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PATRIOTISM.

A false patriotism, which always has prevailed, is the real basis of the present great war, as it has been of most others.

What we call patriotism, and which we are accustomed to idealize as one of the noblest qualities, began in the patriarchal family, extended to the tribe, and broadened to the nation; and this is as far as it has gone.

The patriotism which is bounded by national border lines, while often calling forth almost godlike devotion, is in reality one of the narrowest and cruellest forces in the world. It is the cause not only of most wars, but of constant jealousies and enmities; and it is one of the greatest obstacles to broader human progress.

Patriotism, as fostered by governments, is a monster that must now and then be fed with human blood lest he perish from lack of sustenance, and must be kept drunk on hates lest he come to his senses.

The youngest, the bravest, the best, dying by countless thousands—for what? They do not know. They have only the shibboleth, "Patriotism."

Such patriotism is worse than a failure. Civilization is having a hard time these days trying to appear consistent and logical and to read God's mind. Each nation reads His mind and interprets His will in a different way, according to the different nations' selfish desires and jealousies.

Who knows whether God is laughing at the maddened millions of insane murderers, or weeping with the wives and children at home? In any event, He knows that such patriotism is a mockery and a delusion and a snare.

This great war will not have been in vain, if it results in broadening patriotism beyond national border lines and making it stand for high principle instead of the selfish interests of communities. Many believe that this will be the last great war. If so, it will be by reason of a tremendous change in the character of patriotism.

SEEING OVER THE PHONE.

An Englishman has invented an apparatus by which it is possible to see over the telephone. It is doubtless an excellent and wonderful contrivance, but we hope it won't ever come into use in Salem.

It's all very fine to see the person at the other end of the wire; but just reflect that that person will also see you. Suppose you're bawling out the exchange girl because you can't get your number. Do you want her to cut in suddenly with the question, "Say, mister, are you really as grouchy as you look?" Suppose you're explaining to your wife that you've got so much work to do at the office, you can't come home for dinner; and friend wife coolly remarks, "Very well, dear; but you don't LOOK busy—your face isn't at all convincing." And suppose you're a woman, and when the bell rings you rush to the phone regardless of uncombed hair and negligee—

No, it won't do. One of the chief values of the telephone is that it enables us to talk to people without showing our faces. We're all good poker players over the phone. When wires have eyes, there will be too many bluffs called.

Villa certainly keeps everybody guessing, as he develops some new trait of character every day. Classed as a bandit he is also said to be a warm personal friend of Major General Scott. Called illiterate, he proposes to educate all the orphans made by the Mexican war. Designated as a scheming politician, he offers to eliminate himself and stand aside for any president the Mexicans may agree on. So far Villa seems to be the straightest man prominent in Mexican affairs in some years. He has been given a bad reputation by the Mexicans, but this, by the way, should speak well for him to civilized folks.

We have heard several reasons expressed as to why it is so delightful to have lots of money, and as the opinions came largely from newspaper men, it is fair to presume they were only talking in a theoretical way. The greatest and best use of money is said to be the ability it gives one to relieve distress and help the poor. It is easily worked out from this why the fraternity should have plenty of it. If they got the money, there would no danger of it not going "to aid the poor."

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There is a demand from all parts of the United States for Belgians. Here is another case of the supply and demand both being large but unable to get together. No doubt there are hundreds of thousands of Belgians who would like to come over and be of us but who have not the price, and we under the law, cannot send it to them.

The department of agriculture says skunks are the foe of caterpillars. This indicates that the lowly caterpillar has the sense of smell somewhat developed. At the same time it is hardly worth one's while to put up with the skunks in order to get rid of the crawlers, as the latter are anyway and every way preferable.

The paymaster general of the navy has suggested to letter writers that they should never write letters unless they have something to say. Very good advice, but if followed generally there would be a tremendous falling off in the sale of fancy stationery and a big deficit in the postal department.

When the war started there was talk of trying to localize it. Now it has spread to Asia, Africa and the oceans, and the only place where it is not going on, or liable to at any time, is the western continent. Even here it is only three miles off shore, and according to some reports, not that far.

In Mexico there are so many revolutions going on at once that it is difficult to distinguish them. If there is any real government there and some one would point it out and identify it, it would be a boon not only to President Wilson but to innumerable American editors.

In eliminating the expenses of congressmen and diplomats visiting the Panama canal at the formal opening the difference of six cents is made in the allowance for the latter. Nobody has yet explained the why of the difference, but someone suggests it is to pay for grape juice.

Recent statistics show we bought \$150,000,000 more stuff from Latin America last year than we sold it. This ought to make our southern neighbors rather like us and at the same time, so long as they cannot buy elsewhere, patronize us.

The name of the Russian general Rennenkampf is said to mean "running battle," and from the way he is being treated the czar evidently did not like the direction he was running.

A small nugget of gold has been found in the crop of a Maryland chicken, and by a person who does not know a brass tack from the real placer gold. "Everything that glistens" is gold if it is in a chicken's crop.

A Chicago woman is accused of habitually running down men with her automobile. She is a suffragette, and has adopted a quick method of getting rid of those "disreputable men."

The time for celebrating the centennial of the treaty of Ghent is almost here, but the treaty has been so badly shot to pieces lately that there is not enough of it left to hold a celebration over.

Now that the railroads have permission to advance freight rates, it will be interesting to watch developments—or the lack of them.

THE ROUND-UP

Treasurers of Washington county, after going over the county budget with the commissioners at a meeting called for that purpose, have asked for the striking out of expense items amounting to \$75,000.

The Men's club, a resort for the unfortunate and which includes a free employment agency, is said to be filling a long felt want at Salem. Fifty meals were served on opening day and 17 lodgers were accommodated.

Wasco county's commissioners have joined the tax reducers, with a levy of 14.2 mills, a 2.05 decrease. Union county is also to enjoy a reduction of 1.4, which leaves the levy at 11 mills, due to higher valuation and a lower budget.

Cottage Grove is going after the reputation of being one of the prettiest and cleanest cities in the state during 1915. At the annual meeting of the Commercial club a civic improvement committee was appointed to have the work in charge.

Roseburg, the home of the turkey, reports an abundance of that Christmas bird, and at prices the same as at Thanksgiving.

Portland has 376 saloons, but this number will probably be reduced next Thursday at 2 to 10. All saloons that do not have their application and money in by that time will close automatically January 1.

Mrs. Anna Layton, a pioneer of 1847 and 75 years old, died at her home in Tillamoth December 15.

Eleven divorces were granted in Portland Saturday. The plaintiff in each case was the wife.

In a suit in Portland caused by an auto truck running into and killing a bull, the jury decided that no damages could be recovered because "the bull displayed no lights."

Horse vs. Auto

My good old trusty mare, named Myrtle, which is my cart I daily hitch, was never accused of turning turtle and dumping people in the ditch. She's always prompt to do my bidding, though from a well-filled manger corn, and I have never seen her skidding because her tires were badly worn. She has a dozen, daily and she's safe and sane and city broke; she doesn't honk like bughouse gooses, or fill the air with noxious smoke.

Along her stately way proceeding, she calmly hits her eight-mile gait, and nothing tempts her into speeding; she always keeps her head on straight. Along the road she doesn't thunder with roar and shriek and dust and steam; as nothing breaks, I don't crawl under to fix her with a monkey wrench. I take my nephews and my nieces for pleasant drives, when day is over; we all come home, but not in pieces, our fragments piled upon a door. And then my good old nag adores me, and when I think I'll buy a car, my busy conscience up and scores me and give me quite a savage jar.

ORDER ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Catholic Order of Foresters of Sublimity held their annual election at their hall in that place last Thursday night and elected the following officers: Chief Ranger, F. A. Zimmerman; Vice Chief Ranger, Miles Kinta; Recording Sec., Henry Steinkamp; Treasurer, F. J. Riesters; Speaker, Daniel Kinta; Financial Sec., John Zaher; Trustee, Phil Meyer; Delegate to the State Convention, Chas. Hoffinger; Alternate, F. A. Bell; Banner Carrier, John Heibinger; Alternato, Michael Benedict.

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PASSING OF A PIONEER.

W. H. U. Darby, who died at his home in this city Saturday night, was born in Jackson county, Missouri, August 7, 1840. His father and mother were born in Maryland, moved from there to Kentucky, and later to Missouri, where they reared a family of ten children, two of whom are still living, to-wit: Mrs. Mattie McKinney, of Turner, Oregon, and John Darby, of Eldorado Springs, Missouri.

Mr. Darby's mother's maiden name was Ruth Vices, who was born on Washington's birthday in 1800. Mr. Darby crossed the plains in 1861-62, arriving at Willamette valley in the fall of 1862. He worked in Sublimity and attended school there until 1866, when he became a member of the firm of McKinney & Whitney Co., doing a general mercantile business at Aumsville and Turner until 1873. The company handled their goods from Portland, Ore., by team. In 1873 he purchased a farm in the Waldo Hills, where he lived until 10 years ago, when he moved to Salem, where he had lived a retired life unto his death, December 19, 1914.

While in business at Aumsville, he became acquainted with and married Jennie Mappin, on September 2, 1866. To this union were born two boys—William F. Darby, of Queen's Creek, Arizona, and John Darby, who runs the home farm in the Waldo Hills. April 24, 1870, this mother passed away, and on October 6, 1872, he was married to Lyle M. Read, of Turner, to which union was born six children—Mrs. Belle S. Cross, deceased; Mrs. Laura M. Cross, of Vancouver, Wash.; R. L. Darby, of Gladvale, Oregon; Mrs. Bertha M. Logan, of La Grande, Oregon; Dr. W. H. Darby, of Salem, and Mrs. Belle L. Starns, of Toppenish, Wash. On July 26, 1884, this mother passed away, and on May 19, 1892, he was married to Mary Rankin, of Shaw, Oregon, to which union there were no children born.

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