

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

Memorial Day Thoughts

We have been requested to publish the following article. It offers much food for thought:

Every newspaper you pick up these days advertises some kind of sport that "will start May 30." Why May 30? What on earth makes all the ball players, fist fighters, tennis champions and golf fiends want to start on May 30. Some fool women in New York have a new fad. They want to have a parade of broken down work horses on May 30. A lot of these sporty, gnat brains come right out and say "on Memorial Day." We will be glad and don't glad rags and root for our favorite fad in sports. All this is deplorable. Not the sports themselves, but the tendency to fasten in the minds of the American people the idea that Memorial Day, May 30, which is a legal holiday in 40 States in the Union, is established for a joyous holiday, much play and more eating. We have about 20 joy days, I guess more when you sum them all up, so why seize upon the most sacred of all our holidays to start the sporting season.

May 30 has come to be recognized in every State but the eight really Southern States as the National Sabbath of Patriotism. A day when men, women and children should pause and gather in social centers to tell the tales of heroism of the men who wore the blue, and to reflect on what that heroism means to us who are living today. The day was established by the Grand Army of the Republic, May 30, 1868, for the purpose of commemorating the ideals of the dead of the Union Army, a day that has been held in such tender respect that 40 of the greatest States of the Union have gravely incorporated it into their laws, not for "sports," but that the people of the State might pause for a day and think of their mighty dead. A veteran soldier said of Kansas: "States are not great, except as men may make them. Men are not great, except they do and dare." But for the men who fought the battles for the Union, and their sturdy contention for right and justice for many years after the battle flags were furled, the United States would be only a third rate nation today.

But for the four years of awful fighting, when the Nation's life was in the balance, there would be no nation today. We would be in the condition of the wretched little nations controlled by banditti overseas. The right won at a cost in lives and money that staggered the Nation. The United States Government did mighty little for the returning veterans compared with what is being done today. There were no triumphal arches in enduring marble, no pensions commensurate with the perils endured, no waiting jobs, no soft berths for returning soldiers. The returning armies passed in review in "ragged regimentals" an army of tramps, in appearance, and went home in that plight. The fires were dead in the forge, the farms had grown to weeds, the carpenters tools were rusty, and the boys were too old to take up the dog-eared school books they had left in the knife-scarred desks. There were no "vocational" schools, no schools for blinded soldiers. The shell shocked went on in that condition or died in insane asylums.

Yet out of all this riot of ruin, the men who made the Union rose supreme, and for more than 40 years after the war were the guiding element in the Nation. They opened the great West and followed the sun to its setting out over the Pacific. They penetrated the forests of the North into the gold fields of the Yukon. They builded great factories in the East, and made the Middle West the granary of the world and gridironed it with railroads, with telegraph and telephone wires.

There were two and a half million men in the Union Army, and only a little over half of these came back. The rest of them "kissed where they warried and lie where they fell" under Southern skies, thousands of them in unknown, unmarked graves. Their comrades have followed them till a scant 300,000 are left. These walk wearily and alone toward the West. Soon they, too, must go to rest "In the little green tents." For these men, dead and living, Memorial Day was established. Isn't it the very least that any of us can do to let the world slip out of sight for a little while—just a day—and remember for that one day of all the honors, all the material wealth, if you

The Methodist Centenary

A \$50 Liberty bond will be awarded by the Joint Centenary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal church to the best essay written by any Sunday school, grade or high school pupil in the northwest on "The Methodist Centenary—What It is and What It Will Do." Age will be taken into consideration. Names, address and ages of contestants should be written on their essay; also the name of their school. One side only of the paper should be used. The contest ends May 25, and all essays should be mailed prior to that date to the Joint Centenary Committee, 409 Platt building, Portland, Ore. The Methodist Centenary is the manner in which Methodism is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Christian missions in America. As part of the Centenary plans, there is being raised a campaign fund of \$105,000,000 which will be spent on a gigantic programme of rebuilding the world. Of this sum, \$40,000,000 will be spent on educating and Christianizing foreign lands, \$40,000,000 in the home mission field, consisting of a common sense programme of city and country community churches, and \$25,000,000 on direct war reconstruction work. Of this latter sum, \$3,000,000 has already been expended by the dispatch of a missionary ship to Europe, loaded with plows and tractors, seeds and tools for cultivation, portable houses and motion picture machines and lots of other things not usually thought of as missionary paraphernalia. Information concerning the Methodist centenary and the essay campaign may be obtained from the superintendent of the nearest Methodist Sunday school, to whom would-be essayists are urged to apply for information.

will, that these two million and a half have brought to us and ours?

Ah, but that isn't all! The Spanish American War laid tribute at the feet of a reunited country. Over in Arlington I saw one day 200 flag draped coffins beside 200 open graves. They were the dead of the Maine, and I had the honor to be one of the five who held the first commemorative exercises over the Maine dead. We honor all the Spanish War Veterans wherever we find the little mounds. And the dead of this war: They are as blades of grass for number, over 9,000,000 sleeping here and overseas and 'neath the ocean's waves. Fully 100,000 of them sleep because America bade them do or die.

And in spite of all these millions of dead, whose names the people of the country will honor in their hearts on Memorial Day, the miserable, short-sighted, unpatriotic, sport drunk men and women will "open the sport season" on Memorial Day. I remember one President of the United States who declined to visit Arlington on Memorial Day and who went fishing instead. His name was held up to scorn and obliquy. The country never forgot or forgave. Yet it is openly advertised that golf and tennis and baseball and a work horse parade will open on May 30. And two million and a half of Union veterans, many thousands of Spanish War Veterans, and 900,000 men of all countries, hardly cold in their graves "Lie dead for me and you" this May 30. Isn't there enough honest to goodness patriotism in this country to call off these dogs of sport and permit the country to get back to the spirit of the elder days?—Isabel Worrel Ball in National Tribune.

"L-look here," said the stut-terer, at the horse sale, "that's a n-nice horse my-my-m-m-man! How much d-do you want for it?" The owner looked his animal over lovingly. "And a beauty he is, sir," he urged "a horse I can thoroughly recommend. But you must make the offer." "Well," said the stut-terer, "I'll g-g-give you f-f-f-f-f-f-f-forty pounds! Done!" said the dealer. "G good!" closed the stut-terer "I was tr-trying to say f-f-f-f-fifty!"—London Answers.

Judge, (to witness)—"Why didn't you go to the help of the defendant in the fight?"

Witness—"I didn't know which was going to be the defendant."—Boston Transcript.

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Revenue Requirements

That on and after May 1st, 1919, there shall be levied, assessed, collected and paid a tax of 1 cent for each 10 cents or fraction thereof of the amount paid to any person conducting a soda fountain, ice cream parlor, or other similar place of business, for drinks commonly known as soft drinks, compounded or mixed at such place of business, or for ice cream, ice cream sodas, sundaes, or other similar articles of food or drink, when any of the above are sold on or after such date for consumption in or in proximity to such a place of business. The tax is measured by the price for which the food or drink is sold. It is on the actual sales price at the rate of 1 cent for each 10 cents or fraction thereof of the amount paid for any of the articles mentioned in section 630. Each sale for 10 cents or less is taxed 1 cent and every sale for over 10c is taxed 1c for each 10c or fraction thereof of the price. The tax is upon the whole of the amount of the price paid by the purchaser. "When the price is paid at one time in payment for several articles which are the subject of a single transaction of purchase or sale, the total price paid is the unit for computing the tax." Thus, if the purchaser orders two sodas at the same time, each sold for 15c, the tax is 3c and not 4c. If, however, he buys one soda for 15c the tax is 2 cents and if he then immediately purchases another 15c drink the tax is 2c on the second sale, which cannot be treated as part of the first sale. Any means by which separate purchasers pool their order for deferring or escaping the tax imposed by section 630

note the label on your paper.

A Public Scandal

Further investigation reveals the Marquam gulch transactions as a public scandal. Ten years ago, Gaetano Distefano paid \$375 for a small fraction of a lot in Marquam gulch. Average property in Portland is worth little if any more than it was 10 years ago. Many a holding will not bring today what it brought in those days of realty boom. But a jury awarded Distefano \$3000 for his fractional lot on the Marquam gulch hillside. There is not a man or woman in Portland but know that the price is preposterous and the transaction a public scandal. The same is true in the case of Nicoletta Dimarco. He bought half a lot in Marquam gulch some years ago at \$225. He built on it a small house which the assessor values at \$290. A jury voted to give \$3572 for the property. Yet that jury was under oath, and was acting as the purchasing agent for the people of Portland in acquiring land for a public park. The price paid is at the rate of \$6000 a lot, or more than lots will bring in many of Portland's best residential districts. But there is the lot for which C. P. Smith some years ago paid \$725 for and for which the jury bound the city to pay \$6250. Lots by the score in Irvington or Laurelhurst can be bought for much less. Lots with seven room modern houses on them have, in instances, been selling for less in these districts. One such with a splendid house and garage sold for \$5000 in Irvington. The prices paid in the Marquam gulch suits are preposterous and grotesque, and ought to be investigated.—Journal.

Makes Rapid Progress

When in 1904 the Portland Woolen mills was started at St. Johns, now a part of Portland, it had three small buildings, 40 looms and four sets of cards. Today its buildings cover practically all of five acres, are 16 in number, its quota of looms and cards have been four times multiplied and its workers increased from 60 to 450 men and women, the latter predominating about three to two. It is building a club house 74x112 feet, into which the present large diners, room, fine library, piano and billiard and pool tables and moving picture equipment added. Shower bathing will also be provided. At noon coffee and sugar is provided free for all employees, and there are long dining tables upon which they may partake of their luncheons. A woman is paid by the company for looking after this department. During the first year of the operation of the factory at St. Johns, to which place it was moved from the Sellwood district, the business of the company aggregated about \$200,000, says E. L. Thompson, manager of the corporation. In 1918 this had increased to almost \$3,000,000 and today the concern is swamped with orders and advertising for help both in Portland and San Francisco. Its men and women workers earn from a minimum of \$11 per week for beginners to \$18, \$20 and up to \$35 and \$50 for active and skilled piece hands. The hours of labor are 48 per week.

"We chose this neighborhood for the seat of our operations for the conveniences it offered in the matter of shipping facilities and cheap fuel," Mr. Thompson explains. "We have both water and rail at our very doors, and the cost of fuel is almost negligible. We burn what is termed 'hog feed' from an adjoining sawmill. It consists of sawdust, bits of wood and bark which would constitute a nuisance to the sawmill people. This stuff is automatically carried to our furnaces, and fed to them at exceedingly small cost. Our machinery is operated by electricity. One of the aims of this concern is to always maintain the heartiest friendship between the workers and the management. We never have a strike nor bickering over wages."—Journal.

Will Be a Gala Day

June the 12th has been decided upon by the directors of the Victory Rose Festival as a half holiday. The association is going to give to the citizens and visitors the biggest surprise that has ever been accorded them. It will be something to talk about for years to come. The directors have made out their plans to have on that day the biggest, best and most spectacular monster military parade in the history of the city. All the returning soldiers and sailors will participate in the parade and 11,000 medals will be presented to soldiers and sailors who have seen service across the water. These medals will be given to them by George L. Funk, an official representative of the city, at the Festival Center. Many other military organizations of this city and surrounding towns will also march in the parade. In fact, it is intended, if everything runs smoothly, to be the most gala day that the association has ever contemplated for the amusement and enjoyment of the public. There will be warships in the harbor for the inspection of the people and to be free to all. There will be airships, hovering over the city during the parade, doing all kinds of wicked stunts to the delight and bewilderment of the old and young. There will be new march songs composed specially for the occasion by local songsters, and music and words will be original and right up to the minute. Mayor Baker has been requested to issue a proclamation very shortly declaring June 12th a half holiday, and no doubt Governor Olcott may do the same for the state. It will be a glorious celebration and the Victory Rose Festival will long be remembered by those who were fortunate to be the city's guests.

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Pier Contract Awarded

The contract for construction of pier No. 2 of the St. Johns municipal terminal and an extension of 300 feet to pier No. 1 was awarded to Ellicott & Scoggins, Portland contractors, on Monday for \$329,297, following an investigation, by the public dock commission, into the ability of the contractors to finance the job and carry it through to completion. The bank of California and the Bank of Kenton filed letters that they would advance the necessary funds for the work. In the construction of the new pier advantage will be taken of the high water in the river to drive the piling. Robert Wakefield, to whom the contract formerly was awarded but who failed to properly qualify through failure to provide a bond, is seeking to have the dock commission return to him the amount of his certified check of \$17,000 which was recently declared forfeited. The commission is inclined to refuse to return the money on the ground that the failure of Wakefield to qualify for the contract damaged the city in the amount of the check.

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Death of John D. Keliher

The funeral service of John D. Keliher was held at the local Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. Burton, the pastor, and assisted by Dr. E. P. Borden. Mr. Keliher was born in Calumet County, Wisconsin, April 1, 1852, being the fifth child of a family of eight. The greater portion of his life was spent near his birth place where he engaged in farming. In February, 1906, he moved with his family to Portland, where he spent the remainder of his life. In April, 1877, he was married to Miss Anna Johnson, who died in July, 1878. In August, 1889, he was married to Miss Jennie McAllister. To this union four children were born. He is survived by his wife, Lewis, Earl and Mattie, the three children, and a sister, Mrs. Victoria Sprague, of Green Bay, Wis. Mr. Keliher was a member of the St. Johns Baptist church and also a member of the Odd Fellows Fraternity. He was one time a councilman of the city of St. Johns. He died May 3, 1919, aged 67 years, 1 month and 12 days. It may be truly said: A good man has gone from us. The St. Johns Undertaking Co. had charge of the remains.

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Death of An Old Pioneer

Phineas T. Hanson, one of St. Johns' pioneers, was laid to rest April 30 at Columbia Cemetery, his comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief Corps performing the last sad, solemn, patriotic rites, following Christian Science services. Born of Revolutionary stock in Palmyra, Maine, a few days more than seventy-seven years ago, his life has been a full one. In 1861, at President Lincoln's call, he volunteered and served with distinction in the 9th Maine Volunteers. His enlistment period up, he re-enlisted on the battle field and helped finish the job. Returning to the native state, he married Miss Adele Johonot and made a home, but Oregon called and thirty-seven years ago he moved with his family to St. Johns and helped build up this important adjunct to Portland's prosperity. His was a well known figure here. He was active in all civic affairs. His unflinching courtesy and kindness made him a host of friends, here and in Maine. These mourn his departure and tender respectful regrets to his widow, daughter, grandchildren and relatives.

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