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Groping For Freedom

THERE is a great deal of talk nowadays about freedom. The younger generation, we have been told over and over again, is determined to have it, if it has to shock every maiden aunt in the country. Women, newly emancipated and permitted to smoke cigarettes in public, are getting it also. Restrain and repression have become hateful words; any psychologist will tell you that they are fatal to the soul's development.

It is customary to blame all of this on the war, but that point is immaterial. Whether or not the business of "self determination for small nations" is responsible for the young sophisticate's loss of inhibitions might be a curious question for a sociologist, but it doesn't really make much difference. The point is that we seem, in the last few years, to have determined to have individual freedom at almost any price.

Having reached the decision, it really wouldn't hurt us to stop fretting and figure out just what we are going to do with our freedom when we get it.

Freedom is a curious thing. Like so many other of life's desirable goals, it can be reached only by indirection. Aim for it to the exclusion of all else and you will lose it. Forget about it, and strike out for some quite diverse objective, and you may unexpectedly find it.

For life has a way of building up ties and responsibilities that cannot be dodged. Without all intending to, all of us drift gradually into one another entanglement. Presently we find that our lives are not our own. Other people have claims on them. We cannot do anything with reference to our own wishes alone. We must always consider how what we do will affect other people.

But our plight is worse if we deliberately set out to avoid all entanglements. We walk ourselves in and by gaining a sort of isolation we make ourselves free to do as we will; and then we find that we have taken on a new kind of slavery. We are held in our own chains. We cannot do the fine things we might have done, for they spring from those very entanglements we shunned; by looking for freedom we have gained only emptiness and futility.

Most of us, by choice or necessity, take the former course. We create unbreakable ties between ourselves and other people, and these ties restrict our movements. One by one the brave dreams we used to have of doing exciting, pleasing and unusual things fade out. We find that we can never do them, because our relationships with those who love and trust us will not permit it.

Yet that is not entirely a misfortune. For, by being prevented from realizing our secret dreams, we are gradually made free from them. We are released from bondage to unattainable desires. With this freedom we are enabled to serve, not ourselves, but others.

Thus, eventually, we learn how it is that he that is master of his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city. We discover the value of self-sacrifice. And—strangely enough—we get a new kind of freedom that we had not dreamed of before.

The Wheels Of Congress

THE Congress of the United States may be very thorough, but there are times when it is exceedingly slow. Twenty-nine years ago the American flag was hoisted over the romantic land of Samoa, and ever since that land has been under American rule. It is a surprise, therefore, to learn that just the other day Congress passed a resolution accepting the cession of sovereignty made by the Samoan chiefs and formally annexing the land to the United States.

It seems that for 29 years Samoa has been, technically only a U. S. naval station. It was ruled by a naval officer and had no real official standing. Now—nearly three decades later—Congress acts.

Just because the Raditch family was killed off, King Alexander needn't think he can squash the people.

But think how much more work surgeons would have if evolution hadn't done a fairly good job.

Our idea of zero in chivalry is for the groom's father to weep at the wedding.

EDITORIALS

from over the Nation

WHISKEY IN 1907 AND ITS 1929 SUCCESSOR

Memphis Press-Scimitar: Once upon a time, in pre-prohibition days, the whole nation came to attention over a pure whiskey issue. No important was the contest that it went for settlement to no less a person than the president of the United States.

Today, though whiskey is outlawed, it is nevertheless consumed in vast quantities, and the same nation that once backed the fight for purity, now rather

apathetically accepts the presence of rank poison, and goes on its way—the way sometimes of blindness and death.

Yet the human body of 1929 is no less susceptible to poisons than was the human body of 1907, when Dr. Harvey Wiley's "What Is Whiskey?" fight was the most talked of controversy of the day.

Wiley, attacking a certain type of distiller, declared there was only one kind of whiskey—that made by the "not still"

method of distilling the mash, the liquor being then aged in charred wood. He assailed the "rectifying" process as one which produced something that was not whiskey. The "rectifiers" fought back, carried the battle to the department of agriculture, congress, and finally to the White House. Theodore Roosevelt took a hand and the controversy was ended by an executive order which directed that straight, blended, compounded and imitation liquors must be correctly labeled. The order was later confirmed by President Taft.

Wiley's crusade was carried on in the interest of public health, and formed a conspicuous chapter in the long history of his fight for pure food and drugs. His description of pure whiskey and the effects thereof on the human system is interesting in light of what people are drinking today. He drew a sharp distinction as to alcohol, even though the alcohol be absolutely pure, and pure whiskey. The former, he said, coagulates the protoplasm in the cells, and is dangerous, whereas, testifying before a congressional committee, he said:

"The alcohol that is in whiskey or brandy or rum is so mingled by nature's operations that it is an entirely different proposition. Nature has a way of combining the elements of food which man cannot imitate, and therefore when nature produces twenty different substances as she does every time a whiskey is fermented, and all twenty of them come over in the still, alcohol among them, then you put those natural elements away to become mellow, to marry, as the distiller says, which takes years to accomplish—you make a beverage which is tonic and wholesome and healthful and non-poisonous. There is all the difference in the world between a drink of straight alcohol and a drink of whiskey, brandy or rum."

It is safe to say that the worst whiskey of Wiley's time was better than the best today.

And Wiley's description of pure whiskey, read together with the news of what the New York Telegram has found in a survey of New York's speakeasies, will give the country's drinking population some idea of the "far-reaching" effects of the experiment which has been called "noble in motive."

The Wiley standard of purity is out of the question today. But the ranker poisons at least can be driven out, by raiding, where the raids count most; by putting out of business for good and for all those who sell poison; by instilling the fear of the law into the hearts of those who sell wood alcohol as a beverage.

Letters From the People

To the Editor:

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your cooperation and interest in making Klamath County's Third Annual Winter Sports Carnival the best ever.

It was only the fine cooperation of all Klamath county that made the ski meet possible and we feel that you and the staff of the Herald are one of the agencies that called the neighboring people of Klamath to our aid.

We want you to know that we realize something of the aid you have given us and that we are grateful and that we will depend on you in the future meets as long as our events are clean and the judging of the winners and the contestants done in a true sense of sportsmanship.

We are out to sponsor true amateur sports in which every boy or girl in Klamath county may participate and not endanger his or her standing in such contest of the future. We realize this is the rougher road; money is more easily handled than trophies, but it also casts a shadow over the record of all the young contestants and we think that the price of a clean record in sports is above any money value.

We sincerely hope that in the future we may deserve the bountiful assistance and cooperation that your organization has extended to us in the past and that together we may impress upon the minds of the young people of Klamath county, the fine privilege and duty to represent his or her local community in events of a day of clean winter sports.

Sincerely yours,
Committee on Winter Sports.
(Signed) JOHN MABEN.

PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PASSES

NEW YORK, Mar. 1. (AP)—John Conway Toole, for the last eight years president of the international baseball league, died at his home here today.

Mr. Toole early became identified with baseball as an umpire in the old New York state league and his connection with the sport covers most of his life.

Pope Prays as Vatican and Italy Make Peace



A blare of trumpets sounding St. Peter's Cathedral announced the coming of the pope. The throng of men in full evening dress and ladies in high-necked black gowns cheered and applauded as he was carried to the high altar. Here he is pictured just after ascending the throne. He wore the gorgeous triple crown and was enveloped in a white silk cloak embroidered in gold. Each time he raised his hand in blessing, cries of "long live the pope and king" and "long live the pope and conciliation" were heard. No longer a voluntary prisoner within the Vatican, the pope was the temporal ruler of the papal state, created by the treaty between the government and church.

Lady Bugs Are Rushed to Aid Onion Growers

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 1. (AP)—Ten quarts of hibernating lady bugs, answering an SOS call from the onion fields of Texas, are enroute to Laredo, where they will wage a war against thrips, arch foe of the aspiring onion.

There was an unusually large crop of lady bugs on Mount Manitou, near here, last fall, and those who know where to look for them—under the duff—had no difficulty in gathering them by the half pint, the pint and the quart. The Fremont experiment station, located on Mount Manitou, and conducted by the United States Forest Service, secured the most active of bugs for fighting duty in Texas. The thrips has been making great inroads on the onion crop near Laredo. The lady bug is worth its weight in gold in the onion fields. The regular lady bug army always in use in the onion fields, was badly beaten and forced to retreat this season in Texas. The thrips uncovered a surprise attack, with the result the onion crop faces the prospect of losing its strength.

POOLE HONORED BY PRESIDENT UPPER HOUSE

HARRY POOLE, president of the Pelican theatre corporation and owner of a chain of four Klamath county theatres, was extended the courtesy of the state senate Thursday a. m. at Salem, when A. W. Norblad, Astoria, president of the senate, recognized Mr. Poole as an old boyhood friend, according to word received here today.

Mr. Poole and Mr. Norblad were boyhood chums in Michigan.

LONERGAN BILL BECOMES LAW

SALEM, Ore., March 1. (AP)—Governor Patterson has signed the Lonergan bill which gives the right of suit or action against the state highway commission. This measure was for several weeks a subject of contention between members of the commission and representatives of the association of contractors. As finally amended it was agreed by both sides.

MECHANICAL HELSMAN
LONDON, March 1.—The fathometer, a recent invention which judges water depth from echoes, recently guided the liner Leviathan across the Atlantic. The device transmits electric sounds to the bottom of the ocean from the keel of the ship. The time taken for the return of the sound is used in computing the depth of the water.

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RAMBLING IN GOLDEN STATE

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will be impressed. In one room the company has the history of lighting in museum form. There will be found the old grease cup of earlier, almost pre-historic days, then came the tallow candle, then the gas jet which was followed by the old carbon electric globe, and then in quick succession came the marvelous improvements in the Mazda lamps, including the high powered street lights, the indirect lighting for homes, and last of all you will see the latest fancy pottery settings for the elite who want something different in their places of abode.

THEY are a live bunch in the General Electric's section, and the sight-seeing tour closed with a visit into a very comfortable suite of offices where sat my old friend, Mr. Cranston—the noblest Roman of them all. I did not have the courage to ask Mr. Cranston where he figured in the big scheme—whether he was a General Electric official or an official of the Electric Bond and Share corporation which owns Guy Talbot's system in Portland. But, this I did observe, all of the fellows paid tribute and dignified respect to Mr. Cranston. He has lived some seventy-odd summers and, to use his own words—he never counted the winters. Over twenty years of that time were spent in Portland when the electrical game was anything but perfected, and when individual plants were numerous.

It was in those days I knew Mr. Cranston, but I had lost trace of him, until we again met in San Francisco. His first question was, "how is Walter Pierce?" When I told him Walter had lately taken unto himself a wife, the old king of electricity in the west pounded the table and wished the ex-governor happiness. He and Walter used to lock horns occasionally when Walter was in the utility business. At that time Walter owned the Grande Ronde Electric company and he was considered a very odd operator.

Also in those days Mr. Cranston bought plants from Al Welch, Billy Polman of Baker and the late John B. Yeon of Portland.

It was a pleasure and a delight to see how highly the years had dealt with Mr. Cranston. He is coming to Crater Lake this summer and has promised to visit Klamath Falls and make a speech at one of the luncheon clubs. It will be a good speech.

GETTING back to the Glendale airport. We went as good in Klamath and with such a port we are going to have air traffic and have it quickly. Harry Culver and the rest of the Cyers are just waiting until we can let them fight without endangering their craft and they will be visiting Klamath Falls often.

Bill Armit

80 LOST IN WRECK

LONDON, March 1. (AP)—The Exchange Telegraph company dispatches from Hongkong today said the Chinese steamer Shunmen had been wrecked with the loss of 80 lives 28 miles above I-Chang on the Yangtze Kiang.

NEW MOTHER HUBBARD

LONDON, March 1.—A room at Drayton Park, 12 feet wide by 18 feet long, housed a husband, his wife, and eight children. The landlord recently asked a magistrate to evict the family.

WHEAT LAND OF UMATILLA SOLD

Henry Collins and Harry Bonfield Buy Out Carl Perringer

PENDLETON, Ore., Mar. 1. (AP)—The largest industrial land deal in the county was completed here yesterday when Henry Collins, local miller and grain man, and Harry Bonfield of Portland, purchased approximately three thousand acres of wheat land from Carl Perringer.

The transaction is understood to have involved approximately \$750,000.

The land is part of the old Perringer estate and includes one of the best wheat ranches in the northwest.

A half section of the estate was purchased by J. W. Maloney, Pendleton banker. The purchase price was not revealed.

EOOSLEY BUYS 6-ROOM HOUSE

Sale of an attractive six-room home on Portland, avenue to Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Looney, prominent residents of Klamath Falls, was announced today from the offices of Dale & Haskins, realtors.

The home, a pronounced English type, is located on Portland avenue, next to the Thomas Dixon home. It was completed a short time ago by O. J. McCoy, contractor and owner.

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