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TODAY WE HONOR THE DEAD.

Not long ago was Union county turned on edge by the call for troops; not long was it that the people were breathing war, talking war, and dreaming of war.

Providence willed that only a few men should fall in the great war from this country; but the fact that we had men in the different conflicts brings us face to face with the duty of an American on Memorial day.

That duty is pronounced and plain, and it should be executed with desire. The strewing of flowers is in itself an act, but the thoughts that go with the act are the causes for observance of the occasion.

Today the nation pauses in its onward rush to put flowers on the graves of men who fought the fight for Americanism right. Today the lessons of the Civil War are revived; the recollections of other conflicts wherein the nation's principles and honor were at stake are recalled in most forceful manner. Decoration day as a national event is and has been one of the leading occasions for sombre, silent meditation.

In Union and La Grande and in Union county the day is being properly observed with a spirit of profound respect and admiration for the soldier dead.

THE CURSE OF VANDALISM.

The desire to destroy is a fearful thing. Why it should exist is hard to understand, but that it exists there is not the least doubt. Out in Ladd Canyon Dr. W. T. Phly has made a beauty spot where the little creek comes out of the canyon. He has erected a very comfortable house, furnished it, made it modern and spent a lot of money and time on the grounds. Yet the vandals got in their work. They broke the locks on doors, damaged the furniture and piano, carried off little things and in a general way proved themselves to belong to the low bred no-good type of humanity.

Up at Morgan Lake the light company has a lot of trouble with people who forget their raising, if they ever had any, and resort to vandalism destroying property and causing trouble.

There is positively need for law-rigid law, in this good old land of ours and if anyone believes that people as a whole will do the right thing without restraint they are as badly fooled in this theory as some of the devoted boosters are fooled in Oregon's direct primary law as it now stands.

SMALL TOWN STUFF.

A Denver citizen, returned from New York, laughingly describes the metropolis as a "jay town", and proceeds to explain:

"There is a circus down in Fourth Avenue in New York playing a long engagement. Every day there is a parade, with the balloon sellers flocking along the walks; while thousands and thousands of people line the streets to see the closed dens of ferocious animals, the clowns on top of cages, the girls on horses, the dog-drawn wagon with a funny man on it, and all the other things connected with a circus parade.

"Down in the financial district where there are men who are supposed to hold the destinies of the nation in the palms of their hands there are hundreds of peddlers. They are selling flowers that go in the buttonhole and squirt water, mechanical mice that crawl along the floor and a dozen other devices that we in Denver passed up years ago.

"Get up town anywhere and put a man or woman in a show window doing something and you block the walk. Stop a minute and look up at the sky and you'll have a gang around you rubbering. It noticed taxis and autos turning in the middle of the block and stopping traffic while the turn was made. Do that in Denver and you'll get pinched!

"But that's the world's greatest city in population though you do see small town stuff everywhere you turn."

All interesting, and very likely all true. But the facts set forth do not seem to warrant such utter contempt as the Denver man exhibits. In fact, to the average American, who is himself a small-town person the picture probably suggests a community of spirit which he has not realized before. New Yorkers stand convicted of being very human and very American. New York is seen as merely a large collection of small towns, and that enables outsiders to understand it better.

THE OFFICE CAT

By JERIE



Bible Thought For Today

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS.—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind and thy neighbour as thyself.—Luke 10:27.

When you see a bathing girl in water up to her neck she's skinny.

A true fan is one who thoughtlessly eats his peanuts shell and all when the bases are full.

At twenty the single male is in love with all the ladies; at thirty-five he thinks all the ladies are in love with him.

Rolling stones may gather no moss, but some gentlemen seem to thrive exceedingly by rolling bones.

LAI D IT WRONG.
Toronto Globe: A bachelor who is forever "putting his foot in it" recently visited the proud parents of a new baby boy. The mother held up the bundle for inspection and asked gaily: "Tell us now, frankly, which of us do you think he is like?"

After a careful examination of the baby the bachelor replied: "Well, of course, it is not very intelligent looking yet, but he's wonderful like both of you!"

WHY HE HESITATED.
Passing Show, London: The Diner (after valiant but futile struggle)—If I must have been a very tender-hearted butcher who killed that lamb!
Waiter—Yes, sir; why, sir?
The Diner—He must have hesitated.

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An Early Start



Pigtails are not being worn by the modern Chinese, but this young Celestial is getting an early start with one.

ed three or four hours before striking the fatal blow.

In Africa brides are paid for on the installment plan. Same here.

Burning rubbish yourself is better than selling it to cigar makers.

After you have done everything once, and can no longer get a kick, the resulting condition of boredom is called wisdom.

About the only nation that appears to be making progress in the direction of peace is imagination.

Sad Error.
"Doctors are now realizing that greater care should be taken in making up prescriptions," states an evening paper. And yet only last week we heard of the case of a medicine who sent a poor patient's medicine to his richest patient with the unfortunate result that a complete cure was effected.

Brought Down the House.
"Samson had the right idea of advertising," writes R. B. W. "He took a couple of columns and soon had everything coming his way."—Boston Transcript.

Memorial Day

At the graves of America's dead, France will lay flowers on our Memorial day. It is a day when we should remember not only our own heroes who fought to preserve the republic, but the brave dead of all nations buried on the battlefields of the great war, who fought to bring greater freedom to the whole world. It is our duty now as Americans to pledge to final consummation the end for which these men fought, to determine that their sacrifice shall not have been made in vain.

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Memorial Day

Today we all should dedicate our efforts to keep fresh the memory of those who gave their best to preserve and protect this glorious land of ours.

To the G. A. R. and all those who served in the Civil war. To the American Legion and veterans of foreign wars, and to all those who served our country; we pledge our admiration and support and to those who paid the supreme sacrifice, we join our fellow countrymen in honoring their memory and we are placing a wreath of honor to their memory.

"GLASS DRUGS"

Stenches for Mine Signals.
The bureau of mines has been cooperating with large mining companies in the perfecting of devices to warn miners of danger by means of stenches. A vile-smelling liquid is introduced into the compressed air line and the odor soon gives its warning through the nose.

TO ISLAND CITY SUBSCRIBERS.
The Island City papers are first off the Observer in the afternoon and the bundle will be laid on the counter so that anyone driving down Adams avenue can see the bundle through the window. Any resident of Island is requested to take the papers to the Island City office, thus giving the entire community daily service as quickly or even quicker than most sections of La Grande gets. It will be a favor all around if someone each day will stop on the road to Island at the Observer office and take these papers.

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