

FAMILY MARKED BY ODDITY

London Newspaper Tells of Strange Fate That Pursued Group Both in Life and Death.

They lived at Ipswich in the reign of William III a family known as the "odd family," a most appropriate name...

Every event, good, bad or indifferent, came to that family in an odd year or an odd day...

Jonas had a stump foot, David was humpbacked and Ezekiel was 3 feet 2 inches at the age of nineteen...

Strange at birth, all died as strangely. The father fell into a deep sawpit and was killed...

Two idols, recently unearthed, bring to memory folklore tales almost lost to memory.

RECALL LEGENDS OF HAWAII

Of the two old Hawaiian idols lately found concealed in the earth at Hookanpu, Paukukalo, one, a female idol...

The legends about her compare with those of the German fairy folklore, and around the charms of her person...

In some of the latest ones she is reputed to have lured two haoles at different times on a merry chase only to see her disappear in one or another of the deep, clear-water pools...

The cynical actresses. The late Oscar Hammerstein believed that the actresses should lead a pure life.

Cynical, disillusioned actresses are no good, he once said at a dinner. "I remember an actress of mine some years ago who fell down badly in a part I'd given her."

"Look here," I said, "the morning after she fell down, all the critics say you don't show half enough emotion in the scene where your husband leaves you never to return."

"The cynical, disillusioned creature gave a tart laugh. 'Oh, I don't, don't I?' she sneered. 'Well, look here, Mr. Hammerstein, I've had six husbands leave me never to return, and I guess I know how much emotion ought to be shown in such circumstances as well as anybody.'"

Safe Light for Miners.

Nowadays the up-to-date miner carries a package of electricity about with him while underground. It is a small storage battery attached to the back of his belt, and is connected by a cord with a lamp fastened to the front of his cap.

Death Took Old and Young.

During the war the London Times, either wittingly or unwittingly, published innumerable items about the very old men and women in the British empire who were dying off.

REVENGE TAKEN BY ANIMALS

Story on Record of Huge Mastiff That Killed Thoughtless Groom at First Opportunity.

Careful observers have put on record some very extraordinary instances of dogs and other animals which have remembered injuries put upon them, and have eventually retaliated, says London Answers.

There is a terrible story on record of a dog, a huge mastiff, kept as a watchdog by a Staffordshire gentleman. The great brute was kept chained in the stable yard, and during the very hot weather one of the grooms, noticing the creature panting with heat, threw a bucket of cold water over him.

A week later the dog was loose when the same man entered the yard. He sprang upon him and caught him by the throat and killed him.

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Alcohol From Molasses.

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Four lots of "black strap" of 1,000 gallons each subjected to the new process turned out a very excellent quality of glycerin.

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TAKE THREE DAYS TO WED

Armenian Couple Must Be Patient in the Matter of Tying the Marriage Knot.

In Armenia everybody has a good time at a wedding except the bridegroom. First of all, the friends assemble, and an entertainment, with dancing, takes place.

The day after this opening marriage feast the bride rides to church, and the bridegroom walks.

The social celebration of the wedding is carried through as conscientiously as the religious part.

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Philanthropic Seattle Man Throws Open Hall for Absolutely Free and Uninterrupted Speech.

A philanthropic fight promoter—one of the enterprising gentlemen who has been in the habit of putting on a boxing match every week or two—is much annoyed at the spasmodic interference of the officers of the law in his business affairs, and is proposing to throw open his hall for a weekly forum of free and uninterrupted speech, in place of the boxing bouts.

"I want every guy that has anything to say to come over and say it," said the promoter, according to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, "and I'll give him ten minutes to spout, and then he must shut his trap. I don't care what he is; any kind of a nut can come over and say right out what is on his chest. My luck has been so bad, and my spirits so depressed, that I want a laugh, and I believe a nut gathering of this kind would equal anything the Orpheum circuit or Pantages or the best of them ever put on."

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ENDOWMENT FOR SEWANE

Campaign to Raise Fund For Episcopal College.

In a statement which he issued concerning the financial campaign that is being waged by the Southern Episcopalians for their Church's university at Sewanee, Tennessee, Wickes Wamboldt, the general director of the drive says:

"This campaign has been one of the hardest fought battles in the annals of campaign history, but it is undoubtedly going to succeed."

"While for many months the attempt to raise a fund to strengthen and develop this University was received with the same attitude that is responsible for the previous decline of the church's educational system, there is now a complete change of attitude, and this is due to the fact that zealous and earnest leaders of the Episcopal Church in the South have been able to make the seriousness of the situation clear to the Southern Episcopalians."

"For a hundred years the Episcopal Church in America has permitted its educational system to weaken through the loss of first one unit after another, until today this church owns and controls but three colleges, out of a total of twenty-one which the Church has founded, and of these, the University of the South, at Sewanee, is the only educational institution of higher learning left to the Episcopal Church in the Southland."

"The greatest obstacle that has confronted this campaign," Mr. Wamboldt continues, "is the feeling on the part of many of the parishes that any money which they send out of the parish weakens them to that extent."

Bishop Charles E. Woodcock, of Kentucky, in commenting on this particular point says: "There is a smallness of spirit revealed in the overwhelming fear that if anything goes outside the parish, it will cripple its own needs. We need some great challenge, some overpowering object to save us from this crippling, debilitating fear."

The campaign report shows that the quota for the diocese of South Carolina, through a readjustment, has been reduced from \$142,000 to \$90,779, of which \$34,279 has been raised. This leaves a balance of \$56,500 yet to be subscribed.

"It is squarely up to the Episcopalians throughout the South to vigorously support the Sewanee Endowment. If the church does not support its own university, who can be expected to do so?"

"Sewanee stands for splendid ideals and sound Americanism. She is entitled to the support of those who send their sons to her and of the church she represents."

"There seems to be a certain lethargy and indifference in the matter of this endowment. Unless churchmen show an interest in this work the public cannot be expected to do so. The time has come to demonstrate that the church has at heart the interest of this representative institution and the best way to demonstrate it at this moment is to take an active and vigorous part in completing the necessary endowment."

Prominent church leaders express themselves as being thoroughly confident that by the time the campaign closes on April 26th the Episcopal church in the South will be working as a single unit to not only preserve and properly maintain their university at Sewanee, but to rebuild their once magnificent religious educational system.

Good Roads Meetings.

It has been decided to hold four additional meetings next week in the interest of the \$2,500,000 bond issue for a main highway system of roads at the following places:

Concord School, Tuesday night, May 4th, at 8 p. m.

Graham School, in Concord township, Wednesday night, May 5th, at 8 p. m.

Pleasant Grove School, in Shiloh township, Thursday night, May 6th, at 8 p. m.

Oversgo School, Friday night, May 7th, at 8 p. m.

Selected speakers have been designated to talk at these meetings. The committee hopes that those who are opposed to the bond issue or who are considering the proposition with open minds will be sure to attend these meetings as well as those who are out and out in favor of the bond issue.

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Blooming of the cherry trees in Japan occurred earlier this year than usual, owing to the exceptionally warm weather of the early months. The blossoms were out in great profusion on Sunday, March 30. The high sakura trees in Ueyeh park were in full bloom; the yoshino sakura, or common cherry, came out in full blossom on April 3, the anniversary of the first emperor of Japan. Everybody in Japan is enjoying the arborecence of springtime.

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