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ROSEBURG, OREGON, APRIL 18, 1922.

GASSING FARM ENEMIES.

Poison gas is being turned to the purposes of peace. The department of agriculture is now experimenting with various kinds of gas as a means of destroying noxious insects, animals and birds. The chemical warfare service has used phosgene on rats in Porto Rico, with evident success. The gas, liberated at the entrance to a hole, flows down the hole and suffocates the rat just as gas suffocated men in the trenches. The gas game is said to be used successfully in killing the worm known as the peach tree borer, being buried, in solid form, in the earth around the tree, where it catches the worms as they hatch out. Other heavier-than-air gases are being tried on prairie dogs, ground squirrels and woodchucks. A test is to be made, probably with chlorine, on the destructive blackbirds of the Imperial valley in California. The plan is to overwhelm them with a gas cloud at night while they are roosting in the marshes. Other plans contemplate the slaughter of grasshoppers, locusts, etc., by similar clouds, used precisely as the gas was used against hostile armies. It is a hopeful adaptation of destructive weapons to constructive purposes, but one to be used with extreme caution. Aside from the danger to the wielder of the weapon, there is the same objection to gas in peace as in war—it is likely to kill noncombatants along with enemies. This is true alike of animals, birds and insects. The gas may annihilate them all, the beneficial along with the rest, and often it is difficult to say in which class any particular creature may belong. Many a well-meant effort at riddance of a pest has brought a worse evil, by interfering ignorantly with the fine balance of nature. Any farmer contemplating a gas-cloud assault along his crop front had better wait until the experimenting has gone further.

Lloyd George has declared that although the allies called the Genoa conference, they are not thereby entitled to run it, but every nation, including Russia and Germany, has an equal place. He maintains that an economic conference is not the place for war hatreds. "He has a tough job," says a correspondent, "to surround 34 nations with that atmosphere, but he is going to try his best." If Lloyd George can put over that one thing—can make the other 33 nations realize that they must "park their razors at the door" and sit down to work as business men engaged on the solution of business problems for the good of the business of all present, not as warring and prejudiced nationals, he will have accomplished the great purpose of the conference. If the nations of the world will stop fussing long enough to learn how to co-operate with each other in running the business of the world with some degree of efficiency and common sense, a great step forward will have been made in the progress of human civilization.

There are now 115,000 miles of paved or surfaced highways in the United States—more than there are or ever were in any other country in the world. They have all been built, too, within comparatively few years. When the system provided for in the federal highway act is completed, the agricultural department reports, the improved mileage will amount to 180,000 miles. The process will keep right on, with accelerating speed, establishing new trunk lines across the continent and up and down, in a transportation system of ever growing fineness and durability. Imagine all this network of good roads swept away—the condition in which it would leave the country and the inevitable deterioration that would follow. Good roads are civilization. There has never been a high state of civilization without dependable transportation routes connecting every locality with each other, and still less will there ever be hereafter. You can measure modern human progress pretty accurately by its road-building.

An architectural writer in McCall's magazine blithely assures the would-be home owner that there are many little things he can do to help along the building of his own home, thus hastening the job and reducing the expense. It's fine and sensible and typically American advice—but does it work? The House Beautiful has another idea. In a recent "View From Our Front Porch" a homeowner tells what happened when he tried this kind of thing. If he drove a few nails or attempted to sweep up a few shavings, or to hand a tool to the plumber, every union man on the place stopped work at once. He couldn't work on his own house, even at the simplest and most unskilled of tasks, because he didn't belong to the union. That is the kind of thing that puts the unions in bad with intelligent people. There was the case, last year, for example, of the man who could not paint his own porch. If unions want to become popular, and stay so, with thinking people, they must eliminate some of these foolishnesses.

In the governorship race it is quite likely there will be other issues aside from the taxation bugaboo. Published reports from various parts of the state are to the effect that adherents to the Catholic faith and the Ku Klux Klans are going to line up for their individual candidates, the Catholics supporting Olcott and Bean, while the Klansmen claim as their avowed candidate Senator Charles Hall, of Marshfield. Here is where politics and religion will mix in no uncertain tones, and while there are seven republican candidates before the primary election it is quite possible at the final windup five of them will be lost in the dust caused by the above opposing factions. From present indications this year's election will not be so slow as some people would have you think.

We don't know who to thank for this delightful spring weather, but for fear of starting something will refrain from showing our appreciation at this time. Two fine, balmy days in one week, and only two days of the week gone, is a revelation to the natives after a long wet spell.

Feels like the good old summer time.

Prune Pickin's

By Bert G. Bates

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

Some day we fondly hope to meet a couple of women who pronounce Nazimova alike.

DRINKING SONG—PATENT APPLIED FOR.

Oh, give us a drink bartender, bartender!
We love you, as you know,
We want no wine or a bootleg vintage
Or beer of an alley brew.

But give us a drink of good red soda, Red Soda!
Grape pop will do the biz,
So give us a drink of good red soda
And fill it up with fizz.

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love,
but the politicians' fancy lightly turns to who's going to be mayor.

"Ja ever hear that they never hang a man with a wooden leg in Europe?"
"Is that so? How come?"
"They hang 'em with a rope."

"What are the duties of a secretary of war?" asks an asker. We don't know, but apparently it is his duty to keep the other cabinet officers from running away and going into the movies.

SCENERY.

"Well, did you enjoy the scenery on your way to California?"
"I spent the whole five days gazing into the eyes of a girl I met on the train."

What's become of the old-fashioned doctor who didn't try to cut out your tonsils every time you got a sore throat?

"Jack" Dempsey is said to be arranging for a trip to Europe.
"Jack" must have discovered that they stopped fighting over there in 1918.

HERE'S AN OLD ONE.

"Speaking of hens, my dad had some hen. She was a setter and could hatch out anything from a tennis ball to a lemon. Why, one day she sat on a cake of ice and hatched out two quarts of hot water."

That doesn't come up to a knock-kneed hen my mother had. They fed her in one of these "swallow feed" trials. She laid twelve eggs and sat on them. Eleven of the chicks had wooden legs and the twelfth was a woodpecker.

It's a question this year as to whether the farmer is the backbone of the nation or the sparrows.

LEAVE IT TO HER.

The girlish type succeeds the vamp. That is the yipe from fashion's camp.
And so the girl of forty goes To buy herself some girlish clothes. The girlishness? No foolish pup. Need be afraid. She'll eat that up.

As long as a girl don't get angry when called a spinster, you can figure she's not in that class.

"Woman in England raises cats 9 feet tall." Sounds like she'd sowed some wild oats.

THE DIFFERENCE.

"The girl of today has more backbone than the girl of long ago."
"You mean she shows more of it."

Scientists say that the north pole is moving south. Isn't this the only direction in which it could move?

"One Hundred Escape Peril In Great Lakes Storm," says a headline in a Chicago paper. This must be a sample of that cheerful news that everybody is always trying to get the papers to print. We expect to see soon such headlines as:

"Eight Million Couples Not Asking for Divorce."
"Seventeen Banks Not Robbed Today."

"Thousands Have Plenty to Eat."
"Hundred Are Actually Dieting."
"City in No Danger of Heat Wave."

It doesn't make any difference how few or how many years you have lived, if your chief topic of conversation is about your ailments you are old.

A SIGN OF SPRING.

I have not heard a robin sing. Although "it said they're here, but I have felt the same old thing. That with them does appear.

I have not seen a violet. Although I've searched the soil, but I have won again a bet. That I would have a bolt.

And so before I lay aside The weapons of a seer, I must confess I'm satisfied That spring is very near.

CAME OUT AHEAD.

"I notice you frequently carry a medal on your chest."
"I got that medal for running."
"When did you beat?"
"The owner and six policemen."

And just to look at a 12-year-old boy's photograph you would think he was about to be a preacher.

Just debating whether to hand this to the farm and poultry editor, but maybe he'll see it here:
"I want a chicken," said the girl to the butcher.
"Do you want a pullet?"
"No; I want a carry it."

LAFE PERKINS SIZ.

"Nose glasses make some folks look distinguished and some like dandruffs."

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

(Communications sent to the News-Review for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, not exceed 300 words, and the true name of the writer must be made known to this paper, otherwise they will not be considered. It is not necessary that your name appear in print, but as a matter of good faith the author's name must be signed to all articles intended for publication.)

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION.

Umpqua, Ore., April 17, 1922.

Editor News-Review:

Please allow me space in your most valued paper to express my sincere appreciation for the expressions of confidence by friends in your paper and by letter and otherwise, suggesting that I make the race for representative to the legislature, as I feel I would certainly be an ingrate indeed should I fail to acknowledge their most kind solicitations. I will say there did not appear enough demand for me to make the race until it was too late to get out the petition and file same. Then being a farmer, I naturally have no spare time for the cumbersome and expensive methods now employed in getting nominations and elections, making two campaigns for an election, etc., and right here is the initial source of all or at least most of our bad legislation, as it just allows those that live by their wits to frame legislation to their own advantage, of course. I could go on at great length and show how this very method is impoverishing still further those that do all the work and making it more easy for them that do not work at all, only by their wits. I might say that it seems to me that there should not be any good reason why all industries should bear their equal share of taxation and be subject to the same regulations and inspections also. I hope to live to see the day when all sectarian institutions shall be thrown open to public inspection and regulation, and that all public officers will have only one master to serve, that of the people. Yours for better government for nation, state, county, city and precinct.

W. R. VINSON.

TAKES FIRM STAND ON

BEHALF OF CATHOLIC FAITH.

Roseburg, Ore., April 18, 1922.

Editor News-Review:

I read the communication in your paper signed "A Booster," and I think it is high time somebody came to the front to defend the Catholic faith, of which I am proud to be a member. I sincerely trust that your paper is broad enough to publish both sides of the story.

The "ex-nun" or "escaped nun" as Lucretia sometimes calls herself, is surely feathering her nest with the money she is collecting from a public who are all too zealous to turn their ear to the call of scandal. She is wise enough to know that the law cannot restrict her speech as long as she does not attack an individual in her scandalous lies. I will ask the broad-minded people of Roseburg what they would think of their own mother were she to stand up in front of a body of "men only" and say the terrible things this woman says about the Catholic priests. That alone is proof of her character. If the convents were such terrible places, why, I will ask, are there not more escaped nuns? There are, thanks to a kind providence, a majority of these good, virtuous, kindly Sisters who are sincere enough in their belief, that our Holy Church teaches us, to give up all worldly pleasures to devote their entire time to caring for the sick, the unfortunate girls, and even the lepers in the far away leper colonies. These good Sisters will surely reap their reward in heaven if anyone does.

But what of the escaped nun? She has broken her solemn vows, taken before God Almighty, and now her very soul is in the clutches of Satan. She cannot harm the Catholic faith by her lies, but is damning her own soul to hell.

I say to "A Booster," if you don't like the hospital you have, for the love of heaven, build one of your own. There certainly is no restriction. But if you have to have another hospital, don't knock the one you have. Try supporting the only charitable institution that your city can boast of. Some of your own flesh and blood may be depending on the very Sisters whom you are knocking, some day.

As for the Ku Klux Klan and 15th principles, I wish to say, "Narrow-minded to the first degree." I am a Knight of Columbus, the man who, history tells us, discovered this good old America of ours. And I want to say that there never was an oath more patriotic to the American government than the one printed by the

Knights of Columbus. Now, then, if all the American Catholics who have taken the oath of the K. of C. and taken the oath of the United States government to defend the flag of our America with their lives, are not 100 per cent American, and are not eligible to join the K. K. K., I wonder where the hitch is? Is the oath of the K. K. K. more patriotic than the oath of the United States army? Or do the Klansmen know that 100 per cent Americans and 100 per cent Catholics are good, law-abiding citizens who believe in allowing the law to take its course and not in mob violence?

I trust that "A Booster" will take it upon himself to read upon both sides of the story and make it his personal business to become acquainted with some of the priests and good Sisters of our faith, and really find out the truth regarding their good work in this hardened old world of ours. Then perhaps he will forget the bigotry which has held of his very soul, and practice the rules which the very foundation of our great and glorious United States is built upon, "Live and let live," "Love and let love." Worship in the way our dear parents have taught us, and all pull for a good, prosperous United States, Catholic and Protestant alike.

AN EX-U. S. MARINE.

WHAT IS THE

EPWORTH LEAGUE?

As the Epworth League convention is to meet in Roseburg next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, some information about the organization may be of interest. It is an organization of Methodist young people and their friends consisting of between a million and a half and two million members. Their motto is "Look Up, Lift Up," their badge the Maltese Cross which for many centuries was the mark of chivalry among young Christians, and their colors are white and red, signifying purity of life through the atonement.

Their different phases of work include the spiritual department, world evangelism, social service, and recreation and culture. They seek to win their clams to the Christian life, conduct hygiene courses, visit hospitals and sing to the sick and shut-in folks.

From their organization in 1889 one popular form of activity has been to send Gospel teams into the rural communities to hold evangelistic services. Many of these appointments have developed into Sunday schools, and some of them into churches. Many of the Leagues have kept up this regularly, and the writer of this article has been associated with many of these bands.

The Epworth League is organized on every continent, and their literature is printed in many languages. The Epworth Herald, the official periodical, has the largest circulation of any denominational paper in the world. It is an encouraging fact that all branches of Methodism are affiliated in the work of their young people, and are organized under the banner of the Epworth League. The name Epworth is from the old Epworth Rectory in England, the home of the Wesley's, who were the chief founders of Methodism.

During the world war, the Leagues specialized in patriotic work, holding thousands of receptions for the soldiers. The League at Astoria held services every afternoon at seven of the surrounding forts or army camps, and sometimes had over a hundred men in uniform at their receptions in the church. A number of the Roseburg boys were among them and added much to the music and life of these occasions.

All of these meetings in the convention are open to the public and the evening services will be especially attractive. The chief speakers at night will be Dr. T. H. Temple of Marshfield on Friday evening; Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette University, Saturday evening; and Rev. J. M. Walters, D. D., Sunday evening. Dr. Walters is the new pastor of the Methodist church at Eugene, and has about 1400 members in his congregation. He is said to be a man of great ability as a speaker.

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100 PER CENT AMERICAN.

MASON'S ATTENTION.

A special communication of Laurel Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. M., will be held in the Masonic temple, Wednesday, April 19th, at 8 o'clock p. m. Work in the Master Mason's degree. Dinner will be served at 6:30.

All members are requested to attend. By order.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Precipitation in Inches and Hundredths

Lowest temperature yesterday -- 32
Lowest temperature last night -- 32
Precipitation last 24 hours -- 0.00
Total precipitation for the month -- 2.14
Normal precipitation for the month -- 2.45
Normal season -- from Sept. 1, 1921.

At date --
Average temperature -- 52.5
Total precipitation for year -- 12.24
Normal precipitation for year -- 12.24
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