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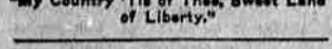
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TONIGHT'S MEETING.

There is so much of importance as regards registrants, in tonight's meeting at the Tabernacle, that the Observer wishes to lend its voice of appeal to all registrants to be there.

The meeting is, in some respects, of greater importance to the registrants themselves, than any meeting yet held in La Grande.

NEW OFFENSIVE BEGUN.

American red blood thrills today at the news that the allies have undertaken a general offensive in Picardy—where only a few weeks ago the Germans pushed the allies toward the sea with stunning force, and the outcome of which held the world agasp.

Picardy, you will remember, is historically one of the most distinguished provinces of France. In Picardy, centuries ago, blood was spilled by warriors bold in quantities relatively as copious as last spring, when the allies were knocked off their feet.

Maybe Picardy, like the Marne, district, will add another chapter to history, but one more glorious to civilization than the Picardy disaster of early summer.

Come on, you allies! Rid Picardy of huns! The true test of patriotism is applied to the farmer who leaves his growing grain and harvest fields to attend a meeting of the War Board, as did a large number today.

La Grande is something of a military center. Since yesterday morning, officers of the Marine Corps National Army, Military Police force, State Guard and Home Guard forces have been in La Grande on various pieces of business.

August 10th, last day to pay water rent without penalty. 8-8-21.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER SAYS.

Overwork and worry cause kidney trouble. When the kidneys are not working properly, poisons accumulate in the system, resulting in backache, sore muscles, stiff joints, rheumatic pains, constantly tired feeling and other distressing symptoms.

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"AS SHE IS SPOKE"

Some queer sentences turned out by the pupils of the Methodist Girl's school at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

When the form of a verb is changed it is called conjugation.

The prime meridian is called the eternal date line.

Gibraltar is the keynote in the Mediterranean.

The finest wheat that ever cropped grows in Russia.

The masculine of spinster is bore.

He had nothing on except a sword and he was unarmed.

A wife is the upset (opposite) of the husband.

The place was taken by storm and thunder.

Benjamin Franklin looked very funny with his clothes behind and a loaf of bread in his mouth.

The cat was thin and pale.

Gibraltar is known as the keynote of England.

St. Helena is a place where Napoleon had been diminished.

The barbarian states are Morocco, Algiers, Tripoli and Tunis.

Queen Victoria reigned 60 years. She was the longest sovereign that ever ruled in England.

A frog is a bug with four legs. It stands up in front and sits down behind.—World Outlook.

Some POSTSCRIPTS

Japanese government experts are raising tobacco in Korea from American need.

A wheel chair has been patented that can be folded compactly for storage when idle.

Official figures show that the sewers of American cities are long enough to girdle the earth.

English scientists are experimenting with the production of artificial rubber from coke oven gas.

Caddies are unnecessary for golf players who use a new holder for clubs that is mounted on wheels.

Two Seattle men have patented a machine that slices an entire loaf of bread as a trade is pressed.

India is now raising cotton on 13,263,000 acres of land, an increase of about 7 per cent from last year.

An irrigation project nearing completion in the Hawaiian Islands will pierce five mountain ranges and deliver 50,000,000 gallons of water daily to plantations.

Forks that carry spring scales to weigh their contents have been invented in sizes ranging from a dining table utensil to one large enough to handle hay or grain.—Houston Post.

STATISTICAL NOTES

Ohio cow supply has dwindled 40 per cent in a few months.

United States grew 13,554,150 bushels of onions and 691,920 tons of cabbage in 1917.

A 31 per cent drop in building operations was reported in New York city, due to strikes and inability to obtain steel.

As a result of increases of wages steel rollers in the mills at Youngstown, O., are now earning as much as \$800 a month or at the rate of \$10,000 a year.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Orange juice is a preventive of scurvy among children who use pasteurized milk.

Tomatoes filled with minced pineapple, celery and chopped nuts mixed with mayonnaise are delicious.

Pack glass and china in hay that is slightly damp. This will prevent the articles from slipping about.

Apples, cored and filled with chopped dates or figs, then baked, make an excellent breakfast dish.

Parsley and sweet herbs should be gathered on a sunny day when full grown if they are to be dried.

If white potatoes are inclined to turn black when being boiled, add a few drops of vinegar to the water they are boiled in.

FACTS AND FIGURES

United States in 1916 quarried granite valued at \$17,418,582.

United States national banks have \$10,000,000,000 in deposits.

Pennsylvania railroad has sent 2,540 employees to war.

When you feel this hot weather so much, why not drop in at Silverthorn's and ask Al Cain for a drink of Afil Cola. 8-3-17

Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.

SAMMIES GET "FLAPPERS" TO CHASE POISON GAS



(C) C. P. I. Sammy, above, is beating off a gas attack—that is, he's learning how.

In addition to the gas masks the American soldiers are provided with these "flapper" fans. The handle is about two feet long. The fan part is about two feet square and is made of stiff canvas.

By rhythmic beating of the bottom of the trench, throwing the fan up well over the shoulder after each blow, air currents soon displace the gas.

INDIA'S PRIZE FIGHTING BIRDS

In most countries little birds are matched against one another, for beauty of plumage or strength of song, but in India they are taught prize fighting.

The quail is most commonly used in these prize competitions, and the bird dealers who stock the fighting kind do a good trade among the natives. The birds are kept in cages, scores and scores being on view at the various bird-dealers' shops.

Only the male birds are used, the females being placed in their cages within sight of the battle royal to encourage their mates to fight. This they readily do by means of a peculiar whistle. The natives have side stakes on the fight, but the only consolation the winning bird receives for perhaps a few berries and a good shaking up is a liberal feed of delicacies.

WARMTH NOT IN SURFACE

"The Britisher is just as warm-hearted and kindly and friendly as we are," writes Herbert Corey in Everybody's, "but he must be operated on with a full kit of tools before one finds it out.

"Not long ago I was riding with a young officer on the British front. He had just heard that his favorite brother-in-law was located in some unknown village near by.

"He was quite 'bucked up' about it—I am sure he said 'bucked up'—because this was a real brother-in-law. He regaled me with stories of the brother-in-law's youth. He met friends and asked where the beloved brother-in-law might be found. By and by we ran across the brother-in-law, standing knee-deep in mud in a particularly desolate village. This is precisely what they called to each other:

"Fancy me finding you here, old top!" "Fipping, isn't it? Come along and have a pop."

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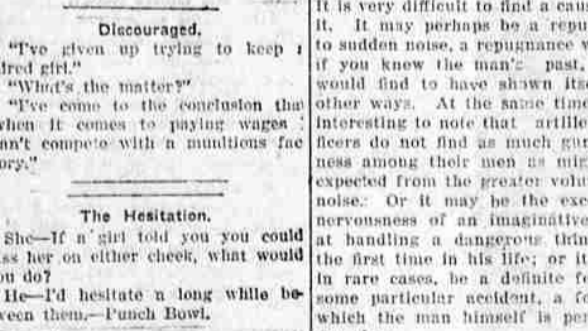
"I've given up trying to keep a hired girl."

"What's the matter?" "I've come to the conclusion that when it comes to paying wages, can't compete with a maid's factory."

THE HESITATION

She—"If a girl told you you could kiss her on either cheek, what would you do?" He—"I'd hesitate a long while between them.—Punch Bowl.

LIEUT. JOHN MACARTHUR



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CHICHESTER'S PILLS

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Clean-Up Sale of Women's and Misses' Low Shoes

Advertisement for N.W. West & Co. shoes. Includes a list of shoe types and prices: One lot Ladies' French Heel Pumps, Reg. \$5.50, Sale \$4.40; One lot Ladies' French Heel, 1 strap Pumps, Reg. \$5.00, Sale Price \$4.00; One lot Ladies' Tan Low Heel Oxfords, Reg. \$4.00, Sale \$3.20; One lot Ladies' Clo. Quar. Spool Heels, Reg. \$4.00, Sale \$3.20; Misses Low Heel, 1 Strap, in Gun Metal and Patent 20 per cent off; All White Low Shoes reduced 20 per cent.

make him a little more than the best of himself.

These are the most difficult and the most interesting cases that an instructor has to handle. He has to watch them closely, be ready to encourage them, see at once when they are doing better. If he once lets them think that he despises them, if he merely tries to discipline them, if he makes them afraid to speak of themselves, he will do nothing.

GUNS CAUSE NERVOUSNESS

Instructors in Musketry Must Understand Their Pupils. By A BRITISH MUSKETRY OFFICER.

(Written for the United Press.) LONDON, Aug. 8.—A man who rides a bicycle wonders how on earth it is possible to fall off, just as a man who is learning to ride wonders how on earth it is possible to stay on.

That in a contrast which every musketry instructor must keep continually in his mind. If he does not he will forget that to the novice a dangerous thing. He approaches it with respect. Exactly as with the bicycle he wonders not only how he will manage it, and what it will do to him. That is why you cannot drill men in shooting as you can drill them into forming four, and why with harshness and impatience you may spoil a good man at musketry.

You are doing more than to teach him to do a new thing, you are putting a strange instrument into his hands, as you might give him a curious animal, and he has to become accustomed to it. If you let him see it wrongly, if you let him fire his first shot with a loose grip and hurt himself with the kick, you may make him permanently afraid of it.

That is an obvious carelessness which every good instructor avoids, but he has to do more, he has to remember that every man with imagination enough to learn at all must have a certain gun shyness at first even if he never shows it, and must wonder what the first shot will feel like, a strange instrument into his hands, as you might give him a curious animal, and he has to become accustomed to it.

Gun shyness is a well chosen expression and in the exact sense of it every man is gun shy at the beginning, but it is used more often simply to describe the more obvious physical nervousness that some men show when they first handle a rifle. It is very difficult to find a cause for it. It may perhaps be a repugnance to sudden noise, a repugnance which, if you knew the man's past, you would find to have shown itself in other ways. At the same time it is interesting to note that artillery officers do not find as much gun shyness among their men as might be expected from the greater volume of noise. Or it may be the excessive nervousness of an imaginative man at handling a dangerous thing for the first time in his life; or it may, in rare cases, be a definite fear of some particular accident, a fear of which the man himself is perfectly conscious.

Difficult Cases. But clear cases of that sort are rare, and there is no opportunity to try and trace the nervousness back to its source. All that the musketry officer has is the man himself; a puzzled, rather shamed man, who for some reason at all that he can find, trembles when he goes down with a rifle, or breaks into a sweat, or cannot see clearly; and he has to put heart into that man and

ACQUIRING A PERFECT FIGURE

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BARGAINS!

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