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OLD FRIENDS PASS ON.

Old Father Time with his scythe is very busy these days and we hardly pick up a paper that we do not note that some old friend has passed on to the great beyond.

As we grow older we do not read of deaths with as much sadness as we used to when we thought of life in terms of joyousness and gaiety. Death after all means merely a journey into a new land, just a translation.

And so when we think of friends like Colonel Jackson, Alexander Kunz, Joseph Buchtel, Horace D. Ramsdell, Leander H. Wells and others who have passed on lately we feel as if they had gone to their reward—as if for them the battle of life had been won.

And now comes the news of the death of Dr. J. R. Cardwell, a gentleman of the old school, whose life had been one of constant service. As President of the State Horticultural society his services to the state and to the cause of better fruit should not be forgotten. Genial and kindly Dr. Cardwell impressed every one he met, and it is pleasant to think that he was honored and esteemed and showered with love and affection before his death.

MILITARY TRAINING NEEDED.

The old Roman seante was made up of wise men chosen for their age and experience and when the Roman senators spoke the people listened.

Senator Chamberlain is chairman of the senate committee on military affairs. In his Eugene speech he said:

"Do you know that the spirit of patriotism of this Nation is almost destroyed, and in some places the flag is looked upon as simply a piece of bunting, because one man with more money than he knew what to do with has sent out lecturers over the United States to advocate peace, peace of any kind? In a military sense we are a Nation that is laughed at the world over."

"I deny that I am a jingoist, but I do not back down on any of the principles of military preparation I have advocated. This Nation has too long been a joke. One of the shameful things in the history of the country is that when dealing with weak nations this Nation has been brave, and in dealing with powerful nations we have been weak."

"We cannot maintain a standing army. The temperament of the people of this country will not stand for it. The only way is to have a trained citizenry which will put us on a basis of preparation and enable us to command the respect we need from first-class powers."

"Treaties will not protect a country. We have negotiated many treaties in the past year. I voted for them, but I have no confidence in them. Treaties amount to nothing when they stand in the way of the accomplishments of a nation."

"Looking across the Pacific we have

a power that is not friendly to us. They are a people who will not allow us to ascend to a position of racial or other superiority over them. A war is inevitable between the yellow and the white people unless we are willing to give them the same consideration we do ourselves. We are letting the Mikado dictate to us. This is no party fling, for it is true of past Administrations as it is of the present, that there has been no disposition to curb Japan.

"The only protection is to be prepared to fight if we have to. I think the young men, and the young women, too, should be trained. There is no reason why every young man, rich or poor, should not be compelled to serve his country in time of need. The training would strengthen the college young man physically. It would be regular exercise. It would cultivate the martial spirit—not the military spirit."

"My big regret is that the written history of the United States is more fiction than fact. Schooled incorrectly, the youth of the land are growing up in ignorance of the real conditions that existed in the years past when this Nation was involved in war. It is no wonder peace propaganda finds fertile soil among us."

It is about time that the people of the United States heeded Senator Chamberlain and adopted compulsory military training as the first step in our system of national defense.

The Department of Justice is doing the right thing in defending the Adamson law. The railroads will have the best lawyers in the country and there ought to be some one to look after the interests of the public and the men.

A \$9000 job is vacant on the Board of United States General Appraisers. The job is good for life or during good behavior. A man with a \$9000 job ought to be willing to behave.

Persons who know John Minto, warden of the penitentiary, will doubt that he was intentionally cruel to convicts in the management of his office.

Klamath Falls and Lakeview both voted bonds to help the Strahorn Railroad project. Incidentally they will help themselves.

Oregon has 834,515 people. It won't be long before we have a million.

Why not buy father's Christmas present first instead of last this year?

Mr. Turkey is commencing to wonder why they are so nice to him.

Small boys are commencing to be good just as if they liked it.

The Portland police will have to hustle to catch the jitneys.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

A Prediction—Mark It.

Here is a prediction; mark it down and refer to it some years hence. It is this: Charles E. Hughes will yet be President of the United States.

Mr. Hughes, while he has been defeated, has emerged from the campaign with the confidence and respect of the American people. He has demonstrated that he is a clean, straightforward American with a clear understanding of the national ideals and with the ability to see to it that these ideals are lived up to. His defeat has not lowered him in any way in the public esteem.

Mr. Hughes has occupied a peculiar position. During the pre-convention period when it was doubtful whether he would accept the Republican nomination if it were offered him, the American public endowed him with attributes that no mere human could possess. It made a superman of him and set him in a special niche and then proceeded to worship the idealized personality it had created. No man of

ordinary human clay could have lived up to this conception, and it is only natural that when he came before the people in the flesh and blood and in the heat of a political campaign there should have been a slight feeling of disappointment. The public unconsciously compared the real man it saw with its eyes with the superior being it had created out of its own imagination.

But Mr. Hughes lived down the shock of disappointment that came with the discovery that he was only human after all and more than that he proved that he is intensely human—and after all is said and done it is the man who is intensely human who is finally placed highest in the public esteem. He is defeated but not discredited. On the contrary, he is beyond question the biggest man in the Republican party today and his bigness will increase as time passes.

The Eugene Register Stands Firm. Lane county Republicans may compliment themselves on the fact that they stood fast amid all the winds that blew. Oregon was the only state on the coast that held firm in the face of the flood, and Lane county was responsible for a fourth of the total Republican majority of the state.—The Eugene Register.

Potatoes High, Too.

—Someone says that potatoes will soon be used in this country to keep down the price of bread. Evidently that chap didn't inquire into the present price of potatoes before he made his ridiculous statement.—Pa. Inquirer.

Compulsory Military Training.

Senator Chamberlain plans to frame and offer at the next session of Congress a bill for the compulsory military training of the young men of America. He said recently that he would press for action on this bill, as he believes it the only way in which the country could be really prepared for war. The measure will not provide for compulsory service, but merely for compulsory training, so that the young men will be fitted for the task of defending their country should the

country call upon them in an emergency. According to Senator Chamberlain the sentiment of the country has changed greatly in regard to the question of compulsory military training. When the idea was first broached, not many months ago, there was strong opposition to it. But the country has seen the struggle of Great Britain to provide an efficient army in time of need. It has seen the difficulty of getting volunteers for service on the Mexico border and the difficulty of mobilizing the National Guard as an effective organization at short notice. Compulsory military training is the only democratic way of providing for the protection of the country. It is not right that the son of a wealthy man should be exempt from military training and the duty of serving his country in time of need, while the poor man's son must go to the front.—The Up-To-The-Times Magazine.

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WIT AND HUMOR

One Model.

No styles for old folks, we confess. Today are seen, And all the ladies have to dress Like sweet sixteen.—Kansas City Journal.

Correctly Diagnosed.

There used to be a little restaurant in Washington famed for its southern breakfasts, where the chief waiter was an aged dandy of beautiful manners and unshakable dignity. One morning a rather severe appearing, elderly gentleman, with a snowy mustache and a keen eye, entered the establishment. He was a stranger; but the venerable waiter, after a quick survey of the new patron, felt no doubt. He approached with a napkin over his arm and bowed

low and politely. "Good mornin', Gin'ral," he said tentatively, in greeting. "I am not a general," snapped back the customer. "Scuse me, Admiral," cried the old negro. "What kin I bring you, sah?" "I am not an admiral, either." "Well, suh, I knowed you wuz up

amongst de face cyards somewhars. Kin I have the pleasure of orderin' you some ham and waffles.—Bishep?—Saturday Evening Post.

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