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Great Adventure Definitely Accomplished.

The airplane race from America to Europe has been distinctly a national enterprise. The large measure of success attending it has been due to the fact that the plane was worked out by experts and elaborate facilities were provided by the navy department, and that, in short, the epochal undertaking was backed by the matchless resources of the United States.

It is conceivable that a seaplane, or some other sort of aircraft, might have made the voyage successfully without all the detailed instructions, the careful training, the warships strung across the ocean and the whole big system of cooperation of which the navy flyers had the benefit. But the chances against it would have been much greater.

In the triumph of those brave, highly skilled American aviators, therefore, all America shares. And this

success won is richly suggestive of possible achievements in other fields. We are strong for private enterprise and individual accomplishment in this country. That is a fine tendency, but it may be carried too far. There are many big things in the world that need doing and that could be done better and quicker through organized public effort.

Cities, states and federal government, we might almost say, have as yet hardly begun to function. They are not awake to their opportunities. They do not realize what tremendous things they might do with the pooled resources—the wealth and brains—of their citizens. Neither do they realize the uplift of spirit that might come, as it has in this case, from triumph won through common effort and interest. Wars are full of that spirit. Battles won bring the spiritual uplift. The crossing of the Atlantic is a great, pioneer adventure of peace. There should be many such hereafter.

How Much In the Package?

The federal Department of Agriculture is engaged in a determined campaign to enforce the net-weight amendment to the Food and Drugs Act as it applies to fruits and vegetables. This amendment provides that the actual contents shall be plainly indicated on packages containing food or drugs. Hitherto there seems to have been considerable disregard of it with respect to fresh fruits and vegetables, though it applies to them no less than other food-stuffs. Shippers who fail to observe the law are liable to prosecution in the federal courts.

This measure, of course, can only be enforced in connection with goods coming under the designation of "interstate commerce," that is, goods shipped over state lines. Many states and cities have adopted similar regulations covering food-stuffs shipped or sold within their own jurisdictions; but in general, states and municipalities are still lax in the matter.

In the last few years the multiplication of sizes and shapes of boxes, crates, etc., has resulted in chaos. It is seldom that a consumer can tell, any more, how much of any fruit or vegetable there is in any container. Often the retailer does not know. Sometimes the shipper himself does not know. It is evident that, in order

to insure fair dealing all along the line, either all fruits and vegetables should be sold by weight, or else the receptacles in which they are sold should show the precise quantity contained.

A Business War Memorial.

The Westinghouse Electric Company has established four scholarships as a commemoration of the part played by its employees during the war.

It is not in any sense a memorial for those fought and died, but a recognition by the company of the loyal service of all its employees both in the shop and on the field of battle. Two of the scholarships are to be open to employees of two years' length of service who are under 23 years of age. The other two are to be limited to sons of employees who have served the company for at least five years. The selection in each case is to be decided by competitive examination, to be conducted by the company's educational department.

Scholarships will enable the successful candidates to pursue a four-year technical course in any school or college they may prefer, with the approval of the committee. They may study any branch of engineering they choose, and in each case the student's completion of his course depends on his making good every year in accordance with the standards of the college selected.

A nobler or more valuable testimonial to faithful service would be hard to imagine. It sheds an interesting light on the spirit and method of some of the great business concerns of our country in dealing with their employees.

A lot of old tanks that had seen service on the other side have been brought to this country and used for exhibition purposes. After July 1 we ought to be able to return the compliment and send a lot of old tanks to Europe for prohibition purposes.

According to the New York World, there is liquor, liquor everywhere, especially in dry states. In that case, we should think the World and other liquor-loving organs would quit fighting prohibition.

Of course we love the British people. But if they don't mind, we'd rather keep those German merchantmen for ourselves.

The main trouble with the average congressman is that he thinks talk is work.

A lot of daylight-savers are now being sold. "Backward, turn backward, oh time, in your flight."

After all, playing baseball is better sport than standing in a muddy ditch, throwing hard grapes.

NOTICE TO MASONS

Dr. George B. Van Waters, of Portland Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., will deliver a lecture on "Symbols of Freemasonry" to the members of La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., Thursday evening, May 29th. The meeting will be held in the Masonic lodge room at 8 o'clock. Visiting members of the order welcome. Refreshments will be served. A. C. WILLIAMS, Sec.

ATTENTION MOOSE

All members of La Grande Lodge 850 are requested to be present on regular meeting night, Wednesday, May 28, at 8:00 p. m. sharp. Special business on hand, fine spread and a general good time. Be sure and be there. FRED J. SMITH, Dictator. 5-26-31.

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WANT FIREMEN FOR FOREST WORK

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Umbrella Improvement. It is the little things which make for perfection, we are told. An inventor has perfected a device which certainly shows a taste for perfection. No one is unfamiliar with the strip of tape with a catch which is used snugly to wind up closed umbrellas. When the umbrella is open this piece of tape drops and pendulates in a way that undoubtedly is offensive to the dignity of some. The inventor in question has made an invention which provides means of stowing away the pendant into the interior of the opened umbrella by means of a snapping device.

Oldest Roof. The roof of Hout Rainsbeck in New York city is supposed to be the oldest date roof in America. It was started in the year 1709 with slate brought from Wales for this purpose.

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TESTING ACCOMODATIONS. Parties who desire testing space or tenting accommodations for the Chautauqua in La Grande this summer should make their applications at once, to Mr. Thomas at the city park. Tests may be had by speaking to C. J. Mack, at the city water office. All reservations should be made early. 5-25-31

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