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THEN COME PERFECT DAYS

As far as the poet goes perfect days came in June. But that was New England. This is Sherman county and the writer stumbles along with prose. There is no reason for argument about it, either, for this is perfect weather.

With few exceptions the days have been warm and sunny, the nights cool, without frost. These are days when one cannot stay indoors, but must be out putting his acres or his patch in readiness for the coming winter. Farmers are finishing their fall chores, putting up stacks of straw for the cattle, treating the seed wheat, perhaps hoeing the spiny and colorful Russian thistle off the summer-fallow.

There seems to be little of urgency about any of them, for farmers are able to take a day or two, or three away from the tasks and spend it in town whiling away the time as composed and peaceful as Mother Nature herself.

Winter is supposed to be the time when nature takes a rest and perhaps that is biologically and botanically correct. Perhaps this is the time when nature spreads herself to bring something perfect into the year after months of testing us with wind and rain and snow and heat. It may take eight or nine months of each year to get the proportions properly made so a few days can be made up exactly right.

Proverbially this is Indian summer and it is a time well named for these days are made for one of a disposition like that of the natives. A man in a hurry seems a desecration to the weather which is made for lolling or working gradually and easily with neither sweat nor haste.

Now it will rain and put speed into every farmer's life. And they will be happy about that. We will will, for we are Puritans enough to feel that leisure is somehow a little sinful and work is exalting.

OF VIRTUES

Charles DeVisscher, Belgian representative at San Francisco, is quoted as saying "in the last analysis, international questions are and always will be moral questions."

Maybe all questions must be solved as a matter of morals after all and international questions are like all others.

Morals cover a wide field and there are many definitions for the word. We are speaking of the higher morals, the ones on which all religions are based, and are not here concerned with the morals of strictly personal conduct.

In scholastic philosophy the four cardinal virtues are wisdom or prudence, courage or fortitude, temperance and justice, and no man was considered complete without a bit of all of them. Other virtues have been added by individuals from time to time to suit personal desires. Yet if a man be wise and just and brave and temperate he stands up pretty well among his fellows in any land.

There is really not so much divergence of opinion about them either. A wise man in America is also wise in Japan or France—and is respected. The same may be said of a just man, a courageous man or a temperate one.

It may be that the learned Belgian was applying some such theory to nations. Who can doubt but that if the rulers of nations were motivated only by the above virtues there would be less of conflict.

If we were told correctly—which is unlikely—Germany went to war because of fear of being encircled and because of racial

pride in supremacy. Anyway it wasn't wisdom or justice that sent her men into action against Poland, nor temperance. We spend our youth learning how to do more things to make more money. The basic thing of getting along with each other, personally and nationally, get lesser attention. Perhaps the next generation would live longer, atomic bomb considered, if it knew more of justice and less of chemistry, more of prudence and less of production.

WE HAVE STRIKES

Any observer of the human scene knew that there was going to be a period of strikes as soon as the war was over. Workers had been putting in long hours at high wages. They wanted and needed vacations and had the money to take them. Strikes resulted. It is unfortunate that they are factional.

A strike is an economic war. No one wins a strike. Men who lay off on strike for a month cannot expect to recoup their losses in a years time. Employers also lose. Humans are enough alike that it is likely that any large group of men put in the same position as the strikers would follow the same course. Men trained in independent thinking would probably not follow their union leaders as faithfully as do the union members who work in gangs and live in cities. That is about the only difference.

When there is a strike it means that the men and the employers concerned are unable to mediate. Were we to outlaw strikes and institute compulsory mediation it is probable that work would be more constant and wages as high. The method now pursued by the government strengthens labor leaders who are sometimes more interested in remaining labor leaders than in the welfare of their members.

If there was public patience to permit strikes to go on until all concerned had enough there might be an end to them. As it is we will probably go on trying to get rich by refusing to produce.

OUR WEEK

Just who was the unimaginative salesman who was responsible for starting "Newspaper Week" we do not know. Observance of weeks has been on behalf of things much newer and less known than newspapers. However, we do have some weeks to remind us of well known articles and habits, such as "prune week", "Kiss your wife week", "needlework week", etc.

There are few things that have lasted as well as major factors in American life as newspapers. There just has to be a reason. World travelers and they are millions these days—tell us that all peoples desire information about what is going on in their world, but that none of them get it as easily, as truthfully and as cheaply as do Americans, who get it from newspapers.

Occasionally some one arises to say that newspapers suppress the facts, but in a country with papers of so varied a political and economic background, that is almost impossible on the larger scale. What one newspaper considers front page material because of another prejudice. So it gets into print, and the people can read it.

This is newspaper week, a hackneyed method of calling attention to something that is in daily use, that comes to each breakfast table or at least once a week.

Had all the people of the earth been fully informed about each other and about their own governments and those of other nations, the war would have been well-nigh impossible. They weren't. In fact, even in this land the people were not informed although they rated better than most.

No one could pull the wool over the eyes of Americans as completely as did Hitler and Hirohito in Germany and Japan. We have read too many newspapers. The news and information we glean from reading of the papers gives us a large part of our basis for freedom of thought and action.

We can be confident, whereas those who depend on rumor must be hesitant or blind.

So this week newspapers all over the nation are taking a few paragraphs to boast of their place in the social and economic scheme of things. If we over-do it, forgive us, we'll not speak of it again—at least for another year.

TOWN LIBRARY

The necessity of moving the city library out of its accustomed place in the hotel building brings up the question of what to do with it anyway. It could possibly be put in the new council room although that isn't exactly suitable, or it could go to the Woman's club rooms even though there is not much excitement about that.

Perhaps it would be better to just forget it. The organizations that used to provide directors for it have ceased to give even that modicum of support. Only funds available for the library is the \$50 per year the city gives and a few other smaller contributions. No new books have been bought for some time because of lack of money. No new books can be bought without money.

The main use to which the library is now put is to loan books to the children and a fairly good supply of such books has consistently been kept. Ending the life of the library would be a hardship to the children more than the elders, to judge from the use made of it.

Within the next few days some decision must be made about it. There is no need of keeping it limping along, with no seriously interested directors and few readers. It's time to kill it or cure it.

Uncle Joe is the one who is acting as if he had won the war. Bulgaria, Romania, Yugo-Slavia, Hungary, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Outer Mongolia, a good sized chunk of Czechoslovakia and now he wants to supplant MacArthur in Japan. Is this nation going to be like a well trained bird dog that brings the game peacefully to his master's feet?

In most of the world the people live poorly and are satisfied with their government; in this country people live extravagantly and are trying to get rid of their capitalistic economy. That's human nature. But is it smart?

In Other Days

From the Observer, Oct. 5, 1906  
Mr and Mrs J. N. Fordyce, assisted by Mrs G. N. Crossfield of Wasco entertained Saturday evening in honor of Dr. and Mrs R. W. Logan who will leave Moro for their new location at La Grande. Progressive Hearts was the feature of the evening. G. T. Parr and Mrs C. K. Cochran receiving high scores and S. S. Hayes and Mrs William Henrichs the consolation prizes.

Charles Bullard has taken the Nish place to farm over near Clem. His parents will return to the valley of western Oregon. Tom Callaghan was up from his Deer Island farm last week, taking a look at things in and about his Evening Stades farm on the Rutledge road.

E. A. Cushman and family have moved to Dalles City. Mr Cushman has accepted a position there in the employ of W. W. M. Co.

From the Observer, Oct. 6, 1916  
Judge Fulton has presented the county fair with a magnificent silk flag which will fly each day of the fair from a sixty-foot pole. Mrs W. G. C. Woods and Miss Bertha Cox returned home Saturday from Portland, where Mrs Woods had been visiting her mother.

John M. DeMoss and Miss Etha M. Dugger were married at The Dalles Saturday by County Judge Gunning of Wasco county.

A band of ten pieces from Portland under the direction of W. S. Mowry will furnish the music during the fair.

From the Observer, Oct. 8, 1926  
Tuesday evening about fifteen old players met at the home of Mrs G. C. Akers and organized a community orchestra with Mrs Akers as director. A second meeting was scheduled to be held at the school library this Friday evening.

Our boy scout troop, under leadership of Scoutmaster Feenstra, went for an overnight hike last Friday to the John Day where they made camp on the Gibson place. A good time is reported. Scouts attending were McKean, Burnet, Barnes, Sarys, Burnet and Buell from Moro and Pike Hoszaphel and Vintin from Grass Valley. Professor Buell from the Moro School and Mr McGowan of the Grass Valley School went with the troop and added a great deal of interest and success to the trip.

Dr Wonderliek motored to Portland Tuesday on business returning early Wednesday morning.

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reading matter and similar items to the patients. Gen. Bradley has been informed that some of the concessionaires make as much as \$1,000 a month. He considers that too much of a good thing and is determined to put a stop to it. Instead of these private merchants the general plans on extension of the post exchange, where goods will be purchased in volume for all of the hospitals and will be sold almost at cost.

This is only one of the several reforms General Bradley has in mind. He wants to make these institutions "teaching hospitals," explaining that these are the most advanced establishments. He would permit interns to have accommodations in the hospitals. Also, in the matter of new hospitals, he wants them located near centers of population instead of building on sites in remote places where specialists are not available.

This latter proposal would indicate that the additional hospitals in the Pacific northwest, in the event more are authorized by congress, will be located in or immediately adjacent to the larger towns.

20 Years ago

The largest individual income tax in the country was paid by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., whose tax for 1924 was \$6,277,699, according to tax lists just made public. Henry Ford was second with \$2,608,806.

The Shenandoah, first rigid dirigible to be designed and built in America, was torn apart during a storm over Ohio, killing 14 of her crew.

Eleven "perfume, toilet preparations and hair oil" manufacturers holding government permits for withdrawal of alcohol were indicted by a federal grand jury in Philadelphia for diverting huge quantities of their alcohol to bootleggers, a common practice during the era of so-called "prohibition."

The U. S. submarine S-61 sank after a collision with the steamer City of Rome, 50 miles east of Block Island in Long Island Sound, with a loss of 33 men.

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us dare do our duty as we understand it. Abraham Lincoln

WHY SMOKE? CIGARETTES

Many of our best people smoke cigarettes and would quit if they knew a healthful way out—that way has been found. An Oregon woman writes, in part: "Have smoked 26 yrs; tried many 'cures' since receiving your remedy have done most wonderful thing—quit smoking! Most valuable one dollar I have ever spent!" Prominent Portland man writes: "Your wonderful booklet will be a blessing to our people." Booklet tells how habit, no matter how long standing, can be cured in 10 days. No Drugs, No Pills. BUT a delicious food that destroys craving to smoke. Fully guaranteed. Send \$1 and two 3-cts. stamps to G. W. Hall, 2605 S. E. Wash. St., Portland, Or. Booklet will be mailed with above remarkable testimony in full.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh  
Americans have a word for it  
Bill Larkin's boy, who's back from overseas for good, was telling us about the funny customs and the different languages of European countries.  
One thing he noticed is that in so many of those countries there is no word for "home." "House," yes... or "building." But no name that stands for what we mean when we say home.  
"In spite of the fact," says Bill, "that it's the most important thing there is... a place where you can take your shoes

Kent Hunters Leave For Woods After Deer

Fellows who have been deer hunting are: Walter Wilson, James Wilson, John Decker, Kenneth Sather, Al Bekkadahl, William Jeffries, Ted von Borstel, Bob Brown, Bob Helyer, Wayne Walker, Ernest Smith, Vern Mobley, Luther Davis and Bob King.

Judge Wilson was in Arlington Saturday for business reasons.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Martin and Mr and Mrs C. I. Laffoon took Mrs E. Summers to Coffey Memorial hospital in Portland last week. Her condition is not improved.

Among those attending the Tygh Valley fair were Mr and Mrs J. M. Wilson and son, Mrs George Wilson and sons Paul and George, Mr and Mrs Bob Brown and family, Jack McKay and Ross Norton.

Mrs Theo. von Borstel left for Marysville, California Wednesday to visit her daughter Rita and husband.

George Howell has recently taken residence in the Tum-A-Lum house.

Mrs Walt Wilson and family were Sunday guests at the Lyon's home.

Mrs Helen Bothwell and Billy Wilson returned from two weeks coastal trip Monday.

Want Ads

FOR SALE: Small registered Hereford herd. Good foundation stock. Lester Barnum, Grass Valley, 48-50

FOR SALE: 4 young calves. Orville Heckman, Moro, 48-50

WANTED: Man or woman who can qualify for profitable business, nearby. Write Rawleigh's Dept. 81, Oakland 7, California, 48c

Houses in Moro and Wasco for sale. Giles French, Moro

FOR SALE: Large house on improved street near school and church, hardwood floors, furnace, wash trays, 2 lots, berries and fruit trees. Mrs. H. S. Swan 1300 E. 12th St. The Dalles, Or. 48-8c

WANTED: House help. All modern conveniences, long time job for desirable help. Good wages. Mrs Harold Eakin, Grass Valley 42c

FOR SALE: 2680 A., 200 Farm land, 5 good springs, nearly all fenced, extra good grass. Six miles south Sherman county line. \$6 per acre. Ben Taylor, Antelope 45-8p

FOR SALE: In Grass Valley, large house, some furniture, barn, chicken house, double garage, other buildings. Enquire Fred Krusow or write Box-92, Grass Valley, 48-51p

FOR SALE: Gentle team and harness. Chas. Bullard, Moro 48-53c

FOR SALE: 7 ft. cedar posts, 15 & 21 inch posts and better 32 cents per post delivered any place here. G. L. Briggs, phone 6463 or write Gen. Del. The Dalles, Oregon 22-11v

NOTICE  
I will not be responsible for any bills not contracted by myself. Wayne D. Walker 48-8p

Impartiality is the life of justice. Justice is of all good government. Prudence is the necessary ingredient in all the virtues, without which they degenerate into folly and excess. Jeremy Collier

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