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**STROLLER**

Strolling in the rain last night reminded me of Salem and Colonel Hofer, of E. E. Brodie and Oregon City, of Elliott Bede and Coitage Grove. No wonder they have web feet. How could they help it?

Why do they always keep skeletons in the family closet? a high school girl asked me rather naively, perhaps to draw me out on a discussion of this interesting and elevating subject. I answered her: "to have them handy so as to look at them occasionally. If you kept them in the cellar, some one would chuck them in the furnace and then you would not have any."

One of the best little proverbs is entitled, "The best laid plans of mice and men."

These are the days that the candidate and the would-be candidate are wondering how much the public knows about his past life.

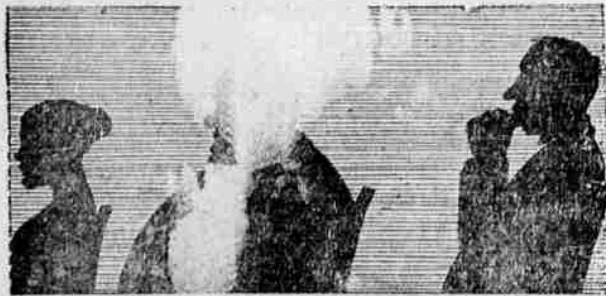
Strolling down Broadway the other day—I mean Adams avenue, I overheard a pretty young woman say to Kenneth McCormick and Clarke Leiter that she was waiting for a good-looking man to take her to lunch. Both of them volunteered right off the bat. But she turned them both down.

I strolled into The Observer office to learn when the new morning edition for Wallowa county was going to start, saw that the front office had been cleaned out and painted, took a look at the news press, and was generally pleased with things and the general bustling, happy force and staff. Going away for a few days is a good thing: You can notice the improvements when you come back.

It's a long Chamberlain that has no turning.

Astoria—1917 salmon pack is worth \$5,495,000.

**OUTBURSTS BY STERETT TRUE**



MR. MANAGER, THIS SPECIMEN SAT RIGHT BEHIND ME EATING PEANUTS, TRYING TO OVERCOME ME WITH THEIR PERFUME MIXED WITH PEPPERMINT ZEPHYRS! FIND HIM A PRIVATE FEEDING STALL; IF YOU DON'T I'LL SEE THAT HE FINDS HIS WAY THROUGH THE EXIT!!!



**THE BONNET FOR THE SPRING DRIVE**



While snows are melting and the sun is shining and shrouding furs are our warmest and most desired looking thoughts turn to that ever-delightful spring bonnet.

The large and beautiful hat is of brass-colored straw. Its crown and brim are in velvet in deep golden brown—a bit of yellow and gold ornament flat on the brim and a stiff velvet bow perched atop the crown are its only trimming. It has all the graces of fine line, color, and simplicity.

German militarism, through the Chancellor, who is the Kaiser's man, stands right up in meeting and shouts that the "freedom of the seas" is the most vital issue in this war and that in order to insure the freedom of the seas, Great Britain must surrender strategic and fortified points like Malta, the Falklands, Aden and Hongkong. Chancellor Hertling might as well say that the fleets of Great Britain and the United States must be dismantled and interned. This illustrates one of the difficulties of securing peace. We are all opposed to militarism, but we are like the two small boys fighting: Each wants the other to quit first. The most troublesome part of the international peace negotiations will be in some way to restore the sanctity of treaties so that they will not be regarded as scraps of paper. Granted that an International League to Enforce Peace is formed, suppose one of the members broke a treaty and refused to submit to the decree of the international court. This would mean that the other nations would have to resort to force or an economic blockade in order to enforce the decree. This could be done very easily against a smaller nation, but the way would be left open to intrigue and secret diplomacy which is just as dangerous as war, since it causes wars. It is easy to speak about doing away with war, about disarming the world, but who wants to trust the good will of other nations who regard treaties as mere scraps of paper? The United States will not consent to give up its navy, neither will Great Britain. Nor will we cease to fortify our coast cities. The world at large needs a police power founded upon justice. The United States and Great Britain will permit free trade on the seas, which is all the freedom of the seas Germany or any other nation needs. But they will not permit the word "freedom" to become translated into license and piracy, which is what Germany considers the word freedom to mean—the license to murder with impunity, to burn, destroy. How Captain Kidd as he simmers in his fiery cell below must envy the murderous captains of the U-boats!

**HERTLING'S ANSWER**

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Chancellor Hertling says the Germany will agree to open diplomacy, freedom of the seas, no economic barriers and equality of trade conditions, guarantee of reduction of armaments. As to the adjustment of colonies and the observance of the interests of the population, Chancellor Hertling says this chiefly concerns England, indicating that he desires to treat with England alone on this point. The evacuation of Russia by the Central Powers, he says concerns Russia only and the Central Powers. The restoration of Belgium, he says, can be settled only by peace negotiations and he disclaims any intention of incorporating Belgian territory by violence.

The restoration of Alsace-Lorraine, he says, is a question only to be discussed between France and Germany. As to Italy's desire for the readjustment of its frontier so as to take in Austrian territory and the rearrangement of the interior of Austria-Hungary so as to give the different races independent government, Germany says she will stand by Austria-Hungary's desires.

As to the evacuation of the Balkan states and giving Serbia an outlet to the sea, the Chancellor says that also is up to Austria-Hungary. As to Turkey, Germany will support Turkey in her desire to maintain her present empire. He is silent as to Polish independence. As to an international league to guarantee the freedom of small and great states alike, Germany says she will discuss that after all the other questions have been settled. While the Allies and Germany are still far away, every proposition upon which they can agree is that much of a step toward peace.

**Soldiers Tell of Deeds In The Trenches**

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President Peter G. Johnston of the L. D. S. Stake gave a very earnest and eloquent prayer.

But the Canadians themselves:

The Honors of War

Colonel Macmillan was the first speaker. He told of the opening of the war, how they had crossed the ocean with the greatest armada that had ever left the American continent, how the men had suffered at Salisbury Plains in a great canvas camp and how they had got to the trenches and taken part in the great battle of Ypres, where the British had beat back the great Hindenburg himself after he had pierced the British and French lines for a distance of four miles. He gave a picture of the civilian retreat from Ypres, which pictured the horrors of war to all those present.

Major Edwards speaks

Major F. R. Edwards was the next speaker. He had lost his two forearms in the trenches by being hit with a piece of shrapnel and now wears two artificial arms. He was earnest and eloquent and took his audience with him as if leading his company through their daily routine work back of the first line trenches and then up to the trenches. He described the work of the scouts and patrols and told of the efforts to keep the men in the very best physical condition. He told of the beneficial effect of cheering letters. He said the men needed socks and more socks. Clean, fresh socks keep the men from getting trench feet for the cold and dampness.

Captain E. J. Cook told how national service was needed to support the men at the front, that is unity at home, no dissention, prompt response for men and money and munitions and artillery and supplies; also conservation of

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**LADY READING**



Washington is awaiting with interest the coming of Lady Reading, wife of Lord Reading, the new British ambassador to America. Lady Reading has always been popular in England and is expected to entertain extensively in Washington.