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AVIATION AND THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

OVER in LeMans, France, facing a spacious plaza, stands one of the most unusual statues in Europe. It is a memorial to two men from Dayton, O.—the Wright brothers, inventors of the aeroplane.

This memorial tells in carved stone the history of aviation and symbolizes man's age-old yearning for flight. On the base is carved the story of Icarus, Greek youth of legend, who sought to soar on wings of wax. He flew so high that the heat of the sun melted his wings and he fell to his death—the first martyr to the science of aviation, albeit in mythology.

The myth of Icarus demonstrates the Greek ignorance of natural science. They did not know that the higher one soars the colder it gets and that wax wings would melt sooner on the earth's surface than at high altitudes.

But the myth, as retold by the sculptor, emphasizes the centuries-old desire of human beings to fly.

The statue is dedicated to all who have given their lives to the progress of aviation, from Icarus to the fighting fliers of the war.

The statue is topped by a beautifully carved figure of a nude man, with head upturned to the heavens and arms outstretched to the sky, representing in every muscle and in expression an age-old yearning to rise into the altitudes.

The statue combines all the rare interpretative ability of the French with a fine tribute to the American inventors of the aeroplane—the first to realize one of humanity's oldest ambitions.

There are few statue memorials to the Wright brothers in the United States, one being located at Dayton, I believe. But there are memorials other than those of marble and bronze.

The United States has honored the Wright brothers by developing aviation to a point where all records are held today by United States aviators.

America not only made the first aeroplane. They were the first to cross the Atlantic. They hold the altitude record, the non-stop flight record, the refueling flight record, the speed record.

And now Americans are going to pioneer an air route around the world.

If ability to establish all other records and to pioneer all aviation after Icarus counts for anything, Americans will be the first to "circumfly" the globe.

The statue at LeMans is a beautiful, impressive tribute. But the progress in aviation brought about by countrymen of the first fliers is equally expressive as a commemoration.

If the Wright brothers had to choose a memorial, they would prefer a round-the-world flight by Americans to a statue, beautiful as statues can be and are.

In the interest of aerial progress and to symbolize a nation's tribute to the men of Dayton, here is a hope that our intrepid birdmen succeed in the first attempt to fly around the globe.

SHALL WE ROB PETER TO PAY PAUL?

OUR country cannot and should not get along without prosperous agriculture and transportation. We cannot have one prosper and not the other.

A great deal is being written about the welfare of the farmer, and deservedly so, because upon his prosperity depends the prosperity of the country. It sometimes happens that the farmer, for brief and occasional periods, seems to get the best of it, but such a happening is comparatively rare.

The normal state of things is that the farmer is the "under dog," with little redress for his wrongs. Farmers invest more capital, take more chances of losing, and work harder than almost any other producer.

It is the product of his labor which makes up the bulk of our trade and which furnishes the basis of life, prosperity and happiness.

Hence it is with no prejudice against the farmer that attention is called to the existence of other problems equally in need of correction.

The farmer, and the public as well, have a fashion of blaming all the trouble upon railroad freight rates. There is no doubt that a reduction of 75 per cent in freight rates would be of temporary material benefit to the farmer.

So would breaking open the bank vaults of the country and dividing up their contents in the country regions. But then what?

Prosperity of the country is just as surely dependent upon prompt and reliable transportation as it is upon prosperity for the farmer. It would be altogether unwise to attempt to purchase prosperity for the farmer by the impossible method of bankrupting the railroads.

It is almost impossible for a congress to keep its nose on the grindstone while keeping its ear on the ground.—Easton (Pa.) Express.

Congress is not easily discouraged. It keeps on passing laws in an effort to find some that will work.—Stuebenville (O.) Herald-Star.

We have a liberal party in America, too. He is the gentleman who handles the expenditure of the public's money.—Oklahoma City Times.

It is suggested that Oklahoma be given back to the Indians, but that won't do. We are trying to civilize the Indians.—Fort Worth Press.

When there is no revision, the taxpayers perish.—Orange Leader.

Hot air rises. In campaign years it rises to absurd heights.—Erie Times.

TORRANCE NOTES: Mrs. L. B. Ready has moved to South Walker street, San Pedro. Mrs. J. H. Fitzhugh and Mrs. T. B. McArroy attended a musical Wednesday evening given by the Woman's club of Azusa.

Mrs. Floyd Evans of Portola avenue is recovering from a recent illness. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bradford and family, of Cabrillo avenue, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black at Vista Highlands.

Dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest J. Young were Mr. and Mrs. Foster L. Sexton of Seal Beach and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Sexton of Anaheim.



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C. A. Paxman, affable man and prominent hardware dealer, got off at the start with the town of Torrance. Both have gone strong ever since, but they have not finished. No, indeed, Paxman and this thriving city keep right on the track of progress, always forging ahead and doing things, one for the other.

Mr. Paxman is a native Vermonter. He was born not sixty miles from the birthplace of "Cal" Coolidge, our President. He had the advantages of an upbringing on a Vermont farm, and when he arrived at manhood he prepared himself for the electrical trade. After spending eight years in New York city he settled in Hartford, Conn. From this latter place he made a trip to California for "a vacation," but he never returned to New England. The Union Tool Co., then in its infancy, had heard of his abilities as a craftsman, and so they reached out and "grabbed" him for service. He spent some time with that company in installing machinery, and henceforth began his business career in this city, first six years in the electrical trade and for the past seven years in conducting a hardware store of no less than one hundred per cent service. And he is still doing things at his busy establishment in El Prado street, serving a large clientele and never forgetting for a moment the interest of the city that he has come to regard so highly.

The Paxman store is strongly suggestive of dependable wares, of the best of qualities. They specialize in builders' hardware, carry all kinds of shelf hardware, paints, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, and every other first class articles that is to be found in the well regulated hardware establishment. Home trading is adequately served in this serviceable house.

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