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Printer Started Pershing to the Top.

That comparatively insignificant events sometimes lead to mighty results is illustrated in the story of Victor P. Gay, linotype operator in the composing room of the Omaha Bee, who unwittingly initiated a train of events which were responsible for the presence of General John J. Pershing at the head of the American armies in France.

These are the links in the chain of events which have placed General Pershing in command of the forces which will change the course of the world's history.

Gay was a cog in the political machine which brought about the election of Charles Mansur of Chillicothe, Mo., to congress from the Third Missouri district in the fall of 1882. Mansur soon after appointed John Pershing, then a Missouri school teacher, to West Point, and so started him on the career which was to embrace leadership of American forces over half a world, from the Philippines and the wreck of the Spanish empire to France and the wreck of the German empire.

"It was back in the early '80's," said Gay, "and Charley Mansur, whom we all knew, was a candidate for congress once more. He had lost by only three votes in the previous election, and the word had been passed out to the boys that we were to break our necks if we were to elect old Charley this time. I was a printer in Chillicothe then.

"Just before election a brilliant idea occurred to me. There were about eighty negroes who lived in and around Ulen, five miles west of Chillicothe. These negroes were voters, but no one had ever attempted to swing their votes one way or another in the elections. Many of them were friends of mine and through them I brought about the trick.

"The night before election I called a meeting of them in a school house on the edge of town. I told them what the election of Charley Mansur, staunch old Republican, would mean to them, and told them what the party had done for them during and after the civil war. I secured the promise of all of them to vote for Mansur the next day.

"Election night the votes were counted. Sixty-five of my eighty negro votes had gone in a solid block for Charley Mansur and he was elected by thirty-nine votes. He'd have lost out sure if it hadn't been for those negroes. Oh, we had close elections those days in old Missouri."

It was only a few months after he took office that Mansur appointed Pershing to West Point, where the Missouri lad afterward arose to be instructor and from where he went to begin his active career of leadership. And the strangest part of the story is that, although Gay knew John Pershing by sight he never exchanged a word with him in all his life, never

SHOWING NURSE THEIR SOUVENIRS



These wounded Americans, who have done their share in the contest for universal justice, are showing their nurse pieces of a German airplane that was shot down by the Yanks before Bellecour.

was introduced to him and has probably never been heard of by the general.

"Yes, I guess it was partly my fault that Pershing helped lick the boche," concluded Gay, reflectively, "but it was all an accident and I suppose just another trick of that old lady they call Dame Fortune."

The Uniform Wipes the Slate of the Past.

Our boys are returning, not in small numbers, but in large numbers, and industry must absorb them or else we will stand before that eminent jury of uniformed soldiers as a people who do not make good.

Talk has always been cheap. Oration has been effusive and effervescent. When the boys were leaving we dined them and all spoke words of cheer assuring them of the glorious reception that awaited their return with positions they were leaving open to them as soon as they had been discharged.

This pledge must be kept. And not only must the boys be reinstated, but The Observer wishes to respectfully call attention to another phase of the matter.

Some of the boys who went to war were probably a little wild. They may have done some things that the Golden Rule would not encompass, but when they donned the uniform of the country all their past history faded away. They were our heroes then, they are our heroes now.

Don't hold any boy's former record in civil life against him now. The slate has been wiped clean by serving with the flag and he is entitled to an even break upon his return.

And it will be found that many of the boys who were a trifle wayward made excellent soldiers. It will also be found that the one year and two years spent in the military life has worked a wonderful change and the boy who was scarcely trustworthy before the war now may be the big man whom you need in your business.

Every employer should adopt the inflexible rule of giving any soldier with an honorable discharge the benefit of all possible doubt and treat him the way that he merits, remembering at all times the United States reform has wiped the slate of any former misdeeds and no matter who he is he should be given another chance with a clean slate.

God Only Has Ten.

This is given me as the truth of what M. Clemenceau said when the draft of President Wilson's original note with the fourteen points was handed to him. He said: "Quarante points! Mal a dire d'est un peu fort—le bon Dieu n'en avait que dix."—Manchester Guardian.

Probably the main trouble with people is that there are too many of them.

OBITUARY.

LENA BOOZER

Mrs. Lena Booser, nineteen years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Booser, of 791 Division street died shortly before noon today, a victim of Spanish influenza with pneumonia complications. The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel, pending funeral arrangements.

ROFFORD

Mrs. D. W. Rofford, of La Grande, died Tuesday at the Grande Ronde hospital of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Deceased, who was twenty-seven years of age, leaves a husband and two small children. The remains are at the Bohnenkamp chapel, awaiting the arrival of relatives and the making of definite funeral arrangements.

GEORGE ALBION BEATH.

George Albion Beath, a pioneer of the west, died at his home in Wallawa, Oregon, December 24, 1918. He was born at Booth Bay, Maine, June 22, 1855, thus being 63 years, 6 months and 2 days of age. When a boy of 14 he came with the gold seekers to California, but returned to his home in Maine soon after and again in 1853 came to California. Here and in Western Oregon he lived until 1892 when he again went to his native state. In 1898 he came to La Grande where he resided until last July, when he moved to Wallawa, where his son, R. L. Beath lived. May 16, 1875 he was married to Miss Julia Frances Watkins at Eugene, Oregon. To them were born two children, R. L. Beath of Wallawa, Oregon, and Mrs. Mary Estella Holmes of Bellingham, Washington. His wife, who has tenderly cared for him through his long last illness survives him, also his two children, ten grand children and one great grand child. Many friends knew and esteemed him highly wherever he has lived.

Mr. Beath was of an old Scotch family, the older family of the Duke of Argyll. The old Beath family having as their family crest the Birch tree. The family now has in their possession an old punch bowl and ladle that formerly belonged to the Duke, which is now 750 years old. Early in the 18th century the family came to New England. Mr. Beath's father and mother were both born in Booth Bay, Maine. When young Beath was three years of age his father, who was a sea captain, was lost at sea off Cape Cod. He did not follow the sea but spent his life largely in building ships for the "North Deep," he being a ship carpenter by trade.

While still a young lad he united with the Congregational church and to his death held loyalty to his faith in Christ and to the church of his fellowship. He earlier in life had affiliated with the Masonic, Odd Fellow and United Workman, fraternal orders. He had lived usefully to the world. He goes. We cherish his memory.

Funeral services were held from the home in Wallawa, Oregon, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 26, and interment in the Wallawa cemetery. Rev. Jasper Bogue of the Christian church officiating.

IMPORTANT!

Here's a chance for the man who needs a suit. For the next ten days we will give an extra pair of trousers for half price with every suit. Think of it! You need the clothes. We need the business and will offer a fine line to select from. This hold good until January 1st.

THE TONGERY.

FORUM

TO COMBAT THE FLU

Editor Observer:
It is my desire to do all in checking the present "flu" epidemic now raging and causing so much suffering and grief in our community and, in fact, over the whole world. From the standpoint of the Naturopath it is but a universal crisis that fell upon humanity, like the great war, just over, was an economic crisis. It is as hard to dodge it as it is to dodge lightning. But we can prepare ourselves to meet it and treat it accordingly. While in the rain one can not dodge the raindrops but he can carry an umbrella to keep from getting wet. So it is here, a little prevention is worth a lot of cure. I therefore ask the public to join me in trying to escape the malady or at least to make it lighter.

It is the duty of us all to do our utmost in preserving the public health as well as our own. The mind of the public should be made clear in this respect. Direct all thoughts on a bright day and better health, live right, do right, talk right and fear not.

The following are methods applied by naturopaths and mechano-therapists with good results. I have used these methods as a preventive and not a case has been very bad.

First: Abstain from sugar, spicy dishes, starchy foods and potatoes. Abstain from heavy noonday meals. Eat fruit instead and eat sparingly of meats at all meals. Coffee should not be used more than once a day, if at all. Fruits such as oranges, bananas, apples and grapes should be partaken of before each meal. Preservatives and sugared fruits should be avoided.

Second: Keep temperature of the rooms cool, about 68 degrees, Fahrenheit. Water for baths should be about 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Use only sponge bath and rub the body dry with the hands, don't use towels.

Third: Clean out the bowels with clear water. Use enema (injection) not too hot, just comfortable to the elbow, as a test. Do this at night before retiring. If the well part of the public will make use of these methods it will greatly assist the physicians in preventing bad cases and in warding off the sickness altogether.

Submitted for the good of humanity.

DR. A. N. MAYVILLE.

Mrs. Isley's Letter.

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative, and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good.—Adv.

Y. M. C. A.

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The kidneys are the most important organs of the body. They are the filters of your blood. If the poisons which are swept from the blood by the kidneys are not eliminated through the kidneys, disease of one form or another will claim you as a victim.

Kidney disease is usually indicated by weariness, sleeplessness, nervousness, despondency, backache, stomach trouble, pain in loins and lower abdomen, red stones, gravel, rheumatism, eczema and lumbago. All these derangements are nature's signals that the kidneys need help.

You should use GOLD MEDAL BARKLEY OIL Capsules immediately. The soothing, healing oil stimulates the kidneys, relieves inflammation and destroys the germs which have caused it. Go to your druggist today and get a box of GOLD MEDAL BARKLEY OIL Capsules. In twenty-four hours you should feel health and vigor returning.

After you feel somewhat improved continue to take one or two capsules each day, so as to keep the first-class condition and ward off the danger of other attacks. Ask for the original imported GOLD MEDAL brand. The size of the capsules is small. Money refunded if they do not help you.

NEW TODAY

LOST—Maff near Golden Rule store Tuesday. Call Red 1423. 12-26-3tp

WANTED—Woman to wash for family of two. Call Black 1591. 12-26-2tp

FOUND—On Sixth St. Hill a pair of child's leather gloves. Owner can have same by paying for ad. Call Observer. 12-26-2t

LOST—15 Jewel Waltham watch moon-tooth fob, locket chain, near Palmer mill pond, Dec. 25. Return to Observer. 12-26-4tp

Few Escape.

There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.—Adv.

It takes a rare genius to be a good money saver and popular at the same time.

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Mrs. J. H. Fisk, 1707 Adams Ave., says: "I can certainly speak a good word for Doan's Kidney Pills, for I know they are a medicine of merit. I have given them to one of my children on several occasions for bed-wetting and kidney disorders and they have always been very beneficial."

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The Kangaroo Industry.

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