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

KING OF BELGIUM A PRACTICAL MAN.

This king of the Belgians improves on acquaintance—and that means a good deal, when you consider the firm hold he had on American hearts to begin with. He is always displaying some new trait or talent.

The other day, on his tour across the continent, he climbed into the cab of the locomotive, took the throttle, ran the train for ten miles without a jolt, stopped it and returned to his car. Hardly anybody on the train knew anything about it. Albert was dressed very much like a locomotive engineer, with a flannel shirt and a cap, and nobody recognized him as a royal personage when he climbed down out of the engine cab.

It was not a bluff, either. Albert, besides being skilled in aviation and various other branches of sport and industry, is said to have a thorough knowledge of locomotive engineering. He could probably have given the regular engineer on that train some pointers.

On another occasion, when the train stopped in a little middle western town just about daylight, Albert hepped off

and started walking up and down the platform. He is always up before day light. There were many people there looking for him, but nobody recognized him. "Do you think the king will come out of his room?" asked a fan. "No," said Albert, "the king's a fellow, and always lies in bed till 10 o'clock." A king with a sense of humor is surely a rare bird. Even Albert's strongest admirers have hardly expected to find that merit in him. There has been little occasion for humor in his job these last years. But perhaps it is that very thing that has enabled Albert to keep his royal head on straight and avoid taking himself altogether too seriously.

PUT SOMETHING IN, NOT TAKE AWAY.

The Ohio convention of the American Legion has done itself honor by refusing to endorse the proposed legislation now pending in congress for the payment of a big cash bonus to returned service men. The decision is said to represent the sentiment of the big majority of delegates. Most of the minority who voted to recommend the bonus announced that they did so merely in obedience to instructions from their posts, and against their own convictions. It is likely that posts at home will reconsider the matter.

The convention declared that the function of the American Legion was to "put something into the government, not to take away from it." Many other states have from official or unofficially shown a similar disposition. It is evident that the American Legion is determined to live up to its name and war record.

Few people would assert that the war veterans do not deserve anything that a grateful country is able to give them, whether it be honors or material rewards. But there is a general feeling that this particular proposal hardly represents the best form of recognition. In any event, whether the bonus is given or withheld, the American Legion will do itself and the nation the highest service by maintaining this honorable position, and refusing to ask for a reward.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SIDE OF THE HIGH COSTS.

"The people themselves have much to do with reducing living costs," says a state attorney-general, who is investigating prices. "If they refuse to believe the propaganda that 'now is the time to stock up, because prices are going higher,' then prices will not go higher. Propaganda is responsible for much of the inflated value. The people must push low prices and refuse to be the victims of the high-price propaganda."

There is a good deal in this view. Prices, like good times and bad times and most economic and social conditions, are largely psychological. The price of a thing is very largely a matter of what people expect it to be. If you expect a thing to be expensive, there can be little doubt the price will rise. It would be well if the public would take this hint, stop falling for the high-price talk and start a low-price propaganda of its own.

SOME INNOCENT ONES WILL BE VICTIMS.

It is only a matter of time till some person or persons will be killed as a result of the reckless driving of some one else. They will be caught in a corner somewhere along the highway and will have no chance of escape. It would not be so bad if the speed maniacs would themselves go into the ditch and break their fool necks. In fact that is what ought to happen to some of them. But it will not be that way. It will happen when some one is driving, perhaps with the car filled with women and children, and while he is in every way complying with the laws of the road and the rules of common decency some fool outside will jump into him unawares and so human power on earth will ever be able to compensate the sacrifice. Such a thing nearly happened Sunday evening on a road north of town. A crazy driver was going at about 45 miles around the town in the road which is partly concealed by a growth of trees and bushes. An innocent party, including a woman and two little girls were driving on the same road and did not have a second of time to spare in getting out of the side of the road while the on-coming car was going at a speed that it could not have yielded its share of the road in time to save a crash.

It probably will not do any good to preach until some one or several are killed and then it will be doubtful if enough are left alive to tell just how the "accident" happened. Soft words and persuasive tactics do no good. The speed maniac is totally unresponsive to reason. He is more dangerous than the average felon or highwayman and infinitely a greater menace to humanity than the old-fashioned house-fighter, whose sins fell most upon himself.

He was found faithful over a few things and he was, much ruler over many; he cut his own trail clean and straight, and millions followed him toward the light. He was frail; he made himself a tower of strength. He was timid; he made himself a lion of courage. He was a dreamer; he became one of the great doers of all time. Men put their trust in him; women found a champion in him; kings stood in awe of him; but children made him their playmate.

He broke a nation's slumber with his cry, and it rose up. He touched the eyes of blind men with a flame and gave them vision. Souls became swords through him; swords became servants of God. He was loyal to his country, and he exacted loyalty; he loved many lands but he loved his own land best. He was terrible in battle, but tender to the weak; joyous and tireless, being free from self-pity; clean with a cleanliness that cleansed the air like a gale.

His courtesy knew no wealth or class; his friendship, no creed or color or race. His courage stood every onslaught of savage beast and rathless man, of loneliness, of victory, of defeat. His mind was eager, his heart was true, his body and spirit defiant of obstacles, ready to meet what might come. He fought injustice and tyranny; he saw wrong gallantly; loved all nature, bleak spaces and hardy companions, hazardous adventure and rest of battle. Wherever he went, he carried his own part, and in the uttermost parts of earth he kept his conscience for his guide.

was brought about by the progress of this city. The publisher is to be congratulated for his courage in this age of progress that whole lot of our countrymen may be revolutionized by the elimination of typewriting. The only difference between the 'style' of the type is that used on typewriters and is uniform in all the world. The difference of such volume is brought about by the ordinary typewriter copy.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

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ALBANIANS IN FLIGHT TO ESCAPE GREEKS.

Correspondence of the Associated Press. NAFEEZ, Sept. 15.—Thousands of Albanians are fleeing from their homes in fear of the occupation of their land by the Greeks, according to the statements of refugees who have reached this city by way of Brindisi, on their way to the United States. The territory where the exodus is described as taking place is mainly that of southern Albania, near Korcha, where the American missionary, Father R. Kennedy resides, or Korcha, which is at present under French military control. The movement, however, is said to be extending from the Greek border as far as Elbasan. Some weeks ago it was rumored that the Greeks were to take possession of the country, and the constant terror of the Albanians is accredited by the refugees to the memory of Greek cruelties during the Balkan wars.

The inhabitants are moving in two main streams, one towards the Italian port of Avlona, in the southwest, and the other northward towards Durazzo. The merchants, it is reported, have closed their shops and factories, and the richest have joined the poor in the panic to escape, the total number amounting to tens of thousands. The American Red Cross at Avlona has been appealed to for shelter by many of the refugees, many of whom picture American intervention in their land.

ROOSEVELT WAS A LIENHOLD TO OREGON.

Many Oregonians remember some of the terse comments complimentary to Oregon and its citizens made by President Theodore Roosevelt during the course of occasional visits in the state. As characteristic as any is the brief observation recalled by young T. R. in speaking of his father before his audience at Graham during his recent visit. The Graham Observer has the quotation as follows: "I remember what

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"Patsy" Rompers Patented \$1.95. Something new for the little ones. These "Patsy" Rompers are entirely different from anything you've seen. No others are like them—they are patented and sold here exclusively. If you have not yet become acquainted with "Patsy" Rompers, ask about them in our ready-to-wear department. Not a new way of fastening or wearing; just a new style. For children six months to three years of age. Ask About Them—\$1.95.

New Dress Goods. Today several new additions to our Dress Goods Department should be brought to your attention. Among them are—54-inch white Tropicana—a most beautiful material for infants' coats, for skirts, dresses, etc. Price—\$6.75 Yard. 56-inch wool plaids—new, bright colors, large plaid. Price \$5.50 Yard. Novelty corded silks for fronts, sweaters and handbags in Persian designs. 56- and 54-inch coatings in browns, greys, blues and greens, materials are: Velours, Broadcloths, Silvertones and mixtures. Prices from \$3.00 up to \$7.00.

Knit Goods. Here you will find the largest display of knitwear for all. Sweaters, Caps, Shawlettes, Vests, Infants' Suits, Etc. We invite you to visit this department—compare prices and quality.

GINGHAMS, 30c. Some very attractive patterns in new Gingham—plaids and stripes, mostly plaids. Colorings are new and fast. Quality is excellent and there are dozens to select from. Also many plain colors—and all at—30c Yard.



my father said when he returned from one of his trips through Oregon, five years ago. Oregon is all right. When I get before an Oregon audience we undertake each other from the beginning—because we are thinking about the same thing—our country."

While in Portland young Roosevelt was entertained at a breakfast of beer and venison furnished by Lester Martin of Newport—a friend of his father, Colonel Roosevelt. Hearing that Mr. Martin had once conducted his father on a hunting trip in the Rockies, the son of T. R. was greatly surprised and insisted on planning an early return out west where Mr. Martin can show him the haunts of real game.

COUNTIES CONTRIBUTE TO ADVERTISE OREGON.

Sixteen of the 36 counties of Oregon have pledged \$1000 each—a fund to meet the cost of a national campaign to advertise the resources of the state, according to F. S. Braaswell, vice president of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, who is visiting such counties in the state, holding conferences with county courts relative to an advertising campaign. Several additional county courts have signified their willingness to

make appropriations, and before any other county in the state will have subscribed its quota. It is the plan of the state chamber to have a booklet in which two pages will be devoted to each county which under no conditions toward the expense.—Telegram.

Oregon Highways Are Being Paved at Express Rate.

"We are building faster than we had ever hoped," declared S. Benson, chairman of the state highway commission, today, saying that the commission has constructed more highways in two years than it had originally believed possible in seven. "Just consider what has been accomplished," he continued, "in the first of next June the Columbia River highway will be here, surrounded from Astoria to the city of Hood River; the Pacific highway will be paved or graded its entire length from the California line to Portland." "The West side highway will be completed in McMinnville; the road to Tillamook will be graded and reeked or hatched; about 100 miles of the John Day highway will be graded; long sections of the Dallas-California highway will be graded and graded; the Oregon

Washington highway will all be under construction; sections of the Old Oregon Trail will be paved; the Lakeview-Klamath Falls highway will be under way."—Telegram.

All the Micaceous are earnestly requested to be present at regular meetings, Wednesday evening, Oct. 15th at 7:30. Very important business.

By order of commander, NORA B. MACKAY, CORA KERR, R. K. 10-14-21.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY PROPERTY WM. AND MRS. RANDALL.

Would exchange for property here, 124 acres two and one-half miles southeast from Cottage Grove, on good gravelled road; 80 acres in good state of cultivation, 44 acres of first and second growth used for pasture. Land is nearly level, fenced and cross-fenced, all high-tight, small creek, good five-room house, good barn, other outbuildings. Price \$100 per acre. Long time loan of \$5000 can be assumed. Mrs. have good value here, and would assume small debt. Want to be near school. SECURITY LAND & SAVINGS CO., La Grande, Oregon. For a good easy shave and an up to date hair cut go to Joe Williams, proprietor Foley Hotel Barber shop. 10-9-21.

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TYPESETTING IS PHOTOGRAPHED. NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Elimination of typesetting, one of the most important operations of printing, is being accomplished by the use of plates made by photographing the original typesetting copy, has been accomplished in the October 13 issue of the Literary Digest, consisting of 50 pages. This radical innovation, which

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