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SEEKING THE WORST.

John Borden, one the Chicago's millionaire sportsmen, is going abroad to see the war in the same spirit which moved him to hunt polar bears beyond the Arctic circle. He is in search of new sensations and feels that he cannot miss the greatest show on earth, even though it be on the tragic order.

It is a peculiar appetite, partaking a little of the morbid. Most people prefer peaceful America to bleeding Europe at this moment. Surely there can be nothing exhilarating to observers of that complex and horrible drama; it is staged up on too grand a scale to present its supreme tragedy to the puny individual. If Mr. Borden really wanted to understand the situation he could learn more by staying at home and piecing together the odds and ends of newspaper and magazine interpretation.

No man could observe enough of this war to make him a fit judge of the entire conflict. With luck he may get near enough to the front to wallow through the trenches, talk over field telephones and drink beer with officers. But when anything important transpires his hosts will promptly show him out of range and

vision. Everything he is apt to see has already been seen and described by trained writers.

But if the millionaire sportsman seeks only sensations he will get his fill of them. Mostly they will be unpleasant, horrible, maddening. Why a man should seek to fill his mind with such passes understanding. Just as one cannot plough through a quagmire without becoming muddled, so a man cannot escape being tainted by a succession of vile sights. Mr. Borden's visit to war is foolish and can bring no good. But if he were a valuable person he would be either too busy or too sensible to undertake such an expensive folly for such an inconsequential end.

Wm. White has written a very interesting story in the Saturday Evening Post in which he tell of the old congressman who thought he had his district in his pocket, but when the Oregon system swept over the country which is labeled by Mr. White as pure democracy, the poor old congressman found his feet had slipped and the people had elected some one else to fill his office. The story deals with the middle states congressmen of the type that used to be elected and is very interesting. It tells only too truly that Mr. White has in times gone by been a part and parcel of some congressman's machine, and his inside knowledge in the working of such a machine has been of great benefit to him in producing this literary effort which at the present time is decidedly interesting.

Senator Harry Lane of Oregon, has been heard from, after a long silence. It is noticed in the Metropolitan press that he has arrived home, and that he still thinks that Oregon roses are the finest and Oregon cherries are the best, which after all is a pretty good thing to think even by a senator. Senator Lane's activities at Washington do not seem to be very extensive, and in all reports the senior senator, Chamberlain, overshadows the man who was elected from Portland in 1912.

Many Democratic papers seem to think Colonel Roosevelt is giving up inside information in his trial for libel. Just watch the Colonel until he gets through. He has a way of doing things that is all his own and never yet has he failed to light on his feet.

Uncle Joe Cannon is going to the San Francisco exposition and we await the liveliest interest the attempt of any jitney driver to boost prices on him.

Now Brownsville, Texas, shrieks that Mexican bullets are falling into it. We don't know what would happen to Texas if an old fashioned hail-storm should come along.

The movement for a national defense league seems to be lagging a little, but maybe it is because Col. Roosevelt has not pledged any grandsons to the service.

One of Villa's officers has run away with a Vassar graduate. Those Mexicans are willing to take the most reckless chances.

There are so many waiting candidates already that it may be necessary to establish a jitney bus line for the presidency.

Champion Fishermen
 Dallas, Tex., Apr. 27. J. Waddy Tate, fisherman extraordinary, known as the "Admiral of White Rock," has started a campaign in behalf of the downtrodden fisherman. With the advent of a new city administration he announced that he was going to do something to alleviate the lot of the Local Izah Waltons, inasmuch as they have been prohibited from boat fishing in the city's principal fishing spots. This administration, he opines, will be the champion of the oppressed fisherman.

PECULIARITIES OF WAR.

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPARD

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Northern France, Apr. 22 (By Mail to New York)—It's baseball time in France. Spring is here; the mud has gone; when a soldier isn't fighting he must be playing and the only game a Canadian knows is baseball.

France is beholding baseball for the first time. England is playing it. The Canadians are the missionaries of baseball, behind the allies' lines, and they get so much out of it that the French and the English are beginning to believe that it is really a good game, after all.

The English cricket players, in a dozen places behind the English lines have thrown away their cricket paddles and are taking up the baseball bat, with the Canadians.

Morning, noon and night, there are baseball games going on behind the lines, wherever a few Canadians are gathered together. Sometimes game is one-old-cat; sometimes it's only knocking up flies. But, at certain times, there have been inter-company baseball games, with hundreds of dollars of good Canadian money staked on the result and with English and French officers betting enthusiastically as anybody else.

Paris, Apr. 15.—(By mail to New York)—Practically a universal demand has just gone up in French sporting circles for the re-opening of this Spring of all the leading French race courses. Longchamp, Auteuil, Chantilly, Masion-NaFite and Desuville, it is insisted, should at least be reopened at the leading events such as the Grand Prix, the Derby, the Diane and the Grand Critérium should be run.

Backers of the movement insist that not only would the re-opening of the race courses fail to represent any inharmonious contrast with the great struggle in which France is engaged, but they insist that the struggle itself has made the re-opening of the courses all the more imperative. Countless thousands of the best horses of France have already been killed in the war, they point out. Thousands more must yet die, and it is imperative that France should not allow to lapse for a single instant her efforts at improving the breeding of horses. With the close of the war, France will have greater need than ever before for rearing the best horses possible.

Aside from this phase of the question, the track element insists that as racing has not been abandoned in England on account of the war there is no reason why it should be dropped in France. They also insist that the French race tracks constitute an essential element in the industrial life of France. It is at the meets they point out that the great millinery establishments of the Rue de la Paix show to the world their new creations. These establishments have more need than ever this year of this opportunity and the sportsmen insist the tracks must open. It seems likely also that their arguments will win.

G. A. R. Veterans Celebrate

Washington, Apr. 27.—The ninety-third anniversary of General Grant's birth was celebrated here by the Potomac Department of the G. A. R. with a "campfire" and speeches.

LEGAL NEWS.

Conveyances.

R. P. Anderson, et ux to W. J. Welch et ux \$1000 etc. Warranty deed. Conveys all of sec 16 tp 6 S R 40 E.

R. L. Erwin, unmarried to W. D. Delmore \$500. Warranty deed. Conveys lot 14 blk 1 Pleasant Home add to La Grande.

E. H. Shaw et ux to Martha Parker \$1 etc Warranty deed. Conveys W 1-2 of NE 1-4 SE 1-4 of NW 1-4 E 1-2 of SW 1-4 and W 1-2 of NW 1-4 of SE 1-4 of sec 1-4 of SW 1-4 and SW 1-4 of SE 1-4 of sec 33 and all that portion of SW 1-4 of SW 1-4 of sec 33 lying and being South of the O-W R & N Co railroad right of way and all being in tp 6 S R 40 E also SE 1-4 of NE 1-4 and N 1-2 of SE 1-4 of sec 5 and NW 1-4 of SW 1-4 and NE 1-4 of NW 1-4 of NE 1-4 of sec 4 and all that portion of N 1-2 of NE 1-4 of sec 5 and that portion of NW 1-4 of NW 1-4 of sec 4 lying S of O-W R & N Co railroad right of way all in tp 6 S R 40 E.

W. L. Clifford et ux to Robert C. Brown \$1800 Warranty deed. Conveys tract com at SE cor of lot 6 blk 5 Romig add to La Grande run. then N 40 1-2 ft E 70 ft S 40 1-2 ft W 70 ft to beg.

August Hug sheriff of Union Co Ore to J S Johns \$372.19 conveys N 1-2 of lots 3 and 4 blk 1 O'Connor's add to La Grande com 375 ft E of SW cor of NE 1-4 of sec 15 tp 1 N 39 E then N 180 ft W 312 1-2 ft S 180 ft E 312 1-2 ft to beg. E 1-2 E 1-2 sec 35 tp 4 N R 39 E N 70 ft of lot 5 blk 1 W Union com 50 ft E of NW cor of lot 8 blk 20 W Union then E to point 90 ft E W of NE cor of lot 1 in said blk then S to point 90 ft W of SE cor of lot 1 then W to SW 1-2 of NW 1-4 and SE 1-4 of NW 1-4 of SW 1-4 of sec 11 and NW 1-4 of

New Embroidered Middies

Middies that are distinctively different than any that has ever been shown before in La Grande. Come with embroidered collar, embroidered scallop, cuff bottom and embroidered monogram on pockets. The new styles are Mary Pickford Militaire and Jack Tar models and all are made of extra fine galeeta. See our window display. Priced \$1.25 and \$1.50

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Fresh from the maker these new stylish separate dress skirts are the last word in fashion. There are new silk taffeta skirts, wool poplins, gaberdines and serges, checks, etc. New pleated styles and new circle flares are prominently featured. Very smart skirts everyone. Priced \$5.00 to \$13.50. We invite your inspection.

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New Boys' Straw Hats

New straws in Rah! Rah! shapes with black, white or blue bands. Priced 50¢ New fine quality Milan straws in Rah! Rah! telescope and other new styles. Priced \$1.00 to \$1.50 Boys' washable cloth hats in white and black and white checks at 50¢ 60¢ \$1.00. Boys' Spring caps 50¢

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cor of lot 5 then N to NW cor of lot 6 then E 50 ft then N 100 ft to beg also com at NE cor of SE 1-4 NE 1-4 N E 1-4 SW 1-4 of sec 15 tp N R 39 E then W 160 ft S 272 ft E 160 ft N 272 ft to beg also com at NE cor of SW 1-4 NE 1-4 of sec 16 tp 1 NR 39 E then S 24 rds then W 10 rds N 24 rds E 10 rds to beg and also a tract beg at point 100 ft N and 140 ft W of SE cor of SW 1-4 of SW 1-4 of sec 18 tp 4 SR 40 E run then W 102 ft then S to intersect the line of land sold by E H Lewis to Samuel Hannah then in an easterly direction along line of land sold by E H Lewis et ux to Samuel Hannah to a point due S of beg then N to beg.

Patent.

United States to William O. Johnson dated Nov 21, 1914 SW 1-4 of NW 1-4 of sec 11 tp 4 S R 35 E.

Agreement to Sell Real Property.
 United States National bank 1st party and William O Johnson 2nd party. Second party is to pay a certain promissory note for \$4000 int etc on or before 6 mos from April 22, 1915 and 1st party is to convey to 2nd party warranty deed the SE 1-4 of sec 3 SW 1-4 and S 1-2 of SE 1-4 of sec 2 NE 1-4 of sec 10 NE 1-4 and NW 1-4 of SE 1-4 of sec 11; SW 1-4 of NW 1-4 of sec 12; SE 1-4 of SW 1-4 of sec 13; E 1-2 of the NW 1-4 and NE 1-4 of SW 1-4 of sec 24; N

DRINK HOT TEA FOR A BAD COLD

Get a small package of Hamburg Breast Tea, or as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Thee," at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teacup full at any time during the day or before retiring. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores of the skin, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus driving a cold from the system.

Try it the next time you suffer from a cold or the grip. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore safe and harmless.

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Rub Pain and Stiffness away with a small bottle of old honest St. Jacobs Oil

When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a 25 cent bottle of old, honest "St. Jacobs Oil," at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right into the pain or ache, and by the time you count fifty, the soreness and lameness is gone.

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