

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

**NOT READING.—THINKING.
JOY ON MARS.
YOUNG AT 102.
TWO YOUNG MEN.**

The World Federation of Education Associations organizes a world war against illiteracy. For this war the Crown Prince of Japan has appropriated a million yen. China has adopted the slogan "China a Literate Nation in One Generation."

It is preposterous that any human being, outside of actual barbarism, should grow up unable to read.

But teaching them to read and write is only the first step. The next is teaching human beings TO THINK, which is considerably more difficult and important.

It isn't what you READ that counts. It's what you THINK AFTER YOU READ that improves government and civilization.

It takes a Frenchman, and an old one, Camille Flammarion, to say that the people on Mars are much more JOYFUL than we are.

The Martian year is twice as long as ours. A man there fifty years old has lived 100 years, nearly. The climate is better and the planet being smaller, everything is lighter. An ordinary Martian could easily carry his mother-in-law upstairs in his arms, even if she weighed 400 pounds. Millions of years older in their civilization than earth men, the Martians are far ahead of us in knowledge, and that means happiness. In fact it's the only solid happiness.

John A. Stewart, called "Grand Old Man of Wall Street," who knew Abraham Lincoln, and is now head of an important bank, celebrated his 102nd birthday last week. To us, that seems old. A thousand years hence, 125 will seem young as sixty is now. Men will die out gently like fading twilight.

Mr. Stewart continues living, intellectually young, because he

Men They top is green.

After a while civilized human beings will decide that rats and mice don't pay, and take the trouble to get rid of them along with mosquitoes, flies and other nuisances that Father Noah might well have left out of the Ark.

An English scientist demonstrated that rats suffer from foot and mouth disease and, frequenting stables, infect the cattle. Moral for farmers, use cement and copper and keep out the rats.

Clarence Darrow, a lawyer, who thinks and feels, and consequently earns little in proportion to his great ability, tells the Court that to hang the two young men whom he defends, Loeb and Leopold, "would be a worse crime than they committed."

And that is the truth, exactly. If a red Indian tortured a white man for twenty-four hours, that would not excuse white men for torturing that red man even for twenty-four minutes. The greater the intelligence and responsibility, the greater the crime.

This column, too lightly, compared Moses' forty-year trip across the desert with the four-hour trip of a small American automobile, and the one and one-half-hour trip of a flying machine, across the same desert.

Many writers send learned comment.

Hyman Bodner, of Passaic, New Jersey, says, "You needn't wait to get information from Moses in heaven. He kept the children of Israel in the desert for forty years because they were not qualified to conquer the Promised Land. They practically all died. The new generation, educated and drilled, led by Hushma, won their Promised Land by fighting."

Max Himoff, of Long Island City, writer, said that Moses had to let his old followers die off while he raised a new generation "who knew nothing about Egypt and prepared them for their task."

Can anybody give more exact information about the fighting leader, Hushma?

Divers working sixty feet below the surface have recovered thirty-five million dollars of gold and silver bullion from the steamship Laurentic, sunk by a German submarine.

Thousands of tons of "liquid gold" are in the water through which steamers plow as they go back and forth. Some day men may retrieve it.

Wifeunchettes

PROFITEERING

'We are told that we are facing a coal shortage.

But the shortage of coal is not a reason for the increase of the price of coal. To increase the price of coal would make it possible for the rich to have coal, but it would make it impossible for the poor to purchase it.

This country needs so many tons of coal. The rich and the poor alike need the coal. The shortage of coal should not cause the price to be increased. An increased price will prevent a just distribution of coal.

The only legal and just thing that can possibly be done is to distribute the amount of coal we have among all the people at the same rate that they would have been charged for the coal had there been a sufficient quantity.

The profiteer who takes advantage of the situation and raises the price of coal is an enemy of the people.



in this country. He has gone un- Coal is a necessity. And any man who takes advantage of the poor man's necessity or of the rich man's necessity to extract from him an excessive price for that necessity is at heart a thief. Whatever law there is that can reach him should be put into operation. There is a just profit that belongs to every man for his labor, his talent, his brain; but there has never existed and there will never exist a condition which entitles any man to excessive profits, to usury, or extortionate demands for service or for goods. The profiteer has existed too long

moistened and has escaped the judgments of law. But now the people are growing weary, restless, and revengeful.

The time has come for the government to arrest every man who takes advantage of an emergency to practise extortion.

This is certainly true of the hour in which we are now living.

The government talked about seizing the coal mines. The government ought to seize not only the mines, but everything else that the profiteer is trying to use for the purpose of extorting from the people an unjust and unreasonable profit.

The profiteer should not be allowed to do business.

Let the government say to all profiteers: "Every time you raise the price unjustly, the government will take from you the right and the license to do business."

This is the only way by which the suffering public can be quieted and put at ease. This is the way by which the government can restore confidence in its sovereignty, in its power, and in its justice.

am qualified for this work and believe I have a right to ask the people for their support. If I am given this work you will always find me on the job, and will conduct the affairs in a courteous and business like manner. The school election comes on Saturday the 20th. See that your X mark is placed before the name of R. W. Smith for clerk.

Yours for service,
R. W. SMITH.

Speed of Radio Waves.

We think of sound as traveling rapidly but its velocity is only 1,100 feet a second as against 186,000 miles, not feet, traveled by radio waves in a second. This means that a person listening in with a receiving set hears radio music 500 miles from the broadcasting station before another person 50 feet from the microphone can hear it in the ordinary way.

Fined for Spray.

For failure to spray his trees according to law John Dornath, of Alvadore, was fined \$50 in Judge Wells justice court Monday. He had disregarded the notice sent him Fruit Inspector C. E. Stewart it was alleged.

In a Bad Way.

Aviator: "We are falling! Are you prepared to meet your Maker?"
Lady Passenger: "Gracious, no! My hair's a sight!"

Blinding Either Way.

The explosion of a barrel of beer coat William E. Foster, Los Angeles, an eye and he is suing for \$30,000 damages. Drinking the stuff causes blindness too sometimes.

His Idea, Too.

The children were playing war. Billy was commander-in-chief, while Bob was carrying war materials—such as pots and kettles—and was in rather ill humor.

"I know who I am," he declared at last, "I'm General Sherman."

Figuratively Speaking.

"Oh, dear," complained Mrs. Featherly, "when a short woman like me hangs out the wash, she needs arms like a giraffe."

Judge's Joke

THE TROUBLE WITH MOST SELF-MADE MEN IS THAT THEY ARE TOO EASILY SATISFIED!



Mill Shut Down One Day—The Booth-Kelly sawmill was forced to shut down on Saturday shortly after it had started up due to the fact that the high line of the Mountain States Power company was not in working order, probably on account of fires in southern Oregon. The planers ran,

however, as there is enough power furnished without the high-line to run them. The mill started up again promptly on Monday.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, Dentist, Vitus building, Springfield, Oregon.

BELL

Theatre

Tonight, Thursday
"To the Ladies"

and
"Way of a Man"

Friday, Saturday
Elinor Glyn's
"Six Days"

Comedy—"One At a Time"

SUNDAY

POLI NEGRI

in

"Shadows of Paris"

Comedy—"The Misfit"

Monday, Tuesday

"Cupid's Fireman"

Comedy—"The Misfit"

Wednesday

'Around the World in Speejacks'

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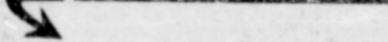
Communication.

Springfield, Ore., Sept. 16, 1924

Editor of the Springfield News:

Please allow me through your paper to announce to the people of Springfield, my candidacy for the office of school clerk and city recorder. No one appreciates more than I the faithfulness and ability of our former school clerk and city recorder Mr. J. W. Coffin. But he has passed on and some one else will have to take up the work. Had he lived I should not have thought of running as a candidate in opposition. I have lived in Springfield twenty-one years. I am known to most of the older residents. I was mail carrier on R. F. D. No. 2 out of Springfield for eleven years. I was in the grocery business for one year and have been janitor of the high school for five years. The other years were spent in railroad work and bridge work and working in the Booth-Kelly mill. For four years I was Justice of the Peace. During that time there were several very important cases that were tried in my court. Judge Skipworth was the acting Prosecuting Attorney and brought several cases before me. One

case was appealed to the Circuit Court and I was sustained by Judge Harris and a heavier penalty was imposed. Williams and Bean had one or two law suits in my court. Medley from Cottage Grove also, and Mickey and John Mullen several. I mention these simply to show that I am familiar with the work of the recorder's office. I have been Notary Public for a good many years and can handle any of the business that might come up under either of these offices. I was secretary of Springfield I. O. O. F. lodge for several terms and also secretary of the state association of R. F. D. carriers for several years. I represented the state of Oregon in the national R. F. D. convention held in Chicago in 1916. I mention these things simply to show that I am used to taking minutes of meetings and can handle that part of the work. The office of city recorder and school clerk should go together for two reasons. The two together gives full time employment for one man, and the city hall with its conveniences makes a good place for both boards to meet and the safe furnishes a safe place for the records and papers to be kept. I



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