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Soldier's Body Is Coming For Interment Here

The body of Robert Vernon O'Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. William O'Neill of 660 Gaines avenue, who died from wounds received in the Argonne woods October 4, 1918, is expected to arrive from Portland some time tomorrow for burial here.

Polk Co. Man Passes Away

Abraham L. Chute, well known resident of Suver, in Polk county, passed away yesterday at the age of 57 years. Mr. Chute has been a resident of the district near Monmouth for years.

Scout Masters Meet Last Night

The regular monthly meeting of the Salem Scoutmasters' association, which was held last night at the local headquarters office with a banquet at 6:30 as the main event, was marked by a 100 per cent attendance of the scoutmasters and their assistants, together with a number of the scout councilmen.

Boys Returned To State School

Loren Travis and Hampton Hartzig, two boys who escaped from the state training school for boys about a week ago, were returned to the school yesterday from Lane county. The boys were located near Crow on Monday.

Vandalism

The chief beauty of a city lies not in its structures of iron and brick, but in its avenues of shade trees, its green lawns, its shrubbery, its flowers and vines. Without these, a city becomes dingy, dirty and unattractive.

When man erects an unsightly rectangular structure of stone and cement, nature, if given a chance, hides its uncouthness with creeping green that redeems its commonplaceness, refreshes the tired eye and makes for beauty that man forgot.

Salem is known as the most beautiful of the small cities of the northwest because of the abundance of its vegetation, its gardens, carefully kept lawns, its hedges of roses, its verdure covered civic centers and public squares, its parked curbs, shade trees and its vine-clad public buildings.

A man can destroy in an hour what it took nature a hundred years to grow and it is this spirit of vandalism, this needless and wonton destruction of natural beauty that has made wastes of once fair regions and makes American cities so unattractive and ugly. It is because the sturdy pioneers that founded Salem had an eye for the beautiful and preserved so much of the graceful garb of green that nature had decked this fertile region in, that our city is so attractive.

However a spirit of vandalism seems to have taken possession of the Salem city council, which has ordered the ruthless destruction of vines and trees. The ivy, that alone redeems the city hall from mediocrity and unsightliness has been ordered cut while trees that it took half a century to grow are to be chopped down because a few feet off the sidewalk line.

No ivy mantled tower is wanted by the city fathers to lend an air of distinction to an otherwise unattractive structure. They deem a coat of paint much more becoming, which speaks volumes for the councilmanic ideal of beauty. If they had the authority they would doubtless also order Uncle Sam to remove the ivy from the Postoffice building—bare stone being so much more sightly.

The ivy on the city hall came from cuttings from the ivy clad structures of Harvard University, which in turn came from the famous ivy covered towers of Cambridge University in England. What though the ivy has historic associations and for many years has striven to hide and beautify an otherwise ugly structure? It has served its purpose, is an eyesore in this commercial age and must go.

It is to be hoped however that the council reconsiders its hasty action. Such vandalism should not be tolerated in a community that prides itself upon its beauty. For the ivy is really a fine and sturdy old vine and a source of pleasure to all who have an eye for beauty—outside the council.

Oh! a dainty plant is the ivy green, That creepeth o'er ruins old! Of right choice food are his meals I wean, In his cell so lone and cold. Creeping where no life is seen A rare old plant is the ivy green.

Tabloid Sermons For Busy People by Parson Abel Haile

"And ye shall teach them your children."—Duet. 11-19. Many parents blame bad company when their boys and girls go wrong usually they have an alibi ready if the suggestion is made that perhaps they were not strict enough with John or too slack with Mary. Fault often is found with the teacher, and this complaint is made that the police authorities allowed certain plays or dance halls that started the convalescent fast astray.

Alicia Hammersley A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry

A Surprising Love Letter Judge Turner's letter was very different. It began: "Dear-happiest-little-woman-in-all-the-world. I am not going to try to tell you how glad I am that it all came out right. I am just going to say that, selfishly, I want to be in on your joy and so I am writing this note to make you remember me just for a moment or two in between times."



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absorbed in my legal practice. Because it has been my one great interest, is perhaps the reason I am successful.

"Emphatically, Alix, I am not a marrying man and although I do not minimize the joy of married life, yet I know that it entails the surrender of much of one's independence and freedom of action and I do not think that I could forego all the little selfish details that mean masculine comfort even for the happiness that the companionship of a kindred soul might bring.

"Then, paradoxical though it may seem to you, I am sure I would be broken-hearted if I asked you to be my wife and you refused me—and so I am running away from the issue, which decided either way, I would deplore.

"I am a coward for, I think, the first time in my life.

"Now, having made my confession, I am leaving you to judge me as I deserve.

"Some day you will see me again, but just now—well, I am running away from the woman I most desire.

"This is not a letter that I am proud to sign, my dear, but it has this about it: To you and to you only of all the women in this world would a letter like this be written by—Jefferson Turner."

"I wonder if each of these two men realized how much of himself he put into his letter," I meditated.

One was quite as egotistical as the other in his way, but the first man showed me that his regard was utterly selfish. The good that I could do the magazine and the amusement I could furnish to him Roland Early was perfectly willing to pay for, but when I ceased to be amusing to him or entirely interesting to the readers of his magazine, out, out—I must go.

"Well," said my common sense, "why should you ask for more? You have contracted to work for the magazine. If you cannot do it, you should not expect any more consideration than a man in the same position would receive."

"I did not contract to amuse Roland Early," I remonstrated.

"No," acquiesced my common sense, "amusing Roland Early personally is not a part of your contract and it is up to you whether you try to be amusing to him or not."

"But," whispered the fear that is inbred in every woman, "if Mr. Roland Early does not like me personally he probably will not look upon my work with a sympathetic eye."

"Don't worry about that," said common sense. "Roland Early has and is now continually accept-

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ting work and favors from women who evidently bore him to extinction. For the material help they can give him, he endures them.

"This is illustrated by both his wife and Miss Belcher. It is probable he still endures his wife for what she did do for him at the beginning of his career and because he cannot get rid of her without scandal. It is certain he keeps Miss Belcher around because he knows that he could find no other woman with her single-hearted devotion to him to his interests.

"Miss Belcher would do anything to further his ends. It is easy to see that while he is away she plays the spy within his office and I advise you to be very careful of what you say to her.

"But in spite of all the Miss Belchers in the world, in spite even of Roland Early's enmity to you personally, if you have enough to give to him in your literary work to make your retention on the magazine worth while you need not worry.

"Dismiss him from your mind and go to work. Work is the only thing that will enable you to scale the heights your ambition aspires to."

"With a sigh I did dismiss Roland Early from my mind.

I took up Judge Turner's letter and read it again.

Realtors Win Commission Suit

Verdict in favor of the plaintiffs was returned this morning by the jury before which the case of Carl Becke and Paul R. Hendricks, doing a realty business in Salem under the name of Becke & Hendricks, against Pauline Kehrberger for the payment of \$286 commission which was claimed to be due on the sale of real property belonging to the defendant.

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and sold the house for \$5700. According to Allan Bynon and John Carson, attorneys for the plaintiff, the present law governing realty transactions requires an agreement to be signed by the seller and the realtor. The agreement is binding on both parties.

Hubbard Man Leaves \$39,034.

Totalling \$39,034.35 inventory and appraisal papers of the estate of John Huffer, Hubbard man who died June 24, were filed today with the county clerk. Nearly all the estate is in promissory notes, bonds and mortgages with the exception of \$1000 in real property.

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