SOCIETYNEWS

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St. Valentine Day Is Celebrated At Several Affairs

According to the legend, St. Valentine was beheaded on Feb. 14, at Rome, and the old versetaotsnhrdluu birds began to couple on that day, and as a result there arose the custom, prevalent among the youths, of choosing valentines for the ensuing year. Since affairs of the heart are supposed to be settled on that day, the heart has become the symbol and red the color.

Valentine day has been the inspiration for a number of delightful events during the past week, one of which was the valentine luncheon at which Mrs. Lee B. Bouvy entertained the Clio club yesterday afternoon. Mrs. John Theisen entertained the Mitzi club at a bridge-luncheon, and during the evening the Eastern Oregon Commandery of Knights Templar were hosts to their wives at a valentine event.

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Clio Club Meets With Mrs. Bouvy

At a charming valentine luncheon, Mrs. Lee B. Bouvy entertained the Clio club yesterday at her home, at one o'clock. A valentine motif was carried out with red carnations forming attractive centerpieces for the tables.

Bridge was played during the afternoon with guests invited for five tables. Mrs. Chase Bohnenkamp received the prize for high score among the members of the club, and Mrs. Clyde Seitz was awarded the guest prize.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Zurbrick will entertain the evening club next Wednesday at their home.

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Mrs. John Theisen Entertains Club

Mrs. John Theisen entertained at a bridge luncheon at her home yesterday afternoon at one o'clock for members and guests of the Mitzi club. Luncheon was served at attractively arranged tables, after which bridge was played during the afternoon. Mrs. Charles Bingner received the high score among the guests, Mrs. H. E. Dixon was high scorer among the club members and Mrs. C. R. Eberhard received consolation.

Mrs. Eberhard will entertain at a bridge luncheon in two weeks for the club.

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Knights Templar Entertain Wives

A valentine tree was the centerpiece on the serving table and struck the note of the decorative motif last night when the Eastern Oregon Commandery of Knights Templar entertained their wives following the business meeting at the Masonic parlors. The tree was a contrast of red hearts fastened among the green boughs and harmonized with the candles used on the table.

Bridge and anagrams were played during the evening, and the prizes in the former game were received by Mrs. E. A. McEachran, first, and Mrs. Peter Biever, consolation. Mrs. R. F. Tyler was the high scorer in anagrams and Mrs. Ed. Ebell received consolation.

A buffet supper was served at a late hour in the evening. The committee in charge of the evening included Mr. and Mrs. Joel Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Towler and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Cochran.

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M. I. L. Club Meets At Jacobsen Home

The home of Mrs. E. Jacobsen was the scene of an entertaining event yesterday when she was hostess to the M. I. L. club. Bridge was played during the afternoon, and the prize for high score among the members of the club was received by Mrs. L. M. Hoyt. Mrs. E. T. Andrews was high scorer among the guests. Mrs. Fred H. Kiddle and Mrs. Andrews were guests.

Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon.

Mrs. Griff Kerr will entertain the members of the club Feb. 23 at her home.

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Bridge Party At Miss Ray's Home

At an evening bridge party, Miss Constance Ray and Mrs. Evan Thomas entertained twelve members of their club last night at the home of the former. The prize for high score was received by Miss Bobby Kyle, while Miss Kathleen Haun was awarded consolation.

Refreshments were served after bridge.

Miss Haun and Miss Bernice Wilson will entertain the club in two weeks at the home of the latter.

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Men's Club Will Be Host Friday

The Men's club of the Eastern Oregon Normal school will be hosts to the E. O. N. student body Friday evening, entertaining at a dance. Dancing will be enjoyed from 9 until 12.

An extensive program is being arranged by the club, and the decorations will feature the valentine motif.

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Shrove Tuesday Observed by Guild

Shrove Tuesday, the last day before Lent, was observed in La Grande yesterday by St. Peter's Episcopal Guild, when the members entertained at a Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast from 11 until 2 o'clock at Honan hall.

The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. Alfred Milne, chairman, Mrs. Fred Cross, Mrs. Charles Bray, Mrs. S. A. Wells and Mrs. David Meldrum.

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Delphian Society Takes Up Study

Miss Hilda Anthony was leader of the meeting Tuesday evening at the Sacajawea Inn of the Delphian society which began the study of "Flemish Painting."

The program opened with a discussion of the influences which tended to make the differences between painting in Italy and in Northern Europe. The Flemish artists were not tempted to ape Greece or ancient Rome for they had to create art for themselves from the very beginning. They came to foremost rank along artistic lines of their own and made discoveries which changed the whole process of painting, the leader said.

The Gothic churches of the Teutonic states have very limited wall surfaces and as a consequence the skill of the northern painter was directed to panels and alterpieces and more especially to the delicate miniatures of hand illuminated manuscripts. Miss Anthony described a remarkable altarpiece done by Hubert and Jan Van Eyck for the cathedral of Ghent. The subject of the altarpiece "Adoration of the Lamb" is set forth in the "Book of Revelation," wherein is described in the vision of the aposile.

Mrs. L. L. Douglass described a series of pictures painted by Memling for the shrine of St. Ursula. These pictures are among the most generally admired works of fifteenth century painting.

Those who turn from the art museums of Italy to galleries containing work by the early Flemish painters are sure to be aware of a decided change. The Italians looked at human faces to discover beauty. The Flemings looked at them to discover character.

The next meeting, which will be held in two weeks, will continue the study of Flemish and Dutch painting

Neighborhood Art Club In Meeting

Mrs. H. H. Cleaver discussed wall hangings and draperies in the modern home at a meeting of the Neighborhood Art club yesterday afternoon at the La Grande hotel. Mrs. L. Denham, chairman, is confined to her home due to a fall in which she fractured her wrist, and Mrs. Cleaver led the group yesterday. The development of design was traced, and the speaker pointed out how all the new design is a composition of the old. She applied her talk particularly to fabrics, discussing especially the design of draperies in the home.

Mrs. Joe Williamson discussed weaving, giving special attention to old coverlets. The artistic value of the coverlet was pointed out when Mrs. Williamson stated that the makers of the old woven coverlet would rank with painters or sculptors in artistry. It would not only grace a simple home, she stated, but would hold its own and be the center of more elaborate surroundings.

The industry is being revived in the south, and coverlets can be obtained, made after the old pattern on old looms, she said.

In two weeks, Mrs. Mathilda Anthony will discuss "Color in the Home," and Mrs. Fred H. Kiddle will talk on "New Sculpture."

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W. B. A. Benefit To Be Held Feb. 23

February 23 is the day chosen by the Women's Benefit association for a benefit card party at the Odd Fellows hall. Committees were selected for the event last night when the members met at the I. O. O. F. temple, and they include Mrs. Elberta Kennedy, Mrs. Daisy Buchanan and Mrs. Audrey Coleman, table decorations; Mrs. Louis Wetzel, Mrs. Rachel Kochensparger, Mrs. Grace Grout, Mrs. Nellie Charlton and Mrs. Lillie Niederer, refreshments. A business meeting at 7 o'clock will precede the party.

Miss Evelyn McKennon was presented in a dance, "A Snowflake," during the short social hour which followed the meeting.

Mrs. Bernice Bramwell will entertain the Westway club Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, according to an announcement made last night.

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Pythian Sisters Club Entertained

An afternoon of sewing and conversation was enjoyed yesterday when Mrs. Walter Jones entertained the Pythian Sisters Social club at her home. Eight members were present and guests were Mrs. Paul Brace and daughter, Miss Betty Lou, and Mrs. Turkhifer, mother of the hostess.

Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon, with Mrs. Wesley McDonald assisting.

Mrs. August Erickson will entertain the club on Feb. 23, and will be assisted by Mrs. James Quinland.

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Relief Society Meets at Church

The work and business meeting of the Second Ward Relief society was held yesterday afternoon at the church, and following the business session, Mrs. Viola Fullmer led the group in singing patriotic songs, and described their origin.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent quilting, with 18 members taking part.

Mrs. Ray Cook was in charge of the business meeting, and Mrs. Clio Johnson was in charge of the quilts. Next week the literary meeting will be held under the direction of Mrs. Eva Price.

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Home Department To Meet Thursday

Members of the Home department of the Presbyterian Sunday school will hold their monthly meeting in the parlor of the church, Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. A business session, a social hour and refreshments are planned.

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Laws of Camp Fire Discussed by Girls

The laws of Camp Fire were discussed and each of the members of the Hewokete circle defined one of them yesterday afternoon when they met in the seventh grade room at the Riveria school at 3:30. Miss Elizabeth Hesse and Miss Juanita Stitzinger were in charge.

The first meeting in each month will be devoted to business, it was decided, the second to homecraft, the third to social, and the fourth to education. A party will be held next Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, at the home of Miss Stitzinger.

Those who attended yesterday's meeting were Miss Marion Gehring, Miss Lorraine Burnett, Miss Harriet Becker, Miss Betty Stein, Miss Bertha Garrett, Miss Madeline Garrett, Miss Mary Ross and Miss Imogene Schilling.

Mrs. Fred Gehring is guardian of the group.

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Keeloquia Group Plans Observance

Members of the Keeloquia Camp Fire group met at the home of Mrs. Charles Royce Monday afternoon and made preparations for a council fire to be held on Washington's birthday. The council fire is one of the most impressive ceremonies in Camp Fire work.

The girls are working on beaded head bands at the present time, each member making herself both a headband and a ceremonial dress.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 10

6:00 Queen Esther group of the M. E. church, with Miss Arta Lawrence.

7:30 Rebekah lodge, at the Odd Fellows hall.

8:00 Order of Eastern Star, at the Masonic hall.

8:00 T and C Pinochle club, with Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald.

8:00 Graduate Nurse association, at the La Grande hotel.

8:00 American Legion auxiliary, at the Sacajawea Inn.

8:00 Bridge club, with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young.

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Thursday, Feb. 11

11:00 Friendly Corner club, with Mrs. Oran Loven.

1:00 Jolly Bridge club, with Mrs. Guy Ellis.

2:00 Willow P. T. A. study group, with Mrs. L. W. Wheeley, Box Elder street.

2:00 Island City Ladies Aid, with Mrs. Garrett Blokland.

2:00 Bridge club, with Mrs. E. McManus.

2:00 Poppy club, with Mrs. Clarence Green.

2:00 Missionary society of the M. E. Church, South, at the parsonage.

2:00 Alicel Ladies Aid, with Mrs. Bruce Clark at Alicel.

2:00 Ladies Aid of the Lutheran church, with Mrs. N. Nelson, 1905 Oak.

2:00 Presbyterian Home department, community room, at the church.

8:00 Triangle club, with Mrs. Wesley McDonald.

8:00 Bridge club, with Miss Marie Floberg.

8:00 Fifty-Fifty club, with Mrs. Ralph Worrel.

8:00 Three D club, with Mrs. T. R. Maxwell.

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Friday, Feb. 12

12:00 Potluck luncheon, Baptist Women's society, at the church.

1:00 Luncheon club, with Mrs. George Hill.

2:00 Westway club of the W. B. A., with Mrs. Irvin Bramwell.

2:00 L. C. B. club, with Mrs. Etta Poole.

2:00 Westway club of the W. B. A., with Mrs. Bernice Bramwell, 1705 Spruce.

2:30-4:30 Lincoln's birthday tea, American Legion auxiliary, at La Grande hotel.

7:30 Valentine social, Bible class of Methodist Church South, at the parsonage.

8:00 Diversity club members entertain for husbands, with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Puckett.

8:00 Bridge club, with Mrs. Andrew Loney.

8:00 Women of the Mooseheart Legion, no-hostess party, with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fouerhelm.

9:00 Men's club dance, ball room, Eastern Oregon Normal school.

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Saturday, Feb. 13

7:30 Rainbow girls, at the Masonic hall.

8:00 Saturday Bridge club, with Mrs. W. H. Safford.

8:00 Night Hawk Bridge club, with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hanson.

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Monday, Feb. 15

1:00 Lions auxiliary, luncheon, with Mrs. C. L. Thompson.

2:00 Wakelita club, with Mrs. Will McClure.

2:00 San Souci club, with Mrs. W. H. Safford.

7:30 Neighborhood Music club, at the La Grande hotel.

7:30 Gleaner class of the M. I. A., with Mrs. William McClure.

8:00 Pythian Sisters, at the Knights of Pythias hall.

8:00 Eastern Star Social club, card party, at the Masonic hall.

8:00 Swastika club, with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Leonard.

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Tuesday, Feb. 16

7:30 U-Go I-Go club, with Mrs. Nate Zweifel.

8:00 L. A. to the B. of R. T., the Sacajawea Inn.

OUT OUR WAY — By J. R. Williams

Wallowa Grange Elects Mastrude As 1932 Master

By Mrs. Wm. Wiggans
(Observer Correspondent)

LOSTINE (Special) — The Wallowa County Pomona grange held its annual election of officers at the meeting here last Saturday, and the following were duly installed at the evening sessions: master, Fred Mastrude; overseers, Steve Lines; lecturer, Mrs. Steve Lines; steward, J. B. Foster; assistant steward, William Fredenburg; chaplain, Marie Fredenburg; treasurer, Fred Himmelwright; Pomona, Mrs. Charles Hook; Flora, Dortha Himmelwright; lady assistant steward, Frances Fredenburg; secretary, Mr. Strom.

The sessions were held in the I. O. O. F. hall and were largely attended, about 150 people being present for the dinner at noon. The regular business meeting was held in the morning, with the afternoon session an open meeting for the program arranged by the Pomona lecturer. The numbers on the program included: song, all, sketch of Washington's life, Fred Himmelwright; recitation, Richard Lines; play "When Martha and George Returned"; vocal duet, Misses Emmons and Dodge, accompanied by Miss Himmelwright; address, "What Town-people Think of the Grange," Attorney Burleigh, of Enterprise; recitation, by two little boys; solo, Lewis Crow; F. F. A. talk, by Prof. Axtell, of Enterprise; five boys gave short talks, the best one to have the chance to go to the F. F. A. meeting at Halfway, Feb. 26. These were, "Farm Records," Charles Buchanan, Enterprise; "Economic Farming Operations," Inor Thorpe, Enterprise; "Co-operative Marketing," Tom Willett, Wallowa; "Leadership of Boys," Phillip Couch, Wallowa, "Farm Records," Hallis Tulley, Wallowa. The record of attendance by out-lying granges was, Alder Slope, 12; Hurricane Creek, 20; Imnaha, 5; Liberty, 16; Pine Grove, 12, and South Fork, 16. A round-table talk was given by Mrs. Charles Hook, and also one by Mrs. Lines.

A. B. Bailey, assistant football and head baseball coach at Washington State college, has signed a new three-year contract.

ALBERT BROWN DEAD

PORTLAND, Feb. 10 (AP)—Albert M. Brown, 74, boyhood friend of the late Governor I. L. Patterson, and native of Salem, died at his home here Tuesday. Until last year he was an inspector for the state industrial accident commission, a post he was appointed to by Governor Patterson.

Brown was born in Salem Dec. 21, 1858 and lived there until 1885 when he came to Portland. His parents, Andrew Jackson Brown and Lucky Pauline Brown, were Salem pioneers.

Brown served as deputy sheriff under T. A. Jordan and later became inspector for the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company.

MAN BURNED SEVERELY

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP)—Adam Flurry, power company employe, was severely burned late Monday when he came in contact with a power line carrying 11,000 volts. He was working on a pole when the crossarm broke, allowing him to fall a short distance. His left hand struck the power wire, burning his hand, right foot and leg.

The fall, however, dragged him away from the wire and saved him from being killed. His recovery is expected.

RESORT FOUNDER DIES

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP)—James E. Grieve, 59, of Prospect, founder of that resort, and well known throughout the state and coast, died in a hospital here Monday from bronchial trouble complicated by heart disease. He was a Spanish-American war veteran.

DIES OF INJURIES

PORTLAND, Feb. 10 (AP) — Levi Ericksen, 15, died in a hospital here Monday from injuries suffered a week ago while coasting near his home. The sled on which he was riding was wrecked and a splinter drove into his abdomen.

MacDONALD NO PRODIGAL TO LABOR PARTY CHIEFS

LONDON (AP)—Even if Ramsay MacDonald wants to return to labor party leadership, there is no fatted calf awaiting him, according to recent utterances of party chiefs.

Arthur Greenwood, minister of health in the 1930-31 labor cabinet, said that the departure of MacDonald, Snowden and Thomas had not broken the party, but their return would.

J. R. Clynes and Dr. Addison have added their nays.

The prime minister has not indicated his views publicly.

Oregon Mayors Are Divided On Relief Question

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP)—On the basis of a special dispatch to the Journal Tuesday from Washington, D. C., revealing the position of several Oregon mayors on the unemployment situation, it appears to be a toss-up whether Oregon favors a governments in meeting their emergency relief burdens, of whether local governments would be adequate.

Mayor P. M. Gregory of Salem, the dispatch said, wrote "Yes," in favor of federal aid but explained he wanted the government to provide work on rivers and harbors, hydro-electric and irrigation projects and highways.

S. O. Reiter, Bend city manager, said "Some say yes and some say no."

Albany said local governments should take care of the situation.

Eugene answered, through R. S. Bryson, city recorder: "There is every indication all the needy in this community will be taken care of satisfactorily."

Astoria answered "No." Newberg said "Yes."

Mayor Kiggins, of Vancouver, Wash., wrote: "We do not favor a federal appropriation. We feel that federal appropriations, instead of lessening the burdens of local taxpayers, would merely increase the burden."

RESUMES OPERATION

WHEELER, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP)—The Westwood Lumber company sawmill here has resumed operations after a six-week shutdown. The mill has a large railroad order and some smaller ones. Sixty men, all former employes, are back at work.

GREAT BRITAIN TO SHOW SPORTS ART AT OLYMPICS

LONDON (AP) — Great Britain is gathering its paintings and drawings on sport for exhibition at the Olympic games in Los Angeles.

Some 40 oil paintings, together with water colors, drawings, lithographs, prints and posters and small pieces of sculpture are expected to be sent.

BIG PORTUGUESE FAMILY

PALHAI, Portugal (AP) — One hundred and eighty descendants survive a woman of 97 who has died here. They include 10 children, 60 grandchildren, 104 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Menus Of The Day

By Mrs. Alexander George

A PATRIOTIC LUNCHEON
(For February 12)

Menu

Chilled Diced Fruit
Salmon Croquettes Potato Balls
Buttered Peas
Hot Rolls Grape Jelly
Patriotic Salad
Chocolate Dessert Coffee
Salted Nuts in Miniature Log Cabins

Chilled Diced Fruits For 8

1 cup seeded white cherries.
1 cup seeded red cherries.
1 cup diced pineapple.
¼ cup diced peaches.
2 cups fruit juices.

Mix and chill ingredients. Serve in glass cups placed on blue paper circles. Insert tiny flags in tops of each serving.

Salmon Croquettes For 8

1-3 cup butter.
½ cup flour.
3 cups milk.
1 teaspoon salt.
¼ teaspoon paprika.
¼ teaspoon celery salt.
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley.
1 egg.
2 cups salmon.

Melt butter and add flour. Blend and add milk and cook until very thick sauce forms. Stir constantly. Add rest of ingredients. Cook 1 minute. Cool. Dip into crumbs and egg mixture and shape into conical shaped croquettes. Fry in deep hot fat. Insert red, white and blue cockades.

Crumbs

2 cups crumbs.
1-3 teaspoon salt.
Mix ingredients.

Egg Mixture

2 egg yolks.
2 tablespoons cold water.
Beat ingredients with fork.

Patriotic Salad

8 slices tomatoes.
2 cups cottage cheese.
¼ teaspoon salt.

Arrange tomatoes on lettuce and cover with cone shapes of cheese to represent little white tents. Surround with salad dressing and insert tiny red flags in tops of "tents."

Chocolate Dessert

1 quart chocolate ice cream.
Sugar wafer bars.

Arrange portions of cream in the centers of serving plates. Surround with sugar bars arranged log cabin fashion. Sprinkle with chocolate shot and serve at once.

Portland School Board May Issue Short Term Notes

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP)—The Portland school board Tuesday authorized the district to issue short term notes in a sum not to exceed $2,000,000, if and when needed to meet current expenses until such time as tax money for school operation may be received.

This action was taken as a precautionary step to guard against the necessity of going on a warrant basis because of scarcity of money on account of tax payment delinquencies.

The board agreed the life of the notes should range from 90 days to six months at the rate of 6 per cent.

SLUMP OF BRITISH POUND NETS PROFIT TO COLOMBIA

BOGOTA (AP)—Colombia profited by the slump in the British pound when a debt of 1,000,000 pesos to a British gold mining company shrank to 730,000 pesos.

The company's mines were confiscated several years ago, the government agreeing to pay 300,000 pounds sterling in three installments. The first payment was made last year. When the second became due the company asked for 500,000 pesos, but the government replied that the contract was based upon British currency.

It was pointed out that it was no fault of Colombia, which adheres rigidly to the gold standard, that the pound, formerly worth five pesos, now brings less than four.

Three Canadians are star members of the Notre Dame track squad. They are Alex Wilson and Fred MacBeth, quarter-milers, and Brandt Little, half-miler.

Valentines Still Cling To Lace And Hearts But Modern Verses Lend New Touch

WASHINGTON (AP) — Demure garb of long ago but verses with a modern slant characterize the 1932 valentine.

Lace, both real and paper, edges the colored paper platitudes, and there are plenty of hearts scattered about. Not all of the valentines are of the old-fashioned variety, however, for there are many made of trick and modern designs. And their sentiment is in keeping with the changing trend.

The valentines that cling to the old order picture ladies in big poke bonnets and pantalettes listening to gallant men in capes and tights playing love songs on lutes and mandolins. A few go back to grandmother's day with the sugary sentimentalities: "Won't you be my Valentine?" "To one I adore" and "Be my sweetheart."

But the more nonchalant yet cheerful note of 1932 is sounded in the verse accompanying a picture of two little dogs on a single leash:

"What do we care if the roof does leak?
What do we care if the hinges squeak?
What do we care about the weather
So long as we can be together?"

The old comic valentine finds a substitute in two ducks parading dressed as a man and woman, each with a bit of feather attached. The verse reads:

"If I should call you duckie.
Would you call me down?"

Feathers, lace, ribbons and other articles and fabrics are used in the making of this year's paper valentine.

A piece of pink silk fashions a sofa on which sits a forlorn maiden in old-fashioned gown sighing:

"Sittin' here a thinkin'
You'n' me a sittin' here
'Stead of only me."

Small bows of colored ribbon attached to a card provide a means for the recipient to express her feelings for the sender. All she has to do is pick a color to match her mood and stick it in an envelope. Blue means she is "faithful and true" but orchid

"Means your heart is mine,
And you will be my valentine."

China's Potential War Strength a Riddle; Lack of Unity Handicap In Opposing Japan

Nation Little Benefited By Experience In 20 Years' Civil Strife

By Oscar Leiding

WASHINGTON (AP)—China, after 20 years of perennial civil war, is still a military enigma.

Experts, however, are almost unanimous in their belief that the experiences of the troops of the republic have not fitted them to withstand campaigns engineered by the well trained commanders of Japan if the present imbroglios eventuate into formal conflict.

It is held that not two million or more Chinese who are under arms of one sort or another are imbued only with loyalty to various factional leaders and incapable of being welded into a cohesive whole.

These observers acknowledge, however, that if the leaders could be brought into a singleness of purpose based upon a truly comprehensive national emergency the struggle might be long and bitter.

"No fight, no pay," has long been the rule with these war lords. Hence their soldiers have, to a great extent, adopted for themselves the course of this and say, 'No pay, no fight.' Pointing in this direction were recent dispatches from the far east relating that Chang Hsiao-Liang, deposed marshal of Manchuria, had offered a graduated series of rewards for troops who accomplished definite achievements against the Japanese.

Latest figures here placed at 2,438,000 the number of armed Chinese, while Japan has a standing army of 230,000, with 1,900,000 in reserve.

But mere numbers count for little more now than in 1894-5 when the island empire whipped her huge neighbor both afloat and ashore.

Then scores of thousands of Chinese went into battle armed with bows and arrows, or crude pike poles and wearing grotesque masks to frighten the enemy.

Since then China has discarded medieval weapons and cotton wadding armor. But she has not possessed nor learned to use all the modern methods of destruction possessed by Japan.

There are several divisions of repeating rifles, disciplined enough to attack with the bayonet or huge trench knives. There are a few regiments of field artillery that can lay down a fairly effective barrage.

No Tanks or Gas

But there is only a scattering of armored cars, only a few armored trains, no real tanks and gas warfare is virtually unknown to the Chinese.

In the air commercial planes have been used with good effect as carriers of small tin can bombs which spread terror among bandits. But if there are any real bombers, pursuit and scouting planes in the Chinese military organization, the world has not heard of them.

To top all this, China has had no navy worthy of the name since the war of 1894. Japan possesses the third naval force of the world.

The chief reliance of China in a real war, say the Washington experts, would be her inertia. Her capacity for passive resistance is held to be superior to India's.

In view of the fact that China is, on paper, Japan's best customer and that the Shanghai boycott goaded the Nipponese into unprecedented actions, the result of a widespread movement of this sort among Cathay's 400,000,000 nationals might prove well nigh fatal

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