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**HAVE YOU AELUROPHOBIA**

New York, Feb. 15.—The presence of a pet puss in the Twenty-third Street Recruiting Station of the United States marine corps today caused William James, an accepted recruit from Fremont, Ohio, to rush out into the street screaming with terror just as he was about to take oath that would make him a "soldier of the sea" ready to meet the enemy on the field of battle.

"I know I'm a 'fraidy' cat," James told Surgeon Weston of the Marine Corps after he had recovered from the attack of his strange malady, "but I simply can't be in the room where there is a cat. I don't have to see the cat, either. I can feel its presence, and it nearly drives me crazy."

James' case is recognized in Medical science as aelurophobia. He was rejected.

Wise men make more opportunities than they find.

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**ETERNAL SPRING**

I feel in myself the future life. I am like a forest once cut down; the new shoots are stronger and livelier than ever. I am rising, I know, toward the sky. The sunshine is on my head. The earth gives me its generous sap, but heaven lights me with the reflection of the unknown world.

You say the soul is nothing but the resultant of the bodily powers. Why then is my soul more luminous when my bodily powers begin to fail? Why is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart.—Victor Hugo.

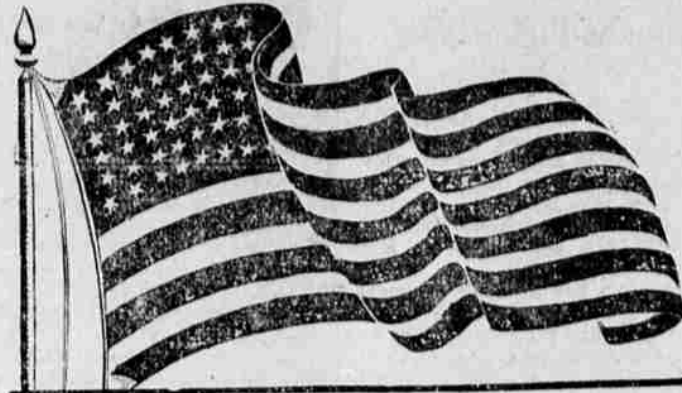
Virtue and happiness are mother and daughter.

Trees that bear most hang lowest.

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**DISPLAY THE FLAG!**



The Stars and Stripes should be displayed today in the windows of every American home and office, and on the flagstaff above every American school and public building.

And they should never come down. This nation should let the world know today that there will be no backdown from the stand we take; that one hundred million Americans stand solidly behind the colors, and will stand until the end.

To show the silent man in Washington, who is bearing the brunt of this national crisis, that the nation is with him to a man, let the flag be displayed.

And let it not be lowered as long as a single nation menaces American liberty or treads upon American rights!

FLAGS UP! THEN, CITIZENS.

The Star-Spangled Banner, O long may it wave

O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

**Do You Know The Star Spangled Banner?**

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly has hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous watch,

O'er the ramparts we fought, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Grave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there,

Oh, say, does that star spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,

Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,

What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,

As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?

Now catches the gleam of morning's first beam,

In full glory reflected now shines on the stream:

'Tis the star spangled banner, oh, long may it wave,

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

**RENTS**

It seems highly probable that within a year house rents will drop in Enterprise. A large amount of building is in prospect, and the supply of houses may be brought close to the demand. When that condition arrives there will be a movement from the old poorly constructed, cold and generally undesirable buildings to the new ones better adapted to this climate and requirements of old places. This will force down rents of old places, and will have its effect also on the better houses. Rents then will have some fair relationship to investment, whereas at present many pieces of property bring in a return that is really excessive. Houses that cost \$750, on lots worth \$250 are renting for \$17.50 a month, or \$210 a year. Tenants will pay such a rate only as long as they have to; they will quit the day they can get a place at what it is worth.

When the balance is struck, some of the frail cottages that have been put up recently may not prove an good an investment as they seem to be today. They will rent for less than now, and there will be more frequent changes of tenants, and each such change is practically equal to the loss of six months rent; for every new tenant requires new papering and decorating and other expenditures. These houses will depreciate rapidly under such treatment.

This condition will come some time in the future, and cannot be avoided. It will not represent any retrogression of the town. It cannot be cause for just complaint by landlords. It will prove that a state of comparative equilibrium has been reached. In some respects it will be a better period than the present, for workers receiving limited wages must live here, and they must rent houses according to their means. It is no gain for the community as a whole for them to be paying as rent an undue proportion of their wages. This lessens their purchasing power in other lines and deprives them of some luxuries they are entitled to.—Enterprise Record Chief-tin.

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**TAKES OVER GERMAN AFFAIRS IN U. S.**



DR. PAUL RITTER.

Dr. Ritter is the Swiss minister to the United States and has been chosen by Germany to represent that government in Washington during the severance of relations. He takes over the duties of Count von Bernstorff, the German envoy, who received his passport from the United States.

**U. S. MILLIONAIRE TO GO ON ST. LOUIS!**



OSCAR LEWISOHN.

Lewisohn is a member of the wealthy Lewisohn family and a millionaire himself. He has booked for passage to England on the American liner St. Louis. His wife was Edna May, the actress.

Not to hear conscience is a way to silence it.

**The Anti-Cigarette Furore.**

The legislature of the state of Washington, moved to submerge heights of virtuous protest against the despised cigarette, a few years ago enacted a law prohibiting its manufacture, sale, or use. A little later the sovereign municipality of Tacoma, sought to discipline sundry callous-minded and yellow-thumbed citizens who were still wedded to their nicotine idols and caused their arrest.

At this critical moment the battleship fleet, sent around the Horn by President Roosevelt, appeared in the offing, and 3000 jolly American tars became guests of the city. They were invited to make themselves at home. They did. They disembarked at the warships and marched up Pacific avenue, each brave salt with a cigarette, furnished by Uncle Sam, in his mouth. The anti-cigarette crusade collapsed

then and there, and the next state legislature repealed the law.

Now Oregon is about to banish the cigarette. In that high and noble purpose, the house yesterday passed not one but two anti-cigarette bills, one conflicting with the other.

There is need for the legislature of Oregon to retrieve its prestige and to give representative government a better and firmer standing with the people. It cannot be done by frittering away hours in the heated discussion of such trivialities as cigarette prohibition for grown men.—Oregonian.

Upright walking is sure walking.

If the accused goes free on a technicality, he is apt to regard it as a vindication.

FARM SALE BILLS—Get prices on farm sale bills at The Observer office.

**Dickens' Characters Re-immortalized**



SCENE FROM "OLIVER TWIST," A PARAMOUNT PICTURE PRODUCED BY LASKY.

Herewith appear Bill Doro as Oliver Twist, Tully Marshall as Fagin, Hobart Bosworth as Marri Sikes and Raymond Hatton as the Artful Dodger in the Lasky adaptation of "Oliver Twist" for the Paramount Program. In deference to the fact that Dickens is recognized as the peer of all character delineators, the motion picture producers studied every type in the pictorial most carefully before engaging a single person. That the work was well done is amply shown by these four characters who seem to have stepped directly from the great novelist's pages.

**MISS YOUNG'S PUPILS PLEASE AUDIENCE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Pianists Select Melodious Numbers Within Their Reach and Do Them Well—Teacher Has Preserved Pupils' Individuality.

BY L. D.

Three pupils of Miss Harriet Young, Misses Hilda Anthony, Sade Young and Hazel Young assisted by Kenneth Gekeler, violinist, gave recital Monday night in the Presbyterian church. The students' numbers were within their power to handle; were full of melody, and the players did them well. Miss Young has apparently taught her pupils to play and at the same time has left each with full title in fee simple to his individuality. The numbers were short, the concert was short, and the church was comfortable. Somehow, if the above facts haven't told you, I should like to say that the recital was a real entertainment.

Common folks, as you and I, could "get" the music. That's one thing lots of "big" recitals don't accomplish.

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