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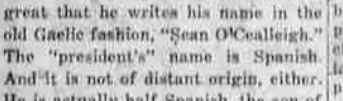
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My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty. The Spanish-American Irish Leader.

Edward De Valera, "president of the Irish Republic," now in America, is interesting not merely because of his political significance, but because he himself is such a curious mixture.

The name "De Valera," as anyone instantly recognizes, is not Irish. It might be supposed that the Sinn Feiners, the "back to old Ireland" party, would have chosen as their leader a man of pure Irish name and ancestry.

Granting that the "Irish Republic" is a reality, that Ireland is by virtue of the Sinn Fein declaration an independent, self-governing country, how can it be ruled by a citizen of another country? Or how can an American citizen rule another country and remain an American citizen?

De Valera is reputed to possess great gifts as an orator and statesman. He is certainly in position now to make the most of them. He may set on fire the American friends of Ireland. Likewise he may create a very embarrassing situation for the United States government.

Altogether, De Valera is one of the most romantic and remarkable figures that have appeared in Ireland's long quest for independence. The American public will be interested in getting better acquainted with this Spanish-American-Irish patriot.

The Cat Remedy For Locusts a Failure. Cats in and about Baltimore must have heard that the John Hopkins professor said about locusts being edible and nourishing.

Alas for everybody's hopes! The cats became seriously ill and have been known to vomit their sufferings for hours at a time, especially throughout the night.

This is discouraging news. It will surely be advisable to turn an army of cats loose upon the locust pests, if the results are so harassing to pest pussy, not to speak of human friends and neighbors.

Although no fatalities have yet been reported, these Baltimore casualties will give cause to those intrepid humans who were looking forward to feasts of locust salads, scalloped locusts and locust pie. Every child knows what curiosity one did to a cat, and now the beast who is said to be no friend to man is cheerfully sacrificed itself again to worm mankind against over-indulgence in the foodstuff.

Peace, So Long Awaited, Comes So Quietly. Strange that the great climax so long awaited and here at last occurs

colored cities in the state and will cover various specialized activities of auto leaders as well as the usual lines of motor repair work. The board will examine with written, oral and manual tests, prepared, President Bogness declares, in understanding manner. And the applicant may be examined in any or all subjects for which he, in his opinion, is qualified. Upon completion of the tests, the applicant will be rated according to his ability in at least three classes.

Before we turn our backs finally, however, upon the greatest war in history, it might be worth while to do a little "remembering of what the war has meant. It will make peace seem more wonderful, more earnestly desired and more carefully preserved.

Local persons who are interested in this matter may receive blanks by application at the office of C. M. McCormick, county clerk. The regulations require, says Mr. McCormick, that all applications from mechanics wishing to "take the examinations" must be at the office of the examining board in Portland by Saturday, July 5th.

Everybody is going to the Christian church tonight to hear Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Kellam.

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COLORADO NOT CONCERNED DENVER, Colo., July 1.—The coming of national prohibition will have little effect upon Colorado beyond making the business of the illicit distiller more hazardous and rendering the source of supply for Colorado has been "dry" since midnight of December 31, 1915.

PENDELTON MASONS PAY BIG PRICE FOR LOT PENDELTON, July 1.—Pendleton Lodge of Masons, No. 52, Pendleton Chapter, are Pendleton Commandery 7 purchased from Harry Schultz the 100 by 150 foot lot for the corner of Wash and Cedar streets for a consideration of \$10,000 cash.

The newly secured property is at the rear of the Masonic building on Main and Wash streets. Members of the lodge announce that they have no plans for erecting a building on the lot, but have purchased the property merely as an investment.

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AUTO MECHANICS WILL BE TESTED

NEW LAW REQUIRES ALL TO TAKE EXAMINATIONS

Applications From Candidates Must Reach Portland Before Saturday Next

That the motorist may be protected from the inefficiency of untrained automobile mechanics and repair men, and that craftsmen may be protected from inefficient competition, the state board of auto mechanics examiners, created by the last legislature, is distributing application blanks looking to the early examination and licensing of every auto mechanic in the state.

The examining board, E. E. Bogness, president; H. R. Fancher, vice president, and M. L. Graning, secretary-treasurer, will have its headquarters in Portland, where application blanks may be obtained by addressing box 781, although applicants for examination may secure blanks from their county clerks, or from local garages. Examinations will be held later in 15 centrally located cities in the state.

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