that will never be forgotten in the lives of those men and women who felt that the city and the Americans of the community had for once recognized them and reached out a warm hand with a grip of welcome and with smiles had spoken tender felicitations.

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Another reception to those who have been naturalized during the year of 1922 will take place at the municipal auditorium on Washington's birthday this year.

Judge Kanzler, who was chairman of the day last year, has again been chosen to direct the plans for the reception and program this year and the public interest already manifest is a criterion that there will be a mass attendance on this occasion. It was confidently hoped that Mr. Raymond F. Crest, Commissioner of Naturalization, would have been able to be present at the reception, but a letter just received expresses his regrets that he will be unable to attend.

Invitations are to be extended to all those who have been naturalized since last February 22nd, asking them to be present among those who are to be honored on this day and publicly welcomed into citizenship. Every one who became naturalized last year and values citizenship should arrange to be present. He might learn to prize his citizenship higher after the 22nd of February.

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A city wide survey, in effect a census of the foreign born people of this city is being conducted this month under the direct charge of the director and the field secretary. In this survey more than one thousand women have given their time as volunteer census takers and marked results have already been shown on the part of the foreign born who are coming to the Council's office for friendly advice and help. Particularly gratifying is the interest in American language education manifest by the foreign born and their desire to study America's institutions in government which eventually will enable many of them to take the examination for citizenship.

A heavy enrollment in the night schools is confidently looked for as a result of the survey. This increase would be much greater if the budget for the public night schools would permit of opening additional public schools for night classes in the outlying districts and suburban neighborhoods.

The Portland budget for Public Night Schools is $7000.00. A slight increase in this budget might be made if attendance in the schools now open should warrent the establishment of additional classes.

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A plan for a statewide Americanization movement was inaugurated more than two years ago by former Governor Ben W. Olcott. These plans, however, never materialized. An Americanization commission for the state, with men willing to tackle a real live job, should have a wholesome influence in the promotion of intelligent citizenship among the foreign born and to remove the stigma of illiteracy from this fair state.

A woman who creates and sustains a home, and under whose hands children grow up to be strong and pure men and women, is a creator second only to God.

SEEKING THE LOST BACKBONE OF HUMANITY

IN OFEG'S DITTIES, by Ola Hanson, is the following pretty little story of the man who went out in search of that human quality we have come to describe as the "backbone" of man. This little ditty reads, in translation from Swedish, as follows:

One summer night as the full moon rose, I wandered into the forest. In an open glade between the alders I found the God of Time napping in the pearly moonshine.

"What seek you in the wood at this late hour?" asked he; "you appear apprehensive and your eyes are full of fear."

"I seek help for humanity," I replied; "the races are listless, faint-hearted and heedless. If they are unconcerned, it is from apathy. If they are fearless it is from fatalism. If they are strong, it is resignation. I seek for the witchwort, whose sap alone can give to mankind the lust of existence; joy in the simple fact of living; make the feet of humanity light and their spirit bright; create great dreams and incite to great deeds. **I seek the backbone of humanity, which has been lost to it."**

The God lay silent, gazing out into the expanse of endless space that sparkled in the mystery before him. It seemed to me he was smiling, but suddenly I saw him knit his brow into a frown. And from afar there came a rumbling through the wood, and darkness fell upon us. The rumbling rolled nearer and nearer and the darkness grew more dense. From the gloom came the fantastic shadow play of indistinct forms; the rumbling became growling as of many beasts, and suddenly the growling turned to the baying of hounds and I saw many hundred pairs with red, gleaming eyes rushing toward me. Instantly I stood on guard and gripped the knife in my belt. Then I heard some one chuckle softly beside me; chuckle mirthfully and heartily but quietly. And the bay of the hounds became hushed, the gloom lightened, the wood about me stood silently in the moonlit summer night, and in the open glade amongst the alders lay the Time God chuckling.

"When the time comes," he said, "when mankind comes seeking for the magic wort, as you have done, then will I conjure forth the great terror. THEN the races will draw their knives from their belts and stiffen their backs—just as you did but a little while ago—and find again their lost backbone.

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law and order. These people do not have the faintest conception of what government with the consent of the governed mean. It is from this element that the agitator comes. You can hear them bellow and mouthing on street corners their theories of a Karl Marx or a Lenin and the dream of the dictatorship of the proletariat, attacking the very institutions which give them the liberty to express themselves.

As Americans we have been lax in the past. We have permitted these millions to come and have raised but little objection. Each immigrant as he enters America should be compelled to register when he enters and once a year until he becomes a naturalized citizen; if within a certain period he does not become a citizen then he should be sent back to the country from which he came. We should have a required standard of education for citizenship. We should have but one language—the English. Foreign groups should be compelled to give way to American groups.

The problem is one in which we can all participate for the betterment of conditions. The Americanization Council is working along right lines. Other organizations are doing their bit.