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A NATIONAL DUTY

Tuesday is July Fourth.

On the Fourth of July, 1776 our forefathers declared the United States of America Free and Independent.

That was 140 years ago. Since that memorial day, men of all lands have looked upon these Free States as the Land of Opportunity. Since that momentous event, our shores have furnished refuge to the oppressed of earth.

Another July Fourth is here. The flag of 1776 still floats the breeze. Under its Stars and Stripes is Liberty, Freedom and Emancipation—that for which has been shed oceans of human blood.

Of all days made sacred by glorious deeds, the Fourth of July is dearest to the hearts of liberty loving men and women.

Therefore, it is not only becoming but a sacred duty that every man, woman and child should observe the Nation's Natal Day, put away mercenary pursuits, and join the chorus of patriotic song on July the Fourth.

Holding this principle to be practical, the Observer put today's edition on the press shortly after last midnight and distribution occurred this morning. There will be no further editions until tomorrow evening.

THE HOURS AFTER SUPPER.

(From the Danville, Ill., Press.) Most careers are made or marred in the hours after supper. It may seem to some that the few hours between supper and bedtime afford small opportunity for education. But they were sufficient for Lincoln and for Franklin and for millions of men who, by turning these hours to advantage through special studies, advanced themselves above their fellows.

"Do not love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." Benjamin Franklin, who said this, not only understood the value of time, but he put a price on it that made others appreciate its worth.

Bradstreet's in a summary of business conditions ascribes most business failures to what may be called "the size of their scrap heaps." Nothing is at once more inexcusable and disastrous than waste, and the most disastrous waste of all with the average man is waste of time. The unused hours form the "scrap heap" that has wrecked many a man's career.

That heap of waste which so many young men dump at the end of every day and consider useless would, if rightly used, give priceless results in increased efficiency, higher service, and better pay. Ambition, resolve, effort, purpose, persistence, confidence, courage, mental equipment, and success may be manufactured out of this heap of waste time. Millions are doing it. Any man can do it.

The most important item in the equipment of any establishment is men. It avails a manufacturer but little to have perfection itself in machinery if he finds it impossible to get trained minds to control and drive it. Several big concerns have organized schools in connection with their plants; others have arranged with school boards to allow students of suitable age to spend part of the time in the shops, many are calling upon correspondence schools to prepare employees for advancement.

The strikingly impressive thing about the situation is the opportunity it offers to young men willing to devote spare time to special studies that fit them for particular work. A great employer of skilled labor, of office managers and salesmen, says: "There are plenty of \$10,000 jobs. The trouble is to find the \$10,000 men."

Many highly educated people are inefficient and many efficient people are not highly educated. The world calls for educated people who are efficient and efficient people who are educated. Most of all is needed education for efficiency, for service. Real education is not so much the learning of what we do not now know as the doing of what we do not do.

THE OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Here are some good suggestions from the State Fire Marshal's Bulletin:

Always burn your trash in a trash burner.

Always keep your attic and cellar clean.

Always turn off the current when you leave an electric iron.

Always keep kerosene away from the fire.

Always keep gasoline outside of the house.

Always build your chimneys and flues from the ground up.

Always inspect your flues before starting fires in the fall.

Always throw matches in a metal receptacle.

Always keep matches away from children.

Always have a fire extinguisher on your place.

Always demand fire drills in the school your children attend.

Always look for the fire exits when you enter a theatre or other public building.

Always locate the fire escape before going to bed in a strange hotel.

Always remember that 85 per cent of all fires are preventable.

FOURTH OF JULY TETANUS.

Back in 1905 there were 164 deaths in the United States from Fourth of July tetanus, this figure representing about the average annual mortality. In 1914, as a result of the institution of better prophylactic treatment by physicians and the widespread agitation for a safe and sane Fourth, the number was reduced to three. A year ago the U. S. Public Health Service expected and predicted that every youngster in the United States would be safe from this disease, basing its estimate on what had already been accomplished. When the returns came in it was found that a boy down in Maine had been injured, developed tetanus and died. That single fatality was only one among several hundred thousand occurring in the United States during 1915 but it resulted from Fourth of July tetanus or lock-

Two Important July Clean-up Sales

The Biggest and Greatest Saving Opportunity of Many a Season

The prices of woolsens, trimmings, silks, etc., are swiftly mounting skyward. To buy the material alone today would cost more than the sale prices on these fine men's and women's garments.



Our regular high grade Spring and Summer stock—Garments which are of the best sort materials; every one new this season. The big reductions on them will be the greatest kind of inducements to all women because of the fast advancing prices. The clean-up prices on these Suits, Coats, and Dresses will by no means pay for the materials alone. Not one single Suit, Coat or Silk Dress Reserved—all go at just one-half price.

HALF PRICE

the Grand Big Cut which the July Clean-up Sale Brings on our Entire Stock Women's and Misses'

SMARTLY TAILORED SUITS
 STUNNING NEW COATS
 CHARMING SILK DRESSES

Regular \$10.00 values go at	\$ 5.00
Regular \$12.50 values go at	\$ 6.25
Regular \$15.00 values go at	\$ 7.50
Regular \$17.50 values go at	\$ 8.75
Regular \$20.00 values go at	\$10.00
Regular \$22.50 values go at	\$11.25
Regular \$25.00 values go at	\$12.50
Regular \$27.50 values go at	\$13.75
Regular \$35.00 values go at	\$17.50



Your Unrestricted Choice of any Man's Suit in the Store at 20% REDUCTION

Unquestionably the Biggest Men's Suit Stock Reduction Sale that any store will offer this Season

Woolsens and other materials are way up in Price. All the stores that have placed their orders for Fall Clothing have invariably paid a big advance. This means that suits next Fall will cost nearly double these sale prices. We would never do this if we didn't have to clear our stock—for every man's suit in the store is worth more than its original price—but then even if we do make this big sacrifice, you will become a steady customer of this store if you get a bargain like this from us.

Regular \$15.00 Suits now	\$12.00	Regular \$22.50 Suits now	\$18.00
Regular \$17.50 Suits now	\$14.00	Regular \$25.00 Suits now	\$20.00
Regular \$20.00 Suits now	\$16.00	Regular \$27.50 Suits now	\$22.50

The largest stock in Eastern Oregon to select from—all the country's best brands represented. Every suit guaranteed. Light weights, medium weights, heavy weights—Sizes to fit all men the biggest saving opportunity of the year—ACT NOW

N. K. West & Co.
 THE QUALITY STORE



SEE THE MEN WITH THEIR CHESTS OUT AND THEIR HEADS ERECT, WITH INDEPENDENT WALK AND CONFIDENT AIR. THEY ARE INDEPENDENT BECAUSE THEY HAVE BANK ACCOUNTS.

WHILE OTHER MEN WASTED THEIR TIME AND MONEY THEY WERE PUTTING SOME INTO THE BANK.

MAKE YOURSELF INDEPENDENT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. BANK SOME MONEY NOW.

BANK WITH US

WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST

6 1/2 % Money for Improved Farm Loans

La Grande National Bank

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law, a preventable disease, and was therefore an unnecessary death. The loss of this boy makes it necessary to again disseminate information regarding this wholly avoidable infection.

The blank cartridge wound is the great cause of Fourth of July tetanus, but injuries from crackers and fire-arms are at times responsible. When driven into the tissues the wadding carries with it innumerable bacilli. If these be tetanus bacilli the poisonous products or toxins resulting from their multiplication produce the disease. Tetanus bacilli thrive only in the absence of oxygen. It is for this reason that the physician enlarges the wound of entrance and after removing all foreign material dresses the injury in such a manner that development of the organisms is inhibited. In order to accomplish this it is usually necessary to administer an anesthetic. Antitoxic serum is of great value as a prophylactic and it should be given in injuries of this character.

Parents should realize that Fourth of July tetanus is easy to prevent but extremely difficult to cure, the disease being attended with a mortality

of more than 95 per cent. No blank cartridge wound is too trivial to receive careful medical attention. However slight the injury may appear summon a competent physician who will at once institute the necessary prophylactic measures. Reliance upon home treatment may prove disastrous and result in the needless sacrifice of life.

Mosquito That Helped Ruin Rome Is After You.

BY SAMUEL DIXON, M. D., LL. D. (Pennsylvania Commissioner of Health.)

Malaria is said to have hastened the downfall of Rome. The mosquitoes which transmitted it were more deadly to the inhabitants of the Imperial city than their barbarian enemies. Much also has been written of similar injury to Greece in yet earlier times. At least two diseases are carried by certain species of mosquitoes; malaria and yellow fever. All species are disagreeable pests. Have you unwittingly permitted mosquitoes to breed about your house or grounds? Even one old tomato can half filled by the spring rains makes an ideal breeding ground. It is surprising

how many hidden pools one can find around a place if you really go on a hunt. Not infrequently drain pipes become clogged and then tin roofs and gutters afford an unsuspected breeding place for thousands of mosquitoes. Communities that suffer from these pests should cooperate to campaign effectively against them. Even the smallest adjacent pools should be filled up or ditched and drained. If these are too large to be filled they should be treated with petroleum. This floats atop the water and kills the mosquito larvae by shutting off the atmosphere. When the wind causes a movement of the water which breaks up the oil coating it must be re-oiled. Swamps can be similarly treated. A survey should be made of all premises. Rain water barrels should be covered. Tin cans or discarded vessels or rubbish piles should be perforated, smashed or buried.

The Day We Celebrate.

This is the day that no small boy is complete unless scorched or crisped. The day of waving flags and raving orators.

The day the devil chaser and the ice man go about seeking whom they may devour.

The day we shoot ourselves full of tetanus or blow our fingers off and our eyes out to show our independence.

A day more deadly and glorious than a mad housewife with a rolling pin.

An ideal day to be deaf, dumb, blind and buried in a hole.

The Fourth of July!

The day we celebrate!

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.