NOW AND THEN

LOSS AND GAIN
By Henry W. Longfellow

When I compare
What I have lost with what I have gained
What I have missed with what attained,
I am aware
How many days have been idly spent,
How like an arrow the good intent
Has fallen short or been turned aside.
But who shall dare
To measure loss and gain in this wise?
Defeat may be victory in disguise.
The lowest ebb is the turn of the tide.

"Experience is the best teacher," says the old proverb. How many successes have grown out of failures. Even John D. Rockfelter failed in his first business adventure. Some one was talking of the suffering and poverty that England went through in the great fire of 1666. How for three days it burned sweeping away most of the British Capital.

Now it has had numerous famous buildings demolished and priceless treasures burned. So much of human genius and human toil has been destroyed. But civilization is more than building however noble.

Indeed, many would say even now that despite bombing and burning, the British Isles today are stronger and richer than when the war began. Britain is stronger in courage and unselfishness, richer in appreciation of liberty, in determination to build a more just and secure society. Great damage has been done, but most of it to material structures, which cannot be weighed in the scales with the spiritual values developed. Religious faith, always strong in Britain, has been reawakened. Without glorifying war, it may be recorded that Britain's story since Dunkirk surely shows how the necessity of defending home and freedom brings out unused resources.

A very cheering thing is a fire on the hearth in winter. How the imprisoned sun light, stored by the trees for ages, leaps forth filling all the room with its glow. What memories creep into ones mind as one watches it glow. What visions of the future, air castles, noble thoughts.

One of Dicken's most lovable characters spent much of her time making pictures, dreaming dreams before the open fire. A low born maiden very sweet and very good. A rich man saw her and loved her from that time. She was too proud to accept his advances, he proud of his name and race, could not put her out of his mind.

There is companship in the fire on the hearth. Sitting there one can never be lonely.

The following is a great chance for the Sardine Canner. Oscar is a fine neuquin in the Ocean View Park, California.

He was the pet of every one who visited the zoo, fed him, and petted him in every way. But one day he was missing. The door of his cage was opened and for two weeks nobody knew where he was. Then he was seen swimming about fifty yards away, and he was tolled back by a dinner of Sardines.

It all sounds beguilingly simple. Penguins, it is well known, are inordinately fond of fish. It was the lowly shrimp which provided "Mr. Popper's" penguins with their staple diet, and, it will be recalled, when the testimonial, "Popper's Performing Penguins thrive on Owens' Oceanic Shrimp," had appeared in all the leading magazines, "Mr. Popper" was in a position to collect free cans of shrimps at any grocery store. Wait till the sardine canners hear of Oscar!

THE MATHEMATICAL PRODIGY

Professor Phelps, who disliked mathematics, was once walking with Professor Newton, who began discussing a problem so deep that his companion could not follow it. He fell into a brown study from which he was arousned by Newton's emphatic assertion, "And that, you see, gives us X!"

"Does it?" asked Mr. Phelps, politely.

"Why, doesn't it?" evclaimed the Professor, excitedly, alarmed at the possibility of a flaw in his calculations. Quickly he checked back and detected a mistake. "You are right, Mr. Phelps," shouted the Professor. "It doesn't give us X; it gives us Y."

And from that time on Professor Phelps was looked upon as a mathematical prodigy, the first man who ever trapped Newton.

BATTLESHIP MASTS

One day a young officer in the construction department of the United States Navy—Robinson by name—was looking over a pile of naval blueprint. As chairs were not plentiful in the room he turned a wire wastepaper basket upside down and sat on that. Rising, he started to kick the basket right side up but paused. That instant an idea was born. The idea, revealed to him, was the trellis-like mast of the American battleships.

BORROWER AND LENDER

Mark Twain once asked a neighbor if he might read a set of his books. The neighbor replied ungraciously that he was welcome to read them in his library, but he had a rule never to let a book leave the house. Some weeks later the same neighbor sent over to ask for the loan of his lawn mower.

"I shall be very glad to loan you my lawn mower," said Mark Twain, "but since I made it a rule never to let it leave my lawn, you will be obliged to use it there."

NEWS GATHERED ON PENINSULA

Governor O'Conor Monday night announced adoption by the State Roads Commission of special commutation rates on the Susquehanna river toll bridge which would reduce the present toll to 3 cents a trip for passenger cars.

The Governor said he was advised by the commission that the new rate, available to anyone purchasing special 60-day and 120-day ticket books, had been approved by the consulting engineers representing bridge bondholders.

The new ticket books will go on sale on February 1st.

Methods to arrange a "Fair-Price" schedule and a possible central clearing house for vacant rooms, apartments and properties for use by the fast expanding personnel of the Aberdeen Proving Ground were discussed at an informal meeting between a group of leading citizens of Aberdeen and Major Lewis O. Heck, Training Center Intelligence Officer.

A $21,000 rate reduction for Cecil and Harford county customers of the Conowingo Power Company was announced Monday at the office of the Public Service Commission.

The reduction follows informal negotiation between the commission, the company and People's Counsel Joseph Sherbow, who initiated the case some months ago to determine whether the utility's customers were getting fair rates.

In making their annual report for 1940 this week, Chief Raymond M. Carey and Assistant Chief Walter McDowell, of the Princess Anne Volunteer Fire Company, point out as of especial importance the marked reduction in fire losses in 1940 as compared to 1939—a reduction from $92,710 to $32,935.

Mandatory work on the farms by persons assigned from the relief rolls were recommended here in a set of resolutions adopted by the Maryland Farm Bureau in convention at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Because many farm laborers are now being used in industries and the draft, those on relief who are able to work should be compelled to aid agriculture under penalty of being stricken from the welfare rolls, the resolution stated.

Nine traffic fatalities attributable to the two-day ice storm which gripped Maryland were counted here as rising temperatures and a relatively warm rain combined to wash away the icy glaze which had covered streets and roads.

Three of those who died were members of an Eastern Shore family, killed when their auto was struck by a train at a grade crossing near Pocomoke City.

These victims were George F. Aydelotte, twenty-one, driver of the car; his wife, Mrs. Gladys B. Aydelotte, nineteen, and their daughter, Shirley Jean Aydelotte, two. Their home was near Pocomoke City.

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor's budget for 1942-43, now before the Legislature, provides the largest amount ever to be expended on the roads of the State in any two-year period.

In presenting the figures, Governor O'Conor declared, "It is gratifying to know that a much larger amount will be available for road construction under the new budget. The 1941 total appropriations from Special Funds are $22,778,110.23. The 1942 Special Fund appropriations total $24,211,875.16, an increase of $1,433,764.93. A large portion of this increase represents additional funds for road building and maintenance. The 1943 Special Fund appropriations are $24,767,619.08, or $555,743.92 net increase. This, also, will make possible additional road construction.

The new theatre to be built on Washington street, Easton, is about to be started on. The old building has been demolished and the contractors are ready to proceed with the construction. The Charles Page Comegys Co. received the contract for the new building, and they propose to push the construction as fast as the weather will permit. It will be a thoroughly modern building, and will greatly improve that section of Washington street.

The Utilities Commission of Easton has purchased another Diesel engine and generator. The low bidders were the Fulton Iron Works, who have already furnished two generators to the Commission. The price was $56,000 and delivery will be made within six months.

The new generator will be of 700 k. w. capacity. It will not be necessary to add to the building to accomodate this new engine. It is the intention to take out the old steam turbine and generator, also the old steam boilers, and eventually the tall brick smoke stack will be erased too.

A new effort will be made to obtain $1,500,000 in Federal funds to establish a sixty - eight - mile - long "national seashore park" on the coastline of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, Representative David J. Ward (Dem., First) said today.

Ward pledged his support of a bill which he said would be reintroduced in Congress by Representative S. Otis Bland, of Virginia. A measure brought into last Congress in May died in committee.

The seashore park is proposed along the Atlantic seaboard from Cape Henlopen, Del., to Ocean City, Md., and then on to Fishing Point, Assateague Island, Va.

Ward said it would embrace from 20,000 to 75,000 acres of land in and along the shores of Rehoboth Bay, Indian River Bay, Little Assawoman Bay, Isle of Wright Bay, Sinepuxent Bay, Chincoteague Bay and Assateague Bay. Federal funds would be used to buy the properties.

The bill stipulates that after title to a minimum park area of 20,000 cares is vested in the Federal Government the area would be set aside for the "benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States," Ward said, adding the park area would "be within 200 miles of 21,000,000 persons."

The measure authorizes Congress to appropriate $1,500,000 to match funds from outside sources that might be donated to purchase the lands.

Not more than twenty-five per cent of the proposed park would be located on the western side of the bays named, Ward explained, and none of it would be located within the corporate limits of Rehoboth Beach, Del.; Bethany Beach, Del.; Fenwick Island, Del.; Ocean City, Md. or Chincoteague, Va.

Height of Chimneys

Height plays a considerable part in the efficiency of a chimney, many authorities maintain. For this reason, chimney heights of 30 to 35 feet as a minimum are recommended. Any arbitrary minimums must be considered in the light of local conditions, however, as overhanging trees, the height of the chimney above the roof, and strong prevalent winds can cause disturbance in the draft action.

Some foreign cooks improve the flavor of beef kidneys by running a red-hot skewer into the veins.

A good wrinkle when cleaning the carpet sweeper, is to empty the sweeper on a damp piece of newspaper.

Little cones of green peas alternating with cones of hashed carrots make an attractive garnish for fillet of beef.

STILL POND

Sunday evneing Services based on Four, Fold, Life, Digest of the physical mental, social and spiritual, chapters of Danforth's book "I Dare You," Characters: Audrey May Harper, Jack Walters, John Harper, Harry C. Hendrickson.

Mr. W. L. Ford, spent Tuesday in Denton, Md.

Mr. Milton Hogans, of Camp Meade, is visiting several days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Atwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks celebrated their wedding anniversary on the 13th, while Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Meeks, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on the 20th.

Mrs. Bidwell has returned home after spending several weeks with her neice, Dr. and Mrs. Sterling, in Church Hill, Queen Annes County.

The Covered dish luncheon held at the church Monday evening was quite a success.

Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Walters and Jack attended the funeral of Mr. Walters' brother, Mr. Samuel Colton Walters, near Galena, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis and family of Delaware, spent the week end at their home "Elmwood Farm" near here.

Mrs. Josephine Taylor, of Baltimore, visited friends and relatives here the past week.

Mr. F. B. Harper was a Philadelphia visitor Wednesday.

Mr. Wm. Medders and Mr. Walter Davis, were among those from here who attended the Inauguration in Washington, Monday, spending the week end with Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Robnison.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Massey are moving to Baltimore. We surely will miss these kind friends, from our town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, of Baltimore, were week end guests with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford.

Several of the tiny tots are housed with the chicken pox.

We are glad to report Mrs. B. R. Fellows improving and sorry to know Mr. Besse is quite ill at his home near here.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson returned from a two weeks' vacation trip, South, Saturday.

Still Pond school resumed session Friday after being closed Thursday on account of the ice storm.

Mr. L. W. Ford and daughter, Ann Dudley, were guests of relatives in Baltimore, Sunday.

Mrs. Boulden and Miss Pearl Coleman were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks, Sunday.

The Womans Society of Christian Service will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, January 28th at the church. Hostess for the evening Mrs. John Boulden, Mrs. Geary, Miss Louisa Travers and Miss Pennington.

Mrs. Thomas Mann and daughter, Theresa, and Mrs. N. V. Walters, visited in Baltimore this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Medders had as their guest Thursday, Mrs. W. W. Richardson, of Dover, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Stant, of Townsend, Del., spent Sunday with their friends Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper.

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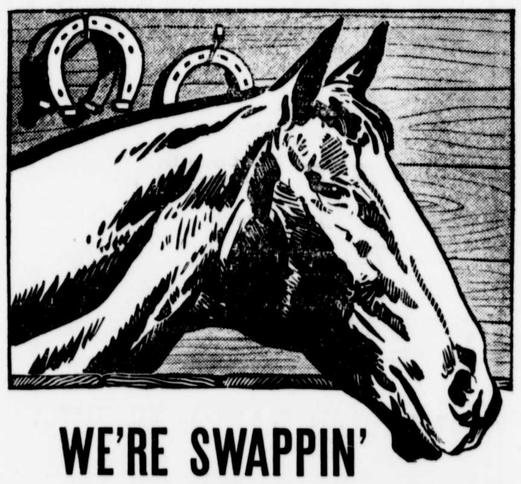

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