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About An Earthquake Prophet.

PIERCE CUMINGS, former student at the University of Oregon and later connected with the staffs of various Oregon newspapers, is the writer of an article to which more than a page is devoted in the current edition of the Dearborn Independent, discussing the earthquake prophecies of Dr. Milton A. Nobles, described by the author as a physician, Bible scholar and expert in the art of astronomy, or divination by winds.

To the prosaic-minded, this theory will likely leave a good deal to be desired in conclusiveness, but this seems to have been made up for in the mind of the writer of the article by the fact that a number of the doctor's predictions have been fulfilled on schedule. On the evening of January 27 last, for instance, Mr. Cumings recounts that Dr. Nobles called him up by telephone and told him, "there will be an earthquake somewhere south of us tonight or tomorrow . . . in the Northern part of South America or in Central America, probably the latter."

Thus, by what he declares to be the record, having laid down a basis for Dr. Nobles' claim to respectful attention, Mr. Cumings proceeds to set out his prediction for a future catastrophe. It is rather fearsome. Says Dr. Nobles:

The world is destined to witness a cataclysm comparable only to the great deluge of Noah.

One-third of the surface of the earth will crumble under the sea.

A new continent will arise, probably where the South Sea Islands now are.

Japan, China, parts of Southern Asia, most of the countries of Europe, Northern Africa, and portions of land in the Arctic Circle will disappear under the waters.

The toll of life will be stupendous.

Dr. Nobles admits he is not certain just when the dire things in the foregoing are coming to pass. "It may come during my lifetime," he says, "or it may not come until generations after we are both dead." The world has already seen similar great upheavals to the one he predicts, says Dr. Nobles. Each time a new equator has been established and around it gradually a new volcanic belt. The oldest one of these is the one which he thinks is to explode. It extends from Iceland across polar North America to Alaska, Siberia, the Malay archipelago, India, Persia, Northern Africa, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and so back to Iceland.

Certain manifestations of the winds show him when great disturbances are in progress, or have occurred, the doctor says, but they do not presage them. It is his theory that when fires inside the earth become unduly active in one place and heat the "earth's crust, this heat ascends into the air and creates a vacuum there, which causes winds from distant parts to blow that way. So when he notices that a wind which has been blowing steadily southward veers suddenly toward Iceland, he concludes that something is happening in the volcano of Hecla. That, apparently, is an application of the doctor's art of astronomy.

It is possible for an American telephone subscriber to take down his receiver and ask for and obtain connection with any one of 15,906,550 other telephones. The immensity of the thing is difficult for the ordinary mind to grasp. It is one of the facts brought out in the annual report of the American Telephone & Telegraph company just recently issued. Ship-to-shore wireless conversation by telephone has been accomplished. There is a trans-oceanic radio telephoning. Photographs are being transmitted by telephone. What wonders shall our grandchildren see and hear?

The Oregon state association of county judges and commissioners appeals to the people not to sign referendum petitions against the motor bus and stage license tax law. It is a worthy appeal. But paid petition hawkers will canvass the state for referendum signatures, and people who will have no idea what it is all about nor take the trouble to inquire, will sign. It is always so with petitions for whatever purpose.

For the first time within the memory of the oldest American inhabitant, a vice-president is making Page 1 in the newspapers with frequency and consistency. Permit us to suggest as a companion slogan for "Keep Cool With Coolidge" this one: "Dawes is Different."

Cottage Grove and Lane county are proud of Rev. Ralph Spearow, preacher-athlete, who has resigned the pastorate of the Cottage Grove Presbyterian church, and will wish him well in his future field of work.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The Tacoma-Arica Award Final. (New York World) If President Coolidge, at Peru's insistence, were to resign the Tacoma-Arica case the dispute would be ended.

less. For Chile in return would be encouraged to demand modifications in the award. As arbitrator the president has taken the only practical course. He has clearly defined the

means by which the long-standing controversy over possession of the two provinces shall be settled, and he holds both parties to their agreement that the decision of the award shall be final and without appeal.

It is true that Peru has a grievance against Chile because a plebiscite was not taken at the end of the ten-year period fixed in the treaty of Ancon in 1883. It may or may not be true that the "Chilization" of Peru's lost provinces has been carried on for years as a matter of national policy by the Chilean government. What is done cannot be undone at this late date. The only way out is to make sure that the plebiscite, when taken in accordance with the president's award, shall be fairly conducted and without prejudice to either party. To see that fraud is not committed or force employed is clearly the duty of the plebiscitary commission, to which General Pershing has been appointed as American member. To that body Peru can always appeal for protection in its just rights. I cannot argue its case further before the president as arbitrator.

The Roosevelt Expedition.

For some reason the big game hunting trip of the Roosevelts into the heart of India isn't causing as much of a ripple as one would imagine is desired by the sons of the former president who made big game stuff famous. The common people seem to have a wholesome respect for originality and the young Roosevelts are lacking in that quality so far. Perhaps they will discover some day that even the offspring of the great "Teddy" can't live eternally on a father's reputation. And after another election or two in New York state it may be evident to them that the senator Theodore was endowed with other qualities of greatness than the mere possession of the Roosevelt name and the Roosevelt gift.

Petty Tyranny.

Has a parent any right left in the education of his child, or is the latter as much a ward of the state in Oregon as in Soviet Russia?

This is the issue raised by the arrest of T. S. Watts, a farmer in the Salem Heights district, for the crime of permitting his 10-year-old son to be taught by his own mother, a former school teacher, along lines of a home instruction course provided by a nationally recognized correspondence school.

One of the numerous officers necessitated by the costly overhead of our extravagant school system has sworn to a complaint against the audacious farmer who dares to assert a father's inherent right and punish him therefor, or force him to leave the country for being too much interested in his offspring's welfare.

The whole procedure is an absurdity. The law was never intended to apply to such cases, only to those cases where parents neglect the child. Here we have been censoring parents for paying more attention to their children, and when we get parents willing to sacrifice time and energy in training and educating their children, better than the schools can or do, make at a crime and jail them.

Such are the inevitable workings of busy-body bureaucracy, whose red-tape rules strangle reason in the attempt of public servants to appease public masters, exercising a petty tyranny contrary to the ideals of freedom and destructive of inherent, natural and constitutional rights.

Former Resident of Eugene Writes

E. Schwarzschild Congratulates City on Outcome of Water Bond Election.

PALO ALTO, Cal., April 19.—(To the Editor)—Permit a non-resident of Eugene, who however, made Eugene his home town for 34 years, to congratulate your citizens upon the favorable vote concerning the water supply.

While reading the controversy in The Guard during the election campaign, we were reminded of the difficulties and opposition we met with in 1903 and later. We then initiated the movement to supply Eugene with pure water. In August, 1903, we appeared to the few thousands of the population (through The Guard) to look out for their health and to see to the speediest way for purification of the water in order to prevent an epidemic.

The owners of the water system denied the pollution and improvements were held up. When our prediction of an epidemic was verified in a most convincing way in 1905, the citizens became terror-stricken. They submitted to the blow as inevitable, until we aroused the business men from their apathy. We called a meeting and concluded to present the emergency to the city council.

When we found out upon proper investigation, that the intake of the water from the river, was in as polluted a location as never dreamed of. Furthermore the ends of the water pipes had never been cleaned. Just three days accumulated for years had caused the worst cases of typhoid fever and spread the most severe cases and even death.

After a few days of work to remedy the calamity the epidemic went down. Water was ordered to be boiled and the worst was over.

Then we had to work hard to impress upon many prominent people the urgent necessity of filtration of the water. We succeeded at last in straightening out the dangerous dilemma.

Since, the water company had to sell their plant first to a power company and then the utilities were taken over by the city, the wells, then drawn on, for supplying the water, have given good service for a number of years.

An efficient and honest administration by the water board and competent engineers have kept sickness out and thus Eugene is healthful and prosperous.

With the new appropriation, the safety of the city, as to pure water, will be assured as far as possible.

May the citizens of the present generations, after twenty years and more, look back to their actions and activities, with as much satisfaction and consciousness of having done their duty toward themselves and their fellowmen, as we do know at our advanced age.

Greetings and best wishes to our growing, prosperous and healthful former home town.

E. SCHWARZSCHILD, Palo Alto, Cal.

The Busy Man's Newspaper



CONFERENCE OUTLOOK IS GLUM

Different now From way it was When Harding Called First Washington Parley

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Why won't the "howers" come to President Coolidge's disarmament conference? They came to President Harding's and were glad to disarm—partially. When President Coolidge suggests another conference, to disarm some more, they turn him down. Why?

Well, President Harding was in a position to say, substantially, "America has the world's strongest navy."

Our warship-building program will make it stronger still. You can't catch up, you're broke. We're gold poor. But if you'll scrap a few million dollars' worth of your ships, we'll scrap a few hundred millions' worth of ours and we'll be on an even basis. What say? Naturally the others agreed.

What President Coolidge says is, "England, the way this thing has worked out, you're ahead of us in battleships. Japan, you've outbuilt us in cruisers. France, your air fleet beats ours a mile. We invite you to scrap yourselves down to our level." "Ha, ha," chorus the governments of England, France and Japan.

President Coolidge is sending a commission to Buenos Aires to stir up South American good roads sentiment for the benefit of North American makers of highway construction machinery and automobiles. This has been tried again and again. It won't work—anyway not now and maybe not for years.

South America looks like a good place for such trade activity, roads there being few and very bad. However, they suit South Americans, who aren't in a hurry, as North Americans are. If the roads are too bad to travel one day, a later day does just as well.

Recalls the population is too thin to afford much road work. If it's explained that roads must come first and then the country will fill up, like the United States, the answer is,

HA! HA!

forthwith his medicine is laddled out. In ten days the capital's streets have been transformed. From among the most dangerous in the country, they have become almost safe.

The Clyde Line of New York has just launched another ship at Newport News for its coastwise trade between Manhattan and Florida ports. The Cherokee was launched some time ago. Now the Seminole, Next the Mohawk. They're fine craft, costing some millions apiece. Now, why is the Clyde Line building new vessels, with government-owned ships cluttering American waters, idle and for sale for a song? The answer is that very few of the government's tubs are worth the song.

One of the night clubs in the Times Square district makes much of the fact that it has a sidewalk on the floor. It adds a cover charge to the bill because of this atmosphere. Yet within a radius of four blocks of Times Square can be found half a dozen old-fashioned saloons with sidewalk on the floor and a brass rail. These places sell sandwiches at ten cents, soup at five cents and real beer at 20 cents a mug.

A rummage sale goes on continuously at First avenue and 11th street. Thrifty housewives spread out discarded clothing and household wares, even baby buggies, on the ground and sidewalks. Other housewives pick out what they think they can use, and hawking begins.

Permits have been issued in Albany since the first of the year for new buildings valued at \$50,000.

Harry Greater, well known resident of Oregon City, who was arrested

last week on a charge of insanity, has appealed to the circuit court.

Mrs. George Welshons, well known pioneer resident of Gilliam county, died at Bend, following an operation, aged 67 years.

The state highway commission reports 10 inches of snow at the top of the Blue mountains. The snow is melting fast and the roads are sloppy.

Boy Scouts of the Central Oregon area council will establish their summer camp in the Suttle lake country this year. The camping period will be from July 15 to August 5.

The new junior high school under construction at Astoria will be named the Captain Robert Gray school in honor of the Boston mariner who discovered the Columbia river.

F. H. Blackman, in charge of maintenance of the Mount Hood loop highway, has a large crew of men clearing slides, cleaning out the drainage and moving boulders from the road.

The first water of the season was turned into the main canal of the Klamath irrigation district Thursday. About 25 second feet was released and a full supply will be flowing early next month.

In Lighter Vein

A Bald Affair? (California Pelican) "How was the Barber's Ball last night?" "Well, I stayed until a fellow committed homicide, and then I decided the party was getting too dandified."

Mistaken Identity (Washington Cougar's Paw) "Here lies the body of Samuel A. Green, Proposed to Louise and called her Irene."

That is Different (Stanford Chaparral) "Why did Marjorie break off your engagement?" "Because I stole a kiss."

"How ridiculous of a girl objecting to her fiance stealing a kiss from her."

What More is Needed? (Georgia Tech. Yellow Jacket) "Have you any proof he hit you in the eye?" "Why, here it is in black and white."

No Doubt About It (Williams Purple Cow) Rolling bones gather much loss.

A Sound Motive (Eola Mele Paria) "You want a divorce from your husband? On what grounds?" "Incompatibility! I want a divorce and he doesn't!"

The Difference (Answers, London) Laura: I'm going to be married. Nora: But I thought you detested men.

Yes, but one of them proposed to me.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL

A MID-WESTERN newspaper, on the suggestion of the local women's clubs, is trying the experiment of printing all the crime news together on the second page, reserving however, the privilege of printing on the front page any crime news so important that it would be as printed if it were social, business, sporting, or any other news normally classified.

But this exception illustrates the essential inconsistency of the whole scheme. The good ladies, not familiar with the newspaper business, doubtless had no other idea than to "pin down" rather than "play up" the undesirable crime news, which they would really prefer not to have printed at all.

But market, sporting, social and other classified news groups are not given pages by themselves to subordinate them. They are classified because they are intended for specialists, who want all the routine happenings of a certain class, whether they are of general interest or not.

A similar treatment of crime would make the crime page include a list of all the day's arrests, regardless of

news interest or importance, together with such telegraphic crime information as the chief of police would want.

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People are so impatient. In New Jersey a bank was robbed by a paying teller who couldn't wait until he became cashier.

Perhaps a baby born in the Grand Central Station in New York will grow up and become a hobo or a railroad president.

And 50,000 elevator men in New York plan to strike, but other varieties of uplifters never tire of their work.

St. Louis safe blower got only \$29, which is poor pay for an expert.

And a New York insurance agent has lived 80 years without talking off either one of his arms.

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During the past two years around 1000 homes have been built in Eugene. A prosperous and happy people are ours.

Wherever you go, any place in the county you will find some member of our happy family of depositors.

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