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ON HIS OWN

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Mrs. Raymond regarded her young son with resignation. Yet she felt she would have resigned to his impossible ways.

"Johnnie," she remonstrated for the third time, "I wish you'd sit straight in your chair and stop fidgeting your hair. You look a fright."

Vaguely, like a sleep-walker, Johnnie smoothed his sandy locks, upstanding by twisting fingers.

His mother sighed, thinking of his two brothers. She never nagged them. Trina and Albert were, both employed in a Boston bank. Such a comfort. As for Johnnie—hopeless! What he did down town where he worked, she couldn't imagine. Even if he emptied waste-baskets or swept floors, someone probably had to remind him, as she was endlessly doing at home.

These thoughts, audibly expressing themselves, urged Johnnie finally to go out, the parting injunction to take the key ringing in his ears.

Mrs. Raymond's taut nerves waited for the slam of the door, in spite of her caution to close it softly, then she settled down to sewing, a habit that had grown through colorless years of widowhood.

Later, the evening was brightened by a neighbor's visit. These friendly chats under the sewing-lamp, were welcome. They meant an unburdening of the day's grievances.

"Do you have to nag your boys endlessly, Mrs. Harst?" She was squinting toward the light in an effort to thread a fine needle with a coarse thread. "My Elmer and Alfred never bother, but Johnnie—" she paused, sighing. The subject exasperated her. "Your youngest?" the neighbor inquired. "Bad company, maybe."

The mother bristled. "Oh, no, Johnnie's a good boy. It's his habits. I'm always reminding him—his rubbers, his handkerchief, to wipe his feet—I don't know how he gets on where he works. I don't see him start for his goes early. It's a marvel he wakes up. He'll never amount to much."

"I haven't seen him lately," the neighbor importuned. "Where does he work?"

"At Jones, Allan & Company. Lawyers."

"What does he do?"

"Office-boy, I guess. It's all he's fit for. Untidy. Shiftless. Harst talks about his own 'disorganizing.'"

A day or so after this same neighbor had business in the building where Jones, Allan & Company's offices were. No harm to peek at the youngster for his mother's sake. She didn't remember him, now that he had grown up.

Impressed by the emblazoned door that confronted her from the elevator, she hesitated, looking around in hopes of seeing tuxedo-headed Johnnie with a waste-basket, or hiding in a corner reading a paper novel.

Seeing no one, she timidly touched the call-bell on the outer door.

With startling alacrity the door swung open, causing her to retreat a step or two, and a tall, straight, keen-eyed young man popped out to demand her business with said Jones, Allan & Company.

So brisk and not-to-be-trifled-with was he, that Mrs. Harst regretted the errand which brought her.

She gaped, speechless, under the disconcerting scrutiny of this young guardian of the law offices.

"I beg pardon for disturbing you," she apologized, at a loss how to begin, "but a neighbor of mine has a boy working here. Being in the building I thought I'd drop in and say 'Howdy-do' to him. He wouldn't remember me, I guess, now he's grown big enough to work."

At her uncertain pause, the young man stepped out, closing the door behind him. He swung a chair under the astonished woman before she had time to see from whence it came. Having thus deposited her safely away from the business entrance, he inquired:

"Can I help you? We have a great many employees here and not everyone is always available. If the boy isn't too busy or isn't needed for the moment, I'm sure he'll be glad to see you. If you'll tell me his name, I'll look him up for you."

Having thus made the inquisitive neighbor feel that business hours were no time for social calls, the formidable medium between Mrs. Harst and her desire stood ready to receive information.

Crushed and ill at ease, she glanced timidly up into the pleasing, although unsmiling, eyes.

"I'm sorry I bothered about it, but now I'm here it can't be helped. If he's busy, never mind. His name is Johnnie Raymond. If it's any trouble—"

For the first time the serious face of the young man broke into a charming smile and his hand went uncertainly up to the sandy hair and came down again without touching it. He bowed rather splendidly.

"You see, it's no trouble at all," he informed her in his crisp, pleasant tones. "I am John Raymond."

Venerable Gift.

Wife—At the counter where I bought this Christmas present for my brother there was a sign reading: "A scarf is the smile in a man's dress."

Hub (holding it up)—This tie is too loud to be a smile. I call it a scream.

—Boston Transcript.

SENATE ASKS EFFECT OF PACIFIC TREATY

Senator New Declares There Is No "Alliance" in the Covenant.

Washington, D. C.—A resolution asking President Harding what effect ratification of the four power Pacific treaty will have on the Lansing-Ishii agreement between the United States and Japan, was adopted by the senate. The resolution was presented by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, one of the treaty opponents, and was agreed to without a roll call, after a short debate in which Senator Underwood of Alabama, the democratic leader, and a member of the American arms delegation, declared that in his opinion, "that the agreement would be wiped out entirely by the series of conference treaties."

There is no "alliance" in the four-power Pacific treaty nor any obligation to use force, Senator New, of Indiana, republican member of the foreign relations committee, declared in opening in the senate discussion of the treaties on behalf of the administration.

The four-power Pacific treaty was taken up Monday by the senate and will be discussed every day until a vote on ratification is obtained under a programme said to have been agreed to at a conference between President Harding and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader.

President Harding was said to be in complete accord with Senator Lodge's plans for proceeding with the arms conference treaties. Their conference at the White House was said to have been to discuss procedure and inform the president as to the situation, and the effect of legislative matters also before the senate.

Appeal of Music to the Human Mind. Music, like literature, appeals to the human being as a whole. Whatever the range covered by literature in the appeal to human nature, precisely the same range is covered in a different medium, but not less surely, by music.

To make music take its proper place, would therefore be to give it an equally important place in the public school curriculum with literature. Beethoven, for example, would be placed side by side with Shakespeare as a subject of study, because Beethoven is exactly of the same importance and on the same level as Shakespeare, as a storehouse of mental wealth and a subject of intellectual training. Like Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth and Coleridge, the great composers like Beethoven, Bach and Mendelssohn strengthen the reasoning powers, the imaginative faculties and higher nature generally.

Spot Forever Famous. Motorbuses, charabancs, and thousands of motorcars pass by Box hill and the pretty little hotel which nestles under its foot at Burford bridge without knowing that in the beautiful old garden at the back of the house Nelson took leave of his beloved "Emma"—the Lady Hamilton, whom Romney painted over 60 times—before he took coach to Portsmouth and thence sailed on that cruise which ended at Trafalgar.

In that very same garden another event happened which men do not take as much account of, but which may, nevertheless, count for more in the true evolution of the race.

John Keats wrote the greater part of "Endymion" as he walked those paths, listening to the birds and looking upon the beautiful landscape, and coined there that immortal phrase: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."—London Times.

Rosin Beds Now Mined. Many articles in daily use came originally from the ground, but few realize that "mining" rosin has been a thriving industry in the United States for many years despite the fact that rosin is the product of the sap of certain species of evergreen tree, observes the New York Sun.

Half a century ago rosin was so cheap that it did not pay to put it in barrels and send it to market. The barrels were worth more than the rosin. Turpentine, however, brought a good price and came from the same sap which yielded rosin as a by-product. In consequence manufacturers concentrated on the turpentine and allowed the molten rosin to run into pits, where it hardened and was covered with earth to get it out of the way.

Obedient Orders. "I told the chief to prepare the fowl so that it would tickle my palate." "And he did?" "Yes; he left the feathers on."—New York Central Lines.

NOTHING STINGY ABOUT HIM

Generous Man Dead Willing to Let Neighbor Have Anything He Would Pay For.

"Don't tell me we are not a generous people," said the corner-seat passenger on the early car. "I hear so many people complaining how stingy folks are that it's refreshing to see somebody that's got something to give away."

"Well, what for instance?" grunted his seatmate. "Somebody been offering you good advice, or has he only been wishing he could divide his cold in the head with you?"

"Neither one," said the other, "but I've got a big-hearted neighbor who was talking across the fence with me the other day. He had sent for a catalogue of some hardware-clothing concern, and he let me look it all over."

"That was generous," agreed the other. "That was the next thing to giving you something, I'll say, letting you read a fresh new catalog."

"Yes, but he did better than that," resumed the first. "He not only let me look the book over all I wanted to, but he said, 'You can send and get anything you want in it; I don't expect to buy it all.'"—Los Angeles Times.

Shopping in Ecuador.

The common trade balance of Ecuador is a short stick carrying a suspended pan at each end and held up by a cord around the center. The weight is a rock about the size of a man's fist, and while no two of them are ever the same size, the merchant is always prepared to pledge his honor that the stone weighs a full and exact pound. The price for a commodity is almost never fixed, and as the Ecuadorian is always prepared for his optimism that he invariably tries to get more. The bargaining does not actually begin until you have disregarded the first figure and asked: "What is the last price?" ("El ultimo precio"). In fact, I have been told voluntarily, when pricing ponchos, that the price was 25 sucres, but "I can come down a little."

Vesuvius in Eruption.

Naples.—Mount Vesuvius again is in eruption. The phenomenon began with two mild shocks of earthquake which were followed by the collapse of the eruptive cone, 200 feet high, which stood inside the crater.

What Cabbages Dislike.

Some time ago, a number of scientists, by means of a device invented by an Indian savant, were able to watch a plant growing, and study the beating of what in vegetable life corresponds to the heart of an animal. An average plant grows at the slow rate of one-millionth part of an inch per second, yet this device so magnifies the increase it easily seen. Plant life does not differ greatly from animal life. Place the roots in boiling water. It struggles and dies the same as the animal. A cabbage dislikes being boiled as greatly as would your pet dog. The only difference is that the cabbage can not protest, but squirms, wriggles and writhes.

NOT MUCH SNOW IN NORTH

Geological Facts Which Are Something of a Surprise to the Average Reader.

By the figures of the United States weather bureau snowfall in winter in St. Louis, Mo., or in Richmond, Va., is three or four times as great as for the north coast of Alaska, while we believe that the snowfall in St. Louis or the highlands of Scotland is ten times as great as on the north tip of Greenland or on the northern islands discovered by my expedition of 1913-18, writes Vilhjalmur Stefansson in the World's Work. In the north polar regions there is, to begin with, very little snow on the ground at the end of winter. We have already said that in some parts of the polar regions the temperature is 100 degrees in the shade in the summer. It would have to be a very peculiar kind of snow if a little of it more or less covering the ground in winter would last far into the spring. Of course, it does not last long, but disappears like magic. For three or four of five months, according to just where you are, you have green pastures and flowery meadows that are a delight to the eye, and would be delightful to every sense but for the unbearable plague of insects—mosquitoes, sandflies, horseflies and the like.

Fruits in Powder. It would be very convenient to keep in the pantry fruit juices in the form of dry powders, so that one could mix a glass of lemonade or orangeade or other beverage offhand. They would be useful, also, for cooking. A newly patented process for making such powder consists in mixing fruit juice with gelatinized starch and reducing the solution to a dry product by atomizing it into a current of dry, warm air.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Business men of Condon have organized a commercial club. Marian Clark of North Bend was the first woman chosen in Coos county to serve on a circuit court jury.

The Seio high school student body has voted to "adopt" two orphans from the Armenian relief committee.

A total of 32 deaths of influenza in Portland during the month of February were reported to the city health office.

A building permit was taken out at Eugene by the Osburn Hotel company for the erection of a \$70,000 apartment house.

Hood River hotels and restaurants report a great increase in business since the Columbia river highway was reopened.

The Seio Rod and Gun club has succeeded in organizing a game preserve just west of the city, comprising about 1100 acres.

Official announcement was made by the Asiatic-American Steamship company that Astoria is to be its terminal on the Columbia river.

Two million silverside eggs arrived at Astoria from the Alaska bay district and were taken to the Klaskanine river hatchery for hatching.

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, and Miss Inez E. Dewey of Chicago, were married in the latter city last week.

Work has begun on the new fish hatchery financed by Wasco county sportsmen at Oak Springs, on the Deschutes river near Maupin.

Miss Grace M. Amos, widely known Oregon reform leader and prohibitionist, died at the Portland surgical hospital following a brief illness.

Prineville is suffering from an epidemic of colds and la grippe. More than 60 children are out of school and several of the teachers have been ill.

Logging camps in the lower Columbia district are resuming operations after a shutdown of several weeks. This action follows the demand for fir logs by the mills.

Because of the shortage of feed and the cold and stormy weather of the past few weeks, ranchers of the Oakland section have suffered the loss of an unusual number of sheep and lambs.

The annual conference of the Northwest Missionary Prayer bands, which includes the territories of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, convened in Portland for a three days' session last week.

A \$35,000 deal in horses was made known when James E. Smith of Bend announced that he had contracted the sale of 1000 head of range geldings from the Bill Brown stock ranch at Pilo.

Approximately \$375,000 will be spent by Marion county this year in improving its roads, according to announcement by the county court. The construction program includes 25 miles of paving.

The lumber shipments by water from the Columbia river during the month of February were heavy, especially to foreign ports, a total of 16,777,611 feet leaving for points across the sea in the 28 days.

The University of Oregon won a 2-0-1 decision at Eugene over the University of Washington debate team in one of the Oregon-Washington-Stanford contests for the Pacific coast championship.

Miss William Fuller, 17-year-old student of Lincoln high school, was shot through the chest by an unidentified masked man or boy as she sang in the choir of St. Stephen's pro-cathedral in Portland.

Frances Green, 6 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Green of Springfield, died at Mercy hospital in Eugene as a result of injuries sustained when she was struck by a car driven by A. R. Gray, Eugene grocer.

Seven carcases of Chinese pheasants were liberated on three Lin county game reserves by E. S. Hawker, district game warden. The birds are the first of a number of shipments to come to this county for propagation purposes.

The sinking of a 1400-foot shaft at an approximate cost of \$150,000 for the development of the Ben Harrison mine in the Greenhorn mountains is planned by the Ben Harrison company, according to W. C. Fallows, manager of the mine.

The woodenware plant established recently at the state penitentiary at Salem under an appropriation of \$50,000, authorized by the 1921 legislature.

will begin operations early next week, according to L. F. Compton, warden of the institution.

W. M. Cook, for 25 years a resident of Salem, claims the distinction of having the most productive hen in Oregon. He says he has a White Leghorn which lays two eggs each day and every other day deposits in its nest an egg with a double yolk.

Unless the number of cases of influenza at the state hospital at Salem decreases the institution will be quarantined by the superintendent and visitors will not be allowed. The state penitentiary has been under quarantine for more than two weeks.

A party of 500 Swiss farmers is preparing to come to Oregon for colonization purposes, according to Arnold Keller, of Portland. He has returned from Europe, where he was commissioned by the Swiss government to take up the colonization matter with Governor Olcott.

A total of 3210 checks, aggregating \$905,879.30, issued by the secretary of state at the direction of the world war veterans' state aid commission to applicants for cash benefits under the so-called soldier cash bonus and loan law were mailed to the recipients from Salem Friday.

At the request of Crook county post of the American Legion the business and professional men of the city met with the legion members and the Crook County Co-operative association was formed. The association has as its main object settling Crook county with white settlers.

Damages in the sum of \$20,000 for alleged alienation of the affections of his wife, Mrs. Pearl Lindsey, is asked in a "heart-balm" suit filed in the circuit court at The Dalles by H. H. Lindsey of Salem. J. T. McCulloch and Noel McCulloch of Antelope are named as the defendants in the suit.

When Joseph Laundry, under two years' sentence for violation of the Oregon criminal syndicalism act, arrived at the state penitentiary from Portland to start serving his term, he was agreeably surprised by Warden Compton, who refused to accept him for the reason that a few minutes before he reached the prison his case had been reversed by the supreme court.

Approximately 11,500 acres under the proposed Powell butte high-line canal will be irrigated by water stored in the Crane prairie reservoir of the North Canal company if directors of the district accept an offer made by ex-Governor West, secretary of the North Canal company. Mr. West proposed to furnish storage, 40 all necessary engineering and complete canals to the lands for \$45.75 an acre.

Fred C. Baker of Tillamook, secretary of the Roosevelt Memorial Coast Highway association, has received a telegram from Washington, D. C. stating that Senator McNary had submitted data to the secretary of agriculture

using that the Roosevelt highway be designated a road of primary importance. This is the brief that was submitted to the state highway commission and was written by the secretary of the association.

That the district forester will grant a concession for the operation of a summer hotel at Diamond lake within the next few weeks was the information received at Bend by Forest Supervisor Plumb. A 10 or 20-year lease would be given and an initial investment of from \$12,000 to \$15,000 required. In the last few years Diamond lake has become one of the most popular central Oregon camping spots, both from the standpoint of the tourist and the angler.

Members of the Portland city council voted to withdraw its application filed several months ago with the Oregon public service commission, requesting that body to make an appraisal of the physical properties of the city water department. The withdrawal was made, it was announced by Mayor Baker, because it was the belief of members of the city council that "any confidence reposed in the public service commission by the citizens of Portland has been forfeited by that commission through recent acts and decisions."

If the so-called "cabinet" form of government now in operation in Washington, Idaho, Nebraska, New York and other states is found by investigation to be superior to and more economical than the present Oregon system of handling governmental affairs, Governor Olcott will lend every influence at hand to obtain its adoption in this state. This statement by Governor Olcott followed the appointment of a committee of five prominent Oregon men to investigate the measure of success attained by the "cabinet" form of government in states where it has been established and file a report in his office for submission to the legislature at its next session.

Oregon's rivers and harbors fared especially well in the bill for improvements reported out by the house rivers and harbors committee. Provision is carried in the bill for the improvement of the Columbia and Willamette rivers below Portland by widening of the channel to 600 feet and maintaining a depth of 30 feet. This improvement would eventually cost \$1,750,000, according to the engineer's estimates. Another provision is for the improvement of Willamette slough and still another for the construction of two jetties and the improvement of isthmus slough at Coos Bay at a final cost of \$3,110,000. Improvement of the Clatskanie river also is included in the bill. Surveys are provided for Umpqua river, Tillamook bay and harbor, Deer Island slough and the North Portland harbor.

Always. Women make fine distinctions. It's all right to cut them visions, but mighty dangerous to call them sights.

REPUBLICANS AGREE ON BONUS MEASURE

Washington, D. C.—Unanimous agreement on a compromise soldiers' bonus bill, under which the cash feature would be eliminated, where the ex-servicemen would be entitled to more than \$50 adjusted service pay, was reached by house ways and means committee republicans, who believed they had found a solution of the problem which has been giving administration and congressional leaders concern for several weeks. The revised measure, however, still has a long road to travel before it reaches the statute books.

As drawn, the bill provides for cash payments only to those men whose adjusted service pay would not exceed \$50, and these four optional measures: Adjusted service certificates, with an added loan provision which would enable the men to obtain immediately from banks a sum equal to 80 per cent of the adjusted service pay; vocational training, home and farm aid and land settlement.

VETERANS ARE PUT FIRST

Secretary Fall Replies to Wapato, Wash., Japanese Association.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Fall, replying to an inquiry from a Japanese association of Wapato, Wash., regarding the opportunity of its members leasing land in the Yakima Indian reservation, declared all Indian agents had been notified that leases must be confined to American citizens, with veterans of the world war being given preference.

The announcement of the interior department's policy was made in a telegram to W. K. Hirano, president of the Yakima Japanese association of Wapato, Wash., who had asked what would be the attitude of the department regarding leasing of the Yakima Indian reservation to Japanese farmers.

Genoa Conference to Open April 10. Paris.—April 10 has been definitely settled upon as the date for the opening of the Genoa economic conference. Italy, from whom a request for delay had been expected, owing to the intended cabinet crisis last month, informed the foreign office that she would be ready on that date.

Railway Wage Reductions Asked.

Chicago, Ill.—Railroad labor and the nation's largest transportation lines opened their fight over the present scale of wages Monday before the United States railroad labor board. More than 175 roads have placed petitions for reductions averaging 10 per cent before the board.

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