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PLAYGROUNDS FOR EVERYBODY
Los Angeles Times: There need be no dull backs or Jills in America through lack of opportunities for recreation or scarcity of playgrounds. At no other time in no other country has public provision for brightening the leisure hours of the people been so varied or so complete.

According to the Playground and Recreation Association of America between 1908,000 and \$1,000,000 was spent last year for public recreation by the cities and towns reporting such activities. Besides this, numerous private individuals made grounds of land or contributed sums of money for the same purpose. A total of 375 cities now have playgrounds supported by municipal funds.

A few years ago a city was content if it possessed a formal park or so and one or two summer playgrounds for the children. Now to be progressive and abreast of the times it sees that not only young, rich and poor alike have plenty of chances for wholesome recreation in the open. Thus public grounds are provided to play baseball and tennis and golf, with quills and croquet for the aged—swimming pools and dancing spaces and grand orchestral music on the program and other municipal summer camps are being added for the summer vacations of the not-so-well-to-do.

As long as the hours for work are not sacrificed for too many play hours and the money earned keeps ahead of the money spent the more extensive the people's playgrounds the better for the contentment and health of the nation.

THE SLACKER
Albany News: In the much discussed army "questionnaire" for use in the summer training camps is one that should make the average citizen sit up and take notice.

"Can a man be a slacker in time of peace?"
The answer to that is: "Yes, and just as much."

War time brings stress, crisis, crystallizes sentiment, spurs to action. Peace time is more or less humdrum. The individual may hear the national call but faintly because of the day's busy roar.

But it is there all the time. Just as insistent as in the time of war. What the act does today and the sluggish tomorrow will be measured out in terms of failure or success for the nation that finds itself facing war.

Because American methods were definite, aggressive, whole-hearted and thoroughly well-sufficiency thorough, anyway, America was the greatest factor to be reckoned with in the World war.

Anybody slackening now?
HEAVEN AND EARTH
Tacoma News Tribune: A minister of national repute wants people to pay less attention to the future life and more to life on this earth.

He insists that "the important thing is to improve life here."
Not a doubt of it in the world, on any reasonable plane of thinking. Nearly all of the creeds can agree on this, and the practical opinion of present-day humanity seems to take it for granted.

Whether or not life in heaven is pretty much like life on earth, as the minister referred to suggest, is uncertain. But certain it is that if there is any such place or state as heaven, life here is a preparation for it, and anyone who wants to be happy and good over there had better start practicing for it.

The way to practice, by the general agreement of civilized mankind, is "to improve life here"—for self and others, but especially for others.

AMERICAN UNITY
Memphis News-Scimitar: In one edition of the paper a few days ago we read where one Klan and three Catholic candidates were elected in a municipal election in East St. Louis, where the Klan was an issue in an election in Petersburg, Va., where George Washington university was divided into hostile groups of Klan and anti-Klan.

In higher moments Americans love to talk of their unity and of the common action and aspirations that have been the basis of the nation's achievements. Is it possible that the lesson in American unity is being lost? Is not unity as important in peace as in war? Surely it is not necessary that there must be a national crisis to inspire the men and women of this country can become as one in the feelings that have made America what it is.

We have no hostility and no prejudice against any organization, secret or public, but any purpose to engender strife or prejudice, anything calculated to array man against his neighbor or one class of citizens against another is to be deplored. Man is too prone as it is to be skeptical of another's good intentions to be suspicious of another's motives, and ordinarily we should say that he needs more to be encouraged to find excuse for his neighbor's frailties, to overlook his faults, to search for the good in him than to be taught to be on the lookout for his failings and errors. A good text to use every day reads something like this: "Judge not that ye be not judged, for with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged; and to what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

CAMAS BRIDGE DISCUSSED
OLYMPIA, Wash., Apr. 21.—County Commissioners Angenach, Marchbank and Pul and County Engineer Swartz consulted with James Allen, state supervisor of highways today, relative to the bridge to be constructed this summer over the Camas river at Camas, on the north bank highway. The plans have not been completed but a concrete bridge is contemplated, about 75 to 80 feet in length and estimated to cost \$15,000 to \$20,000. It will be constructed by Clarke county out of the moneys derived from its share of the toll receipts for the Columbia river interstate bridge, under authorization of the last legislature, which permitted the transfer of the funds in excess of bonds demands to the county road and bridge fund.

It is now claimed that King Tut-ank-amen slept in a folding bed which makes some of us older people feel almost like contemporaries of his.

Finishing the Job

We are impressed with the man who is willing, after the band ceases to play, to finish the job, whatever it may be. La Grande has such a citizen in the person of W. H. Bohnenkamp, Sr. Not long ago we planted three hundred trees on Victory Way. It was a gala day and the town turned out. The holes were dug, the trees were planted and everything apparently was finished. But, like every other job, there were a few things to do to make the undertaking complete. In this case there had to be stakes secured—three for each tree, and they had to be set in the ground on an angle, and the top of those stakes the tree had to be anchored so that winds would not loosen the ground around the roots.

Mr. Bohnenkamp, with his usual thoroughness, planned the stakes and the way they should be driven. Then he took old automobile tires and cut them up into about four inch pieces. One of these rubber pads goes around each young tree to anchor it properly. Each year the binder that holds the piece of tire around the tree will be loosened to make room for growth.

It is a big job to thus care for the three hundred trees, but it is the proper care. It takes the Bohnenkamp thoroughness to do the job and do it properly.

Return of Chamberlain

Former Senator George Chamberlain has resigned his job with the United States Shipping Board. There is nothing strange about this for it was a job unsuited to Chamberlain, and probably was accepted by him only for the salary of a thousand a month which it produced. But, it is now stated that Chamberlain will re-enter Oregon politics. Perhaps he will and perhaps not. The strongest political support for the individual shatters and wanes the moment he is out of the limelight; the great John J. Ingalls thought he could come back after being out of the senate, but he failed; everyone knows the story of Charles Fulton, who was probably the greatest senator Oregon ever had.

Chamberlain is lucky politically, but he will find when he opens headquarters for another fight that a lot of his former supporters have died, boys have grown to manhood who know little about Chamberlain and strangers have come to the state who never heard of the senator as an Oregon man.

His entrance into Oregon politics may be like the old Englishman who lived forty years in America ever cherishing the hope of returning to England and eating an English plum pudding. His desire was finally gratified and he found that the plum pudding was not what he had expected at all.

Life in a Small Town

The unhappy young woman who attempted to commit suicide last week because of her anguish at being forced to leave New York City to go to live with her husband in a small Ohio town suffered in an exaggerated degree from an ailment that is not uncommon. She preferred death to life in a village. There are many men as well as women who, while not prepared to take so drastic a remedy, consider it a great misfortune to have to live in a small community. Cities, especially, of course, New York, appeal to them as containing everything that tends to make existence pleasant. It might be pertinent to quote Milton's words to those who are discontented because they do not live in the city:

The mind is its own place, and in itself
Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven.

The small town has numerous advantages which the larger community lacks. There is more sociability in the village. Life is less complex there are fewer problems to be solved. Living expenses are lower. It is to be feared, however, that the discontented are not always philosophical enough to appreciate Milton's wisdom and that their eyes have been so dazzled by the glamor of the great urban center that they are blind to the beauties and attraction of a rural community.

One reason for this great longing to live in New York is that fiction writers have used it so extensively as the scene of their stories. Interesting and delightful things, not experienced elsewhere, befall one in the metropolis, according to the novelists. The city attracts some because it is a new center and they want to be in the thick of things.

Imagination has a great deal to do with making city life appear so delightful to dwellers in small towns. With the truth concerning conditions more widely diffused there will be less discontent of the kind that prompted the girl to seek death.

Many a man would have a better appreciation of his home were a real estate salesman to write an advertisement offering it for sale.

With what contempt an American plasterer must regard the British farm laborer who is striking to obtain a wage of \$7.35 a week.

Germany seems to be drawing to the conclusion that there may be calamities worse than having to pay debts.

The real burdens of society are persons who ought that good luck could take the place of hard work.

It is feared that too many bachelors get all the credit for not marrying.

Next year is leap year, girls. Better plan to do your popping early.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

KERREK
"How is the milk maid?"
He said with a bow,
"It isn't made, sir,
It comes from a cow."

Amos Tash says the game of love is never called one account of darkness.

Boss (to applicant for a job)—"Are you a Mason?"
Applicant—"No, I'm a plumber."

In La Grande the cigarette is regarded as the cheroot, of all evil.

The reason a man has to give in when he argues with his wife is because she never gives out.

GOOD ADVICE
"Pay as you go; if you can't pay don't go."
Try this plan a year and see if it does not produce greater comfort of mind than the opposite one of running in debt. Think of this when the agent wants to sell you something you don't need.

A long hair on a man's coat is much more difficult to explain than three dinner engagements, thinks C. Kology.

KINDA HINTING
There once was a maiden of Siam
Who said to her lover, young Kiam,
"If you like me, of course,
You will have to use force,
But I'll wager you're stronger than I am."

The next couple living for a divorce will be Ham and Eggs.

The amount of "pin money" required by a wife, depends largely on whether her tastes run to diamond pins or rolling pins.

Guess the Shik better have a marriage ceremony in every state.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED
And speaking of music, who remembers the o. f. boy who used to pump the organ at church every Sunday morning (by request)? He has a son now who pumps him for the price of a few gallons of gasoline so he can take his sweetie riding every Sunday (by request).

The banks will be here long after your socks have rotted; take your money to the bank and be somebody.

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to new smells in hair pomades, says the society editor.

It is announced that there is now one telephone for every twelve persons in this county. That's the way it always looks when you go to a pay station.

SPRING FEVER
Laziness, weariness,
Cheeriness, drowsiness,
Happiness, I'll confess
I'm feeling tired!
A stretch and a yawn—
A feeling you're gone—
Spring fever, son!
Wake up! You're fired!

INDIANS GIVEN PUBLIC LANDS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, April 21.—As a step toward preventing the recurrence of Indian outbreaks in Utah, Secretary Work today allotted public lands in San Juan county, Utah, to bands of Pueblo, Ute and Navajo which have been residing in a public domain near Blanding.

The band, headed by Old Posey, as well as that led by Polk, which did not participate in the uprising, will be given parcels of land in Allen Canyon and along Montezuma creek.

UNCLE SAM GETTING TO BE HARD UP!

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., April 21.—Uncle Sam is getting hard up. Because there were no funds available with which to send a guard from Camp Lewis to Mount Vernon to escort Privates John H. Elliot and John Davidson, arrested as deserters from camp, back to headquarters, the two men were recently released from the Shagit country jail.

The fact that there was not sufficient money to send a guard was revealed in a telegram from the camp to Chief of Police Charles Stevenson, who had wired the camp upon the arrest of the men. Both were members of the third tank company.

ROAD BIDS ARE ASKED
SOUTH BEND, Wash., April 21.—The commissioners of Pacific county have issued a call for bids on a number of different road and bridge jobs here. Most important is the call for erecting and grading of the Laymond-Tokeland road. Bids also were asked on a new wright of Tokeland, for the repair of the bridge across the Willapa and for clearing and grading the Lilly-Wheaton road.

The state highway department has taken over the Ocean Beach highway in its entirety and will receive bids today for the construction of a new bridge over the North Nehalem river. In May the state will let the contract for six miles of graveling on this highway.

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Treasury Certificates Are Good Investments

From the time of Benjamin Franklin to the present day the men of great vision, well versed in the history of the world, thorough students of governments, finance and commerce, have been advocates of saving as a means to success. The arguments have all been made; the proofs are abundant; it would seem that nothing more can be said. However, it is well to keep before the people all the time the same advice about the necessity and the success of saving. It is well to keep before the youth, and the matured as well, the fact that to save a part of what one earns is a vital element in a successful life. Savings are not only an insurance against the turns of fortune, but are also a means of seizing golden opportunities which are often lost through the lack of a small amount of capital.

The United States Government is engaged in an effort to stimulate and encourage saving throughout the length and breadth of the land. For

this purpose it has issued and is selling to the people Treasury Savings Certificates issued in denominations within the reach of all. The Treasury Savings Certificates have been sold on their merits as an investment. They are backed by the strongest government in the world. They afford a splendid contrast to hundreds of wild-cat schemes which are put forth to trap the unwary and take their hard-earned money. The people are advised to avoid all investments which will not bear investigation. The treasury department in urging the people to buy Treasury Savings Certificates is stimulating the Savings Movement. It is an effort to make the United States a saving nation; to have the people avoid waste and extravagance; to take their money out of hiding and put it into investments which are safe and which will earn good interest for them.

CAR DRIVERS ABSOLVED
PENDLETON, APR. 21.—A coroner's jury today declared the automobile crash, in which Vera Bittner, aged 19, of this city, was fatally injured Monday, unavoidable and absolved C. D. Lundell, of Spokane, who drove the coupe which struck the girl, and Sam English, school bus driver, from blame. Members of the jury and coroner Brown, however, declared the practice of letting children alight from school buses on the highway, and not seeing them safely off the road, was a dangerous one.

Lundell, haggard from a sleepless night and worried over the killing of the girl, was released this afternoon from the county jail. He was the only actual eye-witness of the accident, as the bus driver had already started his car when the two passed.

Funeral services for the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Bittner will be held tomorrow afternoon.

A new shade has been discovered and has been named the Egyptian blush. Well, if the stuff will work from the county jail, it may be strong enough to produce a miracle in the case of some of our flappers.

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U.B. Thrifty says
As the eagle is a symbol of supremacy so can you conquer in the conquest against poverty and want if you guard your dollars.
The dollars in your pocket are soon gone—they slip away before we realize and their loss deadens our ambition and weakens our courage.
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