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POEMS THAT LIVE FOREVER

"LOVE ONCE WAS LIKE AN APRIL DAWN"

Love once was like an April dawn: Song throbb'd within the heart by rote, And every tint of rose or fawn Was greeted by a joyous note. How eager was my thought to see Into that morning mystery!

Love now is like an August noon, No spot is empty of its shine; The sun makes silence seem a boon, And not a voice so dumb as mine. Yet with what words I'd welcome thee Couldst thou return, dear mystery!

—Robert Underwood Johnson.

ONLY OF THEE AND ME

Only of thee and me the night wind sings, Only of us the sailors speak at sea, The earth is filled with wonder'd whisperings Only of thee and me.

Only of thee and me the breakers chant, Only of us the stir in bush and tree; The rain and sunshine tell the eager plant Only of thee and me.

Only of thee and me, till all shall fade; Only of us the whole world's thoughts can be— For we are Love, and God Himself is made Only of thee and me.

—Louis Untermeyer.

WHO'S WHO IN THE NEWS

WHEN friends and supporters of Representative William D. Upshaw of Georgia arrived in New York to continue their boom for him as a vice-presidential possibility at the Democratic convention, he stood in the unique position of having previously run for nomination for that office at one convention this year. Upshaw stood second in the balloting for the vice-presidential choice of the "American party," which met in Columbus early in June. That organization, among other things, intends to co-operate with the Ku Klux Klan.

Upshaw has long been an active supporter of the Anti-Saloon League and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, is vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and has become known to thousands of people during a career of thirty years on the lecture platform. He has defeated the old-line candidates in three elections in his district in Georgia.

Confederate Soldier's Son

Upshaw, the son of a Confederate veteran, was born in Georgia. In one of his lectures he declared that his earliest ambition was to go to Congress, and that as a boy on his father's farm he was accustomed to make speeches to "a top-eared mule" as he did his plowing. While working on a farm in Cobb county, at the age of 18, he fell from a wagon and sustained a spinal injury that made him a cripple for life. He used his next few years of enforced idleness in dictating an inspirational volume, published under the title of "Echoes From a Recluse."

After being bedridden and in almost constant pain for seven years, Upshaw recovered sufficiently, first, to travel in a wheelchair, and later to get about on crutches. For five or six years he made a living on the lecture platform, and then, at 31, entered Mercer University at Macon, Ga.

Hits Congress Wets

The most dramatic incident in Upshaw's congressional career was his "thirteen-minute speech" in December, 1922, in which he charged that violations of the prohibition laws were so common in official Washington that there was actually an "official House of Representatives bootlegger."

Upshaw is billed in his campaign literature as the "moral leader of political America." In his own statement he points to "the assurance from every part of the country that, irrespective of party lines, my name on the ticket would make a strong appeal to the forces of that righteousness which exalteth a nation."

TALKS BY THOSE WHO THINK

"WOMEN, choose your places in one of the big parties. There is your place. Take a higher position in politics, that an approach to ideal citizenship for both men and women of the United States be secured."

So pleaded Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, noted suffrage worker, in a recent speech on the Pacific Coast. "I myself have not been able conscientiously to choose either party," she said, "but I am convinced that the only way to get our ideals into politics is through the administration of our citizens' vote in party politics."

Until this time Mrs. Catt had advocated nonpartisanship for women.

"If we women are honest," she went on impressively, "we will have to admit that very few of us are qualified to take high positions or even to enter seriously into politics. The men that are there are probably as incompetent as women, but they know the tricks better. But now is the time when the straight game is de-

manded. Let us eliminate our provincialism and narrowness of view. Let us never fail to vote and let us do more than merely help to elect men to administer government. Policies and politics now are as essential as administration of government, for they are the means to the end and have been neglected by women far too long.

"I sometimes have to pinch myself to make me realize what women the world over have attained since 1914," she said. "Certainly in all history no change so fundamental has been achieved in so brief a time. Women now vote on equal terms with men in twenty-six countries and have municipal suffrage in half of the nations of the world. The latest victories are municipal suffrage for women in Spain, the most conservative country in Europe, and in the city of Constantinople, and full suffrage in the province of Mysore, India. Thus Catholic, Mohammedan and Hindu lands have caught step with the now unchallenged world-around emancipation of a sex."

"To think war is to have war. To think peace is to have peace. I set out to awaken the American public to a point where it would think, talk and write peace. I believe the peace award has brought about such an interest and that it has been echoed abroad."

Thus did Edward W. PEACE Bok, donor of the \$50,000 Bok Peace PLAN Award, sum up recently the results of the peace plan contest won by Dr. Charles H. Levermore of Brooklyn. "I believe the result of the discussion of peace that followed the award is best shown by the peace resolutions adopted by almost all religious conventions this year," said Bok. "Peace is being discussed everywhere in America."

Wide Interest in Contest Abroad. "Abroad the interest in peace is visualized in the large number of peace plans that are being submitted in a similar award contest inaugurated by Edward A. Filene of Boston, in which competition is limited to residents of Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, and Belgium."

Bok said he believes the American public will insist on action at the next session of the Senate on the World Court resolutions sent to that body by President Harding, with reservations by Secretary Hughes, and that action will be favorable.

"The adoption of the resolutions will not imperil our own sovereignty. We must line up with the other nations of the world to adjudicate the world's problems."

England Ahead in Literature. Turning to literature, he said the standard of American literature is ascending, but still behind that of Great Britain, with its Kipling and Galsworthy and others. Bok is a director of the Curtis Publishing Company.

Gleanings From Life's Book

By CLARK KINNARD

SHAVIAN SHAVINGS

IT would be difficult to find a subject on which George Bernard Shaw has no opinion. The ready wit of the greatest living dramatist in English is poured out on any provocation or none.

His plays are sprinkled with pungent epigrams. Here is some of the Shavian philosophy:

In Heaven an angel is nobody in particular. The only real tragedy in life is the being used by personally-minded men for purposes which you know to be base. All the rest is at worst mere misfortune or mortality; this alone is misery, slavery, hell on earth.

This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap-heap; the being a force of Nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.

Leave it to the poor to pretend that poverty is a blessing; leave it to the coward to make a religion of his cowardice by preaching humility.

Women do not mind ill-usage so much, because the strongest position for a woman is that of a victim.

When you read a biography, remember that the truth is never fit for publication.

The ideal wife is one who does everything that the ideal husband likes, and nothing else.

The world scraps its old steam engines and dynamos, but not its old prejudices, its old moralities, its old religions, and its old political constitutions.

Masters and servants are both tyrannical; but the masters are the more dependent of the two.

Of all the idealist abominations that make society pestiferous, I doubt if there be any so mean as that of forcing self-sacrifice on a woman under the pretense that she likes it; and if she ventures to contradict the pretense, declaring her no true woman.

The old habit of worshipping madmen is giving way to the new habit of locking them up; but the idiot who sells his soul for money is still adored.

Shaw recently engaged in a verbal fight with G. K. Chesterton in defense of American complaints of lack of variety at the English breakfast table. Chesterton declared:

"Breakfasts are uncommon in the United States. Americans sleep in hot houses and awake so thirsty they are obliged to devour quantities of fresh fruit and drink gallons of water and alcohol. That is not breakfast. If there is one glorious thing in England which must never die, it is the breakfast of bacon and eggs."

Back came Shaw: "Why bacon? Do Jews never enjoy breakfast? Methuselah could hardly have been expected to go on eating pigs and pullets every morning for 969 years. If Chesterton had attacked buckwheat cakes and molasses, instead of fruit, I should have been in sympathy."

OUCH!

One morning at breakfast Maria asked her mistress if she might get off next Sunday to attend her brother's funeral. Of course, even if special company had been invited, brother's funerals had to be attended, and permission was reluctantly granted.

After Maria's mistress got upstairs, however, she remembered that it was Tuesday and wondered what Maria was trying to put over on her. So she went down to the kitchen to find out.

"See here, Maria," she said, "you say your brother isn't going to be buried until Sunday? Today's Tuesday!" "Yas'm," said Maria, mournfully, "but dey ain't gwine hang him till Friday!"

SPOTLIGHTS

ON SPORT

By JACK KEENE

Ten years ago George Stallings, as "The Miracle Man" of the Braves and the conqueror of the mighty Athletics, was riding on the top of the baseball world. After his conquests that year he stepped out of the big show and broke into the International League's magnanimous family as owner of the Rochester club. He then had rosy visions of making that team a winner.

Jack Dunn, owner of the Baltimore Orioles, had hogged the glory and cream in the league for several seasons. Stallings conducted a determined campaign to oust the Orioles from the lead. Last year he landed second to Dunn's team, which capped its fifth straight flag. And this seemed to be Stallings' big year. He had hopes last spring of leading his outfit to a pennant.

Now the team has gone blooie. The Orioles are still in the lead by several furlongs. Stallings hasn't given up hope yet, however. He still recalls that season of 1914, when the Braves entered July in last place and then climbed to the top and the world's championship.

Six collegiate championships in a college sport up to the University of Illinois over the 1923-24 seasons. The title was divided one in three sports. The Illini boys won the undisputed championship in track, golf and tennis and finished in a tie for the title in football and wrestling. Which is a fair year's work.

Johnny Morrison, Pirate pitcher, expresses the opinion that the use of older balls by pitchers, due to modification of the rules governing the throwing out of discolored spheres, has already proved a great tip to curve ball pitchers, and the next effect will be to revive the style of delivery. Young pitchers will now have an incentive to work on their curve and make it their main stock in trade, he says.

This sounds logical. And an increase in curve ball pitching will do much to cut down the wholesale clotting, without a doubt. This change will be welcomed by the fans who still feel that free and easy fouling is robbing the game of much of its interest and romance.

There were some who were skeptical of the wisdom of trading Whaley, Root and Durst to Los Angeles for one young and diminutive pitcher when Manager Sigler of the Browns pulled out that deal. But Sigler's judgment has been sustained by Lyon's work. He is now one of Sigler's dependables.

Cleveland fans are becoming a bit more optimistic these days as the Indians climb out of their slump and the rear end of the league race. Those three out of four victories from New York not only gave the team the encouragement it needed, but showed that the pitchers and batters are hitting their stride again.

Young Joe Shaute is easily the star of the team right now. The one danger he faces is that of being overworked.

When Riggs Stephenson, ball-murdering second baseman, is able to resume his place again regularly, watch the outfit climb.

It's hard to believe that the Cardinals, with Branch Rickey at their head, Roger Hornsby as the mainspring, and several good ball players in their lineup, are struggling to keep a couple of steps away from last place in the National League scramble. Even the lowly Phils have handed them a couple of knocks.

Luis Firpo demands, as part of the agreement which he demands for a fight with Harry Wills, that he be allowed to name his own referee.

Ordinarily requests to bring along a hand-picked referee should be laughed off the table. The reason is because such a request is made with a view of protecting the boxer interested in case the fight should "look bad" for him.

In Firpo's case, however, he seems partially justified in making this demand. The third man in the ring in Firpo's battle with Jack Dempsey has been criticised for his failure to act on several occasions. Dempsey, for one thing, was permitted to stand over Firpo when the Argentine was floored and strike the latter before he had time to get in a position to defend himself.

When Dempsey was assisted into the ring after being knocked out of it by Firpo, the latter's friends raised the question as to whether or not Dempsey should be disqualified to accept that aid. The referee ignored their pleas.

Harry Hempstead, who recently disposed of his interest in the New York Giants, says he enjoys a game very much these days when he gets time to see one in the metropolis. Imagine he would enjoy a game more when he didn't have to keep one eye on the turnstile to see how the expenses and receipts were running.

Quintin Romero Rojas, Chilean heavy, failed to knock out the awkward Joe Stoesel the other night. Quintin's punk showing against Floyd Johnson, and then Joe, just about spells the finish for the South American as far as this summer is concerned.

In the Western Association he worked 322 innings. This number was far above that turned in by any other flinger in the Western or any other minor league of that rank. In the major leagues only George Uhle worked a greater number. The Cleveland pitcher was on the mound for 358 innings.

Voight's record, coupled with his sturdy build, his easy pitching motion and his assortment of stuff, convinced the Brown bosses that he must have the makings, when the Giants finally decided he would not do. Now McGraw's opinion seems to be borne out.

McGraw gave Voight his first tryout in the spring of 1921. He gave him a few pointers and then turned him over to San Antonio. Voight seemed to get better, and so McGraw recalled him at the close of the season, only to send him out for more seasoning in 1922. Recalled again, he was sent to Denver, where he made his brilliant record last season.

He has been a the minors five years. There is little likelihood now that he will break into the big show.

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