

Today

The Spinster's Story. Name the Seventh. They That Watch. Boomerang Strike, Maybe.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Miss Emily Howland Bourne of New England died, age 86, leaving a million. Those that did not get the money seek to prove her crazy. To prove her of sound mind, one of her executors repeats the last story the aged lady told her.

Three appeared at Heaven's gate. Saint Peter admitted the first, who said: "I am George Washington, father of my country." The second, Abraham Lincoln, answered: "I am the savior of my country." The third, Theodore Roosevelt, answered Saint Peter: "None of your business. Where is God?"

Do you think that old lady was crazy? What are the 10 books that you would take on a desert island? What 10 sorts of human beings would you take to that island? Which are the 1,000 greatest men in earth's history? You have heard those questions.

Now an editor asks: "Which are the seven greatest Americans?" Six answer for themselves, automatically. They are Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Lincoln, Fulton, Edison. You must accept those six if you admit that the greatest Americans are those that the greatest number of ordinary Americans would name.

That leaves only one name to complete the seven. Among the 100,000,000 of us there may be one that in future history will outshine the six, but it's not likely. Which would you select as the seventh? If you sought the man most useful to his country in a material way, you would have to name Henry Ford.

More important might be the man that has done most to make Americans think. Which is he?

Colonel Ruppert and Colonel Huston bought the Yankee baseball club for \$480,000. Now Ruppert buys Huston's half for \$1,500,000. Baseball is profitable for those that own good clubs. It is less profitable for crowds that contribute the money. To find your pleasure in watching others do something that you would like to do is not getting anywhere.

Demosthenes on the seashore, talking against the talking to improve his voice or talking with pebbles in his mouth to cure his stammering was improving himself. That is better than watching Babe Ruth and only improving somebody else's gate receipts.

Two thousand bricklayers on strike bid up \$200,000,000 worth of building. That means buying up thousands of men, also making idle those that would have supplied materials for building. Also, and most important for the workmen, frightening those that lend money for building.

The striking bricklayers presumably know what they want and what they ought to have. If they can force a two years' contract at peak prices, that is wisdom, perhaps. The trouble is that benefits of the future are uncertain. Jobs of the present, at highest wages ever known, are certain.

Men that build borrow money for building. Men that strike, under present conditions, frighten men that lend. Stop money lending and you stop building. Stop building and a two-year contract won't create jobs. Worse times will come quickly enough of their own accord. They always do. Don't force them, ahead of time.

Mussolini begins to see the other side of the medal. Forty thousand Neapolitans abandon him. A fight is organized against him. The Twentieth century, very roccoco Rienzi, who lately spoke of liberty as a "decaying corpse," quite out of date may yet be surprised by that corpse's activity. Italian history makes it improbable that any substitute will be accepted for the liberty of Garibaldi, Mazzini and Cavour.

War does not pay, even when you win. "Everyone knows that now. Money talks, and says 'war does not pay.'" Figures tell the same story. The Germans and Austrians had 22,850,000 soldiers in the war. The allies had 42,189,444 soldiers. The 22,000,000 Germans inflicted on the allies about three times as many casualties as the 42,000,000 allies inflicted on the Germans. Our war department supplies this information.

Much greater harm was done by 22,000,000 men than by their 42,000,000 enemies. But those most severely hurt won. And, winning, they lost more than the enemy, because they had more to lose. Yet, they want and will have more war, and we have statesmen that would drag us into it.

The Greek representative at Lausanne talks of the Greek army's ability to defend the national honor, in case Turkey insists on the indemnity. The Turks were yesterday reported to have blown up a bridge, that the average American never heard of, but one very important to Greeks and Turks. Look out for another war in that distressed east. And pray that you may not be dragged into the folly, via a league of nations, or world court.

Sun Puts Pep in Trade Trip

Tourists Feeling Snappy After Two Solid Days of Rain.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Wheatland, Wyo., May 23.—Sunshine, after two days of rain, has put more jazz in the Omaha trade excursion than Dan, Des Dune's band. Today's trip, started at Chugwater, through a fertile irrigated valley north of Cheyenne. Although plowed fields and stretches of alfalfa lined the way, yet there are still many large ranches.

Wool is selling at a higher price than during the war, and shepherds thank the traff which shuts out Australian competition. The Swan Land and Cattle company which has 38,000 sheep on the range at Chugwater has sold its clip for 48 cents a pound.

Home of Bill Nye. Bill Nye, the famous western humorist, used to run a newspaper at Laramie. He published it on the second floor of a lively stable, and named it for a kicking white mule, called Boomerang.

George R. Hand, the present editor of this daily, told the tourists of a sign Bill Nye hung up. "Twist the Mule's Tail and Tote the Elevator." Laramie entertained lavishly last night. L. B. Clough and J. David Larson spoke in response to the greeting at the banquet. The town is the seat of the state university, which is richly supported without taxes, from the profits on oil found on state land.

Irrigation System Viewed by Omahans

(Continued From Page One.) rated and crystallized, produces about 240 pounds of sugar. The farmer receives \$5.50, and then, if the price of the refined product goes up later, he is paid a share of the increase. A bonus of \$2 a ton has been paid on last year's crop, and the farmers have hopes of another dollar bonus.

Returns to Nebraska. The trade excursion of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce entered Nebraska today at Morrill, a sugar town, after spending the morning in the Wheatland and Torrington districts of Wyoming. J. L. Whitehead, banker, accompanied some of the visitors to the refinery, where Superintendent C. C. Campbell explained the industry.

Morrill is also a center of potato raising, shipping about 100 carloads a year. This is an important crop through all the west end of the state, although the market was disastrous last year. Another crop is cucumbers, a particularly fine variety used for pickles growing in this district. One of the greatest pickle companies in the nation maintains a number of pickling vats at various points hereabouts. This crop like sugar beets is raised on contract. The farmer thus being assured of a fair market price before he plants the seed.

Dairying on Increase. Irrigation has also encouraged the planting of alfalfa in the North Platte valley with a consequent increase in cattle feeding and dairying. A. N. Mathers of Gering, who was speaker in the last legislature, stated that milk production had tripled in the last three years.

The days trip of the trade excursion ended tonight at Alliance in the northwest corner of the state, a great center for cattle raising and with immense fields of the finest potatoes on the tableland to the westward about Hemingford. This district is not irrigated. After being entertained by the business men of Alliance until midnight, the tourists left on a night run to Brule and Ogallala.

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Romance of Old West Survives in Wyoming, Trade Tourists Find

By PAUL GREER. Laramie, Wyo., May 23.—A mile and a half above Omaha and 500 miles west lies a state that is perhaps best known for its output of wild west novels. Bitter Creek, Powder River, Rawlins and Medicine Bow, the latter the scene of Owen Wister's novel, "The Virginian," despite their place in fiction, are real.

The romance of the old west survives even though ranchmen today may wear goggles and drive an automobile. Life seems actually freer and more careless than in the more intense competition to the eastward, yet it is not for its picturesque qualities that Wyoming is most deserving of notice.

A desultory day's journey from Green River, in the southwestern part of the state, to Laramie does not afford much scenery. This part of Wyoming is far from handsome. It doesn't look like much on the surface, with its buttes and mountains of gravel and granite and nothing but fleckles of sage brush dotting the land. But back beyond those hills are millions of sheep and the range is again filling up with cattle. In those streams are mountain trout and scattered in the wilder spots is more big game than in any other section of the United States. Though the state is semi-arid, wherever the valleys are irrigated, there are rich farms.

In reality, Wyoming is one of the richest states in the union, but its wealth is mainly underground and the surface has just been scratched. For example, there is a section of land owned by the state in the Salt Creek oil field. This tract, known as a "world's richest square mile," recently has been leased to an oil company. It is estimated that 2,000,000 barrels of oil lie under this piece of land.

At \$2 a barrel that amounts to \$40,000,000, a large part of which will go to the people of the state. Six miles out of Rawlins a \$7,000,000 refinery project is underway to handle the oil. Four months ago there was nothing but sagebrush there, now there are 700 and it is said that 100 houses have been built there this year. Natural gas has been piped from an outlying field, the Mahoney dome, and an extension of the line to Laramie and even Denver is proposed.

Coal More Important. Important though the oil industry has become, yet coal mining is greater, besides being much less speculative. The Rock Springs district alone ships out more coal each day than do all the mines under French occupation in the famous Ruhr valley. Five thousand miners are employed within 16 miles of Rock Springs and some of the shafts owned by the Sheridan Coal company of Omaha are within the city limits. The company is now expending \$100,000 on a new tipple.

When going full blast 600 cars of coal a day are shipped out of this station. Production now is about half that and the miners are employed only two or three days a week at an average wage of about \$7 a day. As orders for next winter's fuel supply begin coming in more work will be available.

At Hanna, another important mining town, the mine payroll of \$100,000 a month is now cut approximately in half by the summer lull. Here, however, as elsewhere along the Union Pacific system, the sheep industry is active, with both lambing and shearing begun, and taxes good.

Sheep Fascinating. From the train one sees great canvas bags of this year's clip. Back among the foothills may be seen the wandering herds with the sheep-herder driving along in his wagon. Some of the men go for six months without seeing another human being, although most of them get back to headquarters every month for their \$75 pay check.

At Cheyenne last night a story, perhaps only a humorous exaggeration, was told of a sheep-herder who came in town that day inquiring where the saloons had gone, never having heard of the eighteenth amendment.

Lumbering is another important industry in Wyoming. At Green River, Fort Steele and Hanna great piles of railroad ties may be seen floating in the river and others piled on the banks. Five hundred thousand timbers will make up the tie drive down the Big Wind river to the treating plant at Riverton. The timber companies in the region about Hanna draw many of their logs from the forest reserves in the Medicine Bow and Hayden national forests.

Banquet at Laramie. Today's tour of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce ended at Laramie with a banquet given by the Laramie Council of Industries. Everywhere the excursionists found merchants and bankers full of confidence. Omaha made many friends during the period of deflation by the manner in which its financial institutions came to the rescue of this territory when the banks at Denver were pressing for payment.

L. B. Clough, vice president of M. E. Smith & Co., and Commissioner J. David Larson spoke for the tourists. Dinner was served in the Catholic cathedral.

The air mail service from Omaha to North Platte and Cheyenne is also playing its part in building up a closer connection. Letters or papers mailed in Omaha postoffice at 10 at night reach Cheyenne at 10:35 the next morning. Mail posted at the same time in Denver reaches Cheyenne at 11:45 a. m. one day later, and while Cheyenne is 500 miles from Omaha it is only 100 miles from Denver, which must send its mail by train instead of airplane.

Sons of Herman Discuss Building Home in Omaha. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., May 23.—Thirty-two lodges are represented here in the 14th biennial convention of the Sons of Herman which opened a two-day meeting. More than 100 delegates have registered. A banquet was served by the women of the Evangelical Protestant church. P. F. Luchinsinger of Columbus was toastmaster.

The proposed erection in Omaha of a home for the aged was the principal topic of discussion.

Oldest Jefferson County Man Celebrates Anniversary. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fairbury, Neb., May 23.—John Schoenrock, a farmer residing between Fairbury and Gladstone, celebrated his 91st birthday anniversary. He is said to be the oldest man in Jefferson county. He still attends his horses and feeds a number of hogs. His three sons, John L., William A. and Gustav, and a daughter, Augusta, live in the neighborhood and helped their aged father celebrate.

Fireman Killed in Train Wreck

Engine and Two Cars of First Burlington Train Derailed Near Benkelman.

The fireman of Burlington train No. 2, eastbound from Denver, was killed and a baggage man seriously injured when the engine and two cars of the train were derailed early Wednesday morning as the result of a cloudburst near Benkelman, Neb.

No passengers were injured. The fireman was standing on the engine gangway when the derailment occurred. He was crushed when the tank and engine buckled, according to word reaching Burlington headquarters here.

Reports give the fireman's name as Tanner and his home McCook. Baggage man Armstrong was injured when struck by falling trunks in his car, but will recover, according to these reports, which state his home also is in McCook.

Train No. 2 left Denver at 9:45 Tuesday night. It was due to arrive in Omaha at 3:30 this afternoon, and is now being detained via Alliance, so it can continue its interrupted eastward journey. Other Burlington trains also were being detained by the Alliance route until evening, when the track break will have been repaired.

Engineer S. L. Vierson was injured, being seated safely in the cab at the time of the derailment. The

heavy rain in the vicinity of the wreck washed out the track "fill" at a place where high water never before had been reported, according to C. L. Gray, assistant to the superintendent of Burlington lines west. A wrecking crew was sent to the scene from McCook. The engine, a baggage and an express car were the only units of the 13-car train derailed. The train was not reported to be delayed more than four or five hours, and other trains which are making the detour will be delayed only two or three hours, Burlington officials said.

Columbus Firemen Urge Election for City Hall. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., May 23.—Forty members of the fire department are canvassing the entire city to secure signatures of voters to a petition requesting a special election for submission of the question of issuing bonds for erecting a city hall.

Harding to Be Initiated in "Tall Cedars of Lebanon." Washington, May 23.—President Harding today announced he plans to go to Millford, Del., on June 9, to be initiated into the "Tall Cedars of Lebanon," a Masonic organization. George B. Christian, Jr., secretary to the president, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt will be admitted to the order at the same time.

Grand Island Promoters Postpone Marathon Race. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Grand Island, May 23.—C. E. LeWellen, and Louis Scheel, young men

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