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

Proved Their Right to Equality.

It dressed no surprise when the national House of Representatives, the other day, adopted the Susan B. Anthony amendment by a vote of more than three to one. It will prove no surprise when the senate, the stronghold of American political conservatism, approves it by a liberal majority.

Political victories come easily and naturally to the women here and elsewhere, in these latter days. The war gave the equal franchise an impetus which brings in months the progress that ordinarily would require years or decades. As the war issues become clear, it grew self-evident that freedom and democracy included individuals as well as nationalities, and women as well as men. And the noble and effective service rendered by women during the conflict proved without argument their rightful stand beside men in any form of public service.

So the present year has brought a landslide of suffrage victories. Four states gave women the presidential ballot during the first four months. The favorable action of congress comes not as a revolution, but merely a climax, for it finds women already possessing full suffrage in 15 states, presidential suffrage in 12 more and primary suffrage in two. And others may be added to the list at anytime.

The movement has been no less noticeable in foreign countries. British women now have the ballot, a French woman, who made no effort, have been enfranchised in Russia, recognition of their deeds. Equal suffrage is accepted as a matter of course in the new countries built out of the wreck of the Central Powers. It finds response even in Germany.

There was much talk of "reconstruction" a few years ago. That was a fad. Invention, science and experience running unbridled. We hear little of "reconstruction" now, but the thing seems to be taking a reality. There is a more strong faith in the "good earth" and humanity. Women have helped.

Helpful Cooperation Is Desirable.

The president, Mr. Wilson, addressed the Trade Union Congress yesterday, urging the senate to approve the amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law, so that when the telegraph and telephone lines are returned to private ownership, they can be operated as a "joint service."

This recommendation will receive a much more respectful hearing from congress and from the public, than it would have received a few years ago.

The Sherman law is recognized as having served a useful purpose, but its limitations are now seen pretty clearly. In seeking to prevent harmful monopoly it has too often hindered helpful cooperation. It is now pretty admitted that some change of law or policy must be accomplished that will make possible the full benefits of cooperation without endangering public rights.

A good deal has been done along this line during the war. The nation has approved temporary monopoly in many public utilities when that monopoly was exercised by the government. It is a question now of some compromise policy whereby there may be similar concentration and co-ordination of effort under private ownership.

This seems especially desirable in the great transportation and intelligence industries, the railroads, telegraphs, telephones, etc. Under proper conditions, nearly everybody—government, private enterprise, can handle these utilities better than the government. But they cannot be left to their own devices as in the old days. There must be a large measure of government control, so arranged that it will be of constructive help.

Congress has a rare opportunity to win statesmanship in this field.

New England Farms In War Time.

New England made a magnificent showing in answer to the war appeal for agricultural production.

This comes as a surprise to most people, for this section is generally considered as agriculturally dead, especially when compared to the marvelous crop production of the middle west.

Although handicapped by natural conditions and situated where man power was automatically drained from their fields, in response to the war call, the farmers of old New England raised their corn percentage more than 18 per cent, and their wheat percentage over 23 per cent, rye and oats and barley showed remarkable advances also.

Even with the reduction of pasturage for increased grain production the farmers increased their raising of food producing animals, bringing into the markets of the country cattle, sheep and hogs of a quality and quantity which put them among the big producers.

In this as in every way else New England proved true to the high standards of patriotism which are a part of her heritage, and having found what she can do it is beautiful if ever again the history of the farms of our country will be the history of farms abandoned and fields given over to thistles, thorns and briers.

Knowledge Unto Himself.

A group of business men met on a street corner in a certain city and were discussing the progress that has been made by the allied forces on the western front. During the conversation a fellow-citizen, who is fond of expressing his opinion, but whose field of information is so limited that he doesn't appreciate how small it is, joined the crowd and listened to the various expressions.

Unable to hold his silence, he declared:

"There ain't no doubt but that our boys has thrown new life into the allies, but to my opinion the Huns won't hold up the Germans did."

And then before anyone could get in a word he added:

"And then we've done jobs better work since our merchant marines has gotten into front line action."

A classified ad will bring people to your store.

OBITUARY

Himpenmacher.

Donna Himpenmacher was born on May 22, 1866, to Ferdinand Himpenmacher and his wife, Mario, nee Beinhoff, at Stassfurt, Province of Saxony, Germany. After receiving a good education in the usual branches of knowledge she also took a thorough course of domestic science and other useful forms of employment. She then acquired an enviable reputation as a household manager or superintendent on large estates of the German nobility. At the age of 23 she was married to Franz Starcke who died after eight years of wedded life. One son was born to them, who died in early childhood. An exceptionally tender and devoted wife and mother, she suffered untold agony through these sad losses. She then turned her many talents into business channels gradually acquiring large property interests in the city of Halle on the Saale. Managing these with her customary skill and ability, she attracted much attention and became well known in business and financial circles. In the midst of all this she received the news of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Beinhoff, of La Grande, in 1912. Deeply sympathetic in nature she decided to go to the assistance of her far away and lonely uncle.

Here she exerted herself in his behalf for one and a half years and then they both left for her home in Germany. Occasional and indefinable longings for the more simple and unconventional life of the great west together with property interests still left here, prompted her to again make the long journey to La Grande in July, 1914, in company with her uncle. The air was full of rumors of war, and against the wishes and advice of her relatives, at a time of life when most women crave rest and quiet, she once more made the long and exhausting journey, arriving here just a few days before the outbreak of actual hostilities in Europe.

A previous correspondence in regard to business matters had gradually developed into something more romantic, and on September 20, 1914, she was united in marriage to J. H. Blumenstein, at his home on Mt. Emily. The great change from the activities of the busy, bustling city to the quiet mountain retreat had a favorable effect on her somewhat shattered nervous system. In a manner more angelic than human she devoted herself to her husband and uncle, making a small paradise of her new home during the summer season and living in town during the winter. Gradually her health failed more and more. The great war caused her many a heartache, as all communication with her native land and her blood relations came to a complete stop. She at last decided that only an operation could restore her failing health. With commendable courage and determination she went through the ordeal at the Grande Ronde hospital on May 10, improving rapidly for a week or so, she seemed out of all danger when a new and puzzling complication set in. All that medical skill and loving attention could do failed to save her from the clutches of death. On May 27, at 2:40 p. m. she passed away very peacefully and quietly.

While at the hospital she had the great pleasure of hearing, through the Red Cross, that all her folks in Europe were still alive.

The funeral services took place Friday at 3:00 p. m. at the Rohrer chapel in conformity with her own wishes. A large and sorrowing concourse of relatives and friends attended the ceremonies at the chapel and the Masonic cemetery. The many tearful eyes and the numerous beautiful floral tributes spoke volumes for the love and esteem in which she had been held by all who knew her.

In her earthly life of 53 years and five days it had been her constant desire to help others and leave the world better than she found it. With no thought of self she had lived a beautiful, useful and noble life. Even in death she was of service to her fellow human beings, as the autopsy plainly revealed the immediate cause of death, and will make it possible for others to survive if the future could anyone do better than that?

We shall find the husband and people she so earnestly strove to find and be source for others during all the too short stay among us.

The surviving relatives are her husband, J. H. Blumenstein, an uncle, Frank Beinhoff, of La Grande, her aged mother, two brothers and a sister, a number of nephews and nieces in Germany and a nephew in Detroit, Michigan.

Leadville's Interesting Busts.

The table where Josh Billings wrote his stories of mining camp life, the boot where Texas Jack died, and the gambling hole where a millionaire gave his last stake on the roulette wheel, are some of the things that figure in Leadville, Colo., and are to remain in memory.

One of these busts is to be in the theatre where Charles Dillon Stewart gave his celebrated impersonations of Josh Billings. Stewart was a stickler for the truth of his depiction and was always surrounded by a concourse of people who knew Billings. When he did them to be intended to be shown at Mammoth, among the pines, and the finest he said to be the largest one this side of Leadville. Only Billings knew the secret.

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MARINE CORPS AFTER RECRUITS

Many Varied Opportunities for Young Men in the United States Marine Service

The Marine Corps holds forth to the young men many opportunities at the present time. An ex-marine or soldier who did not get a chance to re-enlist may now take a summer vacation and go to France and return the fall at the expense of the U. S. Marine Corps. The Marine want men who have had previous experience (re-enlist after special limited service in France.) Those who enlist for this special service are going transferred direct to the Marine Overseas depot at Quantico, Virginia, from which place they will be transferred immediately to France. They are needed to relieve men who are over there now and will remain there until fall at which time, all overseas troops will be withdrawn, returned to the United States and discharged. Here is a chance to get to the France, the country where the struggle for world democracy was fought, also a chance to win the gold stripe you have been wanting.

Men are taking advantage of this so if you want to be one of the lucky fellows who are going to have an interesting trip to Europe at the expense of the government, you had better hurry up—make up your mind—don't hesitate—but act now—come and talk it over with Wingard at the Recruiting Station.

There are also wanted for the famous U. S. Marine Corps Military band at Mare Island, California. Fifteen of the following musicians are wanted:

1 Bb Clarinet, 3 Bb Clarinets (for solo), 3 Bb Cornets (for solo), 1 Baritone, 1 Bass drummer, 1 Trap drummer, 1 Solo Eb alto, 3 Slide Trombones, 1 B Bb bass tuba.

This is an opportunity of a lifetime for a young musician to develop under the directions of some of the most talented musicians in the United States. Applicants will be examined as to ability by appointment through the Recruiting Officer in Portland. Transportation may be furnished to Portland, Oregon for this examination.

These and many more opportunities are offered by the U. S. Marine Corps. For any further information regarding the various opportunities may be obtained from the Recruiting Sergeant, at Room 17, Sommers building, La Grande, Oregon.

"LUCKY" BALDWIN HAD LARGE FORTUNE

Was Amassed Largely in Real Estate and Horses in the Earlier Days of California

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 4.—The fortune of Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker, involved in the suit by her son, Albert F. Snyder, of San Francisco, asking a superior court decree adjudging her incompetent to handle her estate, was derived from her father, the late E. J. ("Lucky") Baldwin, famous California turfman.

When Baldwin died, March 1, 1909, he left the estate, with the exception of some minor bequests, to his two daughters, Mrs. Stocker and Mrs. Anita Baldwin, in equal shares. His holdings were appraised at more than $20,000,000.

The Baldwin estate consisted principally of real estate and mortgages and other securities although he died possessed of more than $1,000,000 in cash.

Some of the Baldwin properties were founded in California history and had been held by him for many years. Best known was his home, the Santa Anita ranch, centering at Arcadia, a few miles from here.

This comprised some 13,000 acres and at times the Arcadia ranch known throughout the country, as a center of horse racing for many years.

Another noted property was the Rancho Cienega O'Leno, consisting of some 4,000 acres adjacent to the city of Los Angeles on the south west. When the latter was settled, after long litigation, this ranch was sold to be subdivided for home sites for about $7,000,000. It was bought by Baldwin in 1884, a comparatively short time after he arrived in California from New England, and was continuously held by him despite many offers. Baldwin acquired his great fortune through land and horses. He analyzed racing to handicap with naming him the sobriquet "Lucky". One of the land he bought for conservatively eight prices afterward became valuable producers of oil. He owned some of the best blooded horses of his country and was extensively fond of racing.

The days before Baldwin retired, he was prominent after a duel in which he killed a man shortly after his death, Beatrice Anita Turnbull filed a contest against the will, demanding a share of the estate. She based her suit on the claim she was a daughter of Baldwin, asserting her mother, a resident of Boston, at the time of the suit, had married Baldwin in Los Angeles in 1884.

Superior Judge Rives, after the introduction of a compromise, last month, withdrew the case from the consideration of the jury and directed the jury to bring in a verdict in favor of the will.

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A new and lovely assortment of

Sport Skirts

We've selected new tops the lines of the leading haberdashers of the east. They just arrived and we hasten to call them to display. Perhaps you noticed our windows today, if so you saw some of the leading models. To see these lovely garments is to desire them, so we are naturally eager to have you inspect them.

The materials are Satin, Shark Satin, Barcelona Satin, Wool Poplin, and Poplin. We want you to see these now—you'll be just as welcome if you come merely to see, as if you come with the express purpose of buying.

New Parasols and Umbresols

In new, pretty patterns of floral and striped silk and poplin. New features are fancy tips, fancy handles, etc. You will find them here to match your gown. Not windows. Prices range from $2.25 to $7.50.

Art Dolls

NEW FOR THE KIDDIES—

Unbreakable Art Dolls of all different kinds—lifelike models. The new "LITTLE MARY MIX-UP" is a new feature among them. They are costumed in Pink, Blue and White Lawn Dresses, Khaki Scout Suits, Sailor Suits, Bathing Suits, and many others. Prices range from $1.50 to $5.00.

A Varied Assortment of New

Bag Handles

Made in celluloid and silveroid in many different shapes. The celluloid are in different colors and fasten with the clasp. The silveroid are square in shape, with chain—some are set with stones. Prices range from 65c to $1.75.

N. K. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

Life of Chinese Girls.

The Chinese girl's reason for being is marriage, and one of her earliest lessons is that woman's place is indeed the home and that man is ordained her master, the World Outlook says. Old maids have a particularly horrid time in China and most of them take the veil. There is little else for them to do, for they can't all become school-teachers and no other career is open for the young women who does not marry. Women journalists, doctors, lawyers, stenographers and clerks are practically unknown.

Perhaps this somewhat oriental ideal of Chinese womanhood explains why the training of the piano rather than the clicking of typewriter keys is the chief mechanical thing one hears at the Santiago College for Girls, and why the most important exercise in an exhibit of the needlework and hand-painted china rather than essays on "Why the Woman Needs the Vote."

Famous Writer of Songs.

The songs that George F. Root composed or arranged during the Civil war would picture life a volume. Both George Root music was a profession. He was born in Massachusetts in 1820 and studied music both in this country and abroad. Before, during and for a considerable time after the Civil war, Mr. Root was a music publisher in Chicago.

Previous to the war he had written a number of cantatas and similar compositions but when the war started he turned all of his attention to composing war songs.

One of the most spirited songs was "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching," and its composition should entitle him to rank among the makers of living national music.

Next to "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," the most popular of Root's war songs was "The Battle Cry of Freedom."

Fishing in Japan.

Japanese fishermen catch their fish in a way very different from our fishermen. The fisherman will sit in his little boat and have with him eight or ten ugly black birds, almost the size of a goose, called cormorants. These birds live almost on fish. They are trained to obey their owner's voice. He makes them dive into the water after the fish and they are so quick and clever and strong that they usually bring some up out of the water without fish in their beak. A ring is placed around their necks to prevent them from swallowing their booty, but to allow them to breathe freely from breathing. When the bird is through fishing he makes the bird get into the boat out of the water and which they have caught.

Found Road to Happiness.

I have been a good deal happier since I have given up thinking about what is new and pleasant, and being discontented because I could not have my own will.—George Eliot.

The Observer furnishes ad paint Butter Wrappers.

Natural Curiosity.

Nature has placed one of her curiosities on the location of a former sugar mill on the island of Trinidad. The plant has since been reduced to ruins and is overgrown with vegetation. The old solid chimney in intact and up through its center one of the quick growing trees of the region has sprung, spreading its branches out of the top of the huge chimney and is now in full bloom.

Observer ads are widely read.

State News

Four conferences will be held at the university of Oregon by the extension service of the state, June 23-27. The topics to be discussed are child hygiene, standard tests, high school socialization work, and Americanization work in the public schools.

The McCormick company of St. Helens is preparing to build a combination steam-schooner which is to be 250 feet in length and capable of carrying 1,500,000 feet of lumber. The building of the steamer will give 150 men steady employment for a year.

Robbers broke into the store of M. C. Rossler & Sons at Springfield Saturday night and got away with about $100 worth of hardware and $1000 worth of jewelry.

Growing wheat in Umatilla county is showing the need of rain. The next month will be the critical one for the crop. The month of May fell short of the normal precipitation, but with the normal quantity of moisture during June, farmers generally predict a good yield with a fair chance of a bumper production.

Strawberries have been moving from Hood River for the past several days at $4.25 per crate.

The big St. Helens lumber company mill started on a 10-hour shift Monday. It had previously been running only eight hours.

The Columbia at Hood River is rising at the rate of 10 inches daily and seepage water is already worrying the lowland farmers and gardeners.

The cannery is being built at Lafayette and will be ready to start canning about June 25. A shipment of 100,000 cans has already been sent from Portland.

Some new factory patterns in hand purses are now on sale at Silverthorn's. 6-1-3t

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