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"Without or with offense to friends or foes
I sketch your world exactly as it goes."
—Byron

Such is Fame!

A well known Salem business man asked the other day, "Who was Disraeli?" He said he had asked a score of people and none of them knew. Among the answers he received, Disraeli was pictured as:

A Bolshevik leader of Russia.
A Jewish statesman of Spain.
A Jewish financier of the middle ages.
A banker for Queen Victoria.
An Italian painter.
A German philosopher.
A leader of Balkan revolutions.
A French poet and romancer.

One of those queried said he had two sons in college and neither of them knew anything about Disraeli. The general impression, somewhat hazy, it is true, was that Disraeli was a medieval writer of romances.

This appalling ignorance concerning one of the world's most celebrated men whose name less than a half a century ago, was in every newspaper and on everyone's tongue and whose influence was world wide is not at all unusual—for few people concern themselves about anything but their immediate affairs. Few are interested in anything except their business and pleasure, and know or care anything of history.

This is one of the fruits of democracy. Culture, once confined to the few, has been spread out over the populace so thinly that it is imperceptible, and seems destined to be still thinner under modern educational methods, as intelligent reading goes further into the discard and thinking is standardized to a lost art.

Perhaps the talkies and the screen are coming to the rescue to enlighten those who can not be otherwise interested in the drama of the past. At least the interest in Disraeli is directly due to the presentation of the character impersonation on the stage. Such plays may lead to the study of some of the great figures of the last centuries and thereby inculcate at least a smattering of knowledge of epochs portrayed.

In Portland We Do

Portland is staging another example of the community get-together spirit depicted by the new motto, "In Portland We Do." Certain politicians and malcontents are trying to stage a recall of Mayor Baker and the city commissioners, on the ground that they have "proved their utter unfitness for office by their utter disregard for the interests of the taxpayers."

No specific instances of utter unfitness are cited. Malfeasance in office, graft and corruption, which the recall was devised to remedy, are not alleged, because they probably could not be substantiated. The only questionable transaction that has received publicity, is the employment at exorbitant fees of "experts" to appraise the power plants for an adjudication of rates—and this was forced by public clamor.

Portland may not have a perfect government—no city has, but it averages along with those of other cities. Moreover it is the government the people have wished on themselves repeatedly for many years past—and reelected less than two years ago. Citizens ought to be sports enough to take their own medicine. Only discord, division and bitterness can result from a recall election where corruption is not substantiated.

The recall movement follows on the heels of the Governor's economic conference depicting to the world how prosperous we are or just about to be. As a matter of fact it is an expression of discontent caused by depression and unemployment resulting from Hoover prosperity. If it succeeds it will show just how hard times are in the metropolis. Or, perhaps it is due to the enterprise of professional petition peddlers needing jobs.

Need A Censor

Speaking of the action of the Salem ministers in condemning Mayor Livesley for giving an interview in Boston in which he declared that prohibition was a mistake, the Corvallis Gazette Times remarks:

Mayor Livesley has been rebuked by the Salem ministerial association for telling the people of Boston that they can get booze in Oregon. What in the world do these preachers mean? Does not every agency in the state strive to get tourists here and would they place an untruthful ban in the way of such enterprise? We realize of course that any kind of a crime is condoned to enforce the prohibition law, but, would the ministers have the mayor risk his soul by disobeying the commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness?" Apparently they are willing to apply the gag to Salem's mayor, and, we haven't the slightest doubt but that they would if they could and to anybody else who dares to tell the truth about their pet law. And indeed, applying the gag would be entirely in harmony with the law itself.

What the preachers need is a board of censorship to pass on interviews given out by public officials and private citizens so the gag can be applied at will and public opinion be suppressed for the advancement of pulpit politics. It is evident that Article 1 of the Bill of Rights abridging the freedom of speech and press will have to be repealed along with Articles IV, V and VI before the dry millennium arrives.

GRANDDAUGHTER HER CLASSMATE

Associated Press Photo

Mrs. H. M. Rector (left), 81, attends Arkansas State Teachers college at Conway, Ark., with her granddaughter, Elizabeth Land. They are taking the same courses.

GRAVES STILL WRITES GIRL OF 40 YEARS AGO

"The heart that has truly loved never forgets," goes the old song and if you don't believe it listen to this: George Graves, well known Salem citizen, told the Cherrians in a talk the other night that he still regularly corresponds with the first girl he went with 40 years ago and that never a month passes without a letter passing between them. The girl has since been married and has several children but this doesn't deter them from keeping the old friendship alive.

Graves also told the Cherrians some interesting facts about his life.

For instance, he has kept a diary for 45 years and never missed a day. Inasmuch as he has resided in Salem for 32 years no doubt the diary contains some interesting nuggets of information that may be quite valuable as the years slip by.

The past 11 years he has been saving quarters and has gathered together in that time 12,800 two-bit pieces which would keep his car going quite a ways at 23 cents agallon.

"I don't know how I happened to start saving two-bit pieces," said George. "Just one of those habits, you know."

He also has worked out a system for buying an automobile which he says beats the installment buying. "I never do nor never have bought anything on the installment plan," he said.

When he buys a new car he has the money in the bank. He figures there is 22½ per cent depreciation. He places the amount of depreciation in the savings bank every month and when there is enough in the bank for the agent to take along with his old car to pay for a new one, the trade is made. "That way I save 14 per cent interest and on top of that get three per cent from the bank and always have a new car coming about the time I need it."

"It's always my policy to pay cash or go without," he told the Cherrians.

SUNDOWN STORIES

PLAYING OXEN

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

The Little Black Clock had turned the time way, way back now.

He excited the children, too, by telling them he had been given even more magic so they could understand the speech of all kinds of creatures, and so they could go such great distances even more quickly than ever.

Now they were watching some children playing and two children would run along with their heads close together while another would be pretending to drive them.

"They are playing they are oxen," the Little Black Clock explained, "just as you have played horse.

"You see it is a long, long time ago, and these children are very familiar with oxen.

"Wouldn't you like to play with me?"

John and Peggy thought this a fine idea ,and when they had watched the other children long enough, John and Peggy, played they were oxen, and the Little Black Clock pretended to drive them.

Peggy and John put their heads close together just as though they were a team of oxen and the Little Black Clock made a harness of some old rope.

And then what do you suppose they did? They joined the other children and had a meal of berries with them, and the children said:

"Isn't playing oxen exciting?"

"Oh yes," agreed John and Peggy, but to themselves they thought how exciting these children would find it if they could but see ahead and see planes flying around the air and sky-scrapers instead of eaves.

What a funny, old, old world it did seem when anyone went far back enough into it.

ANDERSON WINS WRESTLING BELT

Albany—Des Anderson of Salem won Bobby Samson's Pacific coast welterweight wrestling belt here Wednesday night when, after each had taken a fall, Samson lost his head and fouled Anderson, giving him the third fall. Samson butted Anderson, after having been warned by the referee to stop his Sonnenberg tactics. Anderson took the first fall with a toe hold in 20 minutes, and Samson won the second in nine minutes with a series of headlocks.

Samson apologized to the wrestling commission following the match.

POISONING SUFFERED

Hazel Green—Mrs. William Dunnigan, who has been ill for the past month, is now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Yarnell of Salem. According to the family physician, she is suffering with poisoning caused by some insect and is confined to her bed and under treatment which is already showing improvement in her condition.

HAZEL GREEN GUEST

Hazel Green — Perry Caswell, brother of Lou and Clarke Caswell, and Mrs. Marion Burtis of this community, arrived recently to stay with them for an indefinite period. Caswell has been prospecting in the mountains in southern Oregon below Roseburg for the past few months.

EDITOR PLANS TRIP

Silverton—Mr. and Mrs. John Hoblitt of North Water street will leave next week for Los Angeles where they will visit their son, Seward and wife for several weeks. Mr. Hoblitt, who was editor and owner of the Silverton Appeal for many years, sold out to Mr. Allen of Deer Lodge, Mont., several months ago.

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MRS. MINTUM DIES OF BULLET WOUND

Corvallis, Ore. (AP)—Mrs. Charles A. Mintum of Devitt, who was shot more than two months ago by her son-in-law who later killed himself, died in a hospital here Wednesday, it was announced Thursday.

Mrs. Mintum was shot through the lung December 3 by Theodore Holmes, who also shot his wife and then turned the gun upon himself. Mrs. Holmes recovered.

The woman was believed to be recovering but died suddenly in the hospital.

Unionvale—Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Dixon, Jr., are the parents of a daughter born Tuesday, February 11, at Dr. E. M. Reitzel's hospital in McMinnville.

PORTLAND CARRIER ENDS LONG CAREER

Portland (AP)—Ernest F. Patterson, Portland's oldest mail carrier in point of service, has laid down his mailbag after 42 years and seven months of continuous service. "Pat" signed the route book for the last time in the presence of Postmaster John M. Jones and other officials of the local postoffice.

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TWO CANDIDATES FILE PETITIONS

Washington county is the first in the state to get its candidates for the legislature officially in the race.

R. Frank Peters of Hillsboro and Alfred M. Jannsen of Beaverton Thursday filed with the secretary of state their declarations as candidates for the republican nomination in that county. John A. Thornburgh of Forest Grove filed his declaration for the republican nomination several days ago. The county sends three members to the lower house.

Peters asks that the slogan "Conscientious service" be printed after hi name on the ballot, and after Jannsen's name will appear the words, "My best service in the performance of public duties."

RETURN TO MINNESOTA

Mt. Angel—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hillescheim returned to their home in Madelia, Minn., after spending several weeks here visiting Mr. Hillescheim's mother, Mrs. Frances Hillescheim, and at the homes of his sisters, Mrs. E. G. Unger and Mrs. W. A. Worley.

PUPILS ASSIST P.-T. A.

Scio—The Scio Parent-Teacher association will meet at the high school auditorium Thursday evening, February 20. Pupils of the first three grades of the city schools, under direction of Miss Fanning, will assist with the entertainment program.

Amity—John Lounzeu, proprietor of the Amity Grain and Produce store, has moved his family to his farm near Whiteson for the present. Lounzeu's brother, who has been living on the place, has moved to Corvallis.

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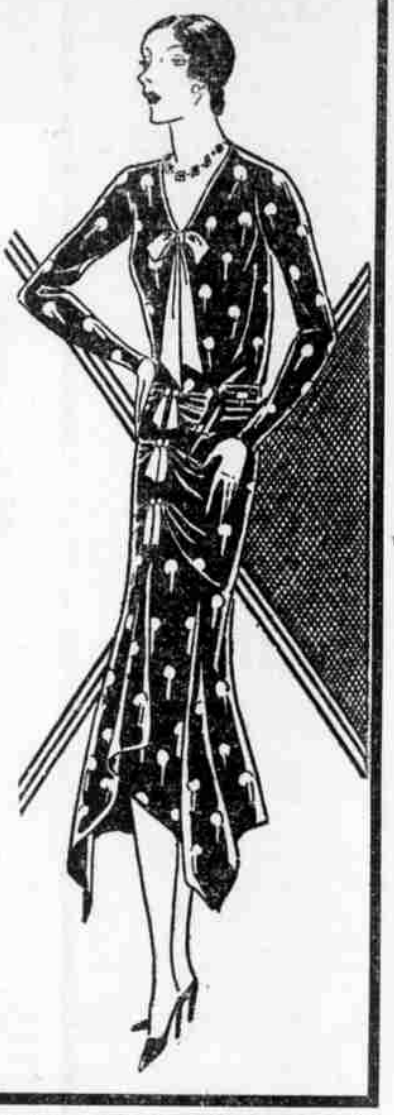

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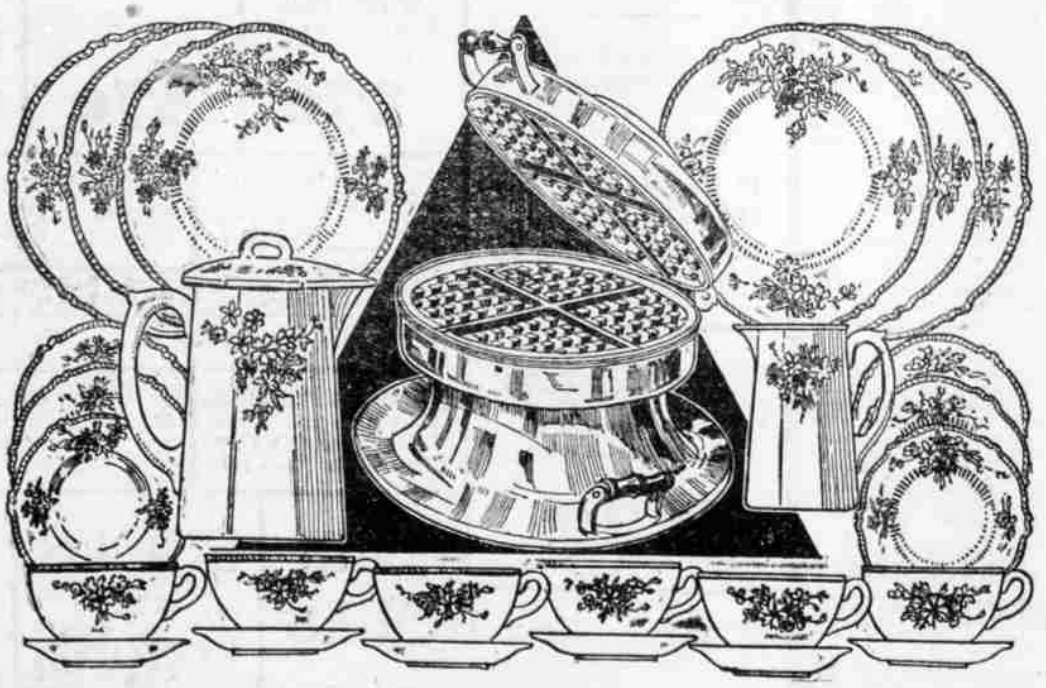

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