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SHALL, DO EXPLOITS.—The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.—Daniel 11:32.

THE OLD HOME TOWN . . . By Stanley



IT SEEMS THE POLICE MARSHAL OTEY WALKER BROUGHT TO AUNT SARAH WHO IS LAID UP AT HOME WITH ASTHMA. APPARENTLY HAD BEEN DOPED WITH RED PEPPER OR SOME OTHER ANNOYING SNEEZE POWDER.



Members Are Scored
INDIANAPOLIS.—Posts of the American Legion will no longer be victimized by takers who claim membership in the organization in order to obtain funds, Leonard Bolles, national adjutant of the organization, has declared. An effort by Legion national headquarters to clear the country of such impostors will soon be undertaken.

The problem of the transient ex-service man has long been a serious one to legion posts. Continued demands are made for assistance. Many of the claims on which demands are made have been found fraudulent. Certain recipients of funds for relief are known to have travelled all over the country at the expense of the legion while others have dissipated the money in idleness.

A recent case has been reported to national headquarters from a Kentucky post. There, a man and a woman represented to be his wife, applied to the post adjutant for aid. The adjutant took them into his own home, and cashed several checks on a Mobile, Ala. bank, where the man claimed legion membership. Before these checks were returned to the adjutant marked, "no funds," the woman had departed taking with them a supply of legion membership cards and the adjutant's best trousers.

The national organization seeks elimination of such instances. Telegraphic word is sent to all departments when such operations are reported. At the San Francisco convention of the legion a resolution was passed that is expected to end the practice. According to Adjutant Bolles explanation of this resolution, before any funds are paid to applicants, telegraphic authority from the post is

which membership is claimed must be requested, or a thorough investigation made before funds are presented to the applicant.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—When the strains of the famous doughboy song of the World War—"Hinky, Dinky, Parlez Vous"—resounded through the halls surrounding Federal Court here a dozen balliffs started on a hunt for the entertainer. They found in the person of Art Smith, the "One-man band of the American Legion." He was playing his banjo, and as a juror himself, was teaching some of the fifty-seven verses of his song to other jurors.

Although the balliffs put a stop to the music on the grounds that Smith was in a court, not a concert, the jury voted Smith the life of the party.

Salem Children Gain.
SALEM.—There are in Salem a few more than 5000 children of school age, according to the census which was completed today. This is an increase of 175 children of school age when compared with the census figure of a year ago.

This Thanksgiving Day

Eastern Oregon people are thankful today. True, we have our troubles—many are not making the money they would like to make, others may have physical ailments, but in a general way the spirit of thankfulness prevails all over this portion of the state.

The best days one spends are the days of striving to attain certain results, and too often wealth—which seems in this materialistic age to be the barometer of success—takes away the days of striving and brings that detestable attitude of discontent so often found among the wealthy.

We have, east of the Cascade mountains, many, many things to be grateful for and they need not be enumerated for every child in school knows them. The great advancement, the ease of living, the abundance on every hand, all tend to make the heart grateful and thankful to a kind Providence which sometimes seems to be generous to the extreme.

There are older people in this valley who will recall a vast difference in general affairs and conditions today to those of earlier years in the Grande Ronde, all of which is but a natural course of events in a section so richly endowed with nature's blessings.

It is not necessary to confine the comparison of today's Thanksgiving with earlier events of similar nature to the Grande Ronde valley, but let us take Thanksgiving Day, as an American institution.

The first American Thanksgiving Day was celebrated 302 years ago. If you think that you haven't much to be thankful for, this year, turn back the clock to that first Thanksgiving.

The Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock Dec. 20, 1620. It had taken them 63 days to cross the Atlantic. Their first winter was a terror of bitter cold, disease and starvation. The woods were full of game, but they were not skilled at hunting. They had no fish hooks small enough for shore angling. Clams were their chief food.

There were 102 Pilgrims in that original settlement. Death claimed half of them during the first winter.

In the spring, an Indian named Squanto taught them how to plant and cultivate corn. Autumn brought the first harvest. The pioneers celebrated with the first Thanksgiving Day.

Though the Pilgrims underwent frightful hardships, such as crop failures, and usually had little to be thankful for, they continued Thanksgiving Day as a permanent yearly custom.

Compare our lot with the Pilgrims! We have a thousand times as much to be thankful for.

There have been fatter years, in the past, than 1923. But, in view of what has preceded, and the prospects for the future, it is doubtful if the American people ever had as much cause to be thankful as they have this Thanksgiving Day.

Everyone but the turkey should rejoice.

Ward's Jargon

In the last issue of Chapman's Oregon Voter H. H. Ward, who is one of the fortunate boys that can spend as much time as he likes and whenever he likes in Southern California, pulls a lot of jargon about Oregon people, her legislators, her crazy people and ends with a comparison of this state with Los Angeles where the "Angel Choir" boosts and does not knock.

Such sputterings as the Wards and their like spin out are really too silly for notice, but nevertheless, someone should call these birds' attention to a few little things.

Ward asserts that Oregon is driving her industries away, that California has numerous Oregon people as citizens who went to that state for a vacation and became enamored with the way they do things down there and stayed. Probably Ward is one.

Oregon cannot build on foam, fuss and feathers like Southern California builds. Oregon needs substantial people who will work in order that she may have her proper place in the sun. The state has had too many Wards already, for when an element seeks to capitalize sea breezes and merry-go-rounds to get permanent settlers in Oregon they are sure to be disappointed.

When the time comes that people must work for a living as they once did, Oregon will shine. All the great resources which with man's work will be turned into needful things for humanity, are here, but the Wards will never aid very much in reclaiming land, in transforming the forest into homes, in bringing mineral from the mines. It takes the other kind of men, those who will work and be willing to carry their portion of the public burden.

No permanent good follows a street carnival or a circus, and it is doubtful if much permanency will be recorded from the Wards who visit Southern California and listen to the "Angel Chorus."

Of course, the main cause for the Ward article was the adoption of the state income tax. It was to be expected that such men would howl. Let them howl, let them move to the sunny southland if they choose. It took men with courage to settle Oregon in the first place and the state welcomes such men today far more than it does the flamboyant, effervescent Wards who in their own jargon condemn everyone in Oregon who seeks to have a just and equitable system of taxation.

It looks as though the next national campaign would resemble Oregon's recent state campaign, all candidates out to reduce taxes.

The question that is worrying William G. McAdoo is, "How will Henry Ford run?"

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Poets' Corner
Down the River of Idle Dreams
We are drifting today in the dawn of life
Down the river of idle dreams,
Lined by the ghosts of days that are gone.
By the barges that were wrecked on the streams,
Some gilded out when the current was swift,
And reached the end of the way,
Others were lost and wrecked on the sands
Down the rivers of yesterday.
Gilding along with our hearts full of love
Down the river of idle dreams,
Forgetting that many in life's birth
Were wrecked and lost on the stream.

Ice Skates
We have received a shipment of Winslow Skates. Priced from \$1.85 to \$3.00 per pair. Get yours while we have all sizes.
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