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NEAR PUNCTUAL, AS IT WERE

Two Neat Explanations of Train Schedules That Are About the Best of Their Kind.

Railways have had their troubles during these amazing years of world war and continental congestion; so, consequently, have passengers. On a rickety-rackety, half-forgotten little branch line to nowhere in particular, not long ago, a long, lank, lazy Yankee station master, with an Uncle Sam gaiter, mentioned those mighty and historic obstacles in excuse for the lateness of a certain two-car train, for which an impatient salesman of agricultural implements was waiting. But although he offered an excuse he did not enjoy doing so, and concluded his remarks by announcing resentfully:

"She'll be in before long, and before long oughter be soon enough for reasonable folks. Ef she's in 'at' nowadays she'd oughter be cheered, and no feller with a grain of common sense nor patience has any call to growl of she's 'thereabouts'."

In the amiable South a world war is not necessary to evoke an even greater superiority to petty uncertainties of time. The colored man in charge of a southern waiting room, in a place by no means a village, was heard explaining the local electric car connections with the nearest city:

"Cars run on de hour, gentlemen," he told two inquirers, with a beaming smile; and added confidentially, "Co'se dey's times 'tain't on de hour jes' perzactly to de minute. Sometimes dey starts a 'BT' bit after, and sometimes, w'en dey's a hot box, dey's so much after dey's de same as a 'BT' bit before; but mos' generally, ge'neron, dey gits away jes' about."

—Conk's Companion.

MORE LIKE GODS THAN TREES

Impressive Tribute Paid by English Poet to the Giant Redwoods of California.

John Massfield, the English poet, contributed the following impression of the giant trees of California to the *Reveille*, a new paper devoted to disabled sailors and soldiers: "They are not like trees; they are like spirits. The glens in which they grow are not like places; they are like haunts of

centaurs or of the gods. The trees rise up with dignity, power and majesty, as though they had been there forever. They are the oldest living things. Even the young ones were two thousand or three thousand years old, and many of these grew from the visible ruins of others, which may have been saplings seven thousand years ago. Sometimes in cathedrals one feels the awe and the majesty of columns. These columns were more impressive than anything of stone; these columns were alive. They were more like gods than anything I have ever seen. They seemed to be thinking. One felt that presently they would march to wipe out everything mean or base or petty here on earth. The stars shone about their heads like chaplets."

Kisses and Beards.

It is so easy to understand what the Americans say, because they talk so loud—it is not the same loudness as of the French, and one day I laughed to hear in a bus how girls of the Y. M. C. A. have talked. There was one who was not at all pretty, except to be young, who has recruited a French gentleman who wore his beard long. "Look," she said, "what a horrible beard. Imagine to be kissed by any one like that. Then they have both laughed."

"The other one has said then: 'I suppose his grandfather wore his beard long, so he does the same,' and the first one has replied: 'Yes, it is always like that. What was good enough for your grandfather in France is good enough for you.'"

I was not angry to hear them speak so, because, you know, they were very ignorant. For me, I do not think that they have known very much the emotion of to be kissed, or they would have understood that it is not whether or not one has a beard that makes the difference.—London Bystander's Paris Letter.

NO JUDGE.

His wife says he's one man in a thousand. How does she know? She's only been married six times.

HER SPEED



Dinks—Is Miss Gabis a rapid talker? Winks—Well, she fills in the time pretty well. The other day I rode with her for five blocks on a trolley car and she gave me the unabridged family history of seven of her neighbors.

CECIL ITEMS

Noah Pettyjohn of Morgan was a business visitor in Cecil Wednesday.

H. L. Pearson, and son Blakely, were doing business in Cecil Wednesday.

J. W. Osborn and Ralph Winters were business visitors in Arlington Monday.

Ellis E. Minor, one of Ione's prominent sheep men was in Cecil Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Franklin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd of Buttery Flats.

Mr. and Mrs. T. McFadden, also Mrs. Hinkley of Eightmile, were Cecil callers Sunday.

Mrs. R. S. Wilson of Ewing spent Friday with Miss Matilda Bjork of Willow creek ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett and family of The Willows spent Sunday with J. W. Osborn in Cecil.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Medlock and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ross of "The Bungalow."

Ed. Reitmann of Morgan and Roy Stender were callers at the "Shady Dell" ranch Monday evening.

Miss Georgia Summers who has been visiting with friends around Heppner returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McEntire and E. J. Fairhurst of "Busy Bee" ranch were business callers in Cecil Saturday.

T. Murray arrived from Southern California Friday and will visit with his sister, Mrs. Ross at "The Bungalow."

Herb Hynd who has been through to Ukiah with a band of sheep returned home to Buttery Flats Wednesday.

W. G. Palmateer of "Windy Nook" and J. E. Crabtree of "Dotheboy Hill" ranch did some business in Cecil Friday.

Mrs. Forbes and daughter of Ione who have been visiting with U. E. Baker of "Broadacres" returned to their home Wednesday.

J. H. Miller of "Boardless Barn" and Karl Troedson of Morgan returned from Walla Walla where they had been on a business trip.

Henry Krebs of the "Last Camp" and Ben Barnes of "Poplar Grove" accompanied by J. W. Vickers were in Heppner Wednesday and Saturday.

Miss Nellie Doney of Mount Nevelty, Yamhill, who has been visiting

friends in and around Cecil for the past three weeks left on the local for her home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lindstrom and family extensive wheat farmers of the Morgan district were business callers at Cecil Saturday and stayed the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lundell of Willow creek.

Henry Krebs, and T. H. Lowe, accompanied by Misses Etta Barnes, A. C. Lowe and M. H. Lowe, spent Sunday at the Hynd brothers ranch, "Roselawn," Sand Hollow.

Carl Yount prominent wheat buyer of Ione was in Cecil and district taking up samples of the 1919 crop.

Carl says there is some very fine wheat in this neighborhood this year.

"Shady Dell," the residence of Clarence Winter was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Sunday afternoon. Roy Calkins, better known as "Red Switch" and Lee Lang, and Miss Erna Hymer of Ione, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nash of "Fairview" ranch and many others were present.

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