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THINK OF THE HARVEST:—Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Galatians 6:7.

WOMAN AGAINST WOMAN IN TEXAS

The extent to which Texas citizens have made a sorry jest out of their state government by electing a woman as governor merely because their own laws prevented their reelecting her husband, a former governor branded as dishonest, is being strikingly shown by recent events.

But the real shame was in the election, not in the revelation that "Jim" is the real governor, not "Ma." If "Ma" was to have been elected governor at all, why should she not get the best possible advice and support that she could, even from her husband?

There have been plenty of male governors who were enabled to get some sort of credit out of their administrations by listening to their wives. No harm in a female governor consulting with her husband, that is if he is the right sort of a man to consult with.

As it is, the thing has gotten so far that a woman is being proposed as the active candidate against "Ma" Ferguson at the next election. This woman assures her public that no husband will boss her administration.

As an example of the effect of competition this is not unlike a past incident in a California county history. For many years the efficient and unbeatable holder of a county office was a one-armed man. At last, despairing of defeating a man whose appeal included so many effective arguments, his political opponents sought and found another one-armed man to nominate. Was the one-armed candidate elected? He was not.

TAKE TOO MANY CHANCES

Necessary as may be the artificial restraints of law, in arrests for speeding, even more imperative is the warning that comes from accident damage and death. Every day there are heard reports of tragedies that seem far away. But entirely too frequently are now coming reports that are close to home with us. Some one that we know goes off a grade, and lives are lost. Some one that we know speeds at a street crossing, and bones are broken and heavy property damage inflicted, to the guilty and the innocent alike.

In the case of driving a car fast, we have forgotten that it is not "speed" that was called for in the invention of a gasoline wagon. There are plenty of advantages to be secured from the use of the gasoline engine without permitting it to be a means of death or injury.

If we have to fill the streets with "Stop" signs as a means of stopping speeding where speeding hurts, it must be done. For it takes something more than self control to prevent this taking of chances.

APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE

A "medical missionary" has won a most notable position in a South American country. A Methodist Episcopal clergyman has been named the alcalde, or mayor, of Callao, the seaport of Peru. This physician happens to be the superintendent of the foreign hospital at Lima. He was of course not elected mayor, but appointed, as is the habit in these Spanish American countries.

But that a foreigner and a nonconformist of any sort should be named to such a position is a credit to the worth of scientific efficiency. The President of Peru knows that the business of cleaning up Callao, one of the worst ports in the world, must be done by a man who knows how. It does not matter what his religion, or his profession or his nationality, just so he can do the job.

Autocracies have long ago learned this lesson. Democracies will not be a success until elective officials are free everywhere to carry out this same principle, in making appointments.

FAIR PROTECTION FOR HOME INDUSTRY

Representative Smith of Idaho, national authority on Western conditions, reports to President Coolidge that farmers of Northwest are finding their conditions greatly improved by reasonable tariff protection. Sugar development of the West is almost wholly dependent on the tariff, and the sheep business is maintained largely through tariff support. Our tariff should not shut out foreign competition — it should simply equalize the price that American producers have an equal chance with foreign output.

SAP AND SALT BY BERT MOSES

Reformer: One who takes a bad thing and makes it worse.

Curiosity: Something that men are better able to hide than women.

Old Age: Noticing how much quicker tomorrow comes than it used to.

Efficiency: Getting more mileage out of a dollar than it contains.

Happiness: Being in love with your wife and your job at the same time.

Conservative: One who is opposed to every form of radicalism except his own.

Hes. Heek says: "When men reform their own morals Nature comes along in old age and does it automatically for 'em."

TOM SIMS SAYS

Hotel burned at night in Florida, but no doubt it was warm enough for fleeing scantly clad.

Burglars who got some jewels in Tarrytown, N. Y., didn't tarry.

A man who made \$15,000,000 in Wall Street gets his exercise running up columns of figures.

They arrested a famous swindler in Chicago, but he hasn't sold the judge any old stock yet.

News from Paris. Minister there has married 3,000 couples. And he is still at large.

Canadian immigration may be restricted. This is bad. How will Canada get the empty bottles back?

Gold Beach — Work begins on last unit of Roosevelt Highway in Coos and Curry counties.

Great Mothers of the World

BY MARY GREER CONKLIN

Abigail Eastman was the second wife of Ebenezer Webster, father of Daniel Webster; and Daniel was the youngest son and ninth child of a family of ten. He was a mother's boy and the pet of the entire family. His mother's mind moulded the sensitive mind and heart of her child and gave character to the future mental and moral qualities of the man. He learned to read at his mother's and sister's knees with the Bible for his text-book. So early had he been taught his letters that he could not remember the time when he could not spell. His health when a child was far from good, and he was therefore given the easiest of the farm work to do. As he showed taste and mental traits that stood out in marked contrast with those of his brothers and sisters, he was accorded every opportunity to study. While tending logs in his father's saw mill it was his custom to take a book along, and while the saw passed slowly through the tree-trunk, consumed perhaps twenty minutes, he would settle himself comfortably and read. While yet a small boy he set the bedclothes on fire reading late at night. He explained to his parents that he was in search of light, but was sorry to say that he had received more of it than he desired.

It was through the urging of Dr. Samuel Wood, a clergyman in a neighboring town who had recognized the boy's exceptional qualities, that an arrangement was made by which his father could send Daniel to Dartmouth College. When his father broke the news to the boy, who had known nothing of the discussions which had been going on concerning him, the joyful and grateful emotions of the lad bathed him in tears. And it was the sacrifices of his mother, more than any other one factor, which made a college education possible for her precocious son. On his arrival at college, without time to clean himself up before oral examinations, he appeared before the faculty drenched with rain and covered with mud. The fugitive colors of his clothes, woven, dyed and made at home by his beloved mother, had largely been transferred to his person, so that he immediately got the name among his classmates of "Big Dan." Notwithstanding the mud and the shifting colors the Dartmouth professors found Daniel's quick, strong brain underneath, and he was cordially admitted to the college of which he was to become the most famous graduate. In after years he proved his alma mater's best friend when he brought his scholarly knowledge of constitutional law to his argument of the Dartmouth case and progressed step by step with such convincing logic that the report of that case in the United States Supreme Court Decisions remains a beacon light to students at the bar. (Copyright, 1925, by Mary Greer Conklin, (Syndicate) Great Britain rights reserved. Reproduction forbidden.)

hope, deep and mystic; the bestitudes the most beautiful that were ever uttered by human tongue; all of them grand for their simplicity of words and symmetry of expression. These old translators were artists in English phrase. They put the Bible into pure English.

I cannot say that I like Emerson's depth and terseness of expression. He seems to leave out that detail which could make him easily understood, yet, he expresses a high and marvelous philosophy, when you are able to figure him out. Huxley, Macaulay and Irving, I like better, and Shakespeare, that matchless intellectual genius, touches the farthest shores of time in symbolizing the emotions of mankind. He will live forever.

The most amusing incident of graduation day are those ponderous words and phrases formed into valedictory by the graduate. How well they express the fullness of his brains and the completeness of his finish! One can hardly imagine, while hearing him, where anybody could ever have found courage to call it "commencement." Some of them never get over it. They go on from flux-of-words to conquest of phrase until they push Gibbon off his stilts. But, yet their marvelous creations do not seem to take. They overshoot the common herd.

the mind of another. That is all the practical use we have for language.

FLORIDA MAN GREAT BOOSTER FOR ASHLAND

Dr. A. MacTaggart, of St. Petersburg, Fla., who is an extensive traveler, arrived in Ashland Friday and is visiting at the J. Orren home. Dr. MacTaggart expects to spend the winter here and is one of the most enthusiastic boosters of Ashland. He visited Ashland for the first time in 1873 and has been here several times since then, and states he has induced many people to come to Ashland and Oregon.

WASHINGTON PLANS NEW TAX METHODS

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 30—(U. P.)—Public hearings are scheduled for tonight in the House chamber, on two proposed constitutional amendments designed to permit classification of property for taxation purposes. We would provide a flat change from the present system, which subjects property to uniform taxation, to one admitting classification of different sorts of property. The other would provide for classification of forest lands only.

Eugene — New Lane County market roads are to receive \$60,000, for 1925.

The Fade-Out



THOUGHTS ON LANGUAGE

By BERT R. GREER

Language is a system of conventional signs to convey thought. Hieroglyphic is the expression of ideas through symbols, but the meaning is not always clear. Chinese thought is expressed in so many symbols that it sometimes takes an hour to write a simple sentence. Indian signs, too indefinite to meet modern requirements, have given way to a better vehicle. The average English vocabulary is composed of about three hundred words. Webster's dictionary contains more than four hundred thousand words. The spread between the common language of the people and the ponderous volume of technical expression available is such as to make it possible to deliver a great discourse in such uncommon words as that not one of them would convey a thought to the average mind.

The best language is composed of simple words—such as may be easily understood by the average person—those words in common use by the mass of mankind who use the language. Words like innocuous desulture are marvelous coinage, but they convey no meaning until a specific definition comes from the coiner, couched in commonly used terms that carry to another mind what he desires to be understood. Language is of no practical value except insofar as it is formed into definitely understandable terms.

I knew a certain college professor who far out-lingoed Ingalls. He passed him so fast, in the use of uncommon words, it was like a Pierce Arrow passing a one-hoss shay at sixty miles an hour. He formed them in marvelous grammatical array. They sounded great, but conveyed nothing. The students sat before him in awe, because one man, in a single life, could amass such an array of high-sounding phrases, but they went away with empty heads after his great delivery. In some quarters such paeans for culture and finished speech, but I confess to inability to appreciate it as such.

I like thought expressed in the common parlance of the street. It is better understood. I like the Bible as literature, because it expresses the highest thoughts in words of the masses. The psalms are transcendent poetry; the proverbs incomparable wisdom; the songs are matchless imagery; the revela-

Hunting \$6,000 Worth of Radium



Seventy-five milligrams of radium, worth \$6,000, went down a drain in St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul, Minn., and the owner gave it up for lost. But Prof. Henry Erikson of the University of Minnesota is hunting it with his huge electroscope, which will register the emanations of radium within a distance of 75 feet. He may have to trace a mile of sewer before he finds it.

OUT OUR WAY By Williams



Outbursts of Everett True

