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Boy Scout Anniversary

The Boy Scout movement is thirteen years old today and scouts throughout the country are beginning a week of celebration. Although the movement is not yet old enough to see any of its members reach the congressional desk, the supreme court bench, or the presidential chair, its oldest members are now in college or starting in business, and many are making worthy records—pre-saging good results in future citizenship.

The seeds of thoughtfulness for others, courtesy, cheerfulness and loyalty planted by the scout training have already borne fruit the country over. Millions of "good turns" performed by the scouts are bright lights in the great painting of life. They have won the nation's confidence and interest, and the nation looks forward to the full blossoming of the scout training in the maturity of scout manhood.

The following verse is typical of the aim of the movement: "There will be less of selfishness And more of kindness when, The troops are mustered into life And all scouts are men."

Schools and Fashions

The streak of the conventional which keeps men from expressing their own ideas for fear of seeming peculiar is never responsible for any of the great creations or accomplishments in the world's history. Fashions in art, music, dress and the like do not foster individual genius, but serve rather to depress and engulf it.

The attractive thing about a fashion is that its features are plainly apparent to the one who would follow it, and he has to do little or no thinking on the subject himself. It is clear, therefore, that those who shrink from mental activity and creative thought will be found among the ones who most closely cling to the accepted "school" or fashion.

The individuals who have reached achievement in their chosen field have done so because of patient unrelenting toil, together with the conviction that their message is peculiarly their own and hence worthy of beautiful expression.

Coincidence

A most unique distinction is claimed by Dr. F. W. Sadley of Llanerch, Pa., who has written to King Alfonso of Spain to inform that monarch that they were both married on the same day, May 3, 1906, that each became the father of a son on May 10, 1907, and that each has four children pairing off into equal ages.

In that meeting, should it ever come off, the regular routine of royalty dictates that Doc Sadley and Mrs. Sadley and all the Sadley kids must bow their knees and kiss the kingly hand that is tendered them. But Alfonso is known as a democratic monarch. Maybe he'll offer just to shake. Let it be hoped he has that much good sense.

From a German source it is suggested that the United States assume a mandate over the Ruhr. That job appears to be more than filled already.

If the two Greek princes now in this country get tired of living on their wives' money, they can probably find openings for restaurants.

The average man can not understand how persons from whom he buys learn so quickly that he has had a raise in pay.

It is said the poorhouses are filled with fellows afraid to take a chance. And with others who took to many chances.

Editorials From Over the Nation

ARE GIRLS THE SMARTEST? Paterson Press Guardian: It seems that every generation has to learn all the old lessons for itself. The Junior college of Detroit has just made some tests, and learned what it would seem almost everybody ought to have known already—that girls are smarter than boys.

Those students will learn many things between Now and Then, but if the boys of the Detroit Junior college have firmly annexed the idea that girls are smarter than boys, they are already equipped with a strong weapon. No man who ever amounted to anything did it without some woman's help, and not many of those same men ever gave the woman credit for it, either.

There is one good old hearty pastime in which boys and girls engage, and in former days it was known as courting. An occasional shik might arise—they were positively called Young Lochinvars in those times—who could turn the hearts of all the maidfolks, but whichever girl really and truly set her heart upon him, brought him to his knees, sure as fiddlin'.

INTELLECT AND MORALS. Sal: Lake Desert News: In an address delivered recently before the Illinois Teachers' association, J. O. Engleman, field secretary of the National Educational association, is quoted as saying: "While the most desirable and most useful citizen is always both wise and moral, the state can better afford to have its children become, if they must, more moral even if less intellectual, than more intellectual if less virtuous."

Mr. Engleman has the right idea although there would seem, in the teaching of morals, to be necessary for a retardation of the intellectual. Indeed, intellectually and morality should be interdependent, one being naturally and ally of the other.

THE OFFICE CAT. HIS WATERLOO! I shot an arrow into the air, It fell to earth I knew not where— Later I met Miss Bonaparte, And found my arrow in her hair.

Dear Office Cat: Every year when I pay my taxes they are higher. It must be that "every day in every way my property is getting better and better."—T. Axes.

MONTHLY LAMENT. One reason we have for remembering February is because it's the month you pay for thirty days rent and only get twenty-eight.

Someone steps forward with the remark that blond hair matches the prevailing color of butter much better than brunette does.

Silence may be golden, but a good line of talk often produces more dollars.

Don't get all puffed up if people remember you; there are some faces that just can't be forgotten.

Amos Tash says in many a home the wife is a hard worker because the husband is a hard shirker.

A good musician is one who knows when to quit.

HIS CONDITION. "Ah! Back from your vacation, Mr. Gloom?" "Physically, thank you," replied I. Fuller Gloom, "but not financially."

FULL PERMISSION. "Mother, dear, may I bob my hair?" "Yes, my darling, go to it; Cut off your tresses and shave your neck." "But don't let your daddy know it."

General Pershing is worried about our army and it might be better if they proposed that their wives were until they did.

The price of eggs has gone up again. The hen lays for the dealer, and the dealer just lay for the public.

Puttin' One Over On 'Em. A Union man and his wife, who had just come to La Grande, went into a restaurant. They sat down at the nearest table and had been waiting for quite a while when the manager came over and said: "Paradise don me, but this is a self-serving cafeteria. You'll have to serve yourself." Her husband, muttering to himself, arose and served the table, and when the meal was almost finished, he whispered to his wife, "Mary, I'll tell you what let's do. Let's slip out without washing the dishes."

LA GRANITE The New Silk Fabric. N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE. New "ARMSTRONG" Footwear Just in. The New Spring Styles Arrive Daily. Dresses in a Greater Variety of Styles and Fabrics. Here for Early Selection.

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"PASSION PLAY" TO BEGIN SOON. SANTA CLARA, Calif., Feb. 7.—The life of Christ will be portrayed here and at the Civic auditorium in San Francisco next April and May by students of the University of Santa Clara, according to Martin V. Heric, in charge of the production.

CANDLESTICKS NOW MADE FROM COILS. (By Associated Press.) The San Francisco performance will be for the benefit of St. Ignatius church and St. Ignatius college of that city.

Profit By-- Reduced Fares To California. The saving in Round-Trip Fares—the train comforts while you journey, and spring-like days in the Sunny Southland are good reasons for going now.

SHRINERS and MASONS Annual Benefit DANCE. REX HALL. FEB. 8, 1929. All members of Masonic Fraternity, families and ladies invited.

Public Sales. We have purchased 122,000 pair U. S. Army Munsion last shoes, sizes 4 1/2 to 12 which was the entire surplus stock of one of the largest U. S. Government shoe contractors.

Pumps for Evening Wear. See our line of Satin, Patent and Silver Cloth Straps and Colonial Pumps with hose to match. Those who buy their dancing footwear here never leave the floor until "Home Sweet Home" is played.

Thrift. The Highway of Thrift is the sure road to independence and success. The man of industry and thrift inspires confidence and he finds his banker anxious to help him because he demonstrates his inclination and ability to help himself.