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"ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH."

It is a peculiarity of Holy Writ that the races of men are spoken of under the title of "families." "All the families of the earth" is a way of saying all the nations of the earth.

Strong as any domestic family feeling could be is the sense of familyhood which each nation has shown. Indeed domestic ties have been temporarily set aside by millions of men in order that they might fight for, and in hundreds of thousands of instances die for, the larger family of their race or nation.

But how strikingly does this way of classing mankind by families make war seem foolish and sordid. Look at it from the ancient and wise standpoint of the seers: Yonder lives the German family. Next door, to the south lives a Latin family—the Italians. Next door to the west lives a French family. On the lot to the north lives the Belgian family.

Across the way lives the British family. On the opposite side lives a Russian family. Scattered here and there are smaller families—the Serbian, the Bulgarian, Montenegrin and Greek families.

Now, when the Australian branch of the German family has a misunderstanding with the Serbian family, and so arouses the ire of the Russian family, which in turn excites the apprehension of the German family—and all this draws by ties of neighborhood the active interest of the French and British families, it would seem that good neighborhood counsel ought to be sought strong enough to preserve the neighborhood peace.

What a terrible thing such a holocaust is between families that were set together in one earth, under a common destiny, each having enough to make their lives pleasant and fruitful. What a horrible sight it must be to see "all the families of the earth" at each others' throats in such bloody abandon of brutality.

That is what war is—a family feud. But the seers of olden times who saw mankind set in these great racial families, saw also the time when they should return to their better pursuits and "war no more." The world awaits the coming into the national and racial spheres of the wide and profound sense of familyhood which society has established in the domestic sphere.

The bodies of Spanish seamen who died while prisoners of the United States are to be sent back to Spain by our government as a token of respect. How far off and foolish the rancor of '98 seems in the light of such an incident.

Fifteen hundred subnormal school

children in Chicago will receive musical instruments to cheer them up, but from this distance the movement appears singularly devoid of cheer for the adult population of that city.

If war hasn't cheapened the foot soldiers enough the aeroplane has. "Every aeroplane," says an authority, "is worth a thousand soldiers."

Office boys in the Remington typewriter plant are equipped with roller skates. It is said that they have to be driven from their jobs when the whistle blows.

Easter Will Not Be So Beautiful Because It Comes So Late This Year—Pittsburg, April 17.—The usual gorgeous Easter Sunday display of flowers will not be so beautiful as usual this year because Easter Sunday comes on April 23rd, too late for many of the blooms to show their best, according to Parks' Superintendent Geo. W. Burke.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE Guardian Casualty & Guaranty Company

Table with financial data for Guardian Casualty & Guaranty Company, including Capital, Income, Disbursements, Assets, and Liabilities.

Gage Hats for Easter. The millinery section is a perfect bower of Spring Flowers and Colors. The new straw shapes are here and fresh shipments are coming in every day.

Just Received 6 Charming New Styles in SILK TAFFETA SUITS. Just What They are Wearing in the Large Cities Everywhere. White Sport Shoes. N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE.

BUILD FOR THE FUTURE as well as for the present if you would be genuinely economical. Use only the best and thoroughly seasoned lumber such as we handle exclusively. GEO. PALMER LUMBER COMPANY

Grande Ronde Meat company, a corporation, has filed supplementary articles of incorporation with the corporation commission at Salem for the purpose of more fully stating its purposes and authorizing it to more fully conduct its business, as follows:

of securing debts and obligations owing or due this company, or for the purpose of investment of the funds and credit of said company; to sell, lease, assign, mortgage or hypothecate any of the real or personal property of this company when the same shall be convenient or necessary to raise funds to carry on the purposes of this incorporation; to borrow money and give notes therefor, and give liens or mortgages to secure the same; to build and construct houses on any real property belonging to the company, buy materials therefor, and rent and lease the same.

DEBT. The Careful man does not carry a load of debt. He is a careful man and instead of wasting his money he puts it in the bank where it is safe and where he can get it. DEBT IS A HARD MASTER. THE WAY NOT TO HAVE A DEBT YOU CANNOT PAY IS NOT TO MAKE IT. THE "CAREFUL" MAN NEVER MAKES A DEBT, UNLESS BY DOING SO HE COULD SAFELY SEE A BIGGER "INCOME" THAN "OUT-GO". THIS IS HOW HE GROWS A FORTUNE. ARE NOT YOU GOING TO PUT YOUR MONEY IN OUR BANK AND ALSO GROW A FORTUNE? BANK WITH US. La Grande National Bank LA GRANDE, OREGON

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