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WHY NOT A NEW LIBRARY

Many books in the library have been damaged this winter through being poorly housed. It seems to us that a better building should be built and owned by the city.

We would like to suggest that the city lots on Fourth street between A and B streets be used for a building large enough to house the library and the proposed rest room. That the lots be parked and planted to trees and shrubbery so that the whole place may be made attractive. Once such an arrangement is started off right we venture to say it would receive the aid from civic and fraternal organizations of the town.

WHAT THE OUTING CLUB CAN DO

The newly formed outing club can and likely will give more publicity to the recreation places in Lane county than any other agency. It should have the support of everyone interested in outdoor life.

Mount Hood has gained fame through organizations in Portland and Hood River. The Three Sisters and Cascade Lake Regions in eastern Lane county have natural advantages that Hood does not afford. What we need to make this the greatest playground in the West is publicity and development of roads and resort hotels.

LAWLESSNESS INCREASING—MENACING

Lawlessness in the United States has increased to such a point as rightly to be considered a national menace. This does not mean merely violations of the Volstead Act, but it applies to crimes of all kinds. Many explanations have been brought forward to account for the growth of lawlessness, and many cures have been proposed.

The greatest deterrent, at least in the case of cold-blooded and carefully planned crimes, would doubtless be the knowledge that punishment would be swift and certain. Today punishment is neither swift nor certain, except in a few instances in which the community is aroused.

Legal processes need to be speeded up a bit and more intelligent juries chosen. There have been too many cases recently in which guilty parties have gone free. Justice may be blind but there's no good reason for jurors being both blind and brainless.

The people of Centralia, Washington, have petitioned that the postmaster be removed from office. His conduct with the mails is not complained of but with the females it is decidedly bad. Besides he is 65 years old and ought to know better.

It's about time the state highway department cut the red tape and started building the Willamette river bridge here. They have been talking about it for nearly two years. If it takes them that long to build it the county can prepare to make some extensive repairs on the old structure.

We see by the papers that the new automobiles are going to be equipped with most every convenience and inconvenience one can think of except a radio. But give 'em time and they will be using the wire wheels for antennas. Next years models ought to be hummers.

An English judge had a sense of humor or wished to prolong a battle when he sentenced to be married Leslie Makin and Miss Elsie Marshall, of Liverpool, after they had been arraigned in his court for fighting on the street.

A stenographer has won the cow-milking championship of Ohio. In a contest with 123 dairymaids she won the trophy and \$99 in gold. We've always said some stenographers should have been milk maids.

If Lindbergh and Will Rogers were twins we might provide sufficient entertainment for Mexico and other Central American States so that they would stop hating us.

A Chinese baby in Chicago has been named after Lindbergh, so his parents say. They call him One Long Hop.



DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS

THE COLUMBIA BASIN

President Coolidge, in an address the other day, alluded to the effort of the Government to create new territory.

This is the true method of conquest. A lot better than going to war and subjecting another State it is to turn water on to a desert and make a new State.

Mr. Coolidge said, "A waterway system for the Mississippi Valley and its tributaries with one arm reaching to the Gulf and another to the Atlantic is only a question of time. The Colorado River is pressing, the Columbia Basin is not far distant."

To many of my readers this phrase, the Columbia Basin, is a sort of also ran. I confess until recently it was to me.

But I am writing this in Spokane, Washington, just a few miles from this basin and right here it is a subject of supreme interest. As far as that is concerned, it is of considerable interest to the whole country and not merely a local affair.

The Panama Canal fired the imagination of the world. Huge reclamation projects at various times have interested us and applied for aid to the general Government.

But this Columbia Basin project will be about the biggest thing we have ever undertaken and are ever liable to undertake.

It means a bringing into cultivation or a transforming from desert to thrifty farm lands about two million acres.

This can be done by merely utilizing dead waters which now run waste. Fortunately these waters are at a higher level than the irrigated land, so all that is necessary is the motive power of gravitation.

It would mean, however, building some dams, making tunnels and constructing huge concrete lined canals, and the project is so immense that nobody could take it up but the general government.

We hear a lot about the Colorado River and the Boulder Dam, but really this thing is bigger.

This country once was settled during what they call a wet cycle and 25,000 farmers lived in it.

But then came the drought and they all had to leave, for they couldn't raise crops on 7-inch rainfalls during the year. Now the land is sand and sage brush.

The soil is wonderfully fertile, as it is probably the bottom of an old lake, and all it needs is water. With water they can raise two crops of potatoes a year and the finest potatoes in the world. They would have a climate even superior to Yakima for the raising of apples, and corn, wheat, and other midwest products could be grown in abundance.

The men who are pushing this thing are public-spirited citizens, for they will probably all be dead before the scheme could be brought into completion, as it will take probably 15 years.

The project has the full endorsement of President Coolidge, Secretary Work, Secretary Hoover and General Goethals.

Redeeming worthless land and making it productive is about the best business a Government can engage in.

What Price Beauty?

by Miss Flo

DOES A MAN EVER FORGET THAT FIRST LOVE AFFAIR?
SHALL SHE MARRY TO PLEASE HER PARENTS?
MUST HE TAKE HER HOME?

Dear Miss Flo:—

I am engaged to a young man who was engaged to another girl before he met me. The engagement was broken off and my fiancé tells me that he has forgotten all about the other girl. Just the same, I find that I am quite jealous of her. Do you think a man ever forgets an old love affair? Do you think I should let things that happened before we met bother me? E. W.

My dear, every man in the world has had at least one love affair before he finally married—and most of them have had anywhere from two to a hundred!

Of course, it is natural for every woman to want to be the first in the heart of the man she loves—but you certainly are looking for trouble if you lie awake at nights worrying over a puppy love affair which your sweetheart undoubtedly has long forgotten.

The only thing with which you should concern yourself is being the last woman in his life—and you aren't off to a very good start if you are jealous already—for jealousy is not conducive to a long and happy married life.

As for a man's ability to forget an old love—why, that is the easiest thing he does.

Dear Miss Flo:—

I am eighteen years old and my parents are trying to force me to marry a man thirty years old—because he has money. I do not like him, but they are making my life so miserable I am afraid I will have to marry him to get away from home. What can I do? D. L.

You are much too young to think of marriage for three or four years—but regardless of your age, never marry a person you do not love, even to satisfy your parents. It is a sacrifice they should not ask you to make—for it can bring nothing to you but unhappiness. I am afraid, my dear, that your parents are very selfish. Otherwise, they would not ask you to give up all those things most par-

ents desire for their children—youth good times, young friends, and finally, love and a happy marriage.

In this regard, it would be most unwise of you to follow their dictates. Remember—no matter what happens—you do not have to marry any one, unless you choose. It may require considerable strength of character to continue to refuse their demands—but in the end it will save you much greater misery than you will experience at home due to your refusal to marry a man you do not care for.

Dear Miss Flo:—

I took a girl to an affair recently, and, as she lived some distance from town, I did not take her home. Since that time, she will not go out with me. Don't you think she is unreasonable. J. J.

I most certainly don't think she is unreasonable. It was not very chivalrous of you to let the young lady go home by herself. If she didn't live too far away to take her to the affair, it certainly was your duty to see her safely home. You failed her at a time when she relied upon you, and she has every reason in the world to be angry. Perhaps you can square yourself with her by admitting you were in error.

SCOUTS TAKE HIKE TO CABIN ABOVE COBURG

A decidedly interesting hike was enjoyed by 13 Springfield Boy Scouts Sunday when they trekked back in the hills beyond Coburg to "Wheeler's cabin." The Scouts were transported in cars to a point about four miles from the cabin, and with Tom Lusby as guide continued up a steep grade to the place.

Scoutmaster Clayton Barber and his assistant, Chester Aldrich, had charge of the hike. Twelve of the Scouts were of the Lions club troop and one of the Legion troop.

Wheeler, it was remembered by the scoutmasters, was a magazine writer.

and did all of his work at his mountain place. The cabin itself is spacious, including five bedrooms on the second floor, and hardwood floors, conveniences and other features make it one of the most unusual cabins ever seen by those who visited it Sunday. Wheeler had another cabin, built high in the air, where he had his typewriter and did his actual writing. The scouts found the place badly deteriorated.

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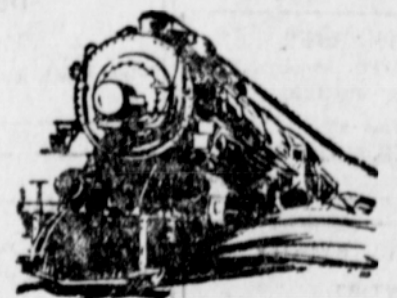
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