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Western Washington's Destiny

Members of the Whatcom County Dairymen's association are to be congratulated on their showing for the year, a preliminary report indicating that they will market a million and a half dollars' worth of products during 1922. Milk and cream are said to be virtually the only output of the farms which are now selling at prices far in excess of the pre-war levels, and on them the ranchers are making fine profits.

The outlook is reported by the dairymen as excellent. The consumption of dairy products in America is increasing rapidly. Stocks of butter and cheese remaining in storage are small.

This is significant news for this state, and especially for Western Washington, a country ideal for dairying. The Star calls these facts to the attention of chambers of commerce, bankers, real estate men. We are rapidly stripping the timber from the Puget Sound basin. To replace the lumber industry we must have some productive business. To the Star the answer appears very plain—dairying and poultry raising. City men and country men should co-operate enthusiastically and intelligently in promoting and fostering it.

A PROGRAM FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Here are a few things we'd like to see the state legislature do next year:

- Pass a "sucker-proof" blue sky law, and pass it again over the governor's veto.
- Grant the Centrals normal's quarter million dollar appropriation.
- Reduce the half-million for the state's military forces off the budget.
- Pass a state income tax, reach the 1,500 millions of untaxed value in the state of Washington, and lift the tax burden on the farmer and home-owner.—Lynden Tribune.

Absence of presents doesn't make the heart grow any fonder.

Government by Hysteria

A certain Western state thru a period of 10 years had managed to evolve, out of all the mess and mass of political material, three officials who held important offices, and who held them with honor to themselves and advantage to the state.

One official was a governor who had a sense of humor and a fighting spirit; he was neither a demagogue nor a conservative; he endeavored to conduct public affairs with economy and a minimum of noise.

Another was a member of congress, who had worked hard and to effect until he was in a stronger position at Washington to be of service to his state than any other congressman of the West.

The third was a superior court judge, who said what he thought, who did not believe in injunctions, who had a heart for the hopeless, and who knew the law.

Against none of the three was there a breath of scandal nor a suggestion that they had not done all they could reasonably be expected to do.

Along comes election time, and a religious controversy divided the state. Men's reputations, official careers, party lines, and individual merit were forgotten, and secret societies, playing on the bigotries of men and women, broadcasted secret yellow tickets which the citizens were requested to vote.

These three men were not on the yellow ticket; they were not yellow at all; they refused to bow the knee to Deity, or to take part in a religious row. The result was that three efficient, honorable officials were defeated, and were replaced by men who were willing to kowtow to the secret dictators; men untried; men inexperienced; men who would promise anything but men who had never done anything, either for themselves or the public.

Which set of men would be the most likely to promote good government, and to serve the individual citizen most honestly and efficiently?

The question answers itself but only a minority cared for honesty or efficiency.

The extent of the opposition manifested in the house of representatives to the proposed constitutional amendment denying to states and municipalities the right to issue tax-exempt bonds will probably occasion general comment. When the fact is known that there are in existence today bonds of securities estimated, in the whole country, at from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000,000 on which no taxation can be levied and which are held in the very rich an opportunity for escaping income taxation of any sort, it would seem that approval of an amendment intended to curtail this condition would be general.—Christian Science Monitor.

Only 12 more shopping months before Christmas.

Transplanting an Eye

Explosion of fireworks blinded Alfred Lemonowicz nine years ago. Dr. Edward Morgan, eye specialist, thinks he can transfer a pig's eye to young Alfred, restoring the lost sight. He'll try it. Dr. Morgan claims that 20 years ago he performed the same operation on a woman, who regained her vision for three years, then the pig's eye went blind.

Maybe you think this impossible. And maybe you're right. The important thing is that someone is attempting the apparently impossible. That's what is responsible for progress. The possible always seems impossible—until the courageous and curious try it.

SAVE CIVILIZATION

Not merely do I believe this civilization can be saved, but it can go to a higher plane than it has ever attained if we can only succeed in taking happiness from the hands of men.—Representative Cochran (D.), N. Y.

Secretary Hoover wants a new bloc in congress. He'd call it the "Get Something Done Bloc" and invite everybody to join it, regardless of political faiths. Why not?

Ambassador Harvey continues to treat the world as a stage. Saying goodbye to his wife in London, he gave her a 60-second kiss. Page Randolph Valentine.

Hiram's Smart Plan

They say, at Washington, that Hiram Johnson is grooming himself to become a compromise candidate for president in the next republican national convention; that he will try to stand well with the reactionaries by not voting against the ship subsidy and will rely on his past career as a progressive to catch the progressive element at the convention.

It will sure take a mighty smart man to, successfully, catch fish and cut bait in national politics, in 1924. There are the strongest indications that a compromiser in that period will be treated with scorn and contumely. It will take a leader and not a compromiser to win for any party, two years hence. The nation is all fed up on compromisers.

Federations are getting so particular they want to be run over by an expensive car, not a cheap car.

Be very careful in trying to understand women. The insane asylum is full of men who were not.

Our idea of a good job is being a professional Santa Claus and working only two weeks each year.

Winning an argument by calling a friend narrow-minded doesn't count.

Officially, Thrift week begins January 17. It really began December 26.

Some people's object in life is objecting.

THE WHISPER HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD



A LETTER FROM AVRIDGE MANN

Dear Folks:

I really think I've worked enough at New Year resolution stuff. For when I take account of stock, my pride receives an awful shock—I find my faults in such a mob I hate the resolution job.

It seems to me that New Year brings a chance to sprout our angel wings. Of course, we know we won't succeed, but every year there comes a need to put our failings in a row and give them all the double-O.

For everybody knows it's wise to know wherein our weakness lies; and he's a nut who likes to think that he's the world's angelic gink; for if he looked he soon would find he wasn't perfect—he was blind.

For all of us are prone to stray along the easy, beaten way; and once a year, if we but try to get our faults before our eye, it does us lots of good. I know, for constant trying makes us grow.

But when we fill a page or two with things we should or shouldn't do, it's apt to give us quite a funch we won't remember all the bunch; yet everybody, sage or fool, can try to live the Golden Rule.

For everyone can recognize the things the Golden Rule implies. And let's resolve we'll all unite to carry out the rule of Right, and let our daily motto be, "A better world depends on ME!"

Avridge Mann

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Testifies Mr. Clarke Is Wrong

Editor The Star:

I would like to answer briefly the article by L. M. Clarke in The Star some time ago. I am not covering any statements made by others who have replied to him, but a short sketch of my own experience while in Seattle. My husband wheeled me over many portions of the city daily. I have the first instance on record where I was sneered at, or even humorous looks cast at me. Instead, many kindly-disposed people stopped me, asking what my trouble was and expressing sympathy, giving me a pat on the shoulder or hand, a smile of love and went on their way. Sometimes I glimpsed furtive looks directed at me and when I turned to face the party, I received a lovely smile. I have detected tears in the eyes of finely dressed women in passing, which I thought instantly that such expressions of sympathy "makes the whole world kin." I am neither young nor beautiful, so it could have been no outward beauty of face that made appeal to my brothers and sisters. Nowhere have I been since becoming a wheel-chair semi-invalid, in any city or town, where I have not met with just such sympathetic treatment as Seattle measured out to me. I wish to call Mr. Clarke's attention to the large-heartedness of Seattle people when any case of need was presented to their notice. Homes for children, homes for women left alone in want, homes for aged couples left homeless by fire or accident—all these were quickly given relief of food, clothing and even houses were built in several cases. The Star is a grand medium for such charitable work to be given. The instant a case is presented in its columns a response comes at once. No hesitancy, no waiting—but the same evening the next day help was offered many times more than was needed.

As a last word, I can truthfully say that never once "afraid at" or vile innuendoes thrown at me on the streets, but instead have received only kind looks and words, sympathy and love from strangers in various ways.

MRS. B. L. SMITH,
Anacortes, Wash.

Another White-Jap Intermarriage

The story about the Japanese-American Aoki family and the discussion of the question of white-Japanese marriages which has been going on has caused me to look up an article which was printed in The Star some time ago telling about an-

Angela date line of February 25, 1921.

After telling how Myrtle Armstrong believed when she married James Omura, a Japanese, that the racial line should not be drawn between whites and Japanese, the story goes on to quote her after three years of married life as follows:

"I am an outcast," she said, while Jimmy, her half-Japanese baby boy, clung to her skirt.

"This is my dream castle—look at it! With a gesture of her hand she surveyed the vast vegetable gardens. Her face mirrored despair.

"I've got my baby—that's all," said the woman.

"Of course I wouldn't miss having little Jimmy for anything in the world—but otherwise I have nothing to live for. My life should be an example to others.

"We have nothing in common but the baby," said the woman. "I even eat alone. His food is chiefly rice and sardines and oyster sauce—while I hate rice and fish.

"I have never learned to speak Japanese, and do not mix with his people at all. In fact I see no one to talk to but my husband, day in and day out, except when I treat

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SCIENCE

Testing Einstein. Plates Arrive. Being Studied. Other Research.

BY EDWIN E. SLOSSON

The most important scientific event of the coming year, so far as can be foretold, will be the confirmation or contradiction of Einstein's theory of relativity.

Already the evidence is in hand. Director W. W. Campbell of the Lick observatory has returned to California with the precious plates that may settle the question as to which is right in regard to gravitation—Isaac Newton or Albert Einstein. He says they are good negatives and likely to prove something.

But what they will prove will not be known to the world until the images of the faint stars surrounding the eclipsed sun are measured with the micrometer to a thousandth of an inch to see if they are farther apart than when the sun is not in their midst. If they are so separated and to the right amount, it will show Einstein was right when he said in 1915 that a ray of light from a star passing near by a heavy body like the sun would be bent out of its straight path toward the sun.

To get these few photographs the American astronomers had to travel across the Pacific to Australia and up the west coast of the island continent to a place in the desert known as Walla. Why did they go there? Because it was in the desert—and therefore likely to be clear weather during the six minutes of total eclipse.

Other astronomers went farther afield worse. The British, German and Dutch astronomers chose Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, as their observation point for the eclipse of September and it happened to be a cloudy day, so they had to return without any evidence on the Einstein theory.

Einstein, like Ptolemy's sutors, has to pass a three-fold test. He predicted, besides the deflection of light rays passing by the sun, that light rays proceeding from the sun would have their waves so lengthened that their spectral lines would be shifted toward the red end.

Here the evidence is conflicting. Some astronomers say that there is such a shift. Others find none of the sort required. This question is being most thoroughly tested by Dr. C. E. St. John at the Mount Wilson observatory.

The third test, or rather the first in point of time, is the famous experiment made by Michelson and

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Morley in 1886 to determine the rate of ether drift. This gave the disconcerting result that there seemed to be no ether at all.

Einstein interprets this to mean that everything shortens as its speed increases; that at a velocity of 181,000 miles a second a footrule would shrink to six inches and a watch would lose 80 minutes an hour.

Prof. D. C. Miller of Cleveland is now repeating the Michelson-Morley experiment on a more extensive scale and with more exact apparatus, but his results so far are inconclusive.

But we may expect all three of these crucial experiments to bring out convincing evidence within the year for or against the Einstein theory.



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