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LITTLE JOURNEYS IN EGYPT

By J. C. CANIPE

Memphis lies twenty miles up the Nile from Cairo. It was founded some five thousand years B. C. It once contained many temples and shrines, notably among them the Temple of Isis. It is the reputed burial place of Isis, the principal Goddess of Egypt. Memphis was the capital of Egypt in the days of Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and Moses. Moses came to Memphis to plead with Pharaoh for the liberation of Israel. In hieroglyphic inscriptions found upon numerous monuments, Memphis is called the city of Pyramids. Not a pyramid stood within the city, but a score or more of the same in view of it. Memphis flourished until Alexander the Great founded Alexandria at the mouth of the Nile. The trade shifted from Memphis to Alexandria. Memphis is now a few dilapidated buildings surrounded with a beautiful palm grove. In the midst of this grove lies a colossal statue of Rameses II. Its weight and size prevents its removal to the museum. Isiah and Jeremiah both told of the destruction of Memphis. Surrounded by the ruins of this ancient city one again grows reminiscent. He sees Moses before the court of Pharaoh, pleading for the rights of Israel. Many times his heart was hardened as Moses pressed the plea. Ten times Pharaoh hardened his own heart and ten times God hardened it for him.

Hear Moses as he pleads for God's people. See Pharaoh harden his heart and the coming of the ten plagues as a result. Now see the remains and destruction of the cities of Egypt. It tells its own story. Moses and his influence still live on in the hearts of millions and in the Ten Commandments, but Pharaoh and his army were drowned and his name and his work have perished with the buildings in the sands of time. Moses went home with God from the top of Mount Pisgah and returned to speak with Jesus and the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, but Pharaoh's lifeless mummified body lies in state in the museum of Cairo while his cold lips, in deathly silence, seem to whisper, "God is not mocked."

Here in Memphis the children with scarcely any clothes on followed us and begged with outstretched hands, "Backshees," meaning, "give us money, please." The palm groves were hanging full of wonderful dates just ripening, which made a strong appeal to the appetite. Riding along the Nile we could frequently see women washing their clothes in the muddy waters, or a man or child stark naked bathing here and yonder. The kamus, a cow used by the natives which is a cross of the domestic cow and the water buffalo, could be seen lying in the water with only the rugged nose exposed. They told us that they had to do that for them to keep them in good use for domestic purposes as work cows and milk cows. It reminded me of the hippo or some other water monster. It was extremely hot but a wonderful time to be in Egypt. Crops coming to full fruition, date palms ripening up, canals irrigating the fields at flood tide, the natives about the routine of life and withal the monuments and statues and relics of ancient days. This all kept our days full of anticipation and romance in the land of the Cradle of Civilization.

PRESIDENT OF BERA VISITS MANNER ELK

Banner Elk, Aug. 25.—Dr. William James Hutchins, president of Berea College, Berea, Ky., was a visitor to Banner Elk Friday. Dr. Hutchins was enroute for Crossnore where he attended a reunion of Berea College students from Avery county.

Fireside Philosophy

(By C. M. Dickson)

It's amusing to hear a "sit-down" striker offer plans for remedial legislation.

If present indications mean anything, on judgment morning, many people will be so slow that, if they are "caught up" at all, a second trip will have to be made for them.

Pedagogical inconsistency—for a teacher to teach the necessity of exercise and sunshine, but for him to sit quietly in the shade and do nothing himself.

The question is often asked as to why the sky looks bluer to a mountaineer than to any one else. Answer: He is closer to it.

Had Zacchaeus been in his neighbor's cherry tree about dark instead of being in the sycamore, he might have been slow to accept an invitation to dine anywhere.

The size of an ass's ears do not always determine his ability to bray so good.

One often wonders when a person grins whether or not he is tickled or whether he is just trying to laugh.

In the adage, "First thyself and then thy neighbor," but few need to be reminded to obey the first two words.

However astute a liar may be, he can rarely ever face the truth with more than any one else.

Some condemnation should not be meted out to the ignorant whose opportunities have been meager, but those who fail to use their opportunities deserve scathing denunciation.

Merely because a person is a brother to the preacher or to the president does not entitle him to either preach or to preside.

In dealing with children it is not altogether the intrinsic value of the child that should demand our attention; it is the potential worth of him.

Achilles is not the only person in whose heel the only "vulnerable" spot in the body can be found.

Though a person be able to bray, it is in his own defense for him to keep his large ears and other ass-like qualities as much in the background as possible.

FOR BETTER HEALTH

By DR. J. ROSSLYN EARP
Director, New Mexico Bureau of Public Health

WHY BABY CRIES

There is the mother who worries too often. There is also the mother who too seldom responds. It is not always kind to "let the baby cry."

It is part of a mother's job to learn why the baby cries. The cries that are best left alone are those which demand attention and those which express indignation when the royal whim has been disregarded.

But while it is a sentimental shock to abandon Jerusalem to the Moslems when one remembers the blood spilled in the Crusades and the World War to recapture it from them, the practical fact is that the experience of the past twenty years has proved that the Jews and the Arabs cannot occupy the same territory peacefully.

After all, the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem by David from Shiloh, in Samaria.

PATROLMAN KILLED

Raleigh, Aug. 22.—George Penn, 25, a state highway patrolman, was found fatally injured on a road near Asheville tonight.

TODAY and TOMORROW

FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

WAGES

near 1929 peak
The average weekly wages of workers in American industries have increased by more than 16 percent in the past year, although the length of the average work week has been reduced by 15 percent, the National Industrial Conference Board reports.

This would mean real prosperity if the buying power of wages were as great as it was in 1929, and on that point the Board's report is equally optimistic. The "real" weekly wage, adjusted to actual living costs, is 12 percent above the 1929 average.

Some will attribute this improvement in the American worker's condition to politics. Personally I regard it as something which was inevitable, which would have come about faster if there had been less political interference.

NEGROES

Southern boons
A few weeks ago I visited a typical Southern plantation and had a chance to learn how the Negro employees were treated. There are thirty families employed the year round on this ten-thousand acre tract, with extra help at cotton-picking and harvest times.

How many Northern white workers, I wonder, have \$30 a month left after paying rent, food and doctor's bills? Not many. In addition, the women and older children are given first chance on this plantation to earn extra money at picking time.

I was reminded at what Booker T. Washington, the great Negro educator, said to me years ago. "The best friend of the Southern Negro is the Southern white man."

JERUSALEM

The Moslems
To every Christian, as to every Jew, there is something so sacred about the Holy City that it seems almost a sacrilege to abandon Jerusalem to the Mohammedans, as is proposed by the British commission which has drawn up plans for the new Jewish State of Palestine.

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BOOZE

gasoline
I note one liquor advertiser is warning people not to drive if they drink, nor drink if they drive. It is eternally true that liquor and gasoline in combination make a deadly mixture.

Not long ago I attended a convention to which a hundred or so men had come from long distances, mostly in automobiles, a few in airplanes. There was a drinking party in a hotel room, across from mine. I heard one man refuse a drink, because he had to start to drive home that night.

FREEDOM

press and speech
The greatest danger to human liberty comes when obstacles are put in the way of the free expression of truth or of opinion. We have taken the Constitutional guaranty of freedom of speech and of the press for granted for so many years that we have been slow to see the signs of attempts to muzzle the press and to prevent people from saying in public what they believe.

Memories

by A. B. CHAPIN

THE "THRASHIN' DAY" DINNER



- THE EATS
HOME CURED BAKE HAM
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HOME MADE BUTTER
WASHED POTATOES
MILK GRAVY
SWEET POTATOES
HUBBARD SQUASH
SALSIFY
POLE BEANS
STEWED TOMATOES
BOILED ONIONS
COLE SLAW
APPLESAUCE
HONEY
PICKLED BEETS
QUINCE JELL
PLUM BUTTER
PICKLED PEACHES
GRAPE CONSERVE
CURRANT JELL
PICKALILLY
SWEAR CASE
PICKLED WALNUTS
APPLE PIE
JEFF DAVIS PIE
BLACKBERRY PIE
JELLY CAKE
MARBLE CAKE
COFFEE
MILK
AND IF WE HAVE OMITTED ANYTHING, PLEASE TELL US

N. C. DEATH RATE SHOWS DROP OVER LAST JULY

Raleigh.—The death rate in July was 8.9 per cent per 100,000 population as compared with 9.8 for the same month last year, the state bureau of vital statistics reported last week.

Deaths last month totaled 2,598 as compared with 2,742 last year, and July births this year were 6,270 and July, 1936, the total was 6,588. Infants deaths last month were listed at 520, while for the same month last year there were 428.

Twenty-eight deaths from syphilis, locomotor ataxia and paresis were reported last month while the total in July, 1936, was 34. Cancer claimed 151 lives last month and 137 in July, 1936, while 194 deaths were caused by pneumonia in July as compared with 121 the same period last year.

The bureau listed 75 deaths in automobile accidents last month and 62 in July, 1936.

FAMOUS SAYINGS

- What are the twelve most famous sayings of history? A London editor, recounts the New York Times, incautiously asked his readers for lists of their preferences, and Britons fairly flooded the editorial desk with dicta of the great. Hard-pressed by the waves of replies he finally had to select two lists, the most famous of which we repeat. Can you replace any of them?
1. "Up, guards, and at 'em."—Wellington at Waterloo.
2. "A scrap of paper."—von Bethman-Hollweg.
3. "Wait and see."—Asquith.
4. "Government of the people, by the people, for the people."—Lincoln.
5. "Whatever ye would that men should do unto you even so do unto them."—The Golden Rule.
6. "Veni, vidi, vici."—Caesar.
7. "The die is cast."—Caesar (at the Rubicon).
8. "All is lost save honor."—Francis I (at Pava).
9. "L'Etat c'est moi."—Louis XIV.
10. "And yet it moves."—Galileo (before the Inquisition).
11. "England expects every man to do his duty."—Nelson (at Trafalgar).
12. "We are fighting with our backs to the wall."—Haig (at Amiens, 1918).

SEVEN MEN DIE IN BADIN EXPLOSION

Badin, Aug. 24.—An explosion in the Carolina Aluminum Company's plant killed seven men today and injured four others, one seriously. Three of the men died almost instantly and the other four died over a space of several hours. Physicians said all were badly burned.

opinion. It has always seemed to me that any principle, policy or program, whether political or otherwise, which cannot stand up under free discussion, is not very soundly based. But I see even newspaper men allying themselves to the institutions which put loyalty to the organization ahead of loyalty to truth and free speech. Those are danger signs: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." One of the first lessons I learned as a young newspaper man was to beware of the man or group who wanted to "keep something out of the paper."

SAYS PARKWAY WILL FOLLOW ORIGINAL ROUTE

Washington, Aug. 22.—Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina said today he had been assured by Secretary Ickes that the National Park Service would construct the lower North Carolina portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway over the original route.

Park service officials said a recommendation to this effect was expected to be made shortly. The Park Service disclosed sometime ago objections had been raised to constructing the scenic highway over the original route which would carry the parkway south of Asheville. Reynolds said Ickes had told him "to have no fear about the route to be followed" south of Asheville.

The planet Pluto was located years after its presence was predicted by Dr. Percival Lowell of the Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Oliver Goldsmith is said to be the only English writer who excelled in three branches of literature—as a novelist with "The Vicar of Wakefield," as a playwright with "She Stoops to Conquer," and as a poet with "The Deserted Village."

RESOLUTION

Whereas, it has been made to appear to the Aldermen of the town of Boone that it is for the benefit of the town of Boone that an election be held for the purpose of establishing a City Recorder's Court in accordance with the laws of North Carolina as set forth in Section 16000, page 692 of the N. C. Code of 1935, and amendments thereto, it is therefore ordered and agreed that an election of the qualified voters of the town shall be held on Friday, the 24th day of September, 1937, in the City Hall and at said election all qualified voters shall vote a ballot upon which shall be printed or written the words "For Recorder's Court for the Town of Boone;" those opposing said court shall vote a ballot upon which shall be written or printed the words, "Against Recorder's Court for the town of Boone." It is further ordered that this notice be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the town of Boone and that no new registration of voters shall be required for said election.

L. T. TATUM, K. K. MOOSE, A. E. HODGES.

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W. H. WALKER, County Superintendent.

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"IN HIS STEPS"
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"SARATOGA"
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