

The Airplane

The airplane is a thing of worth. Save when compelled to mix, as it descends from sky to earth, in petty politics.

Dancing an Old Pastime

Dancing dates so far back that it is lost in antiquity, for the oldest people known to have inhabited the earth had forms of dancing not unlike those which still exist. The first ballet, however, was given in Italy in 1489 and was introduced into France a century later.

When World Was Dark

The term "Dark Ages" is applied either to the whole or the earlier part of the Middle ages. It is usual to regard the Middle ages as beginning with the overthrow of the western Roman empire in the fifth century and closing about the end of the fifteenth century.

Just What They Are

Doris, three years old, had been an interested onlooker while mother fried doughnuts and was much interested in the "holes." She "sampled" them, of course, and when daddy came home in the evening Doris demanded "a holenut" for Gaddy.

Origin of "A No. 1"

So far as known, this originated in the classification of wooden ships by Lloyd's, the English insurance association. According to their classification, A 1 or A No. 1 indicated that the equipment and ship were in first-class condition.

Lather Candles

Make a thick, dry lather on the hands with a good white soap. Roll the candles between the palms until coated with lather, then dry the candles will burn with a steady, even flame and will not drip.

Childhood Memory

Ouida, the pen name of the well-known English novelist, Louise de la Ramee, author of "Under Two Flags," is said to have been her own childish pronunciation of her first name, Louisa, or Louise.

Rhodes' Scholarships

The Rhodes' scholarships were provided for in the will of the late Cecil Rhodes. Their object is to maintain a certain number of British, American and German students at the University of Oxford.

Elevator Passengers

The elevators of New York city, it is estimated, carry more than 9,000,000 passengers daily. This is said to be larger than the number of riders on street railways, subways and electric lines.

"Room With Radio"

F. Phillips, a London inventor, has perfected a device by which a radio loud speaker can be installed in every room of a hotel and can be turned on or off like an electric light.

Better Keep Mum

J. B. M. writes: "Some men should learn a lesson from the foolish mosquito who often gets stung for telling what he is going to do."—Boston Transcript.

Origin of "Chapel"

The word chapel comes from *capa* meaning a closet. It originally was applied to a chest in which the relics of a saint were deposited.

Coal Mined in Sewer

Coal discovered while a sewer was being dug in Coarbridge, England, is now being mined at the rate of ten tons a day.

His Brain Foozled

Green Golfer (relating experience)—"Then I took another club, the brassiere, I think they call it—(A roar interrupts.)"

Too Much Knocking

The reason some people don't hear opportunity knocking is because they are at it themselves.—San Diego Tribune.

Sensing a Sure Thing

When a girl insists upon a man's saving his money he is shortly to need it.—University of Illinois Siren.

Evidence

"Daddy, 'oos been hen-pecked. Here's a fever on 'oor coat!"—London Passing Show.

Big Waterfall

New Zealand's highest waterfall, named the Sutherland, is 1,504 feet.

Keep 'Em Incarcerated

Pardoning the bad is injuring the good.—Benjamin Franklin.

Smoke isn't the only one that troubles an after-dinner speaker.—Dulough Hesp.

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CECIL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk and daughter, Miss Geraldine, of "The Curtin Cottage", spent the weekend with friends in Waco.

Mrs. Roy Stender and daughter Gloria of "Seldom See" were doing business in Cecil on Tuesday.

W. A. Thomas of "Dothebys Hill" was a Lexington visitor on Thursday.

Fairy and John Krebs of "The Last Camp" and also Eric Gleason who was chef cook and bottle washer, during the haying on the ranch above Heppner all returned to Cecil on Monday after a successful trip.

John Thomson of Ella took the local for Portland on Sunday.

Misses Laura and Grace Chandler of "Willowcreek" ranch, and Viola Millbanks of Vernonia visited with Miss Helen Streeter at Cecil on Sunday.

R. E. Duncan has been busy for a day or two, extracting honey to fill orders. R. E. extracted 1,000 pounds in two days. One hive yielded 160 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs and sons of "The Last Camp", left on Tuesday, for a few days' visit with friends in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Sexton returned to Cecil on Sunday after spending several weeks with friends in Prairie City, Baker and other points.

Asher Montagu and a party of friends from Eight Mile were calling in Cecil on Sunday.

Mrs. Melville Logan and Mrs. Mary Chapman of Condon and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kesterson of Portland were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowe on Wednesday.

Desert Sandstorms

In the southwestern part of the United States, particularly in the interior portions of southern California and southern Arizona, there are extensive desert regions where sandstorms are likely to occur. Some portions of Nevada and other parts of the great basin lying between the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada are also visited by sandstorms.

Velocity of Wind

A wind blowing at a rate of more than 75 miles an hour is a hurricane. The names of breezes of increasing stiffness are light air, slight breeze, gentle breeze, moderate breeze, fresh breeze, strong breeze, high wind, gale, strong gale, whole gale, storm wind, hurricane.

MORGAN ITEMS

Mrs. Fariens and daughter Zoe were the dinner guests of Mrs. Esta Baurenfiend on Thursday.

Katie and Claude Morgan visited Beulah, Geneva and Paul Pttyjohn on Sunday.

Mrs. Pat Medlock of Cecil was calling on Mrs. H. O. Ely on Monday.

W. W. Head was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harbison on Sunday.



People who haven't anything to say, can always find the most to talk about.

He who sues for success don't get it so often as he who demands it.

Part of this was due to its favorite weapon, a rifle with two barrels, and his ability to fire two shots in succession without reloading made them believe that he enjoyed supernatural powers. When they finally learned the secret of his success they became more careful about exposing themselves too much until he had fired twice, but even this did not always save them.

One day he was pursued by an Ingonis war party and succeeded in outgunning all except one warrior. He killed this Indian and stopped only long enough to scalp him. But before he had finished the job the other savages appeared. Snatching up the rifle of the dead warrior, Murphy shot down another.

The remainder of the party, now sure that his "medicine gun" was powerless, rushed forward to take him prisoner. Murphy was nearly exhausted, but turning suddenly, he discharged the second barrel of his rifle and killed the foremost of his pursuers. The other Indians, astonished at his firing three times in succession, fled crying to each other that the white man could "shoot all day without reloading."

Best Coating for Iron

It entirely impervious, either tin or zinc coatings will protect iron. As, however, such coatings are almost invariably porous or are likely to be penetrated by abrasion, the zinc coatings furnish better protection because the exposed iron does not rust as long as zinc is present in close proximity. Zinc coatings, on the other hand, accelerate the corrosion of any exposed iron.

Egyptian Sphinxes

The sphinxes were not the trophies of kings. Archaeologists are of the opinion that they were employed to guard the approach to a temple. According to the inscriptions on the thirteenth dynasty in the shrine between the paws of the Great Sphinx it represented the Sun God Harmachis. In many cases the heads of sphinxes were royal portraits.



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FAMOUS FORTS IN U. S. HISTORY

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

Scene of Last Battle in the Revolution

In the summer of 1789 a Virginia hunter came to a high bluff overlooking the Ohio river, and, impressed by the beauty of the spot, he took "town-hawk possession," built a rude shack and remained there for several months. Ebenezer Zane was his name and the next year he returned to stay.

When Lord Dunmore, the governor of Virginia, decided in 1774 to make war on the western Indians who had been attacking the border settlements, he ordered several companies of militia to rendezvous at the Zane settlement and build a fort as the base for his military operations. Accordingly, a typical frontier stockade was erected here by Maj. Angus McDonald, with Ebenezer Zane and John Sandwell supervising the construction, and it was named Fort Pinecastle, in honor of Dunmore, one of whose titles was Viscount Pinecastle.

When Dunmore's campaign ended successfully he left a garrison of 25 men at Fort Pinecastle, who held the post until June, 1775, when the revolution broke out and the frontier men took possession of it for the continental congress. In 1777 the fort was enlarged and renamed Fort Henry, in honor of Patrick Henry.

From that time on Fort Henry saw some stirring events. On August 21, 1777, it was attacked by 350 Shawnee, Mingo and Wyandot warriors, and during this attack Betty Zane made her famous dash across the bullet-swept clearing to carry back in her apron the powder so desperately needed by the defenders of the fort.

Again on September 10, 1782, the Indians, aided by a force of British rangers from Detroit, swept down upon the post, but again the frontiersmen beat off the attack. This was virtually the last battle of the Revolution and the war, which was opened by a shot from a little four-pounder on the walls of Fort William and Mary in New Hampshire, ended with the sharp crack of a long rifle at Fort Henry in West Virginia.

After the revolution the sight of Fort Henry was a welcome one to thousands of emigrants who floated down the Ohio in their quest for homes in the West, for it was the symbol of the conquering pioneer, the outpost of white civilization which had successfully withstood all the savage assaults. When the frontier days were over the settlement around Fort Henry continued to grow and today it is the important city of Wheeling, W. Va.

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Then some genius among the attackers, whether Indian or white renegade is unknown, suggested the use of artillery and offered what he said would be a satisfactory substitute. A hollow maple log was wrapped with chains, plugged at the breech with wood and filled to the muzzle with a heavy charge of powder, stones and scraps of iron. Then it was dragged to a point within 60 yards of the stockade and discharged.

But the experiment was far from being a success. Instead of smashing down the gates of the fort, as the Indians had hoped, this improvised cannon burst into a thousand pieces and rained its missiles down upon the Indians, killing and wounding many of them. Discouraged by this result, Girty postponed further attack until morning. But by this time reinforcement led by Major McCullough—this being the occasion of McCullough's famous leap—had arrived and the savages were forced to raise the siege.

During the biennial period, October 1, 1922, to September 30, 1924, a total of 1259 applications for school fund loans was received by the state land board, according to the report of the department filed with the legislature. Of the applications received 2121 were approved. These loans aggregated \$2,185,795.

One hundred and eighteen mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending January 10 manufactured 99,939,008 feet of lumber, sold 79,252,902 feet and shipped 89,903,540 feet. New business was 18 per cent below production. Shipments were 2 per cent above new business.

Sealed bids received by the light-house department for the repair of aids to navigation in the lower Columbia river, which were damaged by ice floes several weeks ago, have been submitted to the department heads at Washington, D. C., and it is expected that the contract will be let within a few days.

A senate bill which would authorize the secretary of the interior to withhold approximately 7000 acres of land in Oregon for use of the Umatilla Indians for grazing purposes, was favorably reported by the house Indian committee. The tract formerly was a part of the Umatilla Indian reservation.

The state board of control at its second meeting since reorganization on January 5 ousted W. M. Henderson of Portland as commandant of the old soldiers' home at Roseburg. Judge G. W. Riddle of Roseburg, ex-commandant of the home, was reinstated and resumed his duties at the home Tuesday.

Isn't It the Truth?

Some people are so busy praying for more that they have no time to return thanks for what they have received.—Boston Transcript.

WHO ARE CHRISTIANS?

The Holy Spirit has prompted me to reply to a challenge of my fellow Christian, brother Smith.

We are told that to be a Christian means to be "born again," and to be "born again" means to be born of the Spirit, shouting ecstatic praises to God and "talking with tongues." Such manifestations are signs of the coming of the Spirit and an assurance of Salvation. But it has been insinuated that because some of us did not receive the Spirit in the same spectacular fashion we are not Christians.

It is possible, however to be born again of the Spirit without a great psychic upheaval. Those who witnessed Christ's Baptism into the Spirit saw "the Spirit descending upon him like a dove" [not like a thunderstorm] John 1: 32. Christ did not kick up his heels like a silly child, shouting "Hallelujah, Bless God!"

I don't wonder that the devoted 120 in the upper room went thru some peculiar actions on the day

of Pentecost; they had just passed thru days of the greatest emotional stress in which their Lord had been crucified; to them all appeared lost. Then when they suddenly came to the full realization that Christ still lived in the spirit and was with them, they must have been insane with joy.

But what folly it is to think that the people of Ione must go thru the same stunts that those disciples were said to have done on that day, in order to be saved! Sometimes we smile, but more often weep when we see people hypnotized by walls and chants and pounding and prayers of much "vain repetition" into such actions as cause their friends to think them crazy.

I thank God that throwing an emotional fit is not the only way of receiving the Spirit into ones life. I believe that Christ's way is the normal way and the way for normal people today.

PERRY D. AVLEY

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