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## "Doncha Go, Charlie."

We know Justice Johns will pardon us for being personal when we do not remember his title and position while we admonish him just a little:

They—the fellows at Washington, D. C., have offered Justice Charles A. Johns a job on the supreme bench in the Philippine Islands, and the Observer frankly says to its old neighbor—"Doncha go, Charlie."

Our reason for thus addressing the justice is that we know him; we know how he enjoys his friends; we know that his little weeks trip to Portland, an occasional trip to Eastern Oregon, and the handshake around the Imperial hotel are a part of Charlie's life.

You can go over to the Islands, Charlie, and hobnob with Leonard Wood and the diplomats of foreign tongue; you can sit with servants to wait upon you in that hot country; you can be a decided part of the Island life—but Charlie, you can't have the fellow from Eastern Oregon slap you on the back, saying, "you old son-of-a-gun, haven't seen you for a long time." Neither can you journey to Pendleton, La Grande and Baker and meet the friends of olden days; you cannot hear the same rough language spoken from open hearts and clear minds over in the islands that you hear in Oregon. You'll miss old Col. Ayre and Bill Polman and all the rest of the Oregon thoroughbreds. And, Charlie, they don't have the kind of politics in the islands we do in Oregon, and you do like the political game.

No, Charlie, forget it all and stay with Tom McBride, Harris French and the rest of the supreme court. You will want to enjoy the legislative session and sit around the Marion hotel of an evening kidding the boys from over the state.

Doncha go, Charlie, doncha go.

## The Shrunken Army

It was stated by the War Department on Aug. 10 that the strength of the army was 155,000 men, and applications for discharge already on record would bring it down to the 150,000 required by act of Congress.

This is interesting, especially when it is remembered how impossible the reduction appeared in the eyes of the big-army men when it was first proposed. They were quite sure that 75,000 soldiers could not be demobilized within many months, and that even if they could, it would be a violent and dishonorable act on the part of the government, involving a virtual breach of contract with the enlisted men. It was regarded, too, as a menace to national safety.

To the great surprise of the critics, the men themselves solved the problem by asking for discharge. The entire reduction has been a voluntary

as the enlistment was. Regardless of hard times and the difficulty of getting civilian employment, the men wanted to get out of the army. Military service, it appears, lacks charm for Americans in time of peace, just as it always has in the past.

Furthermore, nobody seems much worried about the national safety. There is no longer any serious argument that the United States cannot protect itself, in the present state of the world, with a regular army of 150,000 men. There are millions of trained soldiers in the country who could be called to arms and whipped into shape for service in a few weeks, if occasion required. Never, unless just after the Civil War, has the country been so self-sufficient in a military sense.

Governmental economy usually proves feasible, just as it has in this case, when public servants once set about it in earnest.

## An Impoverished Queen

The plight of Queen Alexandra, widow of the late King Edward, is surely pitiful. She is described as reduced to bitter poverty, as a result of the rise in prices and the failure of her income to rise correspondingly. All that the poor woman has to live on is the \$550,000 a year allowed her by the British government.

This, a sympathetic English writer explains, is eaten up with the expenses of maintaining her various castles and country places, and paying her various staffs of servants, so that the queen is actually forced to skimp on food and clothing.

Here we pause and weep at the thought of Alexandra—who is a most estimable woman—wearing last year's hat and turning her old skirt wrong side out for fall, and getting out the food chopper to make hash of the left-over beefsteak ends. Yet, in the midst of our tears, we can't help wondering why the queen doesn't sell one or two of her castles, and use the proceeds to keep up the rest, or why she doesn't shut down some of her various residences and turn the servants loose to make an honest living. Even a queen can't live in more than one house at a time.

It occurs to us at this juncture that the reason why a good many Americans are so hard up just now is that they're doing very much the same thing as Alexandra on a smaller scale.

Dancing masters announce a new dance which cannot be danced indelicately. Now the question is, do they dance it dancing, or standing still?

Ireland is eager for something to happen—it doesn't make much difference what it is, just so it happens.

**A Leanin' On Your Hoe.**  
It may have been in Springtime, When the flowers burst into bloom, When the corn and beans and lettuce, Are a fightin' weeds for room, You start out when it's dew wet To clean out every row, But long before it's meal-time You are leanin' on your hoe.

You have planted your potatoes, Have a garden full of spuds, You hoe and dig among them, 'Till you sweat out all your spuds, But when you've reached your limit, And the breeze begins to blow, There ain't no rest like stoppin' And leanin' on your hoe.

You talk about the comforts Of a cushioned rocking chair, Or a pew on Sunday morning, When you sleep through all the prayers, But there's nothing rests the conscience,

And the mind and body so, Like stoppin' when you want to, And leanin' on your hoe.

—H. C. TAPP



Portland has just completed twenty-nine portable school houses, which is something the smaller cities should not overlook. Portable school houses can always be built and they relieve congestion.

If the Interstate Commerce Commission don't believe the present rail rates are hard on the farmers, let the members try farming for a while.

## THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIUS—

**A Big Difficulty.**  
One of the difficulties about the present style, observing women coming down the streets, you can't tell whether it's your little sister or your grandmother.

**A Railroad Man Says an Efficiency Expert** is a man who gets a fat salary for telling \$8 a week clerks how to save money.

A feller tells us that he saw some whores from the column quoted in the Literary Digest the other day. We must be getting rotten.

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If you contemplate a new fall skirt, right now is the time for choosing. Nearly all of our stock is in, and a lovely array indeed they are. A few plaids, but mostly wide stripes, in box, or knife plaids.

One of our windows contains in several of these new skirts now.

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Ask your dealer for Pearl Oil—clean, burning and economical.

Stealing September Morn's Stuff. (Jefferson Co. N. Y. Journal) A band of girls, early risers and full of joy, joined the crowd. Women appeared, some fully dressed, others with shawls over their heads.

If epidemics follow the styles, you may look for an outbreak of knee-moia this winter.

How Heavenly. Dear Ed. Office Cat: Would you care to know that Pearl E. Gates lives at Kenosha, Wis.? I made this startling discovery during a recent visit to that city. —B. H. W.

Of all the would-be highbrow birds, The worst," said Dolly Strong.

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