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TAKES NO ACCOUNT OF TIME

Australian "Sundowner" a Carefree Wanderer Along the Dusty River Roads of Australia.

And there, a lone pathetic figure on the river road of the Australian bush, is the swagman, the sundowner—thus picturesquely named because of his habit of arriving at a homestead exactly as the sun goes down, and so insuring that he will be offered rations and a place to camp should he desire it. There he stumbles in the crossing wheel tracks, Australia's tramp and wanderer, with an individuality of his own which marks him out from all the wayfarers of the world.

The gray dust of the plains is on his bronzed and bearded face, on his simple dress of Crimean shirt and moleskin trousers, on his rough unblackened boots, on his blanket bundle strapped across his shoulders, and swinging billy can and dangling ration bags. He carries no staff or stick, but instead a light switch, broken from a willow tree or buddah bush, with which to brush away the myriad persistent flies which follow him in a dancing cloud.

At his heels is a dog which may be the veriest mongrel, or may be a champion sheep dog of pure pedigree and worth anything up to \$250. His day's march may be two miles or twenty, according to the goal which he has set himself to reach as the sun goes down. Sometimes he will camp for a day or a week or a month in a bend of the river. Time is of no account to the sundowner on the river road.

—Will H. Ogilvie in the King's Highway.

WORDS TOO OFTEN CONFUSED

Excellent Point Made in Emphasis of Difference Between "Training" and "Education."

The difference between training and education was well expressed by Dr. C. Stuart Gager in his address to the graduating class of the school of horticulture for women, when he said:

"Cloth would be spun on hand-loom today had no other factor been introduced into spinning than the instruction of daughters by mothers. This kind of instruction does not make for progress; it can never convert a trade into a profession. The spinning jenny was not invented by a spinner, nor the wireless telegraph by a telegraph operator, nor the science of agronomy by practical farmers.

"Progress depends upon a fullness of preparation exceeding the limits of anticipated requirement in practice. That is why I have never liked the phrase 'teachers' training class.' Horses may be trained, and a well-trained horse may be depended on to do accurately and promptly the tricks that are taught him. But place him in a new situation or confront him with a new problem or an old one somewhat altered—and you may then learn clearly and easily the difference between training and education."—Montreal Herald.

Life Without Microbes.

Microbes are not indispensable to all life if they are indispensable to any. The question has been definitely settled, it is claimed by some authorities.

A cage completely sterilized at 90 degrees was made and the openings of the cage closely stopped with cotton and protected from the outside by a hermetically closed metallic chamber. Such manipulations as were necessary in opening the cage were made by hands guarded by aseptic rubber cloth. Into such sterilized cage three hens' eggs were placed after having been externally sterilized. The cage was fitted with a glass pavilion or chicken run, where the chickens could develop during their six weeks' sojourn in the cage. In the cage were sterilized air, pure water, sterilized sand and sterilized feed.

The experiments showed that life does not depend upon microbes, but that the vital work of the organism is easy and natural when everything is sterilized.

Despised Wares.

Seeing that I cannot choose any subject of great utility or pleasure, because my predecessors have already taken as their own all useful and necessary themes, I will do like one who, because of his poverty, is the last to arrive at the fair, and not being able otherwise to provide himself, chooses all the things which others have already looked over and not taken, but refused as being of little value. With these despised and rejected wares—the leavings of many buyers—I will now for my course, distributing, not, indeed, amid the great cities, but among the mean hamlets, and taking such rewards as befits the things I offer.—Leonardo da Vinci.

Date Tree Rightly Prized.

To the Arab the date tree is the perfection of beauty and utility. Every part of this tree has its use to him. The pistils of the date blossom contain a fine curly fiber, which is beaten out and used in all eastern baths as a sponge for soaping the body. At the extremity of the trunk is a terminal bud containing a white substance resembling an almond in consistency and taste, but a hundred times as large. This is a great table delicacy. There are said to be more than 100 varieties of date palm, all distinguished by their fruit, and the Arabs say that a good housewife can furnish her husband with a dish of dates differently prepared every day for a month.

NOT ALWAYS FAIR

Psychology Expert Decries Some Popular Tests.

Wrong to Judge Character and Intelligence by Means of Handwriting and Photographs, Is Assertion of Prominent Kansan.

Judging character and intelligence by means of photographs and handwriting is a senseless custom, in the opinion of Dr. J. C. Peterson, assistant professor of psychology in the Kansas State Agricultural college. Even though the custom is maintained by at least two-thirds of school boards, and a large number of employment agencies, and many leading universities, it has no basis of proven accuracy as an excuse for its use, according to Doctor Peterson.

Persons applying for teaching positions or for fellowships in colleges are almost always required to submit applications in their own handwriting and to send photographs with the applications.

"Too often," says Doctor Peterson, "a pleasant smile and clear, regular penmanship outweigh years of experience and testimonials of scholarship."

"A belief in the claims set forth by handwriting and feature-reading experts has become widespread. And no one will deny that a few persons of more than ordinary insight have been most successful in determining character and mental endowments by a study of features and handwriting. But these experts have not been able to explain their methods so that others, less gifted, could follow them and obtain satisfactory results."

"Twelve children, ranging from the weak-minded to those of superior intelligence, were tested for mentality by the psychology department of the Ohio State university. Photographs of the children were then submitted to 83 judges, among whom were physicians, psychologists, teachers, college students, and business men and women."

"When the estimated intelligence reports were compared with the actual mentality determined by the mental tests, it was found that they did not correspond. One girl who was an inmate of an institution for the feeble-minded was judged by most to be of superior intelligence, while a boy who was really superior was judged to be on the border line of feeble-mindedness."

"Handwriting tests have shown largely the same results. Handwriting experts are almost unanimous in the opinion that pride and ambition are shown in an upward slanting of lines; that bashfulness is indicated by fine lines; force, by heavy lines and heavy bars on t's; perseverance, by long bars on t's; reserve by closed o's and a's, etc., and the lack of these qualities is indicated by a lack of the corresponding characteristics in penmanship."

"Holding that a person's traits of character can best be determined by the combined judgment of many acquaintances, psychologists of the University of Wisconsin judged 17 students of the university, ranking each according to the degree of each trait possessed. Specimens of handwriting, all written under the same conditions, were then secured. These were carefully measured and graded, and the result compared with the ranking previously given. There was no appreciable correlation."

The Joy of Living.

With all my heart I believe in the joy of living; but those who achieve it do not seek it as an end in itself, but as a seized and prized incident of hard work well done and of risk and danger never wantonly courted, but never shirked when duty commands that they be faced. And those who have earned joy, but are rewarded only with sorrow, must learn the stern comfort that springs from the comfort that springs from the knowledge taught in times of iron that the law of worthy living is not fulfilled by pleasure, but by service and by sacrifice when only thereby can service be rendered.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Can't Lose It.

Adolph Tandler, symphony orchestra leader, was commenting on the demand that music by German composers should not be played.

"There is so much music that is German, that I doubt if it can be done," he remarked, and added, with a laugh, "besides, they tell me that they are using it at the peace conference, or, at least, that is the claim of a certain German musician I used to know."

"This German, after listening to the uproarious discord attending the peace celebration, cried:

"'Ha! Observe that in order to celebrate they have to raise to the Wagnerian style of music!'"

There in Profusion.

Mary had been promised a visit to a certain camp, which was in an adjoining town. The promise was fulfilled one pleasant day and Mary, on tiptoe with excitement, started on the trip. Each time a soldier appeared she exclaimed: "Oh, see the khaki boy." But when the camp was at length reached Mary had nothing to say. Her mother, noticing this, asked her why she did not talk about them. Drawing a long sigh, Mary exclaimed: "Oh, mother! there is a whole forenoon full of them."

The Leading Citizen.

Stranger—"Does this man, Amos Darby, hold any place of distinction in the village?" Villager—"Ye kir judge fer y'rself. When th' postman brings th' weekly newspaper down to Guy Parkinson's grocery store, Amos is the first reader!"—Life.

Diamonds of Many Colors.

Although when free of color they are said to be of first water, diamonds are found in nearly every color of the rainbow—red, yellow, orange, green and blue.

PRETTY MYTHS OF BUSHMEN

Real Poetry in Legends Handed Down Among the Aborigines of Australia.

Fish were not always fish, and did not always stay under water, according to the story of the blacks of the Australian bush. They say that fishes once lived on land and went hunting just as other people do.

One day the fishes were gathered together in a camp near a river, the story goes. It was very cold, and the fishes were huddled under a fire trying to get warm. Suddenly a great wind came up and blew both the fishes and the fire into the water. The fishes just crowded around the fire under the waves and kept warm. That is how the fish first came to stay in rivers and streams, the bushmen say. They add that the fire is still under the water, and that is why it is always warmer under water on a cold day than it is on land. They also say that the crow once owned all the fire there was on earth, and that he kept it in a bag. One day it dropped from his bill and a sparrow hawk saw it fall. He dove after it and grabbed the bag. When he flew away the crow gave chase and overtook him. The two birds fought, and in the mixup the fire fell out of the bag and set the grass and leaves ablaze. The crow cried for help, but prevented the spread of the flames by stamping on them and rolling in them, but the fire spread over the earth and everybody got some. To this day the crow is black from rolling on the burned grass, they say.

FINE OLD ENGLISH DWELLING

Stokesay Castle, Dating From 1291, Has Many Unusual Attractions for the Tourist.

Stokesay castle, which dates back to 1291, is probably one of the finest of all England's old dwellings. Although called a castle, this ancient dwelling is really a fortified manor, and all of its ancient characteristics have been maintained through the last 500 years. The great hall, which is over 50 feet long and 30 feet wide, is easily the most striking feature of the old manor house. The windows of the castle are all large, and the hall was thus made a much more pleasant place to live in than the majority of houses built in England at that time.

During the thirteenth century the builders first began to make English dwelling houses pleasant to live in. Instead of mere places of shelter or defense, windows of the king's houses were ordered to be glazed, outside doors to have protecting porches, fireplaces to be built, and numerous other household additions made. In some places the windows were filled with painted glass and the walls decorated with rare paintings.

Bluffing Among the Reptiles.

The ancient practice of bluffing is not limited to the human species. Various animals pretend to be worse than they are.

The hog-nosed snake is a perfectly harmless little fellow, with no capacities in the way of poison, and yet this reptile, which is really pretty, is given such sinister names as flat-headed adder and sand viper, and is usually killed on sight. This is because it has the habit of flattening its head and puffing out its neck and hissing violently, which is for no other purpose than to frighten off intruders. It is a plain bluff, to give the impression that the reptile has poison fangs.

This counterfeited is usually taken at its true value, and afford the hog-nosed snake considerable protection, except in the case of human beings, who destroy the innocent reptile on sight, when it is not only harmless but useful also in keeping down vermin.

Grecian Marriage-Gesture.

There are two noted statues of the Venus Genetrix in which the Grecian marriage-gesture is illustrated—one a Roman copy of a Greek original held to represent a celebrated type by Alcamenes, in the Louvre, Paris. The goddess is clad in a very light Ionian tunic, and with raised right arm lifts her himation from behind toward her head, forming the Greek gesture symbolic of marriage. The left hand extends the apple.

The other, an antique marble statue, in the Vatican museum, is held to be an excellent copy of the bronze cult statue by Arcesilaus which stood in the temple of Venus of the Forum Julium. The figure is fully draped in very thin, clinging drapery; she extends the apple with her left hand, and with the right raises her mantle over the shoulder toward the head—the symbolical marriage-gesture.

Japanese "Maru."

The word "maru" attached to the name of every merchant ship and commonly accepted as meaning "ship" in reality has no known meaning. According to a Japanese authority the word is the survival of a custom centuries old. There are two opinions as to how the custom started. The story, to how the likely to be the true one, is that in ancient times the Japanese attached "maru" to the name of anything precious or highly prized, as a sword or a baby. It was first applied to a ship's name about 2,000 years ago, when the Empress Jingo sent an expedition to Korea. She added the word to the name of the ship that transported the troops to Korea. Ever since then "maru" has been associated with the name of a steamship or sailing vessel. It is never used with the name of a warship.

A Real Hero.

Self-respect will sometimes do as much for a man as real physical courage. The man who wants to run and doesn't is a hero.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Hard Work Needed.

If the power to do hard work is not talent, it is the best possible substitute for it. Things do not turn up in this world unless somebody turns them up.—James A. Garfield.

Notice of Estimated and Proposed Tax Levy for Sherman County, Oregon, for the Year 1920.

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 3d day of December, 1919, the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, will be in regular session at the County Court House in Moro, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., and any taxpayer of Sherman County, Oregon, will be heard in favor of or against the proposed tax levy, as hereinafter itemized.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT

Prepared in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 234 of the 1913 Oregon Session Laws, showing an estimate of the amounts of money required to be raised by taxation by Sherman County, Oregon, for the year 1920, to maintain each department of the county government, county office or county officer, and for each county improvement, the maintenance of each county building, structure, or institution, and for the salary of each county officer or employee, and for the improvement and maintenance of public highways, roads and bridges, and for other contemplated expenditures.

Also showing the probable receipts of Sherman County, Oregon, from sources other than direct taxation upon real and personal property for the year 1920 and also the approximate amount of the balance of the various funds of Sherman County Oregon upon January 1, 1920.

PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES AND AMOUNT

Judge (County)	Salary	\$ 450
Incidental expenses	200	
County Clerk	Salary	1500
Deputy salary	1200	
Record books and blanks	800	
Incidental expenses	100	
Sheriff	Salary	1800
Deputy salary	1200	
Traveling expenses	300	
Office supplies and incidentals	500	
Treasurer	Salary	400
Record books and incidentals	50	
Assessor	Salary	1800
Deputy salary	480	
Rolls, plats, stamps, detail sheets, and miscellaneous	230	
District Attorney	Incidental expenses	25
Superintendent of Schools	Salary	1500
Traveling expenses	300	
Incidental expenses	250	
8th grade examinations, institutes	50	
Coroner's Fees	Fees and expenses	100
Juror's fees and witnesses	50	
County Commissioners	Fees, per diem and mileage	250
Surveyor	Fees and incidental expenses	100
Sealer of Weights and Measures	Per diem and expenses	125
State Account	Per diem and expenses	50
Court House Expenses	Janitor, fuel, light, wa-	

GOT MESSAGE FROM LIGHT

Famous Man of Letters Tells of Peculiar Effect Simple Happening Had on Schoolboy.

A friend of mine—an old painter, who went to school in the north of Scotland—described to me his experience. The dominie had one morning been particularly drastic in his methods, and this led to great concentration of thought among the pupils, while at the same time it did not in the least alter the usual current of their ideas. My friend, for instance, based himself as usual, observing form and color, only with a keener zest and, as I have said, a more concentrated purpose. It was a spring morning, and, for the first time that year, a ray of sunshine came into the room, making a square of yellow light on the dusty floor at his feet. It was only at that particular period of the year such a thing was possible; later on there would be too many leaves on the trees, and in winter the sun was not in that quarter of the heavens. My friend was an unhappy and anxious schoolboy, but the events of that morning and the menace of the dominie, combined with the sudden sunlight at his feet, made a new boy of him, and he looked at the square of brightness which stirred his heart. He received, as it were, his mystical message; and some time afterward, leaving school, he became a landscape painter.—John Butler Yeats.

More Than a Sign Post.

There was once a detective story written whose point lay in the manner in which a very familiar figure may escape observation. In the tale several persons swore no one had entered a certain building during a certain space of time. Afterward it was proved that the postman had visited the place at his accustomed time, but long habit had rendered him psychologically invisible to the witnesses.

So it is with the familiar figures upon our streets. How many times a day we may pass by the traffic cop, without perhaps realizing that he is something more than an animated sign post, until some act of courtesy awakens us to the fact that a "cop" is simply a man, and a gentleman at that. For, in spite of the many aggravations that must come during a day of directing traffic, most of these officers retain their good temper, and even go out of their way to assist or direct some passer-by.—Omaha World Herald.

ter, telephone, rental, furniture, repairs, and miscellaneous.....	1250
Jail Board of prisoners.....	150
Care of Poor Expenses.....	2000
County Physician.....	400
Burial expenses.....	100
County Health Officer Salary.....	100
Expenses.....	50
Indigent Soldiers Relief of old soldiers.....	50
Boys' and Girls' Aid Society Relief.....	120

INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES THAN TAXATION

Examination and expense	50
Elections	
Judges and clerks.....	75
Ballots.....	20
Ballot boxes and fees of registration.....	5
Deputy sheriffs, hall rent and repairing booths....	25
Scalp Bounty	
Bounty on wild animals.	50
Fruit Inspector	
Per diem and expenses..	8
Stock Inspector	
Salary.....	30
Stationary and advertis-	

Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 6th day of November, 1919.

E. D. McKee, County Judge

J. M. Wilson, County Commissioner

R. J. Ginn, County Commissioner

Attest: Mary L. Hoskinson, Clerk.

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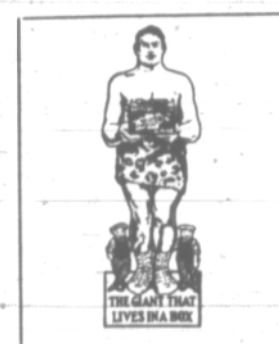
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