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MY GOD—I trusted in thee, O Lord, I said, "Thou art my God." My times are in thy hand. Psalm 124, 12.

For his own safety's sake, we hope the guy who predicted winter all summer will not visit Oregon very soon.

We must admit that U. S. marines make effective traffic officers for neighboring wars. Their first rule is, "Park weapons here."

The king of Italy recently went in state to inaugurate the excavation of Herculaneum, buried 2000 years ago. He must be looking for a place where he can rule.

If the state income tax and new six per cent limitation base fail to find approval at the June election, Oregon will need not only one but a dozen new budget officers to straighten out the financial tangle.

The Portland papers interpret Senator Jim Reed's visit to Oregon as a part of a campaign to become a compromise democratic candidate for president next year. Knowing Jim Reed as democrats do, he is about the last candidate in the party who could actually be a compromise.

The American Legion, finding the accumulation of several thousand dollars for the state convention fund a very difficult thing purely from benefit affairs, have sensibly turned to outright solicitation for the balance required. The original idea for raising the money without calling on business firms for help was unusual and extremely laudable. That they were even half successful is a remarkable thing. Now, with business men being asked for the remaining two thousand dollars, it will put an end to all convention benefit performances of every kind, the thing will be completely financed, and the legion can devote the remainder of the time to program and entertainment work. The coming convention is, after all, a community affair. Its benefit to La Grande, as a city, will be tremendous. A quarter million dollars in outside cash will be spent here those few days and this section will be better known throughout Oregon than ever before in its history. No business man, whether or not he can directly benefit from the coming of such crowds, will discount the direct advantage to the community. Everyone will be glad to have a part in financing the convention. It is only right that everyone should have a part.

MEMORIAL DAY HOMAGE

Each year there are those who find fault with the general observance of Memorial Day, the way it is regarded as a pleasurable holiday or as no holiday at all. Complete disregard of the purpose of Memorial Day and utter lack of appreciation of its significance is, to be sure, deserving of criticism. But there is not as much of that as we would sometimes be led to believe. After all, if we first give thought to the sacrificial purpose of those who have fought our nation's wars, and then give time to the enjoyment of wholesome holiday pleasures, we will not stray far from what they would have us do. If there ever was one paramount and serious idea in the mind of all American soldiers, in all wars, as they offered to make man's supreme sacrifice, it was the hope that, by that sacrifice, they might make the opportunity for happiness and the joy of living a little safer, a little more certain for their children, and for their children's children. Good friends, happy families, the wonders of nature and the out-of-doors, business and industrial progress and opportunities, the security and protection provided by a democratic government—all these, since they are a part of America, are a part of our heritage from those who fought to keep it rightfully for our own. In that light it seems that we cannot well pay them a greater tribute than by grasping the opportunity for happiness and progress that they helped secure. They would have it so, we believe, and would quite fairly measure the greatness of the honor and homage we give them only in terms of the greatness that is America.

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TRIBUTE—AND A PLEDGE

On one day in every year this busy, restless nation pauses in what it is doing and pays its sincere tribute of respect and devotion to men who have died in its defense.

That day—today—is Decoration Day. It is a day of memories; a day on which our minds wander back to distant wars and half-forgotten battles; a day on which we remind ourselves anew that many thousands of men have found our flag and our homeland so precious that they have willingly died for them. And so, today, we pay our tribute.

We do so with the thought that we are, in the only way possible, doing something for the men who have fought and died for us. Yet as a matter of fact the homage that we pay today is something that means far more to us than it does to them.

The men who gave their lives on the shell-swept slopes of Gettysburg, in the murky tangle of The Wilderness and in the boggy depths of the Argonne Forest do not need our tribute. They have, as we put it, gone to their reward, and there is little we can do for them.

It is we who are the gainers by what we do today. For it is true, now as of old that we grow like what we contemplate. A nation takes shape according to its ideals; men and women, without intending to, take on the characteristics that they respect most.

And so, under the impression that we are giving, we receive. The service that American soldiers rendered on the battlefields of two hemispheres did not cease there. They left for us memories of heroism and self-sacrifice, of gallant manhood and open-handed courage; and we, remembering, are better for it.

But it is not the dead alone who give us those noble memories. Today there pass in review before us, not only the dim wreaths of the men who fell at Chancellorsville, at Shiloh, at Santiago, at Belleau Wood and at Cantigny; with them, intermingled, are their comrades, who fought beside them but who lived to fight and serve again. These men, still alive, are men to whom we owe a great debt. They have served us doubly; whatever we can do to repay that debt is our duty and nothing less. Today, drinking again of the inspiration that is given us by the mighty parade of living and dead, we may pledge ourselves once more to its full payment—NEA.

Landings on Ice Floes Show That Arctic Aviation Is Practicable

NEW YORK (AP)—Some of the secrets of the frozen North, discovered by the Wilkins expedition sponsored by the Detroit News, were revealed today by the explorer, Richard E. Byrd and Vilhjalmur Stefansson.

They announced that landing by airplane on Arctic coasts for long periods is practicable and that the far north is practicable for both commercial and military aviation. The practicability of airplane landings in the Arctic was first demonstrated by Captain Wilkins' soundings.

In a joint statement the two explorers said: "We want to call attention to one of the most heroic and dramatic adventures of polar history in the Arctic north of Alaska, where Captain George H. Wilkins, Lieutenant Ben Eielson and their associates have already made striking contributions to science and the progress of northern aviation."

"The Wilkins expedition last year crossed five times a range of Arctic mountains as little known as it had been given on maps as 5000 or 6000 feet high, while it proved to be around 10,000. One flight was from Parkashok, 250 miles north to Byrd, and then 130 miles out over the ocean and then back to Barrow, a flight in which 10,000 square miles of previously unknown territory were seen. This Wilkins proved that flying is distinctly practicable in the most northern possession of the United States, setting at rest a controversy of importance both in civil and military aviation as to whether Alaska can be used as a flying base for commercial or military operations against Asia and as to whether Alaska could be traversed by Arctic airplanes with flying to such Canada of the United States by that route."

"This year, on March 27, with

STATE SCANDAL



Nebraska officials are involved in a scandal surrounding alleged embezzlement of more than half a million dollars. Ed Malley, below, has been removed from office as state treasurer, pending trial, and George A. Cole, above, former state controller, also is under charges.

Ancient Camps Near Bend, Ore. Yield Artifacts

BEND, Ore., May 29—Traces of Indian encampments which date back hundreds of years have been found in the gorge of Dry river at a place where this stream of primitive Oregon runs through a gap in these ridges east of Bend in the Willamette valley country.

The artifacts of the Indians were excavated from the base of a wall of basalt containing a great mass of writing, printing and pieces of other things in the class and character, probably encampments, hints and indications across the plateau country of old Oregon in that day when a stream scoured its dry river bed.

In the wind-accumulated dust a considerable distance below the grassy points were found fragments of rock of various colors, from which the Indians chipped arrowheads, needles and spear points. Many arrowheads, the majority of them with some fine, were found. A few perfect ones were located.

Below Surface
Traces of the old Indian encampments were located as deep as three feet below the surface of the soil, indicating that the site had been used by the aborigines for centuries for purposes of various times through the years. The bones found in the lower strata were virtually all of having disintegrated with age.

Known to geologists as a number of basins, the Indian paintings extend along the trail of the gorge for considerable distance. It is estimated that there are different groups of paintings, the largest number in any one locality in central Oregon, including, and again Eielson made a perfect landing on ice which turned out to be about three and a half feet thick when Wilkins, a few minutes later, made the Indian to take a similar sounding. He found the sea there about three miles deep, which makes it very unlikely that any land can exist in this direction, for their flight if continued far enough in the same direction, would have taken them near where Kansas was in the time took a similar sounding.

While Wilkins was doing this sounding Eielson tinkered with the engine. In two hours they were in the air again, flying back to Barrow land. After about 10 minutes the engine gave trouble once more. There was a second forced landing, and again Eielson made a perfect landing.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

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the bed of the ancient river had some record, probably of the number of deer and antelope killed, it is indicated by a series of marks at the smooth-surfaced rocks. One of the photographs evidently is a record of a camp of two nights—two camps first separated by a ditch, the sun.

It is the opinion of people who have seen the Indian paintings and the traces of culture that this locality was a natural scene for many and most of us but the case.

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