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## BILLBOARD

Everyone wants to be helpful at least once in a while and today it just seemed to us that we should do a good deed somewhere along the line.

At the moment we couldn't find a fair damsel in distress to rescue, nor were there any old ladies to be helped across the street.

So we turned to a sort of community project aimed at helping those who have just moved to our fair city. As these people go about their daily business they will be thrown in contact with the old timers (an old timer being anyone who has lived here long enough to have become philosophical about the weather and who can answer any of the following list of statements or questions) and the natural problem will arise as to how to strike up a conversation.

We have here compiled a short list of conversation openers under appropriate headings which we hope will be helpful in starting these new citizens off on the right foot.

**Local**

1. Where are the falls? (Most people won't know the answer to this one. Actually there were never any great, great roaring Niagaras on Link River, and what there were disappeared when the dam went in.)

2. Why is that mountain called Hogback? (There are a great many answers to this one, but the one we suspect is correct is the version that old Jeb, an early settler, once remarked that "there's a purly little spring on the other side of that hill, but she's higher than a hog's back and too cur hard to climb.")

3. How come the town is laid out catty-wampus? (Catty Wampus, an early day celebrant, is said to have had a little trouble finding his shack one night and future street builders followed his tracks.)

4. Where are the hot springs? (Most of 'em are now being pumped through the houses of those fortunates who live up on Hot Springs Hill. The rest of 'em run the hot grid on the Esplanade crossing of the canal.)

5. How come there are so many truck parking zones on Main Street? (We don't know the answer to this one.)

**Regional**

1. When was Oregon founded? (The easiest answer to this query is to say "Valentines Day" and let

it go at that. Otherwise you'll have to go through the whole history of the Oregon territory. Or you might just say 1859.)

2. Where are all the ducks and geese I've been hearing about? (This is a good question. Now all we need is a good answer.)

3. Where does the Klamath Basin end? (The answer to this one depends almost entirely on what you are trying to prove. Geographically it runs all the way from the head of Wood River clear down into the Tulelake country.)

4. When are we going to get television? (This is another good question.)

5. How are the crops this year? (The answer to this one should be carefully fitted to the audience, and, as a rule, it should be asked only of one businessman to another.)

### General

1. I once had a dog that would eat grapes and spit out the skins. (I did, too. He was a toy fox terrier and the grapes were Concord, raised on my grandfather's farm in the Willamette Valley.)

2. How are the winters around here? (Mild, temperate, with a delightful Christmas season, sometimes lasting until early April, when the world is covered with a dazzling blanket of white and the whole country is a veritable winter wonderland.)

3. How was the deer hunting? (Lousy.)

4. You've got a nice little town here. If it was me I'd spend a little money and fix it up. (This statement is not recommended to the average person. But it will sure start a lot of conversations.)

5. What do you think of this man Neuberger? (Again, this question is not recommended unless the asker is well versed in the art of self defense.)

We sincerely hope that these little suggestions will do their part in making our town an easier place for the newcomers to live in and help them to become adjusted, find a circle of friends with whom they can carry on a friendly discussion (if we leave out number five under the general heading) and make them feel that this is, after all, home.

The only question remaining before us at the moment is:

Where did all of these new people come from?

## THE DOCTOR SAYS

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

It is impossible to guess at the misery caused by bunions and this is unnecessary, too, since almost all bunions could have been prevented.

A bunion is really a form of arthritis which develops at the base of the big toe. The tip of the toe has been bent inward so that the joint at its base is subject to pressure and irritation, which leads to the development of the bunion. It is a swelling of the lining of the joint and the skin over this becomes thickened and reddened and the whole area extremely sensitive to pressure.

Almost all people who have bunions could have avoided them. They are usually the result of wearing improperly fitted shoes which are too narrow, too pointed or too short.

Bunions are practically unknown among those who do not wear shoes. In other words, this solution is scarcely practical for us today. Prevention, however, can be accomplished by careful attention to the fitting of shoes so that the angulation of the toe which leads to bunion formation is averted.

Once established, however, what can be done for a bunion? A bun-

ion which has not been present too long and which is not too bad often gets along pretty well under conservative management. This involves removing the pressure on the inflamed and thickened tissues.

The shoes must fit well and sometimes it is even necessary to cut a hole in the shoe around the bunion so that there is no pressure on it at all. Heat may also relieve the tenderness and reduce the swelling.

Sometimes such treatment is enough, but unfortunately some are so bad that more heroic measures are necessary. Surgery may be the only answer. At times part of the difficulty is the accumulation of fluid which can be removed by a needle or small cut.

But often an operation which involves removal of the excess tissue making up the bunion is necessary. Just the right amount has to be taken out and then the bones of the big toe have to be placed in the proper position and held there usually by plaster of Paris cast, until healing takes place. It is not a quick or particularly comfortable procedure, but is of a highly successful.

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## They'll Do It Every Time



## Sam Dawson

NEW YORK (AP)—Twenty-five years ago the "era of wonderful nonsense" ended in a sickening thud at the corner of Broad and Wall streets.

The bull market, which started hesitantly in 1923 and gathered the speed and force of Hurricane Hazel in 1929, crashed in an October panic on the stock exchange.

Will it happen again? Most unlikely, say the experts, because of far different conditions today.

The quarter-century anniversary of the collapse finds the majority today confident that the present bull market shows few signs of growing into something like the dizzy doings of 25 years ago.

Stock prices have been pointing higher most of the time since 1949 and have taken their steepest climb in the last 13 months, while general business activity was trending in the other direction.

But brokers point to many reasons why they think that stocks won't run away again—and eventually crack up—as they did in the '20s.

The shoe line boys and song-and-dance men who rode the 1929 frenzy—mostly on paper-thin margins and borrowed money—aren't playing the big board today.

Professionals who formed pools to run up stock prices for unloading on other groups—like chain letter—aren't allowed to operate today.

Most of the big buying this year has been for investment, institutional and industrial pension accounts.

A five-million-share day on the New York Stock Exchange was considered normal in 1929 when everyone was buying—often without knowing just what he was buying. Brokers are content now with a two-million-share day and often get less.

Government agencies now police the issuance of stock. In 1929 new issues poured out in huge volume, much of it never listed on the exchange.

Once you had to put very little cash—brokers carried most of the stock's price on margin. Now you must put up 50 per cent in cash, and brokers say most of their business is for all cash.

The dollar's purchasing power is about half what it was 25 years ago—so that today's stock price, while it may seem as high as in '29, actually isn't compared to prices of other things.

The total number of stocks outstanding now is much higher than 25 years ago. Many of them rarely come out of the investors' bank boxes.

And the total both of industrial output and of corporate assets—which stocks represent in the market place and which backs up their value—has doubled in the last 25 years.

**LOST**

TOKYO (AP)—A Japanese fishing boat with 25 crewmen aboard is feared lost after discovery of an oil slick on the water about 150 miles south of here, the coast guard said today.

## ALONG NATURE'S TRAIL

by KEN McLEOD

The Lemurian Tradition or "The Strange People of Mt. Shasta" might have just remained a local story that possibly would have become lost in time had it not been for the interest of an important astronomer. For many years I have heard the story of this astronomical contribution attributed to Professor Percival Lowell who is best known for his discovery of the planet Mars.

Some of Lowell's works are strongly influenced by his interest in occult science, gained from contacts he made while living in Japan. Lowell took form in his book "Occult Japan" published in 1895.

It was the astronomer's report that touched off the fuse of public interest, however, in Gervey's book on "Lemuria" we learn that it was not Professor Percival Lowell who made the discovery but Professor Edgar Lucin Larkin, Director of Mt. Lowe Observatory near Los Angeles. Cerve shifts the story from the well known Lowell to the obscure Larkin, the frame work of the story remains the same but takes on a considerable indefinite note.

"It is claimed," writes Cerve of Larkin, "that while he was engaged in experimenting with a new feature of one of the long-distance telescopes used for auxiliary purposes in some California observatory, he turned it north and south of his location along the top of the mountain range on which the observatory was located, merely for the purpose, as he said, of testing its daytime usefulness and to help him in gauging a new standard scale for determining distances. He said he had never heard of the mystery about Mount Shasta, though he did know the legend of Lemuria, and probably would have taken little interest in it if he had heard of it. He picked out Mount Shasta, however, as an object upon which to focus his vision, because through this telescope the high snow-capped top of Shasta stood out clearly against the deep blue sky. After he had consulted the maps of California and determined in miles and feet the exact distance between himself and the peak of Shasta, and made some notations for the purpose of comparing these figures with the new scale of relative distances upon which he was working, he moved the telescope so that its field of vision included lower portions of the sides of Shasta and, anticipating that he would see only the tops of trees in the foreground, he was surprised to see a glimmering curved surface that was truly unusual in any picture anticipated by him. As the sun shown upon this glittering object among the trees he was impressed with the thought that he was looking at a gold-limbed dome of some Oriental building. At various intervals, twenty minutes apart, he made further notations and as the sun moved in its course he was impressed

## James Marlow

By ED CREAUGH (For James Marlow)

WASHINGTON (AP)—Advice to the Democrats: Keep plugging. Advice to the Republicans: Quit groaning.

These words of counsel have gone out in the closing days of the congressional election campaign from two men pretty high up in their parties—President Eisenhower for the GOP and National Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell for the Democrats.

If the Eisenhower and Mitchell statements told the whole story, there would be no doubt the Republicans are in trouble and the Democrats riding high, with the election only 11 days away.

Party leaders, even presidents, don't always gauge the situation correctly, however. Besides, their campaign statements are designed for a specific purpose—in this case, to build a fire under party workers. Such statements don't necessarily reveal the speaker's private opinion of who's ahead.

The President spoke at a GOP rally in New York yesterday—a day that saw him wade much further into the thick of the campaign than he had done before. He even made face for the politicians and the photographers, pulling down the corners of his mouth in a grimace of dejection.

And he declared the Republicans are never going to win if their leaders "are going around pulling their faces this way."

What the GOP needs, said Eisenhower, is a "fighting heart"—the kind Jack Dempsey had when, after being belted out of the ring by Louis Firpo in 1923, he came back and knocked Firpo halfway home to his native Argentina in the second round.

The President wasn't saying the Republicans are on the ropes, much less out of the ring entirely. But his picture of a glum GOP in need of more backbone was in sharp contrast to the picture Steve Mitchell was painting of the Democrats in Washington.

Mitchell said victory is "within our grasp." But the Democrats can still boot the election, he said, by relaxing too soon.

"I am deeply disturbed," he went on, "by reports of voter apathy and Democratic complacency. The two together could spell victory for the Republicans."

This is something new for the Democrats. They haven't been troubled by overconfidence since the first two Franklin D. Roosevelt terms. The Republicans seemed to have established a monopoly in overconfidence in 1948—to their bitter regret, since the Democrats beat them.

It wasn't just happenstance, by the way, that Eisenhower picked New York as the place to start campaigning in earnest. That's a state both parties are determined to capture.

On the face of it, the Democrats have more to gain—a governorship. They'd like to put their candidate, Averell Harriman, in the seat long held by the GOP's Thomas E. Dewey. If they do, Harriman will be a big man—and quite possibly a presidential contender in the next Democratic National Convention.

But here is a Republican worry: What happens to its now-powerful New York state organization? Dewey, who has led it in the past, has in effect turned over the reins to Ives. What happens if Ives drops them? Could the Dewey element keep control of the block-busting 96 voters New York will cast in the Republican National Convention of 1960?

## TELLING THE EDITOR

YES-MAN

The Gordon Congressional group would have voters believe they disapprove public power projects because Federally owned projects pay no taxes.

They proclaim their preference for the much publicized "new plan" for construction of so called tax paying power projects, one of which is the proposed controversial Dixon-Yates project which is a sample of trickery in tax paying, in which they are supposed to pay taxes, but don't.

The people, through the atomic energy commission, will pay all state and local taxes for the Dixon-Yates project out of public funds, according to published terms of a contract unethically forced on the atomic Energy Commission by an administration edict comparable to dictatorial methods, now scorned, used by Caesar the Conqueror in burdening the enslaved people of ancient Rome.

It is hard to believe Romans would have ever voted for a Congressman of the Gordon type, pledged to aid the Conqueror in an admitted unfinished "give-away" program in which the Roman Citizen was being sold down the river. It is a reasonable assumption that if the Romans had had the opportunity, they would have voted for a Neuberger, a new anybody, or anybody new, pledged to work for the restoration of property taken by the Conqueror as spoils of war.

It is paradoxical that Americans, like Romans of old, now find the citizenry being sold "down the river" and property being taken as spoils of war, in a "cold war" being waged against them by republican "top brass," and handed over to wealthy special interest groups in a vicious "give-away" program, ably aided by Oregon's top ranking special interest "yes-men" — McKay, Gordon and Coon.

B. Z. Smith

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