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BEAUTIFUL POEM BY A FORMER INDEPENDENCE BOY

By Joe Eaton now in U. S. Army

THE GUARD.

I
Oh it's guard, guard o'er the earth so hard
Through the night wind's fitful blast,
Where the hollow tread, on the frozen tread,
Makes ghostly shadows pass.

II
It's guard, guard, where the shadows fall,
And the light plays o'er the plain;
And I breathe too deep to keep from sleep,
And make the round again.

III
In ghastly shapes against the sky
The white trunks stand like tombs,
While cold and bright is the beacon light,
And icicles hang to the moon.

IV
Oh, it's guard, guard, o'er the icy sward,
And never a moment cease,
With eyes alert for danger's start,
And always the O. D's.

V
My hands are numb, yet watch must keep,
O'er the hangar's gift we bring,
Where the eagles sleep, with ne'er a beat,
Of their giant widespread wings.

VI
The wolf dog's bay comes faint and far,
The cock's unearthly cry
Greets dawn, that rises gaunt and gray,
And fades the morning star.

VII
A step now rings through chill night air,
The frosty path I bar,
Then say goodbye, with a heartfelt sigh;
'Tis the corporal of the guard!

THE DUTY OF INDEPENDENCE.

In another column of this paper is the notice of an accident occurring at Hoskins in which a man had his arm severed almost entirely from his body by a log in the timber. The fact that he had to be brought to Independence for medical treatment, await here until an Oregon Electric train was due, be taken across the river to Orville by conveyance, and then wait three more hours before he could reach a Portland hospital, is a condition Independence should remedy.

Last week we mentioned the need of a hospital in this city but at the time we did not fully realize the magnitude of the need. Independence is the only town of ready access to the timber interests and the big logging operations of the Siletz basin section. Hundreds of men are employed there and more will be added as the business is more fully developed.

It is practically criminal negligence to not meet the requirements of this tributary section and Independence cannot afford to sit supinely here and not do her humane duty.

If it meant thousands of dollars we might demur to the expense, but there are plenty of good vacant buildings in this city that could be fitted up at a nominal cost and the upkeep of a hospital could easily be met from sources available for the maintaining of such an institution.

We say by all means have a small hospital here adequate for the immediate needs of this city and its surrounding country. The way to build up Independence is to do our duty to our trading territory. Help and aid them and they will help and aid you.

THE SEVEN CALLED FROM POLK COUNTY

Two from Independence are in the List

The Polk county men called to the colors in the latest orders for enlisting are Lloyd Porter, Sheridan; William R. Thompson, Rickerall; John H. Greenwood, Dallas; Earl W. McNamar, Willamina; Frank

A. Martin, Independence; James Oberson, Independence; Daryon Watts, Siletz. You will notice Independence furnishes 2-7 of the quota. James Oberson will be in Dallas to-day to take the physical examination in this call. Mr. Oberson was one of the earliest of the Polk county boys who tried to enlist before the draft law became effective, but owing to the strict requirements at that time was unable to get the

board to pass him. The Monitor bespeaks for James Oberson the hope that if he is accepted to-day that he shall soon be advanced from a private to an officer. We believe he has the ability and patriotism necessary to go on up above the first ranks in the service.

Mrs. J. A. Beuley is visiting friends in Spokane.

Bathed While Building Burns.
Mrs. Stella Totten, a comely young patron, was enjoying an afternoon "rub" in her apartment on the third floor of the Addicks building, the Woolworth tower of a nearby suburban town, when there came a noisy knocking at the door. "Who's there?" inquired Mrs. Totten, timidly, recalling that the door was unlocked. "It's me—Bill Stone," was the gruff answer. "Please don't come in, Mr. Stone—I'm in the tub. Who are you, and why are you here?" "In Bill Stone of Hook and Ladder 279; the house is on fire, and I've come to get you." "I thought the water was getting rather hot," said Mrs. Totten. In less than a minute Bill Stone emerged from a third-floor window, and amid the plaudits of the surging crowd, safely carried Mrs. Totten, wrapped only in a blanket, down the ladder and delivered her safely in a nearby hotel.—New York Times.

Gives Credit to Solomon.
"Solomon was the first human being, so far as we can find out, to know the language of animals," said Prof. S. B. Wolfson, chairman of the department of Seattle languages and Hellenistic Greek, University of Wisconsin, lecturing on "Archaeological Explorations in Palestine and the Orient." "The finding of a blast furnace near the city of Lachish, in Palestine," Professor Wolfson continued, "shows that the metal industry is not so modern as most of us suppose. "As to monopoly of trade, the first instance which we discover is when Solomon took occasion to use the temple of Gezar, in Palestine, for this purpose."

Not Improbable.
"Are you friendly with the policeman on your block?" "Oh, we speak cordially enough," said the citizen of a "dry" town, "but I was carrying home a box of shoes the other day and dropped it on the pavement. The package began to leak and ever since then I've had an idea that he regards me with suspicion."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

New Southern Industry.
The advantages of New Orleans as a port were emphasized in the opening of a cannery factory for the distribution of real green-sea turtles. With the exception of a small factory at Key West, it will be the only establishment of its kind in America. The factory has been situated at Miami, Fla., but the excessive freight rates and a lack of steamer service to Central American ports led to its removal to Bay St. Louis. It will handle nothing but green-sea turtles caught in Central American waters, and these will be put up in four different forms—clear green turtle soup, thick green turtle soup, turtle beef in Creole style, and "callipee," which is the meat of the turtle taken from the breast, back and flippers. The factory will turn out about 15,000 cans a day, or a total of 700,000 pounds a year, including all products. There is also a by-product called turtle oil, used medicinally.—Fishing Gazette.

Acts of Heroism Recognized.
Twenty-four acts of heroism were recognized by the Carnegie hero fund commission in its fourteenth annual meeting. In seven cases silver medals were awarded, in 17 cases, bronze medals. Ten of the heroes lost their lives, and to the dependents of nine of those pensions aggregating \$4,500 a year were granted. In addition to these money grants, in two cases, \$2,100 was appropriated for educational purposes, payments to be made as needed and approved, and in 11 cases awards aggregating \$8,000 were made for other worthy purposes. Payments in these cases will not be made until the awards have been approved by the commission.

Exhibit of Spider Webs.
Notwithstanding the fact that a spider web is so fine and delicate that unless covered with dust or sparkling with dew it is almost invisible, the American Museum of Natural History is now displaying a series of these webs, 12 in number, so mounted on dark backgrounds as to be plainly visible. The spiral construction, extending gradually from the center outward, is easily traced. The webs are accompanied by colored plates of the spiders which spun them. Some spiders live in the web they spin; others spend only the nights there, hiding during the day in retreats often some distance away, with a single thread leading to the web. One of the larger spiders, Aranea triflorata, for instance, spins a thread from the center of its web to a tent made of leaves and silk. Sitting in this tent, the spider holds the thread in such a way that it knows when the web is shaken by its insect prey.—American Museum Journal.

Her Work.
Congresswoman Jeannette Rankin said in a Y. W. C. A. address: "Charles Schwab married on \$7 a week, and Chaucey Depew on \$9. I have no sympathy with the girl who makes a devoted young man wait till he can support her as luxuriously as her old father does. "My sympathy all goes out to the young man who said joyously, as soon as he was accepted: "Then, darling, we'll get married at once. Of course, at first, we shan't be able to keep a servant." "Oh, Jack, hadn't we better wait, then?" she protested. "What would the neighbors say if they saw me doing my own work?" "Jack looked puzzled. "Why, sweetheart," he said, "whose work do you want to do?"

HORSE MEAT IN NEW YORK

Although There is Much Opposition to Its Use as Human Food, the Demand Increases.

It is now nearly two years since the board of health lifted the ban on the sale of horse meat in the effort to reduce the cost of living, observes the Brooklyn Eagle. The introduction of the food has been slow, but five shops, two of them in Brooklyn, are now reported to be advertising horse meat for sale.

The demand for this cheap meat has been increased by the wartime food prices and some of the butchers in Manhattan who compete with the horse meat stores are issuing circulars denouncing the new food and stirring up prejudice against it. Whether as a result of the circulars is not clear, but one of these horse-meat stores on First avenue, Manhattan, has been attacked, its window having been smashed in on two successive nights.

Neither the circulars nor the attacks are likely to interfere with the spread of the demand for the new food. The manager of the company which is introducing it says that crowds are drawn when he opens a new store and that in one case he had to call on the police to keep order among his would-be customers. In cases of food scarcity horse meat has been eaten in many countries. The great prosperity of the United States has kept it out of our markets heretofore, but the wartime scarcity and high prices are likely to establish it as a regular part of the diet of people who can't afford to pay for beef. The objections to it are sentimental and not hygienic, so that, as a relief from high prices, its use is to be welcomed.

TOO EASILY LED BY WHIMS

Characteristic Even of Men in High Station That is Not Productive of Good Results.

Whims are the rivulets of the mind. They sparkle over the shallows so that one is not likely to see how shallow they are. And yet a good deal of this world, most of it, perhaps, is run by whims. We have often been on the inside of the arena of national glory, as a spectator, of course, and never failed to see a whim or two on dock. This world is not run by judgment or logic, but by fancy and inclination. We have seen great men, on the highest seats of power in a state and nation, flutter like a leaf in a breeze, not knowing where to light.

Judgments are not like geometrical formulas, presenting a solid conclusion. They float in from everywhere, from the last lunch, the last dance, the last trip, the last speech, the last opera, just as the mists float off of the hilltop, nothing solid or substantial to them. But they awaken action and purpose and in consequence society lacks so much the texture of common sense and real purpose. It rides on fancy to some unseen port. What is needed in public life, in society, in politics, in religion, are men without whims.—Ohio State Journal.

This Will Comfort You.

Fearing that perhaps the public will not know the precise character of the white substance now covering the earth in large quantities, we hasten to explain that it is snow, or, in French, neige; in German, schnee; in Dutch, sneeuw; in Slavonic, sneg; in Italian, neve.

In small quantities it is harmless and beautiful. In amounts such as are at present with us, it defies description in polite language. Snow, neige, sneeuw, etc., etc., is water-vapor condensed from the atmosphere and precipitated upon this already troubled earth in a frozen and crystalline condition. The article we know as snow is produced when the process of condensation and fall occurs in a temperature below 32 degrees.

We might add, by way of making this explanation complete and clear, that the crystals vary greatly in form and belong to the hexagonal system. They are formed upon a nucleus in the same way as a raindrop.

This, we feel, ought to make certain recent events and present conditions much easier to bear.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Sailor's Brave Act Commended.
Chief Boatwain's Mate John O. Strickland of the United States Steamship Annapolis has been commended by the navy department for bravery in going to the assistance of a ship in distress. During a heavy gale the steamer Paddleford had gone aground. Her condition was most hazardous when she was sighted by the Annapolis. Although the surf was extremely dangerous, Strickland with two of the ship's officers and members of the crew undertook the work of carrying a life line to the wrecked vessel. By this action more than two-thirds of the crew were saved. Strickland enlisted in the navy in 1908 at El Paso, Tex.

To Reopen Algerian Oil Fields.
The negotiations between the French government and an important group of interests in Paris and London for a concession to exploit the possibilities of the abandoned Algerian oil fields are still proceeding. A contract has been signed by the firm and the governor general of Algeria, and now awaits ratification by the French government. An interesting feature of this pending Anglo-French concern in Algeria is the fact that French directors and capital will predominate, but the French state will participate to the extent of 26 per cent of the profits.

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