRAFFIC

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—(U. S. S.)—A traffic "dictator" with headquarters in the center of the city, will control traffic on all of New York's principal streets within the near future, according to plans worked out by Dr. John F. Harris, special deputy police commissioner.

Under the new system, work on the installation of which has already started, the "dictator" at his central station will press a button turning on powerful red lights on many thoroughfares at one time, stopping tens of thousands of vehicles at once, and allowing as many vehicles and hundreds of thousands of pedestrians to proceed in the opposite direction. Headquarters will probably be in the Times Square district.

A similar system, originated by Dr. Harris, has been thoroughly tried out on a section of Fifth avenue with complete success. Traffic on the entire length of the avenue moves at the same time and stops at the same time. When traffic on the avenue is stopped traffic on cross streets proceeds.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, January 19, 1894.) Thomas Warren, now of Weston, formerly of Canas Prairie, was in the city this week being in attendance of court where he had a case. Mr. Warren has moved to Weston to allow his four children, William, Harry, Sidney and Viva, to enjoy the excellent facilities afforded by the public schools of that place. Later they will enter the

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