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## WILL THEY UNDERSTAND NOW?

General Pershing offered the Hun agitator and the European propagandist a gentle reminder when he spoke to the large gathering of the American Legion in New York, his subject dealing with recent public meetings held in the metropolis by foreigners whose purpose it is said is to spread German and other propaganda.

The general talked like a warrior. His speech sounded like one of Grant's. And what he said went straight to the heart of things, for good military men are not namby—they either do things or they do not—and Pershing is of that type.

Will the fool foreigners in this country understand once and for all that they had as well cut out the hyphens forever, stop their onslaught on public sentiment for any of their tribes across the sea and settle down to being Americans?

With such things happening as has happened in New York recently among foreign agitators, where now stands the American man or woman who sincerely thinks we should disarm and have no military.

Let's have an army and a navy, else we will soon see how bold the foreign element will grow and this will not be America for Americans, but it will be a loitering place for the scum of Europe.

Turn the matter over to Pershing and the Legion and see how quick the rats will run out of their holes.

## PLENTY OF BOYS TO FILL THE JOBS.

It's great sport now for the political writers on the metropolitan newspapers of Oregon, for there never is a day so dull in news but what a good story of political office-seekers can be drawn from the fireless cooked and served to the readers.

By, at that there is a long list of candidates, and strange as it may seem Oregon has Republicans who want postoffices and every other office up to and including minister to China.

It shows this state has an eminently qualified lot of men who vote the ticket straight every year, for surely no one but a straight party man would have the temerity to seek an appointive office under a Republican president.

Quite probably this party loyalty will be more of a qualification for appointment this year than for some time past, as the Harding administration from cabinet positions to janitors are party men. He came from Ohio, where they still have party politics and naturally he thinks along party lines.

This may be a little awkward for some Oregonians who have been used to "voting for the man, and supporting George because he was a good fellow." When the acid test is applied to some of these men they may falter and fall back. Probably it would be just as well for them never to try for appointment if they cannot produce a clean slate and party record.

## The Packers' strike is off—for a while at least.

That parachute leaper who dropped nearly five miles knows about how these paper millionaires felt when they awoke to true conditions.

Two Frenchmen are going to fight a duel over the question of whether or not Uncle Sam paid an old debt in Revolutionary war days. Those Frenchmen had better save their energy and ability as fighters to guard the borders and enforce settlement with Germany.

Pifflous publicity is being accorded the Stillmans, even though they are worth millions of dollars. And yet there are those who think the press of America can be bought.

## HOUSE-RAISING BEES.

A news item from Waxahachie, Tex., tells of an interesting co-operative movement on the part of members of the local building trades. Building has been slack there, as in many other localities, in spite of the need for more homes. Workmen have had little to do and few-paying jobs. They have therefore united for the purpose of helping each other to build homes of their own.

By their arrangement, any carpenter or other builder who can purchase a home site and the necessary material, can have the work of erection done without any labor cost. He simply announces to his fellow workers that he is ready to have his house built and they proceed to help him build it.

This reminds one of the raising bees of pioneer days in this country, when house or barn was built in a day or two by a band of friendly neighbors, while the local musician furnished lively tunes and a notable meal was set forth by the women whose motto was "we're doing the building."

The Waxahachie dispatch reports that several good houses have already been completed. The difficulty which appears at first glance is that in many communities there would be such a big demand for houses that a system of drawing lots would have to be instituted to keep every prospective home-owner

satisfied. Yet it is an eminently and friendly thing to do in a period of slack employment. If not only some houses built—a most desirable achievement in itself—but it keeps otherwise idle workers from mischievous idleness, and it relieves the spirit of neighborliness which has been growing somewhat feeble from lack of use.

## Find Gold in Trees.

There is gold in trees. Tests have been made by taking the wood of certain trees, burning to ashes and assaying the ashes. It has been found that the ashes of almost all trees showed traces of gold. The harder the wood, the more gold there was. Ashes of the black iron wood contained from four to ten shillings worth of gold per ton. The metal tends to collect in the trunk near the knots, and the quantity naturally depends upon the auriferous nature of the soil in which the tree grows.

## Horse's Action Inquisitive.

The reason that a horse lays back his ears when angered harks back to the days of the wild horse, when fights between wild stallions were everyday affairs. When engaged in a fight the horse's natural instinct was to protect his most sensitive organs—his ears, from the cruel teeth of his opponent. With this end in view he could lay them well back along his neck, out of harm's way.

## THE OFFICE CAT.



—By JUNIUS—

Oh, it pays to be good looking nowadays. That this is true is shown in many ways—  
If you're pretty you soon learn That the men-folks for you yearn. Oh, it pays to be good looking nowadays.

Sure, it pays to be good looking nowadays. You get a chance to tread the mazy ways—  
No, it is no great disgrace, To live on the outside of your face, But it pays to be good looking nowadays.

Yes, it pays to be good looking nowadays. You can put things over on a lot of Jags—  
You can kill a man or two, And the jury lets you thru. Yes, it pays to be good looking nowadays.

Still, it pays to be good looking nowadays. 'Tis beauty speaks and mankind who obeys—  
If a man you wish to win, Call the beauty doctors in, For it pays to be good looking nowadays.

Job Had a Cinch. Job, the Good Book tells us, had A million bolts or so; But Job was fortunate, e'gad— He really didn't know Just what it is to suffer; His lot was soft and sublime, To that of the colyum duffer Who must write a daily rhyme.

Bring It With You. (Sign lamped in a La Grande Cafe.) BEST PLACE IN TOWN TO TAKE YOUR DINNER.

As the darkey said, "A chicken am de mos' usefulest animule dere an' yo' can eat him befoah he am bohn an' a'fiah he am dead."

"Florida has 54,005 farm," says a home-seekers' pamphlet—the number under water is not given.

There would be no trouble here in La Grande about observing the rule of "Ladies First" if we had street cars to get onto and the skirts were tight.

Aw, Gwan! Why does an invisible stocking attract more attention than one that can be seen?

My, it seems like an age since we encountered William Jennings Bryan's name in the news.

Have you ever noticed how a fellow growls when he fills up his car with gasoline and oil to take his sister out for a ride, but how he does that same little thing with a broad smile when he's going to take out somebody else's sister?

In the New York telephone book in prominent type, you read: "I want an ambulance!" "I want a policeman!" "I want to report a fire!" Such is life in New York.

Now That We've Got It, What Are We Gonna Do With It? After weeks and months of waiting, Our garage is done at last! But it cost more than we thought it would by far; would by far; would by far; It's as picturesque as any, But it cost a pretty penny— And to build the thing we had to sell our car.

The Obstacle. She—"While I appreciate the honor of your proposal of marriage, circumstances beyond my control compel me to decline." He—"What are those circumstances?" She—"Yours."

Then and Now. —Indians sold Manhattan Island for a keg of whiskey. —Citizens want to trade it back.

When You're Right You Can Afford to Keep your temper; when you're wrong you can't afford to lose it.

Most Boastful of Mortals. Some of the proudest men we have ever known were those who took a cold bath every morning. Next to the man who can, in five minutes, shave himself better than a barber can do it, the one who takes a cold bath every morning is the peerless of the human race. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Weather and Storms. Diamond Peters don't like to pass an opinion on some when the day is large. It is a fact that weather has a great effect on peddlers' sales. Stormy weather will spoil the appearance of a diamond, and a really nasty, foggy day will make even the best of goods seem imperfect.

## CANE FOR MR. WILSON



Representative L. W. Parrish of Texas, in front of the White House, holding a walking stick of light brown with a gold head which he recently presented to President Wilson on behalf of the Democrats of Wise county, Texas. The stick was made of wood cut from the heart of a Bob's d'Arc tree, planted in Texas in 1876. The head bears the inscription, "Presented by the Democrats of Wise County, Texas, as an endorsement of Your Stand on the League of Nations."

## Individuality.

A philosopher once said: "The man of spirit rebels against this universal attempt of society to make all men look and act alike. Wild animals are alike, and with them there is no progression. You cannot tell one wild pigeon from another, and in jackrabbits all personality is completely ironed out. This is what society is constantly trying to do for her members—make them revert to a type."

## OLD MILL AS DWELLING



In Hertsford, England, stands this old windmill which has been converted into a dwelling. The removal of the sails has detracted from its quaint appearance, but it makes a comfortable home.

Knew Him Well. Redd—Has Black done any deep sea fishing? Green—I don't really know. But I do know he's done a lot of deep sea fishing—Yonkers Statesman.

Have you reserved your seat at Silverthorn's for the University of Oregon Girls' Glee Club concert tomorrow evening at the high school, at 8:30 p. m. 3-28-11.

## "I Feel as Tho' I Could Not Drag Thru the Day's Work"

is the complaint of many a woman in the household, office or factory. After suffering for a feeling heavy, dizzy, weak and dragged-down by weakness of her sex—with eyes sunken, black circles and pale cheeks—such a woman is quickly restored to health by the Favorite Prescription of Dr. Pierce.



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Druggists sell it in tablets or liquid, or send Doctor Pierce, at Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., 10 cents for trial package.

San Diego, Calif.—Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is perfectly wonderful. I owe everything to this medicine. When I was passing this middle age I suffered everything. Finally I decided to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It stopped the headache, the pains and the hemorrhages. I never had any more trouble. It really is great. —Mrs. R. B. RAY, 60 Argonaut Street.

## SHE IS RYAN LEGATEE



Miss Dorothy L. Whiteford of New York, formerly of the "Royal Vagabond" chorus, to whom Joseph J. Ryan, son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, bequeathed his residuary estate, cutting off his wife with \$100,000. Miss Whiteford's share of the estate is estimated at between \$500,000 and \$700,000.

## Mirrors That Do Not Reflect.

The people of Manduria are extravagantly fond of mirrors. Largely they are used for ornamental purposes, being so adorned with flowers, birds, and even landscapes painted on them as to be practically unrecognizable as looking glasses. The cigarette cases and purses carried by the young men of the well-to-do class usually contain small mirrors, of which their owners make constant use as do young women in our own country of glasses in vanity boxes.

## Inventor of the Zeppelin.

Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, German inventor, one of the foremost aeronauts of the world at the beginning of the Twentieth century, died in 1917. While many of the expectations of the Zeppelin were realized, it was apparent late in 1916 that the smaller, lighter aircraft of the monoplane and biplane type were better adapted to almost all kinds of warfare, and the aged inventor died in the knowledge that successful conquest with his invention was impossible.

## Imagination Needs Tight Rein.

Without imagination you would be like a stove without a fire. But do not let the fire get the better of you. Imagination is like fire; it is a blessing, if controlled, but a curse, if uncontrolled.

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## Sewing Week!

—After Easter comes sewing week and a week in which our greatest attention is turned to our dress goods department. Notice our displays this week—our windows and interior displays. Stocks are complete with so many new materials for the marking of pretty summer frocks, blouses, skirts, etc.

—Visit this department this week—learn about the new materials.

Lots of 'Em.  
English scientists are trying to develop a walking fish, says an exchange. Shucks! the world is full of 'em only they live on land.—Detroit Free Press.

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We have the very camera you need so much—a camera that takes good pictures all the time. If you need to know all about a camera stop in and let us show you and tell you all about it. And let us do your developing and printing, and if you have a fine picture worth developing, we want to do that for you, and color it also. A good camera from \$2.50, \$4.50, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, and on up as high as you care to go, at

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