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The Real Aristocrats

HUMAN pride is a peculiar, puzzling thing; and never is it more peculiar and puzzling than when it revolves about the matter of one's ancestry.

A current lawsuit in New York illustrates the matter perfectly.

A sculptor was engaged to create a statue which the descendants of New Amsterdam's earliest Dutch colonists wanted to put up in a New York park. He retired to his studio and came out, after a time, with a model of a group figure; a group showing a man, a woman and a child, apparently surveying the wild new country in which they had just landed.

His patrons promptly rejected this group. And why? Because the sculptor had made peasants of these immigrants of long ago. They wore the clothes of peasants, and on their faces was a sort of dumb wonder, an awed surprise mixed with a dogged determination—the expression, in short, that an uneducated peasant of the 17th century might be expected to have after crossing the Atlantic ocean and landing in the untamed new world.

This displeased the descendants. They explained, quite haughtily, that the original Dutch colonists were not peasants at all, but well-born folk of means and culture. So the sculptor made another model, putting fancy clothes and aristocratic expression on his figures; but his patrons would have none of him. So, now, he is suing to collect his fee.

The whole business is hardly worth thinking twice about, except that it illustrates so aptly that peculiar pride in ancestry which crops out every so often for the edification of humbler folk.

Probably it is very nice to be able to trace one's lineage back to the scented elegants of a former generation. Yet the real aristocrats in the settlement of America were not the titled and wealthy Europeans who came over to build great manor houses and cultivate broad acres with indentured help. The country would have gone forward just about as well if those people had stayed at home.

What really developed the country was the great flood tide of ordinary, uneducated folk who came blindly, desperately hoping that somehow, in this perilous new world, they could find a way to make life a little bit easier, a little bit more pleasant, than in Europe.

These were the people who filled the seacoast and moved slowly inland, past the Alleghenies, along the wilderness road to Kentucky, past old Fort Pitt to the Ohio country. They worked their lives out in stumpy clearings miles from civilization, and they died under the knives of lurking Indians; and they filled the continent, and they clung to their dream, so that it is with us yet.

Many millions of these humble, untaught folk came to the making of America; and, if you please, they are the real aristocrats. They dared the most, they suffered the most, they accomplished the most. The modern pride that prefers to trace ancestry back to the colonial blue-bloods is a strange thing.

When all other creatures are extinct, men still can breed dogs and horses to shoot.

The conscience is the still small oice that shuts up entirely when there's a profit in sight.

With smaller ships they'll just fight at closer range and yell heroic sass for the poor school boy to learn.

You can say one thing for a great comic artist. His work wos a lot better before he got rich enough to hire a ghost.

EDITORIALS
FROM OVER THE NATION

THE MOVIE OPERA

New York World: Most of us will feel considerable curiosity about the "grand talkie" which Mary Garden is said to be planning, along with Hamilton Forrest, a Chicago composer. Is there any reason why such a work, conceived along the lines of grand opera but executed on a film, should not be successful? One is unable to think of any. The film, indeed, has possibilities not to be found in any grand opera house; it is not only capable of all the sound which the opera house can produce, but also of a reach and beauty in scenic effects which are related closely to the epic quality that seems to be a part of most music drama. So that the "grand talkie" certainly ought to be feasible. Furthermore, if it introduces any new ideas of the movies, it may raise the level of standards in general. In particular, it might show a new way to blend story with music, which is one of the problems that the talkies are up against at present.

In the theater, which easily dons false face, there is no problem about getting a character to sing, or the orchestra to play a selection. The character simply opens his mouth and sings, and the orchestra simply tunes up and plays. But the movies, which are dependent on the brutal realism of the camera, put on false face with the utmost difficulty. A character who opens his mouth and sings in the movies shatters illusion, destroys all the plausibilities. To enable him to do so, the device so far has been to make him a vaudeville singer rehearsing his act, or a night-club entertainer doing his stuff, or a papa singing to his little boy. That is the reason for so many stories about life behind the scenes, about radio entertainers, about crooks, king bootleggers and hijackers, who seem to hang about night clubs. The man who can invent a new way to cue in music, whether he has a story to go along with it or not, will make his fortune. And a grand talkie, perhaps, will show a new way. If it does, movies may get better.

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

"Genius is one per cent inspiration and 99 per cent perspiration."—Thomas A. Edison.

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"Americans are very tragic to me. They will take the longest risks—exhibit the greatest heroism in the world in material adventures. But they want their spiritual experiments insured against loss beforehand."—Mahatma Gandhi, of India.

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"I early learned that any man who starts out simply to make money never get very far for he will ruin his health, or sacrifice his friends, or drive so hard that there is nothing in it."—George W. Perkins, financier.

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"The life of an American business woman is the happiest life I have ever known." — Grand Duchess Marie.

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"I have had some unfortunate results from having my guesses put out as predictions."—Professor Orving Fisher, economic expert.

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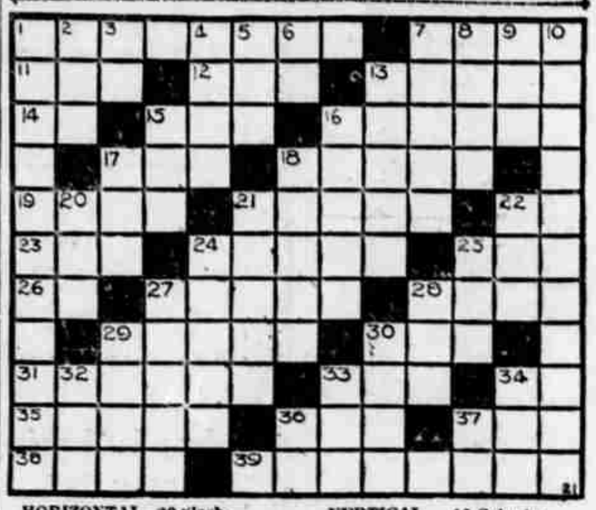
"No one would be bold enough to set any limits to the spiritual power of the American people."—Calvin Coolidge.

Real Brain Teasers



HORIZONTAL
1 Reasonable.
7 Diagonal.
11 Silkworm.
12 To rot flax.
13 To cut meat.
14 Dad.
15 Faucet.
16 Coffin.
17 Sun.
18 Window glasses.
19 Sound reverberation.
21 Sixteen ounces.
22 Dye.
23 To mention.
24 Flower.
25 To emulate.
26 Type measure.
27 To get up.
28 Injury.
29 Loud breathing in sleep.
30 Slash.
31 Eagles' claws.
33 Kettle.
34 Upon.
35 To evade.
36 Meat.
37 Work of genius.
38 Woman.
39 Sugar sirup.

VERTICAL
1 Portrayed.
2 Constellation.
3 Note in scale.
4 Verbal.
5 Cluster of fibers.
6 Preposition.
7 Founded.
8 Annoys.
9 Hail!
10 Colonies.
13 Shrewd.
15 Also.
16 Reason.
17 Bashful.
18 Balance.
20 Eccentric wheel.
21 Couples.
22 Melody.
24 Male bee.
25 Tanning vessel.
27 Electric terminal.
28 Cabin.
29 Squalid neighborhood.
30 Insensibility.
32 Wing.
33 Chum.
34 Native metal.
36 Stop!
37 Like.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

(Continued From Page One)

"dandies" are about ready for the cleaning.

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THE other day a fellow who was posing as a good chap, who was taking his place in certain circles, was found to have a wife and two children whom he had deserted. He refused to speak to his own babies. That fellow is due for a going over that will make him out just what he is—a skunk in the worst form.

He was warned to settle with his wife and he was on his way at once. He has not been heard of since. The warrant is out for non-support and if it breaks Klamath county and causes every official to work overtime that fellow is going to be found and brought back. He is one bird who will be made an example of for all wife deserters.

PRISONER ESCAPES

TWIN FALLS, Ida., Feb. 21, (AP)—Charles Hackney, alias James Sexton, wanted at Pendleton, Ore., on forgery charges, broke through the bars on his window and escaped from the Jerome county jail last night. Five other prisoners in the same cell refused to take advantage of the opportunity to escape. Hackney had spent only about 24 hours in the jail, having been arrested by Sheriff Fred Turner at Jerome Tuesday when he applied for work. He was identified by photographs.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

The Filipinos Are Steadily Getting Closer to Their Dream of Independence, and They're Just Tickled to Death Over It—Tariff War Is Helping Them Immensely.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—It seldom happens that a man is put in prison and then makes so much trouble that his captors have to boot him out, but something of the sort seems to be happening to the Filipinos.

Thirty years or so ago our dreamers of Empire saw one of their visions realized when President McKinley took over the Philipine Islands for the good of the Filipinos. Today the Filipinos are squawking louder than ever about the disadvantages of American rule, and they are joined by various powerful American interests which complain that the Filipinos are detrimental to us 100 per cent Americans.

The Filipinos don't mind their unpopularity a bit, thinking that the more unpopular they are the sooner they are likely to be independent.

Tells How Cause Advances

The attitude and position of the Filipinos was outlined in an interview by Dr. Hilario Camino Moncado of Los Angeles, president of the Filipino Federation of America. The federation represents Filipinos in the United States, of whom there are about 65,000. Dr. Moncado came here to see President Hoover in the interests of Philippine independence.

"There are 35,000 Filipinos in California," he said in discussing the recent race-labor riots in that state, "and about 85 per cent of them are engaged in agriculture, living cheaply. These people never saw any American laborers in the islands and they didn't suppose they would be competing with any when they came here. There are 70,000 more in Hawaii and most of them hope to get to California eventually. All this has worried the labor organizations in the far west and so for several years we have had the American Federation of Labor agitating for independence.

"If we weren't part of the United States we could be kept outside by immigration laws. I'm sure that if independence were granted nearly all the Filipinos would go back, for they are strongly patriotic and know they can't be assimilated here. The Filipino legislature would pass an anti-emigration law because we will need men to work our resources.

"Then we have the unsolicited support of American, Cuban and Hawaiian sugar interests which are very anxious for us to be independent so that we can't ship in any more duty-free sugar. But that is all right with us, for if we get independence we will be more self-reliant. We will develop our brains and live simply and get along beautifully. We can live for 50 cents a day in the Philipines.

"We have the Ku Klux Klan on our side because it favors a purely white race of Americans. We are very proud of our race, but we will be glad if the klan will help make us free.

"The American and Cuban tobacco interests want us to be independent for the same reason which actuates the sugar men. The tobacco interests are supposed to be very powerful and I hope their influence is not exaggerated.

"In addition we have the true American spirit of liberty on our side, but somehow we never got anywhere on sympathy and idealism.

They Want It Now

"What we all want is immediate independence. I don't know of a Filipino anywhere in the world who doesn't want that. At our last convention when someone on the platform would mention independence the applause would last for an hour, so the speakers had to stop mentioning independence and refer to it by innuendo."

There are two independence bills in Congress now, the King bill and the Vandenberg bill. Dr. Moncado favors the King bill because it would grant immediate independence. The Vandenberg bill would free the islands gradually, raising our tariff wall gradually against them over a 10-year period.

Degree of Honor to Meet—

The Degree of Honor will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Arthur Bardell, on Oregon avenue, it was announced late this morning. Initiation of several new members will be held at this time and a full attendance is urged.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

With Erickson and Peterson, contractors, who built that portion of the Southern Pacific Natron Cut-off to the lower end of the Klamath marsh at the Williamson river, packing up their belongings which have been stationed there during the winter, it looks very much as if there may be no work done on this end of the cut-off during the coming summer. The removal of the contractor's equipment may not, on the other hand, signify very much, for the reason that the contract might be let later. It is apparent, however, that no contract has yet been let for working from the Williamson river northward, and the fact that the upper end of the work on the unbuilt line will include such labor that it may take at least two working seasons to accomplish it, makes it seem a feasible theory that the railroad people will not build the lower part of the gap and let it lie idle for a couple of years, but wait until the upper end can be constructed to meet it.

Secretary C. P. Stewart of the Klamath Falls Commercial Club, has received a letter from Congressman Hawley, dated from Washington, D. C. on February 17th, in which the representative says:

"Receipt is acknowledged of your favor of the 10th instant. I will be very glad to assist you in securing a supply of fish to stock the streams of Klamath county."

Plans have been made for a big Republican rally at the court house on Saturday evening. A programme has been arranged for, consisting of addresses on live topics of the day, trios and other musical numbers. At this meeting, which is called by the Klamath County Taft Republican Club, appointments of vice presidents of the club will be made for each precinct in the county.

In the circuit court today the case of the state vs. Horace Shidler charged with assaulting A. E. Gale with a deadly weapon was continued before a jury.

It appears, according to some of the evidence, that Gale had a club in the fracas, and that the younger man had a knife in each hand. Shidler on the stand this afternoon admitted that he had run from Gale at one time, "because he had a club and I had only one knife. I thought it would not be a fair fight as he was so much bigger than I."

The witness testified that at the time of the occurrence he weighed 154 pounds.

Yesterday robins were singing on the hill and today it was snowy, with the north wind blowing. But it is pretty late in the game for old King Winter to assert himself again, and not very long from now it will be sunshine every day without stint.

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