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Our Two Languages

There are two English languages current in America, or two American languages if one prefers to consider himself as having cut loose from the apron strings of the mother tongue.

One is that very meticulously compiled by the lexicographers and confined within the covers of any good dictionary. We say confined advisedly because it is seldom permitted to escape from there. One meets it occasionally on parole in a best seller, a popular magazine of his daily paper, but the one sure place of finding it always is in the dictionary.

The other language is that current on the street, in the home, the office and, according to complaint of an official reported, in the court room. It is the language of every-day speech, the language through which the oral and aural contacts of society are maintained, the language with which we buy and sell, love and hate, work and rest. We serve it with our food, employ it extensively in our gossip with our neighbors and use it as an accompaniment to our play.

It is a perfectly intelligible language and yet it defies the orthographer. You cannot spell it. None of the twenty-six letters of the alphabet nor any combination of them will serve to represent it graphically. The conscientious stenographer is completely stumped in trying to transcribe exactly what witnesses say for yes and no. They are nothing more than savage grunts, language in its most primitive form. And what ranges of meaning the speaker can give them by a mere change of inflection! The single word "what" when used in the form of a question as, "what did you say?" is in the same category: Insofar as it can be approximated with letters it would have to be spelled much as yes and no are spelled. And yet we never mistake it for them.

Innumerable phrases could be cited to show this tendency back toward the primitive in language. "Did you?" becomes something resembling ju or jew or juh. "Did you ever?" is approximately jever. "Is that so?" is as nearly zasso as it can be spelled. Have, after such words as may, can, must, should and would becomes invariable of or uv. Examples could be multiplied indefinitely.

The wonder is not that stenographers are stumped occasionally, but that they don't all become raving maniacs trying to translate the spoken language into the written.

Gold Standard Still Safe

If all the chemists and alchemists who have attempted to transmute base metal into gold were laid end to end they would probably reach from here clear back to the time of Aristotle. It was there or thereabouts that people got it into their heads that back of the four elements, earth, air, fire and water, was a primary essence which was the soul and foundation of all matter. Out of that theory grew the belief that, if the essence were discovered, the secret of the transmutation of one substance into another would be known.

Chemistry now is more or less standardized on the basis of the existence of some eighty well defined elements. These have resisted every effort at division. Nevertheless there is still the belief that back of them is the fundamental essence from which all the material world is built. And so the search for the philosopher's stone goes on. Its impelling motive, however, is a thirst for scientific truth rather than a desire for creation of prodigious wealth. Once the secret were discovered gold would then become relatively of no more value than that of the substance from which it were produced plus the cost of production.

The latest disappointed searcher for this secret is the German chemist, Adolph Miethe. A year ago he announced that experiments conducted with mercury had yielded gold. Other chemists were skeptical. They asked if he was certain there were not gold particles in the mercury at the beginning. Then they checked his experiments. The conclusion is that Professor Miethe was mistaken and the gold standard is still safe from over-inflation.

One way of forsaking art for self would be to go into the undertaking business at Herrin, Ill. sap.

A woman may smile at a jury if she pleases, a New York judge rules. To be sure, judge, and why not even let her laugh?

Dust we are and to dust we shall return, but that doesn't keep us from throwing a little mud once in a while.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

ASHLAND 10 Years Ago

M. C. Linsinger and Will Hosley returned Saturday from Klamath Falls where they attended to business matters.

The fire department was called out this afternoon by a flue fire in the residence on Church street occupied by Mrs. George Jenkins.

Fred Jordan and wife have left for Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Jordan has about recovered from his recent illness.

George S. Anderson, residing on Alida street, has been laid up for three weeks with Lagrippe, but is back on the job at Warner's hardware store today.

ASHLAND 20 Years Ago

There was a double wedding in Ashland Thursday afternoon, at the Pratt residence on Gresham street. The couples were C. Roy Hamilton of Loveland, Col., and Miss Nora D. Pratt of Ashland and Charles L. Spindler of Ashland and Miss Katie M. Goble of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Provost spent the holidays in Portland.

A. S. Barnes was home from the Willamette Valley to spend the holidays with his family in Ashland.

Ashland High Notes—The musicians chosen for the new term are Edith Fish, Mable Moody, Lloyd Casbeer, Marie Rice, Alice Albaugh and Josephine Baker.

ASHLAND 30 Years Ago

The following Ashlanders went to Grants Pass Monday evening to attend the Musical Convention: Mary Silaby, Esther Silaby, Nellie Swan, Mrs. R. E. Montgomery, Miss Montgomery, Elsie Patterson, Maude Berry, Jean Ross, Grace Beach, Mrs. A. C. Dixon, Mrs. T. K. Bolton, L. W. Smith, A. F. Eddy, Eugene Berry, Ferd Stange, A. C. Dixon, Rev. E. P. Childs, Fred Nell, Roy Nell, Geo. Ross, Chas. Ross, E. E. Washburn, G. G. Cray, B. R. Willis and Day Parker.

Ed Sutton and G. M. Grainger, who are opening up a mining claim in the Willow Springs district, were home for the holidays.

Crater Lake In Winter Time

BY JOHN MARIN
Caretaker at Crater Lake Lodge

Saturday, November 13, 1926
Skull has surely changed his method of warfare today. The wind died down at six o'clock this morning, there has been occasional gusts now and then throughout the day, but as a whole it has been very quiet. The snow has been stealing down, as it were, covering the smaller trees with mounds of thistle down, filling in the low places, in fact it looks as if Nature is getting ready for winter.

The rim has not been visible today, but even through the storm the trees are beautiful, loaded as they are with fine snow. In the places where they are exposed to the wind, the snow is packed into the foliage group of the limbs and forms intrinsic patterns of lace. Slowly but surely the marks left by man are being erased in the land of Gaywas. Drifts are forming across the road and filling the cuts. The tent houses, at the lodge are half covered up. The drift in front of the Community House is within three feet of the roof of the porch, the foundation is being laid for the big drift in front of the lodge, it is now about four feet high. Kizer's Studio is so situated at the edge of a wind swept area that the drifts are slow in forming. It is only after they have crept up over the edge of the rim that the snow deepens to any great extent before the building.

The rangers came back today. The road is still open over the divide.

The storm continues. Dept of

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What Others Say

Our idea of an optimist is the fellow who thinks he ought to be able to use a strawberry huller for picking pin feathers off a chicken. —Crane American.

Among the things that are wrong in this country are, first of all, the big mall order houses, which take the cream off the trade that legitimately belongs to the local merchants. —St. Helen's Mist.

Poor Charlie Chaplin. His wife is suing him for divorce because he didn't act the same at home as he did at the studio. And she would have been suing him for divorce if he had. Imagine him throwing some of his wife's pies around the place! —Springfield News.

snowfall since last observation, 3.5 in. depth of snow on ground, 26.6 in. r. precipitation 87 in. Temp. H. 23, L. 23, R. 5. M. 25.5 Direction of wind, west. Worked on engine. Tomorrow I will tell you of the Gray Phantom.

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New York is to have a 110-story building. We wonder how Detroit feels now about that 85-story cottage.

These are days when a fellow with bow legs must bow to the man with knock-knees on the dance floor.

There are more autos than kitchen sinks in the United States. Well, who wants to ride in a kitchen sink?

The girls are right. When stockings cost \$3 and up, why hide them?

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(1) For farmers—to support the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association and to use to the best advantage the service the County Farm Agent provides.

(2) For townspeople—to encourage all local activities that help in the development of this section, whether farming, commercial, industrial, or civic.

(3) For everybody—to keep careful records of income and outgo throughout the year, to keep a good bank balance and to manage so that a part of what you earn may be deposited at interest in a surplus fund account.

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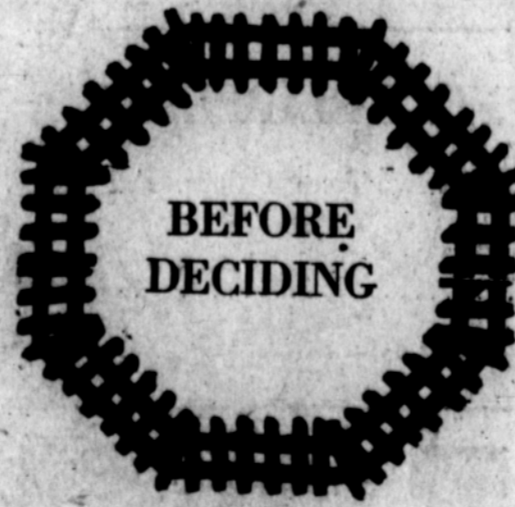
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