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THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



American Legion

This is the goal for which the American Legion in Oregon will strive in an intensive membership campaign to start on Armistice Day, November 11th. The campaign is being formed in each of the 144 posts of the legion in the state ready to jump off at the zero hour. First attention will be given to recruiting 1929 memberships, and then the new members will be sought.

Lack of co-operation and consistent drive for members in 1928 resulted in an enrollment of only 7,000 so far for the past year, but legion leaders are confident that they can raise this number to better than 10,000 before 1924 is well under way. The American Legion is the one great veteran association to which all honorably discharged veterans of the World War are eligible.

Frederic E. Kiddle, of Island City, Department Commander of the Legion elected at Seaside last September, has placed membership at the head of his list for 1924 and is bending every effort to line up the local posts in this campaign.

A glance through the resolutions adopted by the American Legion convention in Oregon, and the National legion convention at San Francisco discloses that a heavy percentage concern matters of vital interest to disabled veterans. This disabled veteran man has always been the first thought of the American Legion, despite the fact that those who bear the brunt of the war, civilian, merchant, expressed

and girls are very apt to get the right kind of reading at the Public Library. At least we feel that they will not go very far astray but what kind of reading are they getting at home. So during the next week of Children's Book Week we are asking the fathers and mothers of this community to think about good books for the boys and girls.

The Public Library will co-operate with you in every way possible. An exhibit of children's books will be held at the Library during this week. Mothers are asked to make a special effort to come and look at these. The librarian and her assistants will be glad to render any advice or service possible as to the right kinds of books for children of various ages, suggestions as to the best editions, etc.

The Library will also have a representative at Newlin's Book Store, each afternoon during this week to talk to any mother who is interested. The women of the Neighborhood Club are co-operating with the library and we feel sure that their efforts in behalf of the boys and girls of this community will be appreciated. We urge the parents who are planning to get books for Christmas gifts for their boys and girls to take advantage of these opportunities.

Poets' Corner

SOME SUNDAY MORNING
(By Thomas T. Johnston)
I think I will not go to church today,
The week's been heavy, and I'm all tired out;
I need the rest—I think I'd better stay
right here at home and while the time away;
I'll simply take my ease and lie about;
They will not miss just one, and what is more
I will deserve a day off now and then,
For I must always go through rain or shine;
I'll rest and that is what our Sunday's for,
This working all the week, and then again
On Sunday—not for once—no, I decline—
I'll take a rest deserved and lounge around;
And let the hours while themselves away;
The chance for leisure is not always found;
I think I will not go to church today.

I think I will not go to church today,
It's too hard work to fix and dress and go;
I guess, if needed, one can bow and pray
Right where he is—perhaps the truest way;
For Christ himself condemned parade and show;
I guess if one just tries to live all right
He need not put his goodness on a perch;
The chiefest thing is not to do, but be;
The truest prayers are secret, not in sight;
I guess I do not need to go to church;
The service is so often long and hot;
The parson, though he may be very good,
Is sometimes dry, and hasn't much to say;
He doesn't preach the way I wish he would—
I think I will not go to church today.

And yet I'll miss it if I stay away—
Somehow the Sabbath will not seem quite right;
I might not have the rest to think or pray—
I'll lose some blessing if I miss today
Some strength for toil, some cheer for darkening night;
Some thought, some vision, some divine desire;
Some urge to faith and courage in life's strife;
Through worship with the others who are there,
Some uplift in the music by the choir,
Some word of comfort from God's Book of Life,
Some Godward impulse through the words and prayer;
Or him, whom I should help by loyal heart,
By my example, prayers—in every way;
In this good cause of Christ I'll do my part;
I think I'd better go to church today.

Armistice Day

Five years ago, on November 11, 1918, America was thrown into a fervent uproar of thanks and celebration—for the word had been flashed from Europe, the site of a terrible war, that an armistice had been declared. An armistice that meant a cessation of war and with that cessation, an end to suffering in the trenches, an end to killing and wounding, an end to all that war typifies—and a return to peace.

Today Union county, along with all other counties, districts and cities in America, is celebrating the anniversary of that declaration of armistice that meant so much to the world five years ago. The American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, the Spanish-American war veterans, and other patriotic and fraternal organizations are gathered today at Union for the purpose of commemorating Armistice Day—to keep alive memories of that day five years ago when the turmoil and slaughter "over there" came to an end and tranquility once more crept over the United States of America.

Armistice Day—the day when the ranks of Gold Star mothers beat time and halted, the day when America's mothers turned their faces heavenward and gave thanks; the day that is remembered by all as the closing of the greatest, most terrible war the world has ever known. May its memories never die.

Safety First And Dueling

The revival of dueling on an extensive scale is one of the things that might have been expected to follow the war. Yet the story of the encounter last week of Jacques Richepin, the poet, and the Duke of Cambray, following a quarrel over the government tax on a theater ticket, served only to remind one that duels on the continent are, after all, comparatively rare. Now comes the news that scores of such affairs of honor have been settled, usually with swords, since the French government a year ago, failed in the attempt to prosecute principals and seconds.

No account of these affairs was published. And why? Because, it is hinted, all those concerned felt that publicity would result in ridicule. No decaying institution can withstand an onslaught of laughter, and, in this case, the laughter was not directed at the practice, which has always been an absurd and unjust way of settling disputes, but at the duelists themselves. Dueling has become a safe and sane diversion, but it is well enough not to let the public know too much about these reforms. Otherwise a pastime, not much more dangerous than football, might lose some of its ancient glories. The Duke of Cambray, for instance, retired when he had received a wound on the thumb.

On account of its growing popularity, laws penalizing dueling in France have proved a failure. Now George Briett-mayor, himself a noted duelist, has suggested that combatants be required to fight until there is some definite result, that is, that combatants be required to fight until there is some definite result, that is, until one principal is killed or is wounded seriously enough not to be able to continue the conflict. A slight scratch has been regarded sometimes as sufficient reason for stopping the fight, which fact one cannot help comparing with the American duel the other day when two Texans were found dead with their left wrists tied together and both right hands claspng revolvers. The Frenchman's suggestions should be tried.

It would at least advance dueling into the more serious outdoor sports so that participants would no longer be ashamed to let the public know the details of the game.

Form The Think Habit

Fear of making mistakes has made failures of as many men as mistakes have made successes. Failures are owed into retrogression by the same possibilities-of-mistakes challenged by the successes among men.

A popular adage is "The man who never made a mistake never made a dollar," but a truer statement of fact might be "The man who never made a mistake has not yet lived."

Conceding that all men make mistakes, it is manifest that only the same mistake repeated is unpardonable and the habit, not the individual mistake, is costly. Somebody pays every time somebody blunders and the only way to correct the habit of blundering is to form the habit of doing things right. Form the habit of being careful and take pains today that you may spare yourself incalculable pain tomorrow. Many are blundering on to success by making the best of their blunders.

The haunting regret in every mistake is the thought that it could have been averted by a little thought. The indolent find actions easier than thought and much of humanity is indolent.

Thinking can be made a habit just as most bodily movements are from force of habit. Cultivate the habit of thinking before acting and that bugaboo, the mistake habit, will decamp for more salubrious foraging.

Lloyd George says he is not capable of writing a book on America after a visit of only a month. He's not as versatile then, as many others have thought they were.

Bavarians speak of inviting Rupprecht to mount the throne. Doubtless all that he would desire is a chance.

Editorials From Over the Nation

From Stevedore to Gridiron.
Rochester Times: From the stevedore of an immigrant steamer to the captaincy of one of the best known football eleven in the college world is a novel transition, even for America. Paul Petroff, captain and right tackle of the 1923 Ohio State eleven, first saw the light of day on a farm in far-away Lithuania, crossing the ocean seventeen years ago with his parents, a younger brother and a sister. Fortune smiled on the Petroffs in this country so that when Ron answered a wish to attend Ohio State university and study medicine his father was able to send him. Petroff made his debut in his sophomore year and last year he was one of the best players on a team that was somehow below Ohio State standards. This, his last year, finds him captain. In the shadow of the future leader of the Ohio State eleven never saw or even heard of a football. But in conference circles he is regarded as one of the most brilliant and most dependable players in the Middle West.

Petroff's experience, though unusual, is no new thing in this country. The immigrant lad of yesterday is the 100 per cent American of today; provided he has the right stuff in him.

Too Much Cautious Emotion.
Spokane Spokesman-Review: Madison Sabinova, a for-ten-born emotional seer, is out with a declaration that he has a "vision" in "social rights." He it seems some day a world where men and women, hand in hand, can share all their natural destinies and together direct the life of society.

Library Chats

The week of November 11th to the 17th is to be observed the country over as Children's Book Week, the one week in the year when schools, public libraries, bookstores, churches, magazines, newspapers and local organizations of all kinds get together in an endeavor to turn the attention of boys and girls towards books and reading.

With such an enthusiastic support, it is easy for parents to do their part in fostering an increased love of the right kind of books. An fathers and mothers, it is up to you to encourage reading by buying the right kind of books and bringing them into the home. Are you as parents living up to your responsibilities? Your boys

But is Russian birth and residence, to womanhood, plus several years of stage life and absorption in the making of moving pictures at Hollywood and elsewhere, the best sort of background to qualify one of descending on woman's legal and social status in the United States?

There are remaining inequalities before the law in some of the states, but these are in process of rectification, and in many states the law knows no distinction between the sexes, other than some statutes enacted with a chivalric purpose to give to woman a special measure of protection not extended to man.

Come off the movie lot, Madame Nastanova, rub your soulful eyes and look around you to see a beautiful world right now, a real, not a make-believe world, "where men and women hand in hand carve out their mutual destinies and together direct the life of society."

Military Forces Crushed



General Smith, Army quartermaster, is shown here making one of his spectacular gains during the Army's first game at Fort Stevens. Despite Smith's good work, Army lost 2-1.



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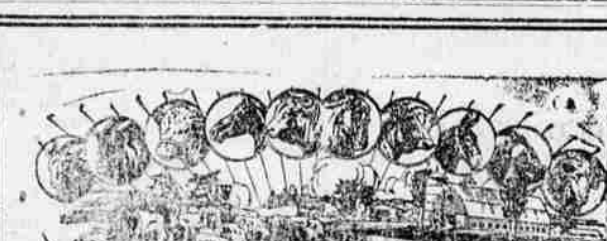
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