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**ON A TELEPHONE POLE**

All of a sudden, when the earlier sun wakes you one of these March mornings, your mind unfolds to a sense of change. The room's the same; the task of filling out your income tax blank still taunts you, you remember that the leavings of the 12th ton of coal won't last the week out—but something is different! Not exactly that, but something is there that wasn't there yesterday. Nor is that just it. What ever it is, it's new and not new. It's like a memory come to life—a delightful memory.

You trace it to the tip of the nearby telephone pole—and the clear trills and rills of the song-sparrow send thrills all through you, and you know the birds are beginning to come back.

Some other morning soon the chorus will be full enough to waken you—song will outdo the sun. As it grows from day to day, you'll hear in it a promise of no more tending the heater—for six months and no more trudging through snow and mud; no more cough drops, camphorated oil or mustard soaks. Also more fresh vegetables, and motoring along country roads fringed with a green mist, and dandelions—which no longer are allowed to linger, because of Mr. Volstead—and cherry and green apple pies, and magnificent things without number!

"How fine to have the birds back!" you'll say to yourself. Have you ever stopped to think what would happen if they didn't come back? Well, in a season or two it would mean the end of life on this planet. That's all!

**HIS OWN CREATION**

Things which require time, patience, skill and special knowledge always are worth more than similar things produced in a haphazard way. Quality can not be imitated nor can inferiority be disguised. The best is always the cheapest in the long run.

In the depths of the tropical jungle, among savage beasts, poisonous reptiles and insects, pestilence and disease, grows that wonderful flower the orchid. To bring it forth means braving dangers in a score of forms and when it is secured, even at the greatest risks, the plant requires the utmost care and scientific knowledge to make it produce its precious blooms. It must be specially potted in peat and living sphagnum moss, kept in a carefully tempered room and under a dim light.

That is why orchids cost, and are worth, several times as much as ordinary flowers. It is not so much the plant itself, but what goes into its production.

And the story of the orchid is not unlike that of every other thing prized or coveted by humanity. And the same conditions apply to human beings. The men and women who can perform the tasks which require time, patience, skill and special knowledge always are worth more than the men and women who can not.

The only difference between the orchid and the valuable workman is that nature gave the orchid its value and the good workman creates his own value.

**SWAT!**

The first warm days of spring when the plant and insect worlds show the first signs of returning life are an opportune time for hunting the fly swatter, cleaning the yard and ridding the premises of stagnant pools. These are the days which will decide whether man or insect will rule the community next summer.

The fly and mosquito are prodigious breeders. Each one that survives the spring means thousands that must be killed later in the season if man is to rest in peace and health. Each one that falls

victim to the swatter or chemical exterminators employed early in the warm season means countless numbers which will not need to be dealt with later in the year.

Every housewife and property owner can do much toward alleviating the fly and mosquito pestilences this year by removing all decaying vegetable matter and making liberal use of exterminating chemicals and instruments wherever there is stagnant water and vegetation.

To a great extent the public is the master of its own destiny where it concerns the pestiferous and disease spreading fly and mosquito. Now is the time to determine the summer status of these noxious parasites.

**WHAT MAKES PROSPERITY**

Prosperity means good business, and good business means active buying. Buying moves in a circle.

There are four factors in the circle of buying, the manufacturer, the jobber, the retailer and the buyer. Together these factors constitute the public. The manufacturer, the jobber or retailer is in a separate class from the buyer only so far as his business is concerned. In every other relation in life he is one small individual in the great mass called the public, and he is affected by the same living conditions that affect the latter. Outside his own business he, too, is a buyer, so he joins with the public in starting the buying impulse that sweeps around the circle. He buys the comforts and necessities of life, and he wants reasonable prices the same as the public does.

Not all Vernonia merchants are using the local papers to unload their shelves. But it can be depended upon that the ones who are the ones who are anxious to join hands with the public in bringing about prosperity and keeping the community prosperous.

Some people insist in buying wild cat stock as if their bank rolls had nine lives.

There are no goose-stepping stones to greatness.

The larger a man's hat, the less he talks through it.

After all, a hypocrite isn't guilty of anything except synthetic piety.

Many a chicken has crossed the road to give us an object lesson in the perils of jay-walking.

Necessity is the mother of inventing some way to keep house these days without indulging in luxuries.

A lighted match finds gas leak, says a headline. It is a quite dependable means of locating trouble.

The suggestion has been made that men be permitted to smoke in church. Perhaps on the theory that it is better to smoke here than hereafter.

It is stated there are 2000 organizations represented at Washington by lobbyists. Everybody appears to have an advocate except the plain citizen.

A speaker says that 95 per cent of the people want to play the game fairly. The remaining 5 per cent cause commotion entirely disproportionate to their numbers.

Yes, men are vain, just as the president of the Photographers' association of America says they are. You never saw a man showing a picture of himself in a bathing suit.

A minister says the girls of today in looking for husbands do not care particularly about a man being educated. No, give them the man and they will do the educating.

"War was h—l, but never like this," said a candidate during the local 40 et 8 initiation Saturday night. Perhaps he would have preferred war to wearing ladies' unmentionables in a dance hall.

**Florida's Finances Are In Good Shape**

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to go south at a minimum expense, with the advantage of having his own car when he gets there. We have seen license plates on cars from every state east of the Mississippi river, but not many west of there. Have not seen one from Oregon except our town, and but one from California. In Tampa at the tourist headquarters there was but one registration from Oregon besides ourselves, and there is but one from here.

Miami has forgotten the hurricane, taken off her coat and gone to work rebuilding the city, with optimism and a faith in the future. The state has no bonded indebtedness and a surplus of \$15,000,000 in the treasury. Postal savings at Miami are nearly a million dollars. Bank clearings since the storm have averaged \$32,000,000 a month. The country is full of wealthy men who still have faith in the country and will continue to build it up. The boom has left many speculators stranded, yet legitimate business has not faltered, and building, drainage and road programs are going ahead as usual.

There is a rivalry between the east and the west coast, with each claiming its advantages. Both coasts seem to be getting the tourists in about equal numbers with a season total of about a quarter-million each, scattered around the many resort towns. From a review of the papers each day it would seem that all of the noted personages of the country come to Florida at some time during the season. Many are here now, some at their estates, others established at the various famous hostleries.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 20, 1927

We were taken through the Coconut Grove and Coral Gables districts and saw the wonderful improvements that have been made in the last few years. When the boom struck Miami most of the citrus groves were turned into subdivisions and the groves abandoned.

Cocoanut Grove, a suburb five miles south of the business district of Miami, is now a part of the city, and is developing into a very pretty residence district. The Bryan Memorial M. E. church, named for the late William Jennings Bryan, is located in that section. Many artistic homes have been built, and grounds beautified and planted with citrus trees, royal palms, avocados, and flowering trees and shrubs, while many fences built from coral rock form an artistic enclosure to fine gardens and large estates. But few large trees are standing after the storm and a vast amount of wreckage on vacant property still remains, although most of the fine homes have cleared away the debris, trimmed the trees that still had a stump standing, or reset new trees and shrubs.

In Coral Gables, west of Coconut Grove, the storm damage has been entirely cleared away. They started work with a large force at once and "cleaned house." A few wooden buildings in the corporation were set afire. There is not a wooden building in the whole of Coral Gables, I am told.

Coral Gables is one of the astonishing achievements of tropical Florida. It is unique among American cities. Its founder is Geo. E. Merrick. In November of 1921 his holdings, including a 160-acre tract of his father, who came here over 30 years ago and started a citrus grove, consisted of 3000 acres. He set out to build a model city. So greatly did he succeed that in April, 1925, Coral Gables was incorporated as a city in its own right, adjoining the city of Miami, which extends east and north. It now consists of 16 square miles of territory or about 10,000 acres. It was but five years ago that the first lot was sold, and it now has a population of 10,000, a thriving business community, upwards of 4000 buildings and has invested in buildings and development upwards of \$150,000,000.

The city has been laid out by competent engineers, with wide streets, park boulevards, canals, small artificial lakes, spacious, beautified plazas, etc. A drive through Coral Gables is one of the sight-seeing trips of Miami. All buildings are restricted, and no one can erect a building without the approval of the city architects. It has six fine modern hotels, among them the Miami-Biltmore, a \$10,000,000 project, comprising the hotel, country club, golf grounds and Venetian swimming pool. The University of Miami is being built at Coral Gables, with a planned endowment of \$15,000,000. One unit

is now ready for occupancy. Three golf grounds in the city comprise 297 acres.

While but few new houses are under construction, development work now under way includes improvement of streets and clearing of grounds, dredging canals, and building a south sea lagoon at Tahiti beach, the south end of the municipality on Biscayne bay. The collapse of the real estate boom or the hurricane have in no way interfered with the plans for completing the building program of Coral Gables. Large contracts are being completed, and the place has such a good start, with the backing of substantial financiers, that its success is assured.

We spent Sunday on a trip to Royal Palm park, 42 miles south of Miami on the Dixie highway, and within 40 miles of Cape Sable, the farthest south on the mainland of the United States, except the lowest point in Texas, which is about the same latitude. The drive follows the Florida East Coast railroad as far as Florida City, where the railroad turns southeast and goes over the keys to Key West. The drive is an interesting one, going through several small towns, with a few cultivated areas of garden truck, mostly tomatoes, which are now ripening.

Leaving Florida City the road goes through a portion of the "high glades," or land that is good for farming purposes when drained or grubbed, then occasionally lower lands. Ditches along the road in the low lands are filled with water and are full of small fish. Quite a few were fishing along the road.

The park is an area of a few hundred acres owned by the Women's clubs of Florida, and open to the public. About 300 acres of high ground is being devoted to the preservation of native trees, and all trees and shrubs native to the West Indies and tropical Florida not already there will be planted. Many native Royal palms are in the park. The jungles are a mass of fallen and tangled trees, brush and vines left by the hurricane, but a few large trees survived, with occasionally a Royal palm showing on the skyline.

The park manager has a commodious house and serves meals and refreshments to visitors, and small grounds, with tables for picnic parties are laid out each side of the road. Quite a few cars were there, some of them fishing parties, others merely picnickers like ourselves. A half-mile trail has been built through the jungle which makes a route for the motorist. The route is found in this region, they are rarely seen. The motorist can be seen in the ditches, but they do not stray far from the water. We saw two while walking along the edge of the ditches.

A shower came up while we were on the road, but soon passed over, and when we reached the park grounds a warm summer sun and blue sky made it ideal, while we sat in the shade and read the Sunday Herald, which told of the blizzards and cold waves in the north. No hint of winter weather was there and the stories of cold in the north seemed a far-off dream.

**"Inside" Information.**

Unbleached sheeting makes excellent slip-on covers for mattresses.

Try hot gingerbread, split and spread with cream cheese mixed with chopped dates and nuts.

When drop cakes spread out too much in baking the trouble is sometimes that the oven is not hot enough, rather than that the mixture is too soft. Drop cakes bake best on a baking sheet without high sides, or on an inverted pan.

The sheen on properly mercerized cotton is permanent. True mercerization makes cotton fabrics stronger, and very attractive in appearance. For summer dress goods, mercerized cottons are hard to equal. They are durable, cool and easily laundered.

Painted furniture is attractive and much used nowadays, but don't paint all the furniture in the house just because you like to paint. If you have any furniture made of beautiful wood, such as mahogany, walnut or others, it should not be painted but refinished by an expert.

A rug that curls up and wrinkles on the edges needs resizing. Stretch it flat down on the floor, tack it firmly and sprinkle generously with a solution made by soaking and dissolving one-quarter pound of flake glue in half a gallon of water. Let it dry for at least 24 hours. The glue should not penetrate to the right side of the rug.

**Leading Sport**  
Riga, N. Y.—Wild dog hunting is the leading sport here. Several packs of wild dogs have wandered through the countryside, attacking domestic animals and even chasing people.

**Lodge Directory**

W.O.W. Buxton camp No. 655 meets every Monday night at seven thirty at the Grange Hall. Visiting members welcome.

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Vernonia Lodge, No. 184 A. F. & A. M., meets at Grange Hall every Second and Fourth Thursday nights.  
K. A. McNeill, Secretary.  
Visitors Welcome

I. O. O. F.—VERNONIA LODGE, No. 246, meets every Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock, in Grange Hall

O. E. Enstrum, N.G.  
G. B. Smith, Sec'y.

Vernonia Post 119, American Legion. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 8 p.m. H. E. McGraw, Commander. Lee Schwab, Adj.

American Legion Auxiliary Meets first and third Mondays of each month at Legion hall, 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome.  
Mrs. H. E. McGraw, President.  
Mrs. Earl Washburn, Secretary.

Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S. Regular communication first and third Wednesdays of each month. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.  
Bessie Tapp, W. M.  
Leona McGraw, Secretary.

**VERNONIA GRANGE**

The Vernonia Grange meets on the second Saturday of every month at 7:30 P. M. Any members of the Grange living in or near Vernonia or visiting in the community, are cordially invited to attend.  
Mrs. Minnie Malmsten, Secretary

**MOUNTAIN HEART**

REBECCA LODGE No. 243, I.O.O.F. Meets every second and Fourth Thursdays in Grange Hall—Vernonia. Visitors always welcome.  
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**NATAL**  
Mr. and Mrs. David McMullen and their niece Lola spent Sunday with the Estus family in Vernonia.  
John McMullen called on L. A. Peterson Sunday.  
A party was held at the Carmichael home Saturday night and every one that attended enjoyed themselves.  
Sunday is grange meeting at Natal.  
Mr. and Mrs. Nuer were Portland visitors last week. Mrs. Nuer's

brother attended to their chores while they were gone.  
Miss Jenny Schooley spent the week end in Scappoose with her parents and brother.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Divine called on the Holding and Divine families Saturday.  
The Divine children are able to be out of bed now after a two-weeks siege of illness.  
Mr. and Mrs. Osburn and Mrs. Holding were Vernonia visitors on Monday.

Mrs. Burris and Miss Perry were Mist visitors one day last week.  
In making chicken salad let the diced chicken meat stand several hours in a French dressing. This is called "marinating" it. If you like to make the most of the chicken flavor, use chicken fat instead of oil for this dressing, and give it a suggestion of onion flavor by soaking a few slices of onion in the vinegar before mixing with the fat. Use equal parts of chicken fat and vinegar.