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THE FIRST LESSON.

The first thing that our soldier boys must learn when they go to the front—and they will soon be going now—is obedience. This is the first lesson of military life. In a way this is the difference between democracy and autocracy. In a democracy the people argue matters, questions are put up for discussion and debate, finally votes are taken and the will of the majority prevails. In a democracy a part of the game is to bow to the will of the majority and not to go off half cocked and to start running around starting revolutions merely because your own pet scheme was not carried by the vote of the people. In a democracy the people rule or do so theoretically; they have the right and privilege of the ballot whether they exercise it or not. If they don't go to the polls and vote it is their own fault. In an autocracy the people do not argue, reason or debate, except among themselves and then in great danger. The people entrust the government to one man, or a group of men. When they speak, their word is law. The people submerge their own personalities and follow their leaders, blindly, no matter where they send them, into the jaws of death. A military nation is usually under an autocracy. For this reason: In order to insure success in military operations, it is necessary to exact implicit obedience on the part of soldiers and sailors. War involves sacrifice. A company of soldiers may be sent on a forlorn hope. The whole company may be lost but the general may gain his point. Generals do not think of individuals but of campaigns to gain certain objectives. General Grant conceived the idea of cutting the Confederacy into two. So he launched the Mississippi campaign, and while not ruthless at heart, he drove ahead until he had accomplished his plan. The men he sent out carried out his orders, blindly without a whimper. This is what the boys will have to learn, not to ask questions, not to stop to argue, but to drive ahead where their leaders send them, to do what they are told, promptly. Let us hope that their leaders will be competent and not sacrifice them needlessly. To defeat a military autocracy, we will have to adopt modern military methods, to fight the devil with fire. The sooner we do it, the more perfect a military machine we build up, the sooner the war will be over.

BOTH COUNTIES MAKE SPLENDID RECORDS.

Only eleven men will be drafted from Union County. Only thirteen from Wallowa County. This is a splendid

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record, in line with all the other patriotic endeavors which these two counties have already made. If Union and Wallowa Counties had been given credit for the men who enlisted in the U. S. Navy and in the U. S. Marine Corps as they properly should, there would have been no draft necessary at all. As it is only seven men in about a thousand will go to the front as the result of the National lottery system.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Senator Jim Ham Lewis and the Constitution.

The Illinois Senator is very much misinformed about the spirit of public opinion in the United States if he thinks that it will approve of his description of the Constitution as "an obsolete paper." It is not obsolete, and the people will see that it does not become so.

The Civil War made amendments to the Constitution necessary, and they were made accordingly. But the body of that great document was retained. It has not become obsolete. It remains today a great source of our strength as a nation. The present war may make other changes necessary. It may be that there must be a redistribution of certain powers in case of emergency. It may be that there should be some provision for the unusual and the abnormal. But that is for the future to determine. What of change the great war upheaval will bring in its train no one can now tell. Whatever is necessary will be done at the proper time and in the proper way.

The present is essentially a time when the Constitution should be respected, not discarded. This is the period in which to hold fast to the anchor that has kept the nation from dangerous drifting for a century and a half, and in spite of fast-flowing tides and eddies which have been a part of our history. It is a time when the Constitution should not be spurned by men in high place in the nation. It should not be the object of slighting speech nor insinuation. It should not be held up to the unthinking of the country as a document that has outlived its usefulness, or as something that is not adapted to time of National stress. It should not be attacked by a Senator of the United States who in his oath of office swears to pay it reverence and to uphold its provisions.—Philadelphia Press.

Future Not Rosy.

The I. W. W.'s seem to forget they are monkeying with the Federal Government when they attempt to tie up the camps and lumber industry. If they should be successful the state shipbuilding program would fall through. Uncle Sam will stand about so much and then take drastic action. In England hundreds who have done exactly what the I. W. W.' are now trying to do have been quietly stood up against a wall. The future looks anything but rosy for the Won't Workers if they continue to agitate and make trouble.—Roseburg Review.

A Look Ahead.

If we win the war we will have plenty of new heroes and sufficient brand-new presidential candidates to supply all our political parties for several campaigns. There will be glory enough for all.—Anaconda Standard.

A Hymn for Sweden.

When a U-boat attacks a Swedish vessel, the crew of the latter ought to line up on the deck and sing, plainly, "Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

WHY--

The Business Man and The Banker should encourage and The Farmer should practice Diversified Farming

(By Kenneth Gilbert. These articles are reprinted from the "Business Chronicle" of Seattle, Wash., by permission of the publisher. They appeared in serial form in that publication, Feb. 24 to April 21, 1917. A copy may be had by addressing the Union Pacific System.)

Study the Balanced Ration Carefully and Eliminate All Waste.

In beef making, as in other lines of manufacturing, cost of production is reduced by the elimination of all unnecessary waste. Alfalfa hay alone is not a balanced ration, therefore it is not economy to try making beef on alfalfa hay alone. Either feed a portion of grain or grass hay and some grain if you are to make the largest gain for each pound of feed.

It costs less to keep an animal growing than to start it growing again after it has stopped. Once an animal is stunted for lack of food, no other feeding can entirely remedy the damage. It always takes more feed to make a pound of gain on an animal that has once been stunted than on one that has been kept constantly growing.

The food of maintenance is an expense account. Therefore it requires much less feed to manufacture 1500 pounds of meat in 24 months than it does to take 48 months in which to do the work.

To cheapen the cost of beef production, so that beef may be grown on cultivated lands at a profit, will require well-bred animals, economical feeding, continuous growth, early maturing and early marketing. Range stock or range methods applied to the modern farm will result in loss and dissatisfaction.

The combination of scientific knowledge with practical experience and good judgment, are necessary for a full measure of success. To scoff at scientific knowledge, balanced rations, intensive cultivation, well-bred animals, practical experience, keen observation and good judgment is, today at least, unwise. The combination can easily distance either factor or factors with any one of these left out.

BIG TIME STARTS NEXT MONDAY

All arrangements are now concluded for the "Mid-Summer Joy Week" and the Wortham Shows which will furnish the attractions are acknowledged by Press and Public as a clean, novel and interesting midway organization. Their midway of amusements, will be set up on the Circus Grounds, the only place large enough to accommodate them, and will be comprised of a varied line of attractions. Among the attractions is the Royal Circus and Menagerie, where lions, tigers, bears and other tropical fauna are made to perform wondrous feats. The Arabian Nights is said to be a beautiful Oriental show in America, while the Monkey Auto Races and

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Neptune's Daughter are advertised as two sensational as well as unique attractions. The Miracle Top O World and Honeymoon Trail are unusually interesting as is Gowdy's Museum and the Igorotte Village, while the Silo Drome and High Life with the other attractions are sure to thrill and entertain you in a manner unknown before.

The Whip, the latest and most sensational of all riding devices and the Galloping Horse Carousel, together with the Lofty Ferris Wheel will carry the laughing crowds of humanity and on next Monday night, behind a curtain of fire—the myriads of multi-colored lights—on the Joy Zone, the Wortham Shows will make their gallant charge on the amusement-loving public of this city and vicinity and a complete victory is assured.

Cause of Despondency.

Despondency is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and quickly disappears when Chamberlain's Tablets are taken. These tablets strengthen the digestion and move the bowels.—Adv.

Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy.

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