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The Light Maker

By Richard Lloyd Jones

We were groping our way across the street intersection which was hidden in the pitch blackness of a moonless midnight when we were startled by the rattle of the dead arc-lamp above us. Then we heard the creak of the pulley that held it and we knew that somewhere close to us in that dark stillness was a man feeding out the rope to lower the lamp to the street level. We waited and watched. Presently a flash lamp was laid on the ground and revealed the lame lamp and its doctor. By the dim reflection we saw him place a platform which he presently mounted and then went to work.

Walking toward him we announced our approach by the inquiry, "I suppose that step you are standing on is insulated?"

"Yes," he replied.

"With glass knobs?" we observed—by way of making conversation to glean a morsel of electrical information.

"Stand back a little," he said. "the wind might sweep the lamp over to you, and you're on the ground."

"I suppose you are perfectly safe on your platform?" was our next feeler.

"Safe as long as I use but one hand at a time," he said. "By using two hands I can easily make a short circuit through my body."

"That would kill you of course?" we added knowingly.

"Maybe not," he replied.

"It isn't the instant shock that kills but the continued shock. The current cooks the blood cells. If enough of the blood cells become cooked that the other cells cannot cure them, you die. But if most of your blood cells are left normal you will live. I short-circuited a current that was three times the voltage here. It was so great that instead of holding me it repelled me; it threw me to the ground. I was unconscious many hours. But as you see, I was not killed. The burning process did not last long enough."

"Does this street meet with Jenifer down here?" he said, pointing to an arc a block below. "I am not much acquainted about this district. I am a student. Good night," he said, and he was off to lighten up the dark highways of men.

We didn't learn much about electricity in that curb talk in the midnight hour, but we learned again the scholar's duty.

He is a wasteful student who does not use that which he knows for the benefit of other men. It is the soldier scholar who serves, and who justifies the universities of the world. The man who finds in culture only a source of self-gratification, who is contented with the mere possession of culture, who is not impatient to use it, who is unwilling to take the risk of getting short-circuited in the currents of life that he might while he lives do his part to light up the dark avenues of the world, is not living true to the highest purposes of life. He serves a high service who goes about alone, cautions, but fearless spreading light in this still dark and troubled world, and giving it without the applause of those who profit by it and who never see the good deed done.

Along the dark and silent pathway in that midnight hour that student was putting into practice the highest preachment in life. Willingness to do some good unseen, some good that brightens the pathway of others is the soldier service open to all.

If each of us would mend a lamp or light a lamp, risk a little to do a little for the common good, this old world would fast grow better and seem much brighter.

Accepting the Situation

One of the best traits of the American people is calmness and good nature with which they accept the results of elections. It is not considered good form for defeated candidates and their supporters to show feeling. They are supposed to take a licking as good sports, and to turn up the next day with a smile. The average man whose party was beaten reflects that things seem to go on a good deal the same, no matter which crowd runs things. While he feels disappointed that the majority could not agree with him, yet he admits that his party must have made mistakes, alienated independent voters, or it would not have encountered the adverse verdict. There is lacking the sullen spirit that keeps many foreign countries seething after an election with masses of inflammable people waiting for some firebrand to come along and apply the torch to revolt. Also the statesmen never act in as extreme way in public office as they feel in their hearts. If a conservative element wins, they recognize the power of progressive movements, and modify their policies to attract some of those who are demanding experiments and changes. And if a radical party wins, they are apt to be sobered by the responsibilities of power. They discover that it is quite a different thing to sit on the side lines and criticise, and get in themselves and make he complicated machine of business and economics work smoothly. So although the politicians are always prophesying that the nation will go to smash unless they are chosen to save it, yet the country jogs along fairly well, no matter who runs it.—*Roseburg Review.*

The harvest season for the plumber has arrived; zero weather raises cain with water pipes.

When a big disaster of any kind occurs, what is one of the first facts of which the public is appraised? "Plans are being made by the Red Cross to provide relief for the homeless," or "the Red Cross workers already have supplies on the ground to aid in feeding the destitute." Who has not noticed that whereever suffering and distress develop from emergency causes the Greatest Mother in the World is already organized and functioning on the job before the individual citizen has time to realize that need exists. In some sections of this county the annual roll call campaign has not been finished, and the above thought is a good one to bear in mind.—*East Oregonian.*

Dairy Herdsman Needs Training, Experience

Handling dairy cattle right, a big factor in getting the best returns for the money invested, calls for both training and experience. Those can be had by a few dairymen who enroll for the dairy herdsmen's course at O. A. C., Jan. 2, to June 10.

The students will be taught how to house, feed, water, graze, corral, stable, groom, milk and keep in thriving condition the cows on which profit in dairying depends. Each man takes five cows and a certain number of calves which he must bring through in good shape. He will be told how best to do each bit of the whole job, and spend most of his time doing it under supervision of skilled specialists.

"The college aims to give enough experince to every student that at the end of the term it will not be lack of experience if he is unable to do the work required of him by practical breeders," says P. M. Brandt, head of dairy husbandry.

Up and at work by half past four in the morning, and from then on till 6 or 8 in the evening with alternate herd work, rest and instruction the herdsmen are at it. This program is daily for 5½ months.

President Campbell Interviewed

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 12—A column interview with President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon outlining the endowment campaign of the institution appeared in the San Francisco Bulletin for Nov. 10. The interview was written by Miss Helen McDonald, a graduate of the Oregon School of Journalism, who is on the staff of the Oakland edition of the Bulletin.

President Campbell visited the Bay Region while en route to the East on a three weeks' trip to study methods other universities and colleges have adopted in handling campaigns for obtaining funds from private sources.

Orchard Management is Big Factor in Success

Some Oregon orchardists make money out of their orchards and some don't. Many factors—soils, location, varieties, markets and others—determine the profits, and management is about the most important of all.

All phases of management from cultivation to disposal of the crop—spraying, picking, thinning, grading, packing—will be considered in short courses at O. A. C. January 2-27.

Vegetable gardening for profit under Oregon conditions, and study of Oregon plants and plant diseases will also be given treatment over the same period.

Many Visitors at University.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 12—Five hundred ninety-four visitors have registered in the guest book in Alumni Hall in the Woman's Building since October, 1 last. Not one half of the visitors who come sign their names in the book. The great majority of the visitors call at the temporary museum which houses the Murray Warner collection of Oriental Art objects.