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ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL by KEN McLEOD

In our last column I started to give Joaquin Miller's story of the Lost Cabin Mine and we had just completed the setting with the construction of the cabin, to continue:

"Back from our cabin a little way were some grand old bluffs, topped with pine and cedar, from which the view of the valley, forest, and mountains, was all that could be desired. A little way down the Numen, from the warm springs, the waters of the valley came together and went plunging all around down the canyon, almost impassable even for footmen. Here we found fine veins of quartz, and first-rate indications of gold both in the rock and in the placer. The prince and the doctor revived their theories on the origin of gold, and had many plans for putting their speculation to test."

Winter came and passed in the Joaquin story and then again we pick up the thread of the tale.

"The prince and the doctor went up the canyon in search of gold, for by the time the summer set in, had found a deposit in a quartz ledge, looking up toward the mountain. Gold appeared to be not over abundant nor did it seem to be much prized. No great plans, no excitement, that usually attends a discovery. These two men seemed to care more for it as a proof of their theory about the origin and growth of gold than for the gold itself."

"They brought it in and laid it on the shelf in the corner pieces of gold and quartz with as little concern as if they had been geological specimens of slate or granite. You cannot be greatly surprised at this, however, when you remember how plentiful gold was, how little it was worth there, and that at that time it was thought to abound in every canyon of the country."

"The doctor sometimes took long journeys down toward the valley to the south, and even fell in with white men, as well as Indians, after two or three days' ride in that direction, and thought of going down that way out of reach of the snow, and building him a house for the winter. No one objected to this; but when he was ready to go away, the prince compelled him to take all the gold they had taken from the mine even against his utmost remonstrance."

"Take it," said the prince, "every ounce of it. You may be called to use it. Here it is not worth that much lead." and he put the buckskin bag into the doctor's catenans, and resolutely buckled them down."

BRUCE BLOSSAT

Under the Smith Act, some 60 top Communist leaders have been convicted of conspiring to teach and advocate the overthrow of the United States government. But there are some who think this law is insufficient. They believe the

The Doctor Says

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

Several readers have asked for a discussion of the problems peculiar to what is known as middle age.

The division of life into childhood, youth, middle age and old age is an arbitrary one. Actually, aging is a gradual process, beginning at birth, and the health problems connected with each so-called period of life differ only slightly from those of the next younger group.

In general, however, there are some differences between the physical qualities and needs of those at different ages. An 18-year-old boy can ordinarily run a mile without physical trouble, but no man in his right senses, who had not kept in strict training, would do this in his fifties. The same kind of thing is also true with women.

More sleep is often needed by the person in the late thirties or early forties than in the early twenties. Other things are in proportion. This should not be considered abnormal. The body merely needs more rest and time to restore its powers.

One correspondent wrote that she was 47, and although married and having children, held a responsible office position. She stated that she sometimes found it more difficult to keep up with fast dictation than it had been some years before. Now this, too, is probably no reflection of disease.

With two teen-age boys and other responsibilities of a household, and having presumably worked hard for many years, it is certainly not surprising that she should show some fatigue at such an exacting task as the taking of dictation. The solution, which might not be practical, would be to stop trying to do so much.

In a brief discussion such as this it is merely possible to scratch the surface of the many and complicated problems which may face the person in the so-called middle years of life. In general, it can only be said that even in the absence of any disease, there is a slowing down of the vital processes as one ages.

This is no matter for great grief and merely means understanding and adjustment to slightly different physical capacities. The middle-aged man or woman who behaves like a 20-year-old is both a little silly and a little foolish.

"A nother incident worth mentioning is their agreement never to reveal the existence of the mine. Their reasons were the noblest kind, above every selfish consideration."

"In the first place," said they, "the gold is of doubtful utility to the world at best. But if this mine is made known, a flood of people will pour in here, the game, the forests, all this wild, splendid part of nature will disappear. The white man and the red will antagonize, the massacre of the Klamat will be repeated and for all this, what will be the consideration? Nothing, whatever, but gold, and we have quite enough of that, — and what do we owe the world?"

"Back of all this, it was extremely doubtful whether the mine would yield anything better than this little 'pocket.'"

"For my own part, I would banish gold and silver, as a commercial medium, from the face of the earth. I would abolish the use of gold and silver altogether, have paper currency, and but one currency in all the world. I propose to take all the strong men now in the mines down from the mountains, and build ships and cities by the sea, and make a permanent commonwealth."

"These thousands of men can, at best, in a year's time, take out a few millions of gold. A ship goes to sea and sinks with all these millions, and there all that labour is lost to the world forever. Had these millions been in paper, only a few hours' labour would have been lost. There are two hundred thousand men, the best and bravest men in the world, wasting their best years of their lives getting out this gold. They are turning over the mountains, destroying the forests, filling up the rivers. They make the land unfit even for savages. Take them down from the mountains, throw one half their strength and energy against the wild, rich sea borders of the Pacific, and we would have, instead of these broken mountains, muddied rivers and ruined forests, such an Eden as has not been seen by man since the days of Adam..."

In Joaquin's fancy, Paquita brings her family to the cabin. "Klamat took the young chiefs up to the mine, — only a little cravie picked out in the rotten quartz, — and they looked at it long and curiously. They picked up some little pieces of gold that lay there, looked at them, put them in their mouths, spit them out, and threw them on the ground."

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They'll Do It Every Time

FLORA AND FAUNA JUST DOTE ON THE SNOW—LOVE TO SKI IN THEIR SHORTS WHEN IT'S TWENTY BELOW—



By Jimmy Hatlo

BUT BACK IN THE OFFICE THEY'LL TEAR OUT YOUR HAIR IF YOU TRY TO LET IN JUST A LITTLE FRESH AIR!!



James Marlow

WASHINGTON (AP)—When did the Army first learn Dr. Irving Peress commissioned a captain and promoted to major, would not answer questions about subversive organizations to which he might have belonged?

Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) in an up-roar with the Army over the case, seems to think it wasn't until last August, after Peress had been in service many months. McCarthy complains that the Army kept him on five months longer.

Actually—according to the Pentagon—Peress refused to answer two months before he was called to active duty, but was called nevertheless, and remained in service 13 months.

On Feb. 1, in a letter to Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens, McCarthy protested that Peress was required to answer a questionnaire last August, was promoted to major in October and was honorably discharged this month.

This was the information given by a Pentagon spokesman on Peress, a New York dentist, whom McCarthy calls a "Fifth Amendment Communist."

The Army, needing dentists during the Korean War, commissioned Peress a captain Oct. 15, 1953, and on Oct. 27 and 28, 1953, gave him three questionnaires about membership in subversive organizations. Peress refused to answer, citing the Fifth Amendment, which says a man can't be forced to give information which might tend to incriminate him.

Two months later, Jan. 7, 1953, Peress was called to active duty. On Oct. 23, 1953, he was made a major. On Dec. 30, 1953, the Army decided to release him. Why? In a letter to McCarthy on Feb. 16, 1953, Stevens said: Peress "came to the Army's attention" and he was being let out because of his "unwillingness to submit loyalty information."

Since he had refused the information two months before he was called to active duty, why did his case have to be called to the attention of the Army, which already had it? Repeated inquiries at the Pentagon last night failed to get an answer.

Stevens conceded in his letter to McCarthy that under the doctors draft law "it has unfortunately been possible in the past for commissions to be tendered to individuals who might be undesirable."

Although the decision to discharge Peress was made last Dec. 30, he was not notified until Jan. 18. Then he was told he would be released no later than April. He was free to resign before then.

Eight days later, Jan. 30, McCarthy called Peress before his Senate investigations subcommittee and said later the dentist, still an Army major, had cited the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer questions about communist connections. McCarthy never explained how he learned about Peress' case.

Three days later, on Feb. 2, McCarthy announced he had written Stevens the day before demanding court-martial of Peress and investigation and possible court-martial of those officers "who had full knowledge of his Communist activities and either took no steps to have him removed or were responsible for his promotion thereafter."

That same day, Feb. 2, Peress stepped out of the Army at his own request with an honorable discharge.

Stevens was in the Far East while this was happening. When he returned he wrote McCarthy on Feb. 16 that court-martial of Peress now was "impracticable" because, first, he was out of the Army, and second "the Army does not have available facts on which sound charges could be made."

There seems to be no question of spying in this case. Peress, as a dentist, had an insubstantial job, although McCarthy says he was recruiting for communism.

Stevens assured the senator he was investigating to see whether there was "conspiracy" in handling Peress and that he was tightening up Army procedures to see that nothing like this happened again. Stevens said future similar cases a reserve officer will be discharged under "other than honorable conditions."

On Feb. 18—two days after Stevens wrote his letter and 14 days after Peress had left the Army—McCarthy called the dentist before his subcommittee and said later he refused to answer 33 questions.

At this same session McCarthy quizzed Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker, commander of Camp Kilmer, N. J., where Peress had been stationed. Zwicker refused to answer questions about Peress' Army career. He said he was forbidden to by executive order instructing officers not to answer security questions outside the executive department.

Zwicker complained he was insulted by McCarthy. Stevens ordered Army officers not to appear before McCarthy. He said he'd testify himself. He'd go to face McCarthy Thursday.

Recruit Answers Question Literally

FT. HOOD, Tex. (AP)—A newly arrived young Army private painstakingly filled out all the necessary information forms.

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Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C.
4th District, Oregon

The first of the regular annual appropriations bills has been cleared by the House. This, I believe, is something of a record. Never before has one of those bills been passed by the House so early in a session. The bill is for the purpose of making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments.

Later in the session legislation to increase postal rates will be acted upon. However, this will be offset by a bill which will provide a needed increase in pay for postal employees.

Other appropriations bills will be coming along rather soon. The subcommittees have been working steadily. The great House Committee on Appropriations is actually a combination of a number of subcommittees which for all practical purposes, operate as independent groups. Although all bills are finally cleared by the full committee in formal meeting before such bills are brought to the floor, it is the sub-committee which writes the bill and the sub-committee which handles its own bill on the House floor.

Last week I went, with several other members from the Pacific Northwest States, before the subcommittee which handles the appropriating of funds for the Bureau of Public Roads. That budget includes money for Forest Highways. The Bureau of the Budget had sent to Congress a request for barely more than enough money to pay outstanding contractual obligations and provide a couple of million dollars for maintenance. Practical, of course, left almost nothing (about a quarter of a million dollars) for construction. We asked the Appropriations subcommittee to approve a figure for Forest Highway building that would be more realistic for the purpose of assisting the harvesting of the government's own National Forest timber.

The Federal Highway Act of 1952 authorized appropriations for Forest Highways in the amount of \$22,500,000 for each of the fiscal years 1954 and 1955. There remained, from the Federal Highway Act of 1950, a balance, authorized, but not appropriated, of \$8,400,000. Thus, there is an authorized sum of \$30,900,000 which represent an urgent and critical need in our Forest Highway program—but it is proposed to appropriate only \$10,000,000 for this item. I hope the Committee will increase that amount.

From time to time since he has taken prisoner by the Chinese Reds, I have demanded of our State Department that something be done to secure the release of young Dick Applegate of Medford, a news correspondent. Apparently our people must depend upon the British to carry on the negotiations in this case since they maintain diplomatic relations with the Reds and we do not. Apparently also, the British government is not actually doing much about it. Meanwhile, so-called "confidential sources" indicate that Applegate is alive. The fact that some recent news reports from Communist China state that Applegate and his companions were captured and are held by pirates and not by the Chinese government offering from a nervous breakdown.

POET'S CORNER

GOING THE OTHER MILE
By F. Ellsworth Pellett

When the world seems all against you
And no future light shines near,
And it seems your life is a burden
And no friendly voice you hear,
When you're forced to do what displeases
Though often you try to smile,
Forget for the time your troubles:
Try going the other mile.

When by friends you seem forsaken
And weary and footsore and sad;
When the world points a scornful finger
And your heart is far from glad,
Don't spend all your time in griping
Because life seems not worthwhile,
But show to the world you're not beaten
By just going the other mile.

If you, who would know life's pleasures,
Though gulped in the words of despair,
Would remember there's others around you
That are anxious to do and to dare,
You can brighten the life of a brother
As it costs you nothing to smile,
You can make your own pathway brighter
If you'll just go the other mile.

Don't forget the words of the Master,
As he stood with the thorns on His brow,
How He taught to the world a new lesson,
How He tried on each heart to endow
That the richest of worldly possessions
Come not by the things that deplete,
But life's greatest treasures are waiting
For those who will go one more mile.

COURT CHARGES

CAIRO (AP)—Described as too ill to appear in court, the queen of Egypt's once dominant Wafdist Party pleaded innocent in absentia Monday to corruption charges. A medical commission reported that plump, 48-year-old Mrs. Zelmah El Wakil Nahas, wife of former premier Mustapha El Nahas, was suffering from a nervous breakdown.



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TELLING THE EDITOR

FARICAL FANATICISM

It is always interesting to read the tirades of the top-heavy moralist and pseudo reformer. He regards himself in the mirror with loving approbation then bursts forth with cunning pen and stilted verbiage to bludge a trail of sweetness and light by blasting his unworthy fellowmen to perdition.

Common knowledge has it that many communities have now taken a compromising attitude toward gambling and prostitution, legalizing the traffic by licensing and controlling to the monetary advantage of all concerned. Indeed there is revenue in these enterprises and it seems to us very sensible to accept a tax rather than attempt to shun or blot out the evil that is ever with us, whether or no. No attorney general, no district attorney, no association of ministers, no self-styled crusader can completely stamp out this thing. It has been tried time without number in most every community on earth and it is still with us.

The history of mankind from the beginning is replete with the activities of the immoral. Proof is ample that prostitution has prevailed throughout the centuries.

No linguist with evangelistic fervor can gain this yet our moralists come largely along and endeavor to arouse public wrath against a past public official and cohorts who at least made an effort to sensibly meet the prevailing situation. At their very worst these officials adopted compromise and enriched the city coffers trying to eliminate the unhealthy and distasteful individual under the rock payoffs.

This subject is a dandy for the politicians to kick around and has been for eighty years in the coastal areas. We cannot in view of what we have observed and experienced condone the unhealthy attempt to beamish past city officials who were brought face to face with a problem as old as time and under the circumstances may have used poor judgment but first class common sense.

There probably is an answer to prostitution, by psychiatric doctors, researchers and sociologists will, no doubt, have substantially more to do with solving the problem than any politician or erstwhile crusader would care to admit. Certainly catering and personal ambition have never yet solved vice except perhaps temporarily.

What joy a cartoonist would have as he sketched Mayor Landry with his head in the sand, a dripping jawed hyena standing by the words, "Klamath Vice" emblazoned on his chest, the Landry words sitting up through the sand, there is no vice in Klamath Falls.

Let us also picture Mr. Linman, torch bearer of the righteous, sweeping debris under the carpet, labeled "Vice" and loudly proclaiming: "There shall be no dirt in our fair city."

Who is kidding who?

Alvin K. Kishire
2306 Bleha St.

FOR LABOR COMMISSIONER

I regret that Mr. Kimsey has decided to retire from the position of Commissioner of Labor. He is a public servant and a splendid gentleman. He has maintained sound public confidence in the Department of Labor.

I seek the Republican nomination to succeed Mr. Kimsey in this position. If I have any special qualifications for public service they lie in this field. My academic training at the University of Oregon was in the department of economics. I served as editor of the Oregon Labor Press for 12 years. In that position I had an unusual opportunity to learn the aims, aspirations and ideals of American wage-earners.

For the past three years I have served the Associated Restaurants of Oregon as secretary-manager. Much of my work has been representing restaurant management in achieving sound labor relations and in the negotiation of labor agreements. In this work it has been my good fortune to share the problems that business management is constantly called upon to face and solve.

For 12 years I have been a member of the Portland Board of Education. I served during the last session of the legislature as State Senator. These experiences have given some indication to the citizens of my outlook on public service and the manner in which I approach public questions.

IMPROVEMENT FUND

Frank Jenkins' feeble attempt to justify the actions of the men involved in the "improvement fund" scandal was disgusting. I notice he only spoke of the slot machines and ignored the rest. I wonder if he also knows of "socially correct" organizations who run bawdy houses to help good causes. What is illegal no matter who does it. For city officers to accept money from anyone for the privilege of breaking any law, amounts to accepting a bribe and conspiracy to give and accept bribes and it seems to me some indictments are in order.

As I do not live within the city limits of Klamath Falls, I have nothing to do with the swimming pool, but if I were the people of Klamath Falls, I would let the city council know in no uncertain manner that after voting the load of \$150,000 on themselves for the kiddies swimming pool, it shouldn't be made the target of ribald jokes for years to come just because these men choose to use a small portion of the city money they received as a bribe from bawdy house operators to help with the pool.

Mr. Jenkins says these men are all good citizens. Well he has a different opinion of good citizenship than I have.

If anyone thinks prostitution and gambling should be legal occupations in Oregon, put it on the ballot next election and let the people vote on it, but as long as we have a law, any officer who accepts a bribe to let anyone break that law should be prosecuted.

Mrs. Gordon Moore
Route 3.

Assault Charged In Wife Fight

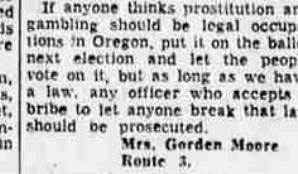
SAPULPA, Okla. (AP)—A 58-year-old wife dodged a brick thrown at her by her 60-year-old husband yesterday but stepped onto the path of an oncoming car and was injured seriously, the state highway patrol reported.

A. M. Rivers was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. Mrs. Rivers suffered a broken leg, internal injuries and shock.

The 19-year-old youth driving the car which struck Mrs. Rivers told the patrol he was on his way to his home to meet the couple's daughter for a date.

QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds



The outside is millions of men coming back from too much lunch, half-heartedly flirting with the pretty receptionist or secretary, and 99.9 per cent of the time either party would be surprised and a little frightened if anything came of it. This is a semi-automatic maneuver that goes with manhood, a token gesture made to hold on to the franchise.

The outside is millions of men leaving a crowded desk at night with a sense of unfulfillment, millions of men being herded back to the cattle cars, dully reading the evening papers, making perfunctory conversation, a secret wondering when the fun begins.

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