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GO AHEAD AND SAY IT.

Nearly every discussion is mainly concerned with the interpretation of a word. But the disputants hardly ever realize it.

If the meaning of the word "democracy" is ever really determined we shall be spared a good deal of arguing. But we are going to wait a long time for the interpretation. The word "armistice" is being used just now even more promiscuously than "democracy," and with as little regard to its meaning.

The highbrows, in defining a word, have a habit of referring to the Latin or Greek from which it is derived. It is generally a grandchild of one or other of those prolific parents, and "armistice" is a member of that numerous family.

An armistice is an interval during which antagonists hold their weapons stationary by agreement. You can't hold your weapons stationary if you haven't got them.

To grant the Germans an armistice would necessitate the continuance of their present military strength. If they were disarmed there could be no armistice.

We discuss the question of an armistice, but demand that it mustn't be one; we make the condition that the Germans lose their power to strike. Such a consummation would go some distance further than an armistice—it would be a surrender. And to consider anything less would be the loudest laugh in vandevelde.

Why not say so? To say what we palpably don't mean suggests to the enemy that we are not quite brave enough to be truthful.

The recent replies to Germany's messages contain a good deal of admirable firmness. It is unfortunate that the word "armistice" occurs so frequently in press comments and casts a veil of obscurity about the attitude of the American people toward these deliberations.

If America gains nothing else from the war she will at least have a greatly increased knowledge of European geography. In fact, she will assist in making the new map of Europe.

What should we do without the good old fall elections, to tell us that October is over and Thanksgiving is near at hand? And by the way, was your candidate elected?

These will be remembered as the days when peace messages were flying and Spanish influenza flew.

It sometimes looks as if it would be all "over over there" before any of the rest of us get over there.

"U. S." stands for "Useful Santa Claus" this year, as well as "Unconditional Surrender."

WASHINGTON SIDELIGHTS

Buck, Backwoods Guide, and the "Bangor Sports"

WASHINGTON.—Back from the Maine woods with the latest thing in draft stories came a Washingtonian recently. He and a friend were paddling up the Magalloway river one day shortly after September 12, that big day when 13,000,000 men went quietly to registration places throughout the United States to sign up for Uncle Sam.

Buck, a backwoods guide, constituted the third occupant of the canoe. Was he backwoods? He was so far backwoods, it is declared, that beyond him was nothing. They don't come any more backwoods than Buck. A young old fellow, gray-haired, tanned, quiet, determined, there is only one Buck in the world, friends say.

They were going through the "big eddy" when all of a sudden, out of the clear sky, came the sounds of firing. "What's that?" said one camper.

Buck took a few paddles before he answered. "Couple o' Bangor sports," he replied.

A "Bangor sport" by the way, is the backwoods term for some sportsman who frequent the big woods. They usually are blustery fellows, who affect to make comrades of the guides, who, in their turn, secretly despise the sports.

Sure enough, there on a promontory could be seen the sports. One was fishing for trout, while the other, with a 32 rifle, was popping away at a target. The "Bangor sports" could not as yet see the canoe and its occupants.

Then the canoe rounded into sight of the men. The man with the rifle lowered his piece and looked across the eddy.

"Well, well, well!" he shouted, familiarly. "If there ain't old Buck! How are you, Buck? Have you registered in the draft, Buck?"

If the question was meant as a slur on Buck's age, it didn't work. The guide shot the canoe forward.

"You bet I'm registered," he called across the water. "An' I ain't wastin' no ammunition on this side, either."

Those "Bangor sports" haven't thought up a reply yet.

An incomplete biennial report filed with the state board of control by Robert C. Marek, commandant of the State Soldiers' Home at Roseburg shows that the population of the institution has remained about stationary during the last two years. The following figures are shown: Average population, 148, and total number cared for during the two years was 372. The per capita cost was \$19.84 a month.

As soon as all testimony heard by Attorney General Brown and his assistants in the state prison probe has been transcribed, the Marion county grand jury will be called into special session by District Attorney Max Gehlhar. This is expected to occur the latter part of this week. Declaring that an emergency exists, the Oregon public service commission has issued an order allowing a 25 per cent increase in freight rates on the Sumpter Valley railroad

to correspond with the 25 per cent increase allowed while the road was under federal control.

Six fatalities are reported by the state industrial accident commission in its report for the week ending October 31, two of which, however, resulted from injuries previously received. Deaths due to accidents during the week were: Arthur Charlton, Hosking, logging, Dick Jaynes, Powers, logging; Ben Gilt, Portland, Light and power company; Robert Edwards, Portland, struck by train. Deaths resulted from previously reported injuries were: C. McKim, Portland, shipbuilding; Fred Hitzeman, Estacada, lumbering.

The biennial report of Superintendent L. M. Gilbert of the State Training School for Boys as submitted to the state board of control shows that the most common offenses for which boys are sent to the school

Mrs. Alpharetta Shelley, one of Stayton's early pioneer residents, passed away last Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1918, at 1:40 p. m., at her home in which she had been a continued resident for the past 36 years. She was born in Illinois, Whiteside County, March 20, 1856. At the age of 8 years she moved with her father, William Crandall, to Iowa, where she lived until 1873. On May 25, 1873 she was married to George Julian Ward of Boone Co. Iowa, and for ten years they pioneered on the plains of Iowa and Kansas, where wild buffalo and hostile Indians were a common sight. In 1883 they moved to Oregon, settling at Stayton. In May of 1884 Mr. Ward died, leaving her a widow with two small children, Rosa Ward, 9 years of age and Arthur Ward, 4 years of age. To be left alone with two small children in a strange land is no pleasant experience, but the grim determination which so patiently carried her through her long illness, manifested itself early in her life and proved her worth supporting herself and children. In 1885, Nov. 4th she was married to Alonzo V. Shelley, of Stayton. To them were born two daughters, Katy and Haily Shelley.

Mrs. Shelley has lived a good faithful Christian life. She became a member of the Christian church about forty years ago and was an ardent supporter and worker until the end. For the past eighteen years she has been a primary teacher in the Sunday school. Perhaps one of the saddest parts of her early illness was when she would hear the church bell ring on a Sunday morning, but was no longer able to meet with her class.

Her great love of home and her untiring effort for her family's comfort were her greatest pleasures, no task too hard, no hours too long for her where duty required.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, Alonzo V. Shelley, four children, Mrs. Rozetta Proffitt, Shelton, Conn., C. Arthur Ward, Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Hail Bradshaw, Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Katie Rescoe, Blo- gett, Oregon, two grandchildren, Leonard and Leona Ward, Portland, Oregon, four sisters, Mrs. Ida Loucks, Brownsville, Oregon, Mrs. Eva Miller, Salem, Oregon, Mrs. Lizzie Pond, Coalingo, Calif., Mrs. Clara Bickford, Omaha, Neb.

The funeral services were held on Thursday, Oct. 31 at 2:30 p. m. Interment was made at the Campbell cemetery, about two miles northeast of Stayton. Her favorite hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," sung by a few friends, followed by short prayer at the family home. The remainder of the service was held at the grave, Rev. Mrs. Porter of Salem officiating.

The following poem, which so fitly expresses her untiring love and devotion to her family and the inspiration her good life leaves them was a very beautiful part of the service, given by request of the children:

There is no love like the good old love

The love that mother gave us.

We are old, old men, yet we pine again

For her loving care God gave us.

So we dream and dream of the good old days

And our hearts grow tender,

fonder,

As those dear old dreams bring soothing gleams

Of heaven away up yonder.

Mrs. Loucks and Mrs. Miller were present at the funeral and also her niece Mrs. Mellseu Tresh of Salem.

Because of the Spanish influenza epidemic, the department of public instruction has cancelled practically all the dates set in the near future for county institutes. An order has also been issued that all institutes be cancelled in counties where school has been forced to close for the reason that the work of the school year cannot be done if more time is lost out of the school year.

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