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QUIETNESS—Better is a handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.—Eccl. 4:6.

One of the most interesting bits of information from the Houston convention is that the democratic platform is incredibly short. No less interesting is the statement that the idea of such a platform originated with a woman. She deserves political immortality. Her name is Mrs. Emily Newell Blair. Who said women would contribute nothing to politics?

A new American race track, costing half a million dollars, is going to be very moral. Informed by the sheriff of the county that there must be no betting, the proprietor says: "Of course we will not have any betting on the races. The system we are going to use is not betting. It is operation on the brokerage system." By this system, it is explained, the race track patron who wants to take a little flyer simply buys an interest on the horse, instead of putting up his money in the usual way, and so shares as an owner in the horse's winnings, if any. This ingenious device is said to have been tried out in five states and found law-proof. Proving again that gambling, like love, will find a way.

PEACE DATE

The State Department at Washington is optimistic about the prospects of the American treaty for outlawing war. There is no question that international sentiment toward this proposal is growing steadily more friendly. Officials of the department are hoping that several powers may be persuaded to sign the pact in its present form. They have suggested that July 4 would be an appropriate date for that. Far be it from any onlooker to throw cold water on such hopes, but the way to assured peace, or to reassuring peace pacts, is always thorny. Such clarity in regard to anti-war pledges of such scope is hardly conceivable to the average observer of diplomatic procedure. It may be doubted, too, whether the other powers would be very keen on making their act of signature a Fourth of July celebration for Uncle Sam. Armistice Day would really be more appropriate, and we shall doubtless be lucky if the signers can be rounded up and persuaded to sign on the dotted line by that time. Then the real job will begin. It's one thing to outline and adopt a peace plan—quite another to keep it working successfully.

MORE PAN-AMERICANISM

A forward step in Latin-American relations is the invitation to the governments of all the other American republics to attend a Pan-American conference on conciliation and arbitration in Washington next December.

This is not merely "another of those Latin-American meetings." It is called in pursuance of a resolution adopted at the sixth Pan-American conference in Havana early this year, and it offers an unusual opportunity. The representatives of the United States, if they choose, may prove the good will of this country and set an example to the world.

There might well be an all-American treaty which would correspond roughly to the "multilateral peace pact" which our government is now negotiating with the big Old World powers. Two such treaties together would cover the ground pretty thoroughly.

It is desirable, too, for the Latin-American republics to have solid assurance that the United States intends no aggression against them, or any unwarranted interference in their domestic affairs—that we are not using the Monroe Doctrine to keep foreign powers from bulldozing our sister republics in order that we may enjoy that privilege ourselves without competition. Such a pledge might be embodied in a pact of such sort as the government seems to contemplate.

ABE MARTIN



The advertiser's expert who wrote, "A car th' whole family kin enjoy," don't know much about families. My own & Mack kin reside an' live on their records, but I don't know what McNary & Haugen'll do now.

FORMER LEGION HEADS IN CHAIR

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sets that have been carried out in nine years.

Adding to the interest of the evening was the presence of E. J. Elvers, ex-national president of the 40 et 8, who was state secretary in 1919 when the Oregon posts were founded and who was in charge of the installation of La Grande's post.

Appoint Committee

A significant business transaction was the appointment of a committee to investigate possibilities of building a community swimming pool in the vicinity of the city wells, whose water, it has been demonstrated during the Red Cross swim school, is ideal for swimming purposes without heating.

The delegation from Baker headed by Bill Kelly, commander of the 40 et 8 in Oregon brought down the endorsement of Hugh E. Brady's candidacy for the state vice commander and for the candidacy of the Rev. Oliver Riley for state chaplain. They invited the La Grande drum corps to Baker for the Fourth of July and promised that the Baker corps would be here for the Armistice day program as a return courtesy. The post accepted the invitation.

16 Candidates

Sixteen candidates were taken into the organization when the initiatory work was exemplified in a "Mystic supper." Dr. Ingle gave his review of the post just preceding the exemplification of the work.

Then the program, which had an enthusiastic reception, was given. Richard Dykiss, accompanied by Miss Mildred Hess, sang a group of numbers. The other numbers were given entirely by past commanders and featured songs by the A. W. O. L. quartet made up of Past Commanders Dr. Roy W. Murphy, Harley Richardson, Roy Carey and Ray Williams. Their songs were old army favorites.

Hugh E. Brady and Roy E. Carney gave a stunt that was accorded a hearty round of applause.

Midnight Supper

Following the meeting a midnight supper was enjoyed.

Other past officers who held chairs with Dr. Ingle were Roy Carey, Dr. Ray Murphy, Ralph Huron, Otis Palmer, Raymond O. Williams, Harley Richardson and Hugh E. Brady. Mr. Kiddle is still in the East and so was unable to attend.

The delegates to the state convention at Medford in August were listed as follows: Robert C. Ayers, Hugh E. Brady, C. L. Thompson, Otis Palmer and the Rev. Oliver Riley. The alternates chosen were Harley Richardson, Henry L. Hess, Raymond O. Williams, G. J. Gjermoe, and Henry Melancon.

Balloon Race Is Under Way Today

DETROIT, June 30 (AP)—Carrying the colors of seven nations seeking premier honors in the world's aeronautical classic—the James Gordon Bennett balloon race—12 balloons were unleashed from their moorings at the Ford airport late today.

The bag Muester, piloted by Ferdinand Blumenthaler, was the first to sail away at 4 p. m.

The other 11 followed at intervals of five minutes, amid cheers from a great throng of approximately 15,000 persons.

Air currents indicated that the bags would take an almost due south course.

Discussing Peach Prices in Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30 (AP)—The committees representing the Cannery League, California Canning Peach Growers' association and the conference committee of Governor C. C. Young were in executive session today discussing the price to be paid growers for the 1928 output of peaches.

Reports from the committee room said that an agreement was expected to be made public by tonight.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 30 (AP)—A pistol and easy money—yesterday's dream—the "Big House" for ten years—and not a dream.

Two days ago Sonny Martin and Bert Lee came north from San Francisco with a gun and a desire for easy money. Last night they held up three clerks to obtain \$50. They were captured. Today they waived hearings and were sentenced to prison for ten years.

"Blue Beard" Of Southern France Is Under Arrest

MARSEILLES, France, June 30 (AP)—A trail of drinks from Marseille to Africa led to the arrest in Algiers yesterday of the alleged Blue Beard of Southern France. He was identified today as Pierre Rey, alias Jerome Pratt. He was accused of the murder of three fiancées.

For four days, Rey fled with the police looking for him throughout France. He bought drinks for everyone he met. He treated others

and even policemen. Algiers police telegraphed that Rey admitted that he was the man wanted and that he still carried a woman's watch, supposedly belonging to one of his victims. He also had a check for 12,000 francs (\$180) obtained from one of the three women whose bodies police found buried.

Some of the 15 women at first thought to be missing have turned up. Police feared that other victims would be found, however, when they had investigated the correspondence of the "strangler" as they term him because that was his method of killing his fiancées. There are hundreds of these letters from heart hungry women, over 40 who wrote Rey tender letters.

Accuse Miner Of Flogging Girl, 19

JASPER, Ala., June 30 (AP)—Earl West, a mine superintendent and J. R. Tearford, were under arrest here today on charges that they flogged Ruby McCarty, 19-year-old white girl Thursday night. Miss McCarty said one man threatened her with a pistol while the other beat her with a club.

WRESTLER TO RECOVER

BOSTON, June 30 (AP)—Gus Sonnenberg, former Dartmouth football star, who was injured in a heavyweight wrestling match with Ed (Strangler) Lewis here last

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night, might have suffered a broken neck, an X-ray examination revealed today. Sonnenberg, who was taken to a private hospital unconscious, was reported as considerably improved today and doctors expressed the opinion that he would recover.

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