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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

THERE ARE SLACKERS STILL.

The country is still filled with those who are willing for others to take all the chances in the field while they keep their eyes on the main chance at home. Of all the genuine "gimme, boys," there are few who outshine many of the operatives in the shipyards. There should be one rule for all such—either stay on the job or go to the front. It doesn't set well to see the best of the young men of the country sacrifice everything, with a lot of husky babies at home bawling for more and more wages, and the more they are paid the more they want. A few months in the trenches is what they need.

There are inequalities, and under the dire necessities of the situation, a good deal of slacking is overlooked in the hope that things will come out all right. According to a market report from Seattle there were in the mills of the Puget Sound district 500,000 barrels of flour still left on hand on the last day of June. The contracts with the government expired at that time and there is that much flour which did not find its way to the soldiers camps and during the period that the contracts were in effect there were women by the tens of thousands in Oregon and perhaps in Washington as well, who would not use enough flour to make pie crust, and the most of them turned back what flour they had when requested to do so by the food administration.

A slacker is not exclusively the man who does not want to do his part in the field of action. Those who profit at home while others bear the burdens in the heat of the day are worse, in reality, than those who decline to make any sacrifice demanded.

There will, in the infinite reckoning of things, be a way found to spot all such people, as there now is in getting hold of the ones attempting to evade the draft. When the great undertaking is finally settled, as it will be, and the boys come home, it will be short shrift and little ceremony for those who have been slack in their duty at home, and they may as well take to the woods. It will be good night to further exploitation, profiteering and slacking in general.

NOT AN AMERICAN PARTY.

In bidding farewell to the Socialist Party, of which as the candidate for President two years ago he received 590,579 votes, Allan L. Benson repudiates its present leadership, its general attitude toward the war and most of all the non-American policy to which it has subscribed. The indictment he draws is unanswerable, asserts the New York World.

Mr. Benson is only one of a number of prominent American Socialists who have been driven to disown all connection with a political organization that has taken little pains to veil its hostility to the United States and the cause for which it is fighting. They have found frequent occasion to register their disgust with a party whose spokesmen, while dodging the penalties of disloyalty, carry on propaganda in effect if not actually in form seditious. Only a few days ago the Wisconsin Socialists demanded the withdrawal of the American army from Europe. In the St. Louis resolutions the party manifested the same pro-German inclinations.

Protesting against the domination of the Socialist party by foreign born leaders, Mr. Benson lays his finger on the fatal weakness to which it has succumbed. In their hands it has been converted into an agency openly unAmerican in purpose and in sympathy. Since the beginning of the war it has more and more clearly revealed its alien parentage and heritage of alien instincts. By its own words and acts it confesses that it is foreign-born in its program and in its doctrines.

It is high time for Americans like Benson, Spargo, Stokes and Wolling to define their position. As Socialism of nearly all varieties is largely German, they may discover presently that they are not Socialists at all.

FORUM

MR. MOOREHOUSE REPLIES

La Grande, Ore., July 8.

Editor Observer:

I beg permission to reply to the article in today's issue entitled "Sunshine in Clouds" by offering my side of the story.

On Saturday, June 29th, I made a hurried call at Cove, to make arrangements for the use of the park and secure the co-operation of its loyal citizens in support of the Sunshine Club, and its proposed meeting there on July 7th. Both were readily given. Bro. Powell assuring me of his entire support in the matter. The petition was gladly subscribed to and I hurried back to advertise the event. Late Friday afternoon I received a letter that the grove would not be available for use. I am very sorry to do this but the sense of obligation which I owe in defense of "The Sunshine Club" as well as those who so loyally support the movement here in our city impells me to offer this apology. Had this article not appeared I should have willingly borne this burden as becomesa "Sunshiner" and a Christian without complaint, hoping thereby to see all matters pleasantly settled at home. I wish also to say, I have unbounded confidence in the people of Cove in general and wish to assure you of our hearty appreciation of your loyalty in defense of the Sunshine movement.

Yours sincerely,
W. D. MOOREHOUSE,
Chief of the Shut-Ins

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS

Useful Recipes for the Busy Housewife These Times.

Vegetable marmalades may be made at small cost from products form the home garden. Since most of the marmalades contain a smaller proportion of sugar than those made from fruits, it is especially desirable to make some of them this summer. They are made of combinations of vegetables, sugar and fruit acid. Lemon juice is usually used and other fruits are sometimes added.

Each of the following recipes makes about one pint of marmalade:

Carrot Marmalade.

2 cups ground carrot
1 1-2 cups sugar
2 lemons
2 teaspoons ground ginger root.

Cook the carrots until tender. Add the sugar. Quarter and cut the lemons in thin slices. Cook slowly until thick, without stirring. Pack in hot, freshly sterilized jars and boil (process) for 5 minutes in steamer or hot water bath.

Carrot, Rhubarb and Green Pepper

1 cup ground carrot
3-4 cup chopped pepers
1 lemon
1 cup unpeeled rhubarb
1 cup sugar
Ginger root if desired.

Cut the rhubarb in 1-4 inch slices and make according to directions for carrot marmalade.

Ripe Tomato Marmalade

12 medium-sized tomatoes
1 1-2 lemons
1 3-4 cups sugar

Peel and slice the tomatoes thin. Remove as many seeds as possible and make according to directions for carrot marmalade.

Ripe Tomato and Carrot

1 cup ground carrot
2 cups ripe tomato
1 1-2 cups sugar
1 lemon
1 teaspoon ground horse-radish
1 teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon vinegar

Peel and slice the tomato. Put the ginger in cheesecloth bag and make according to directions for carrot marmalade.

MRS. MONTAGU PORCH

Lady Randolph Churchill, formerly Miss Jennie Jerome, daughter of the late Leonard Jerome of New York, has been married to Montagu Porch, an officer in the British army.

FACTS WORTH KNOWING

Great Britain and Ireland consume 30,000,000 rabbits as food annually.

To blow two soap bubbles at once, one within the other, is the purpose of a recently patented pipe.

The Pennsylvania railroad states that shippers could save $2,000,000 a year by more carefully packing freight.

Japanese copper mines yielded 111,562 tons of ore last year, an increase of nearly 30,000 tons from the preceding year.

Apparatus has been invented for accurately testing the hardness of metals by showing their resistance to the teeth of flies.

English chemists have made a synthetic turpentine at what is said to be one-third the cost of the genuine American article.

Eighty thousand women are serving with the Red Cross ambulances and hospitals in France, Algeria, Morocco and in the Orient.

A Japanese is the inventor of a street sprinkler that distributes water so as to form advertisements on smooth pavements.

Clad only in nightgown and overshoes and chasing a coyote carrying a pair of fat hens in its mouth for a distance of half a mile in zero weather was the stunt of Ernest Barnes, a farmer near Smith Center, Kan.

Henry B. Pierce, an English shipowner, who started life in humble circumstances as a laborer in the harbor works at Messina and afterwards became one of the leading shipowners in Italy, has just died at his home near Naples, leaving a fortune of $20,000,000. At the great Messina earthquake nine years ago all the other members of his family were killed.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Every woman who is a good listener is truly unselfish.

It takes two banana skins to make a pair of slippers.

An old bachelor says that a certificate of birth is a milk ticket.

A man who boasts of having small feet has the same kind of brain.

Girls are illogical because they are too fond of begging the question.

Some girls go abroad to complete their education, and others get married at home.

Many a man who couldn't train a dog decently imagines that he is an ideal child trainer.

It is usually a case of misplaced confidence when a woman marries a man for the purpose of reforming him.

When a woman doses her invalid husband with herb tea and he doesn't get well he is either contrary or ungrateful.

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ON PUTTING THINGS OFF

There Are Times When Waiting A Little Helps A Whole Lot.

"Procrastination never got anybody anywhere, but," said Mr. Gratebar, "there are times when putting things off a bit helps a lot, as, for instance, in the matter of answering certain letters.

"I get once in a little while a letter that is cross, ill tempered, sarcastic or that maybe sets up some proposition that the writer himself would have known wouldn't hold water if he had stopped to think about it.

"Now, my natural inclination would be to answer that letter right away. I could shoot his proposition full of holes easily and make it look foolish. His sarcasm I could answer much more bitingly. But what I do now in my somewhat riper years is to smile and say to myself:

"'What's the use?'

"What I do now before answering such a letter is to wait a day, to sleep on it.

"There's a habit that it would be worth any man's while to cultivate. Sleeping on it will iron out the wrinkles of any sort of trouble, solve for us any problem; it soothes and clarifies. It brings back our courage and our sense of humor. And then, in the morning, when I come to answer that letter I answer it in a spirit that makes not an enemy, but a friend.

"This sort of putting things off I don't call procrastination, it is just waiting a little to give all hard feeling time for evaporation."

NOTICE.

All who have not returned the books used by the Community Chorus will please bring them to the special meeting at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening. These are borrowed books and must be returned.

ATTENTION ELKS

Regular meeting Thursday night. Business of importance. If interested in the work the lodge is doing, be present.

R. J. GREEN, Exalted Ruler.
A. B. CHERRY, Sec.
—Adv. 7-9-3t.

THE SOLDIER'S CHANCES.

Great as the danger and large as the losses in the aggregate, the individual soldier has plenty of chances of coming out of the war unscathed, or at least not badly injured.

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