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

Extend the Idea of "No Accident Week."

"No-accident week" has just been observed by certain motorists in the west, under the direction of the safety officials of the roads. Bulletins were posted where both the public and the employees of the roads could not fail to see them, while rallies, moving pictures, educational exhibits, talks and other means of getting into close touch with the 305,000 employees to be reached in this campaign were used to arouse interest. During this week every employe was urged to take especial pains not to be injured himself, nor to be the cause of injury to another. Early in the fall there is to be a great public movement of the same kind. But when time is taken to think it over, it seems a little foolish to postpone until fall anything so decidedly for the general good. If the movement could start with mother in the morning when she first lights the stove, and continue right on out into all the ramifications of business and domestic life, what suffering and death might be averted! Observance of "no-accident week"

by a single group of railroads is a fine thing, and it will be interesting to know whether the result was 100 per cent successful; but if the movement could be made 100 per cent American, in and day out, it would be better still. Marshal Foch announces that he is going to visit the United States. A similar promise was recently made by the king and queen of Belgium. Presently the leading American industry in the piping times of peace that ahead is going to be entertaining distinguished foreign visitors.

Father Is Finally Coming Into His Own.

A bill has been introduced in congress to make the third Sunday in June Father's Day. The rose is suggested as father's flower. Dear old father! If this keeps on, the time may come when he will be recognized publicly as having a place in the scheme of things, as being a real and necessary part of the family life. Not a word too much can be said about mother. But the divine command in the Good Book says explicitly "Honor thy father and thy mother." For all that, there is a sort of common fashion of overlooking dad when the compliments and loving talk and tears are being passed around. But if one day in the year is set aside purposely for honoring father, it may lead to a little better comprehension of him every day in the year—his patience, his unselfishness, the machine-like steadiness with which he sticks to the job in order that his family may have more freedom than he ever dreams of for himself. Three cheers for Father's Day! May the bill pass with a rush! But doesn't it beat all, that not even a day can be set aside in father's honor without there being a bill for it!

The Steel Workers' Sermon On Success.

Somebody asked the structural steel worker how he ever kept his balance perched away up on the end of a steel beam 210 feet from the ground. "Well," he said, "it's like this. We develop a kind of skill that can be called 'stick-to-it' stuff. If you get scared, though, and lose the stick-to-it stuff, you're sure to fall. A lot of it is confidence in your ability to stick. So saying, he gaily seized hold of the end of a beam that was being swung up and up into space, and went back to his job.

That steel worker preached a whole sermon on success and the only way to remain in high places. If we stick the stick-to-it stuff, we never get very high anyhow; and after we have stuck so long, we've got our home in any case, and nothing but self-confidence and the stick-to-it stuff will keep us there. A doubt of our own ability to stick is taken to dwell on the possibility and consequences of failure, and down we go.

The Meaning of the Fourth Ever Growing.

Every kind of festivity and celebration this year will be linked up with victory and peace, and nationally recognized fete days will be celebrated internationally. So it is with our Independence Day. The Fourth of July has always stood highest among the red-letter days of the United States. The love of liberty and justice, the courage to fight for a principle that is right, all our national idealism, have always been bound up in the origin and significance of this holiday. Many of those ideals have seemed peculiarly American because our republic was formed upon them as basic principles. But the same faith that has been our guiding star has filled the minds and hearts of those people all over the world who love justice and liberty better than material wealth and power. That is why many other lands this year are joining in an almost world-wide recognition of our Fourth of July.

A year ago England and France celebrated this date in honor of their ally. This year they celebrate because the victory is won and the spirit of our first Independence Day has again triumphed over justice and wrong.

It is a day to be marked with deep, silent rejoicing rather than noisy celebration. It is a day on which every individual who professes to be a true patriot should dedicate himself to the work of perpetuating among individuals, as well as among nations, the reign of liberty and justice and good will.

The Baker Democrat is nothing, if not frank. This morning it printed two items in its news column, one headed "Married Yesterday," and the other, right below it, "Two Years Enough." The second, of course, referred to a divorce action. The Democrat should try to avoid being so discouraging.

If we believe in ourselves, our abil-

ity to stick through everything, the high places are ours, to leave and to keep.

Germany bluffed up to the last minute, and then quit cold, diplomatically just as she did militarily.

No summer vacation for congress this year. And it serves congress right for neglecting its work while the weather was cool.

After Scapa Flow, there's only one thing left for the Germans to scuttle, namely, Germany. And they seem bent on doing that.

The Champagne, (Ill.), News credits somebody with "sounding a toxin which should be heeded by every organization in the land." Sounds to us like dangerous stuff.

CITIZENS SHOULD DO PART TO KEEP CITY PARK CLEAN

On frequent occasions in the past the officers of the park association have found it necessary to issue public requests that parties using the park for picnics, etc., clean up all signs of their lunch before they leave the grounds. This rule has become a sort of unwritten law wherever a public park is maintained and the majority of picnickers usually appreciate the privileges they receive from a public park that they are only too willing to leave the grounds just as clean when they depart as they were when they entered. Violations of this rule have occurred on two different occasions within the past week, however, paper, cans and plates, oil paper and fruit skins being littered around. Those in charge of the park wish to call attention of this fact, to the parties who were responsible and to request that they be kind enough to leave no refuse when they visit the park on future occasions.

Butter Wrappers printed at the Observer office.

SERVICE MEN, NOTE: Service men will report to Dr. Bouvy at high school at 3:30 o'clock Friday morning, to be ready to participate in the Fourth of July parade.

The Silverthorn Family Drug store have a new assortment of local camera views, post card pictures and views of all of the principal buildings and points of interest in and around La Grande. These cards will be on sale at the store hereafter. 6-27-19

Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.

Advertisement for N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE. Decorate Your Home. Boys' Kaynee Wash Suits. Novelties. Beads. Bags. Mesh Bags. Slip-on and Shawlette Sweaters. NEW HAIR RIBBONS. STORE CLOSED ALL DAY JULY FOURTH.

Attention. All service men are requested to report to Captain Bouvy at 8:30 o'clock on the morning of July 4th. Please sign record card, have photo taken and select officers at that time. Every person taking part in Fourth of July parade will please assume their position from the rear, and report to their Division Commander promptly at 9:15 o'clock. The parade will start promptly at 9:30. Anyone not in line will be left out for the parade moves at that hour. PARADE COMMITTEE