

Reminiscence

BY C. B. WATSON

In the fall of 1872, the "Ashland Academy" was organized, with Professor J. H. Siskind as President. In that early day Ashland was laying the foundation for its present reputation as a school town. I had just returned from my trip to Home City, Kansas, heretofore published in the Tidings. The late Wesley Mitchell, my uncle, in partnership with B. F. Reuser, had opened a combined grocery and hardware store in Ashland and I was installed as a clerk to look after the store nights and mornings while I attended the Academy, and slept at the store.

The Academy had not yet opened, when one day there came into the store, a young man, twenty-five or six years old. He was conversing from a severe illness suffered somewhere on the coast in California and had come on horseback via Crescent City and said he was teaching penmanship and desired to get a class at Ashland. This being somewhat in my line I undertook to help him organize a class. He was a very fine penman and soon became popular. He wanted to get into the Academy as a teacher and was engaged to take charge of the Commercial Department and classes in elocution, and will be well remembered by the old timers as Professor W. T. Leake.

Mr. Leake taught there for several years. He was very efficient and became very popular at the school and in the community. He and the writer became pals and took a very active part in the affairs of the little town and in social affairs. In 1874 Mr. Leake married Miss Anna Farlow, sister of our fellow townsman, E. J. Farlow. Miss Farlow was a very beautiful and talented young woman, but died within a year after their marriage and her body now rests in the old cemetery. Some years later Mr. Leake married a Miss Quigley, also a teacher in the Academy.

For some years the school was very popular and drew its students from northern California and from as far north as Roseburg and beyond. From time to time changes were made in the management and students and teachers were scattered, some never to meet again, others only at long intervals. Mr. Leake took charge of the Indian Schools at the Klamath Agency and subsequently became sub-agent at Yanax. In this occupation he spent five years.

L. B. Dyer had been Indian Agent at the Klamath Agency in 1872 and '73, and was present at the assassination of General Canby and Commissioner Thomas during the Modoc War. After Mr. Dyer quit the Agency he came to Southern California and became one of the pioneer community that settled the Ontario District near Riverside. He was enthusiastic about this new settlement and persuaded Mr. Leake to invest at what is now Uplands. He quit the Reservation and came to Southern California. He became active in the community, but was soon offered a Superintendency of the Indian Schools of the North West and spent two years in that capacity gaining high recommendation for efficiency.

At the close of his superintendency he returned to his interests



Separated for 20 years, Mrs. Johanna Johnson, 74, of Seaside, Ore., and her "baby brother" Albert Larson, 77, of Seaside, Ore., and a nephew (left) brought to Ashland recently. Larson, who is the brother of the sister from whom he had been separated by the death of their parents when he was a year old. The fortune teller told him a letter hidden in his home would give the clue. He went home and found an old letter written by relatives which enabled him to get knowledge of Mrs. Johnson's whereabouts.

It was nothing but desert everywhere, and Oh, what a change! I had not seen my old friend for forty years and our days together were red letter days for two old men who were boy pioneers together. We had much to talk about and many incidents long forgotten were brought to memory and discussed. He brought me back to Laguna Beach and stayed two days again. I talked much of Ashland, its improvements and its beautiful park and schools and he and his daughter have declared their intention to visit Ashland. If, and when he does come, I bespeak for him a reception of cordial greeting and attention due to him.

Laguna Beach, Cal.
August 1st, 1925.

Elizabeth Ryan Beats Miss Wills

SEABRIGHT, N. J., Aug. 8.—(UP)—Elizabeth Ryan of California defeated Helen Wills, American champion, in the final of the women's tennis singles of the Seabright invitation tournament today. The score was 6-1 and 6-1. It was the first defeat for Miss Wills since she returned from abroad.

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20. Contestants must be residents of the same earth.

CHRISTIAN NATION IS DECLARED WITH

BY MISS WOOD (U. S. Correspondent)

GENEVA, Aug. 8.—(UP)—There is no such thing as the world today as "irrely Christian nations."

This is the explicit conclusion of the youth of the world, as revealed by the almost universal "Will Use Tools Against Earwigs."

SEATTLE, Aug. 8.—(UP)—A suggestion that Seattle should be the competitor to keep several tools to eradicate earwigs was made today to the city council by Mrs. H. Webber.

"Earwigs are a greater nuisance than mosquitoes," Mrs. Webber said. "They have destroyed all my flowers. Professor Trevor Kincaid of the U. S. W. says earwigs don't exist where there are tools, so why not equip each family to keep them?"

at reply to the International Headquarters here of the Youth response to a questionnaire, sent to local associations in over fifty countries.

The information asked for in this and a score of other questions is intended to furnish the basis of an analysis of just what the youth of the world are thinking about today.

As to whether the youth of the world are more patriotic than religion, it was quickly demonstrated that patriotism takes the lead. It will precede these boys who are thinking more about patriotism than religion who declared that no real Christian nations exist at the present time.

The reply from Great Britain, giving the consensus of opinion of over 26,000 boys is as follows: "Christian nations are usually stronger and spend a great deal of their time robbing non-Christian nations."

Lack of faith in political methods was very generally expressed and as a matter of fact throughout the British Empire was virtually universal.

Perhaps the most sweeping indictment came from the Japanese boys and young men who replied: "Christian countries are powerful; non-Christian ones are weak; thought of non-Christian

of the world as being France, Germany, England, Japan, and the United States. Although not always in the same order. Where the United States was not placed first, it was almost invariably placed second. Generally the boys voted for their own country first.

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