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Oregon Observations

Head.—Walter Weber, a millwright and ex-convict man, was found dead near here Monday in a field where he had been hunting rabbits.

Portland.—Sugar at retail reached the record price here of twenty cents a pound today.

Portland.—On his plea of guilty to a charge of bigamy, J. E. McCleary, aged 29, was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary.

Portland.—As the result of an order issued by the city health officer that all students at Lincoln high school must be vaccinated or remain away from school for 21 days, teachers there said today that the attendance had been cut by 25 per cent.

Portland.—Finishing touches on the proposed ordinance creating a board of three to investigate and pass judgment on landlords accused of profiteering in rents were completed Monday by Attorney Lionel C. Mackay.

Portland.—The proposed bond issue of \$5,000,000 to aid the local street car company in keeping fares below eight cents for the 13 remaining years of its franchise period will be cut in half, it was decided at a commission meeting here.

Portland.—Elevator operators in one of Portland's skyscrapers quit their job Monday when they were refused wage increases they demanded.

Portland.—The Columbia River Ship building company has started to dismantle the big steel shipbuilding plant here, which turned out 22 eight-hundred ton ships during the war-time building program.

BUSINESS MEN MEET TONIGHT. An "executive session" of the Salem Business Men's league will be held tonight at the Commercial club.

Edward A. MacLean, secretary of the Oregon State Retail Merchants association, will be the principal speaker of the evening and will address the league members on "a live business topic."

Abe Maullin



What's become of the woman that used to grab her skirts the moment they saw any excitement? The newspaper said 123 only boards an airplane and 123 only during.

FOR WORLD EVANGELIZATION.

Thirty church denominations have united to raise, in a five-year period, a billion dollars for world evangelization. Of this amount, \$336,777,572 is to be raised this year in a drive covering the week of April 25 to May 2.

The 1920 budget of the inter-church campaign comprises the following:—Foreign missions, \$107,661,488; home missions, \$109,949,037; American education, \$78,837,431; American religious education, \$5,931,925; American hospitals and homes, \$5,116,465; American ministerial pensions and relief, \$20,510,299; miscellaneous, \$8,770,927.

The churches included comprise the various denominations of Advent Christian, Baptists, Brethren, Christian, Congregational, Disciples, Evangelical, Friends, Holiness, Lutheran, Mennonite, Methodist, Zion, Presbyterian, Reformed, and United Brethren—some thirty denominations.

The effort is an attempt on the part of the principal Protestant denominations to unite in a common program of activity, without attempting to solve the problems arising from divergent doctrines and policy, a union to fight jointly against sin and to Christianize civilization.

Of the \$336,777,572 sought this year, \$175,448,349 is to be paid this year, the balance being paid in from two to five years, and it is confidently asserted that the program adopted will enable the churches to solve the problems thrust forward by the world war and help the establishment of "a brotherhood of men and nations, based upon the Fatherhood of God."

THE DENIM DEMENTIA

The overalls movement that is sweeping the country is a popular protest against the high cost of living. It offers an easy way to visualize resentment against high prices for food and raiment.

In so far as it involves an extra expenditure for clothing, it is absurd. The way to save money on clothing is to wear old clothes, not buy more clothing simply because it costs little. True, thrift does not have to advertise itself in overalls or any other uniform.

If the price of clothing remains high because of the law of supply and demand, cessation of purchases will soon make a glut in the market and force it down. Unusual buying of overalls simply enriches the denim manufacturers, and raises the price of overalls to those who really need them.

The high price of clothes begins with the wool growers, who get double for their wool, and continues all along the line. The textile workers and mill men, the wholesalers, the tailors, and the clerks, and not least, the landlord, all ask more—and the consumer foots the bill.

When production exceeds consumption and reserves are replenished, prices will drop and a gradual readjustment to normal follow. The country is simply suffering from the usual lulls that follow in the wake of war.

TURK REMAINS IN EUROPE.

As a direct result of the senate's refusal to ratify the peace treaty and join the League of Nations, the Turk is to remain in Europe, and continue his semi-barbaric rule of oppression and as slayer of Christian people.

The inter-Allied supreme council has replied to President Wilson's protest declaring that without America's assistance, and with America refusing to share in the responsibility of maintaining peace, the Allies have found it impossible to adopt his suggestion that the Turk be driven from Europe.

The fact that America has refused the proffered mandate over Turkey and that none of the great powers are in position to assume it, that without America's participation, the necessary military forces and other machinery necessary to the administration of a state, are lacking to the league, gives the Allied premiers their excuse.

Thus one by one, the great changes in Europe made possible by America's participation in the war and the consequent victory are being forfeited and the old order of imperialistic ideals being restored. For these results, the United States senate is morally responsible.

Concerning the public spirited offer of A. N. Bush to build houses in West Salem at cost to help solve Salem's housing problem, the Eugene Guard remarks: "Down in Salem, where the lack of housing facilities is very acute, A. N. Bush, head of the pioneer banking house of Ladd & Bush, announces that he is prepared to build one hundred five room bungalows and dispose of them to those in need of homes on very easy terms and at a low rate of interest.

Rippling Rhymes

The statesmen and the scholars of war-torn Europe say, "We must have Yankee dollars to shoo the wolf away. So let the tourists travel, and blow in bucks and crowns, and tread our blood-stained gravel, and see our shattered towns. They give us all the willies, those Yankee tourist mobs, the rubbernecks and sillies, the schweinshunds and the swabs. But we must have their boodie, and so we rise and wail, 'Hurrah for Yankee Doodle, and for the eagle's tail!'"

LOVE and MARRIED LIFE

By the Noted Author IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

SLEEPY-TIME TALES



THE TALE OF RUSTY WREN

JOHNNIE GREEN'S IDEA. It happened that just before Rusty Wren and his wife came to Pleasant Valley to look for a home Johnnie Green had an idea. He found the idea in the weekly paper which the letter-carrier left each Friday in the mail box at the crossroads.

On the Children's Page Johnnie read a story about a pair of house wrens. And he learned that an old tin can nailed to a tree makes exactly the sort of house that wrens like.

Well, Johnnie Green began at once to look for a tin can. He had made up his mind that he would try to coax a couple of those busy little song-sparrows.

I was thinking about the letter I had read from Karl Shepard and wishing that I had not torn it up. Although every word in Karl's letter stood engraved on the tables of my memory, yet, wondrously, I was almost afraid that I was misinterpreting some of it.

I could not deny to myself the fact that Karl Shepard loved me, or at least his interest had been aroused to such an extent by his knowledge of the liaison between John and Elizabeth Moreland, that he called the emotion thus engendered love.

Then, as always, my vagrant mind wandered about on a new trail. I wondered just what was the emotion that Karl Shepard designated in his own mind as love.

He had never attempted to caress me. He had never, but once, even kissed my hand, and that was the time at the club just after my severe illness, when John became so unreasonably jealous.

No Caressing Cadence. Even when Karl snatched me back from the storm darkened waters of the Atlantic his voice held no caressing cadence. Indeed, that was the only time he had spoken brusquely to me during our acquaintance.

Yet, to me, that short quick sentence: "Don't be a fool," held perhaps the greatest love token he had ever given me, because the words were so full of the terror from which he had saved me. And blended with the horror in his voice was another note—a love note which indicated the anguish he would feel at my loss.

Even the letter from him that I had just received and destroyed did not tell me so much of his feelings as that quick decisive exclamation, combined with his hand grasp on my arm as he pulled me back.

Although when a woman's heart is torn and bleeding from real or fancied neglect of her husband, there is a sweet solace in the fact that some other man believes her to be desirable above all others, yet I am not sure this knowledge is at all productive of peace of mind.

I almost wish that Karl had not sent me that letter, it was something that I could not show to John even if I had kept it. It was the first thing that had happened since I was married that I had the least desire to keep from him, and because it was really so comforting to me it made me feel as though I had actually done something wrong.

Determined to Tell. I determined to tell Alice about it, because after what I had heard of her conversation with John it seemed to me that she would look upon the episode from a common-sense viewpoint, at least. I knew that I could not ask Helen about it, because, notwithstanding she had not found the path she had taken most desirable, I knew that she would counsel me to immediately separate from John if I felt that in our married life must be always a straining of the cords of matrimony.

Of one thing, however, I was determined, and that was that whatever John would say, however angry or hurt he should feel, I would insist upon the economic independence that my mother's bequest would give me. I almost smiled to myself as I have settled the entire business of my little patrimony without asking me anything about it.

"Are you quite sure you are fully able to go through with the business

sterns to nest nearby, where he could have fun watching them. Not finding an old tin can that suited him, Johnnie took a shiny maple syrup can, which his father said he might have. It seemed to him that it was just the kind he needed, for the only opening in it was a small round hole in the top, hardly bigger than a twenty-five-cent piece.

The story in the weekly paper said that the wrens' doorway should be as small as that, so that no ruffianly English sparrows could enter the house and disturb the little people that were to dwell there.

Johnnie Green punched a few nail holes in the sides of the syrup can, because he thought that if he lived in such a place, he would want plenty of fresh air. Then he nailed a board to the board to a cherry tree close to the house.

After that Johnnie had nothing more to do but wait. And he had not waited two days before Rusty Wren discovered the bright tin can that was to be his summer home.

As soon as she saw it, Rusty's wife said that there must be kind people living in the farmhouse, or they never would have driven nails through a spick-and-span can just to make strangers happy.

while they worked. Or course, Johnnie Green was delighted. All the time the lively little couple were at work upon their new home it was easy to find Johnnie. But it was hard to get him to do any errands, because he didn't want to stir from the doorway, he was so interested in what was going on.

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