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THE AMERICAN WAY.

It is characteristically American to concentrate. We pound an idea home by devoting a day to it, or a week.

This is the meaning of Thrift Week, which has just ended. It was not intended that people should be thrifty for just a week but rather that the virtues of thrift in its various forms should be brought home to us forcibly.

Thrift Week properly began on the anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birthday. It was sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association with the support of the great business and financial houses of the country and the Treasury Department. It promises to become a national institution.

The Government's interest in the Week lay mainly in calling attention to the facilities now being offered by the Treasury Department for the saving of small amounts by the purchase of Thrift and Savings Stamps. It also gave the Treasury the opportunity of announcing a new $1 Treasury Savings Stamp and a new $25 Treasury Savings Certificate. These new securities help make up the following family of Government Savings securities:

$ .25 Thrift Stamp.
1.00 Treasury Savings Stamp.
5.00 War Savings Stamp.
25.00 Treasury Savings Certificate.
100.00 Treasury Savings Certificate.
1000.00 Treasury Savings Certificate.

The 25-cent Thrift Stamp, the $1 Treasury Savings Stamp and the $5 War Savings Stamp can be bought at all post offices and nearly all banks. They provide an excellent way to save for re-investment in the $25, $100 and $1000 Treasury Savings Certificates as they are exchangeable for the latter securities.

TAXPAYERS ARE SAVED.

The decision of Congress to limit the standing army to 175,000 is a good start. This alone will save the tax-payers many hundred million dollars in the next few years while they are struggling to pay the interest and principal of the big war debt. It will also go far to convince foreign powers of this country's good faith and desire for disarmament, and set them a good example.

But it goes less than half the distance. The cost of the navy was more than the cost of the army before the war. With the greater increases in the size of the navy its cost of maintenance is increased proportionately. The cost of new construction adds immensely to the burden. It is possible, by applying the same economy principle to the navy that is already applied to the army, to make a far larger saving, and also upon the other powers a still more impressive lesson.

CIRCULATION.

A Chicago business firm reminds its patrons and the general public that we have 48 states with limitless possibilities and 105,000,000 people possessing a great deal of money.

"They must eat. They must be housed. They must drink. They must be amused. They must wear clothes and shoes.

"All this takes money. Many billions! Prosperity depends on money in circulation. Keep your head cool, your feet warm and your money in circulation. Nothing matters but cold feet."

Isn't it the truth? Cold feet in an individual are the result of poor circulation. When he allows himself to feel depressed, the circulation slows down still more, and the feet get colder. Business depression works the same with a nation's feet. The remedy is the same in both cases—quicken the circulation, then the feet will warm up and the depression will vanish.

This doesn't mean dumping money into the market in another orgy of extravagant spending. That would be financial fever—and fever is as bad as chills. Normal circulation, steady and strong, is the thing that counts. Steady, normal buying and bill-paying is what this country needs today.

ST. LOUIS TRAFFIC REFORM.

As a result of its plan for checking violation of the traffic laws, St. Louis has come to be called the "safest large city in the United States." There is nothing about the plan which any city could not adopt nor anything to prevent any city from equaling or excelling the St. Louis record.

Education is adopted as the basis of safety, and after that, prompt and drastic punishment for those who fail to observe the sane and simple laws provided for traffic regulations. Every offender is forced to memorize at least that part of the code which he has violated. In the case of speeders there is a fine of one dollar a mile per hour above the legal rate of speed for the first offense. This is doubled for the second offense, and for the third there is a fine of $500 and permanent revocation of the driver's license. In the last 18 months, out of 11,800 first offenders only seven have come back as guilty the second time.

Since there is apparently such a thing as successful traffic regulation, why is it so rare?

THE FARMER'S CONTRIBUTION.

Farmers in 31 counties in Illinois have responded to the appeal of starving children in China by donating 47 carloads of corn to the relief commissions. Only one condition was placed on this gift—that the corn should not be sold within the United States, as that would further depress market prices. The corn totals 70,500 bushels, raised at a cost to the farmers of about $65,565.

Soon after the Illinois farmers announced their donation, farm bureaus in other states began to offer contributions of corn, wheat and other produce. The president of the American Farm Bureau reports such offers from every section of the country. The movement is rapidly becoming national.

This is a very practical contribution to the great work which is stirring the hearts of Americans in all walks of life. Pessimistic persons cling to the idea that the United States is suffering from hard times, but most of us probably realize that the nation and its people are exceedingly well off indeed, when compared or contrasted with suffering communities in Europe and Asia. There is no need for millions of persons to starve in far corners of the world while the granaries of America are bursting and purses and bank accounts are still pretty well filled.

Over in Marshfield the "Bootleggers' Union" is giving out information to the officers where opposition stills may be located. Evidently the whisky ring over at the Bay City don't believe in the slogan, "United we stand, divided we fall."—Roseburg Review.

"WHY—NO CANDY"

Did you ever eat candy that made you wish the box held more—and when you never seemed able to get enough? To be so deliciously good and tasty a candy must be made from the purest, most nourishing ingredients. 1-22-tf

Palace Confectionery Co.

NATIVES DO NOT LIKE DESSERT

AMERICAN ICE CREAM BELIEVED TO HAVE SPIRITS.

Missionary, Homesick for American Dessert, Attempts Making Ice Cream.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 24.—An amusing story showing how undesirable, not to say dangerous, America's Sunday dessert appears to the primitive people of Assam, is told by Miss Isabella Wilson, a worker of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society who is at present on a long-deferred furlough in her home in Brooklyn.

For the first six years of her stay at Gauhati, Assam, where Miss Wilson is stationed, she had never tasted ice cream, for ice is not to be had in that country. Consequently, she hungered for it with that hunger known only to exiles who have long been deprived of a home dish.

She was feeling the pangs one day, when a hail-storm came—such hail as only the Assamese climate can produce. Each stone was the size of an egg—a solid lump of snow. Miss Wilson had often seen a storm before, but this was the first time it struck her as being of some use.

Why not use those hail-stones instead of ice to freeze some cream?

She imparted her inspiration to some fellow-workers, and soon the mission freezer was filed and the precious home dessert appeared at the table. It tasted fine, Miss Wilson says—so fine indeed that the missionaries had not the heart to keep such a treat to themselves. They must share it with the natives! So they hastily summoned the school and served out a small dish to each of the converted Christians.

Silence for a while, while the eager semi-savages absorbed one spoonful after another of this delectable foreign food. "They seemed to like it at first," said Miss Wilsan. But, then—"

Then one of the Assamese discovered that his throat was burning! He shrieked. He was in agony. The evil spirits had entered him. They were about to destry him. He fled the mission house and rushed shrieking through the streets of Gauhait.

"It took us all evening to quiet the panic," Miss Wilson declared.

It was her first and last effort at converting the Assamese to American food.

"You have no idea of how much cream we wasted," she added.

New Fishing Methods.

A Lamont man who is charged with having taken a fish from a private fish pond declares the fish were so tame that one of them was eating out of his hand, and he simply closed his fingers on it and carried it away. Our own method has always been to whistle to the creatures from across the fence, and walk away, innocent-like, while they trot down the road after us.—Detroit News.

Oriental Peculiarities.

Chinese medicine developed a special fondness for fossilized "dragon bones," derived from extinct herbivora. They are also fond of "dragon teeth," as fossilized shells are called. In Shantung, glue is made from asses' skins. In a certain town of that province is a well, the water of which, when drunk by asses, makes their skins especially good for making glue. This glue brings a fancy price, as it is a famous tonic throughout China.

Mankind Analyzed.

Man is physically as well as metaphysically a thing of shreds and patches, borrowed unequally from good and bad ancestors, and a misfit from the beginning.—Emerson.

Goodness Always Influential.

No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure and good without the world being better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.—Phillips Brooks

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

PARADISE
A shaded room
An open fire
A cozy nook
And your heart's desire.

PURGATORY.
The self-same room,
The lights just few
The same little nook,
With Ma there, too.

INFERNO
The room, the nook,
The girl, the fire
The greatest chance,
And enter sire!
Orange Peele.

It pays to flatter any woman. If you don't believe it, ask some of our local merchants.

"Who is the head of the family," shrieks a well-known author. Answering for nobody else, we solemnly aver, that we know who she is in our family.

A writer in a hibrow magazine asks what parents do with their babies while they go to the movies. Asking such a question in La Grande would reveal ignorance of true 1921 conditions. The La Grande parents take the babies with them and they amuse themselves during the show by rubbing their dirty hands and candy on the neck of the man sitting in front.

We don't claim to know much. The fact of the matter is, we've never been accused of it. But we do know that the way to get the best of an argument is to stay out of it.

Those who know, claim that one gradually grows to look like a constant companion. And yet we know several fat, middle-aged women who spend practically all of their time with a poodle dog or a Boston Terrier.

Our idea of a good conversationalist is one who doesn't use the first person regular as a text.

Air travel will never become popular with us until somebody invents a soft way to hit the ground.

So far as we have been able to find out, the dame who advertises for a husband is never able to hold him very long.

EPITAPH.
(By Ep. I Taph.)
"Here lie the remains of Thomas Bonn."

We still have a fine, large room. Light, heat, with fine bath room and toilet for rent to a good couple permanently. This room is over our store, opposite Foley Hotel. 1-22-tf
PALACE CONFECTIONERY CO.

Livery - Feed
AND
Sale Stable
T Ave—Phone Red 722
W. E. McClure, Prop.

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Are you prepared for the cold, wet sloppy weather we are bound to have during the coming weeks?

GET YOUR NEEDS IN HOSE AND UNDERWEAR WHILE THE CONSTRUCTION PRICES ARE THE LOWEST

All Ladies' and Children's Hosiery less	33⅓%
Men's Work Sox, Rockford, 2 pair	25c
Men's Fancy Black Sox, pair	23c
Men's Wool Sox,	28c pair to 59c pair
Ladies' Union Suits	93c to $3.98
Children's Union Suits	98c to $2.43
Men's Union Suits	$2.87 to $3.69

N. K. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

Beginning the Last Week of a
DRASTIC WIND-UP
Ending the Greatest Sale We've Ever Held—Our
26th Annual January Clearance Sale
Every Article Reduced!
Pictorial Patterns and Thread Excepted.
"IF YOU SAVE—YOU'LL SAVE NOW"

COUNTY TREASURER'S CALL FOR GENERAL FUND WARRANTS

NOTICE—The undersigned County Treasurer has funds on hand with which to pay all warrants issued on the general fund and endorsed "not paid for want of funds", prior to Sept. 1, 1920.

Interest ceases on the above warrants on Jan. 11, 1921.

JOHN FRAWLEY,
Treasurer of Union County.
Dly. Jan. 10-17-24-31, Feb. 7.

YOUR DRUG STORE IS OPEN
Week Days, 7:30 a. m. until 11 p.m.
Sundays, 7:30 a. m. until 11 p. m.

An announcement of importance and strictly in the interest of satisfactory drug store trading. Note carefully the hours on week days and Sundays that our store is open. Remember that behind this announcement is the unbiased and sincere desire only to serve you to your complete satisfaction. This is best performed by arranging certain hours of leisure to all of us in the store who serve you.

We're Glad to Serve You And Serve You Right.

Clerk shortage, naturally, throws more work and responsibility on the shoulders of those in actual service. Real service to you comes from intimate and personal attention to your wants, with intellect keen and alive devoted to your benefit. Make note of the opening hours of our store, week days and Sundays, and confine your shopping to these hours. On your part shopping will become convenient, and on our part we promise you the very best service that any drug store anywhere can supply. Store open every day in the week at 7:00 a. m. Sundays open at 7:30 a. m.

Silverthorn's
FAMILY DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON.
1-22-tf.

FOR SALE—Dry cord wood. Main 732. 1-22-7t

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With The
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You can have Bodily Vigor, Success-Attaining Energy, Attractive, Healthful Beauty

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Science has modified electricity, that the weakest may stand its force without fear or pain. Every tissue and fibre is saturated, patient experiencing only a sensation of relief, as if standing in a ray of sunshine. Violet Ray high frequency has no comparison with old, crude, electrical batteries and shocking current. Every jar and shock is removed. The effects are marvelously rapid. Relief can be given in one or more treatments. Often cures are accomplished in that time. It is positive and certain in action. If you value your health, and want to keep or restore your good looks and gain vitality, throw away medicine bottles—take this sensible, scientific means. Violet Ray works with nature. Every day's delay makes relief more difficult. Send for Booklet, "Health via Violet Ray."

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FREE DEMONSTRATION AT THE RED CROSS DRUG STORE FROM JANUARY 24th to JANUARY 29th.
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