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THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

"It is rather for us," said the immortal Lincoln, in his Gettysburg address, "to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us."

The Grand Army of the Republic was founded in 1865. The Nation, as every schoolboy knows, just passed through one of the important crises in its history.

Those whose souls had been searched by the trying experiences of a great war possessed a sense of the value of liberty which they could not have acquired in any other way.

The veterans now assembling in Portland, and who represent a type of patriotism which would brook no half-way measures. We would be safe in leaving it to these men to determine the penalties which shall be imposed upon the outcast of the I. W. W., the slacker, the idler, the man who has no other than the last-hour conscientious objector and the untimely pacifist.

"Old men for the council, young men for war," more than a million of our younger men are now in France; there are other millions in the training camps of the country and in preparation for the military service of the Nation.

This is the lesson which the Grand Army veterans bring us—a lesson of loyalty, of undivided effort, of patriotism no less in the shipyard and the munitions factory than in the fighting arm.

This is the season when the pick-nicker has his (or her) opportunity to make friends or otherwise of the owners of wayside property.

to police their own grounds, and quite often they are only thoughtless. All classes are inconsiderate and all ignore the golden rule.

FEAR OR HONOR?

It is once more timely to point out the difference between the honor system and the parole system in penitentiaries.

The honor system and the trusty system have been used in the main to grant special favors to inmates of the penitentiary who are not eligible for parole.

But a description of the system reveals that the consequences of escape by an "honor" man are vastly severer than those of an escape from within the walls.

The thing that keeps convicts within the walls of a penitentiary is not a fear of the insurmountability of walls. There is the fear of the guards' guns and of the punishments that follow a futile attempt.

The honor man has a little more freedom of movement than other convicts, and he does not see before him continuously the physical evidence of his confinement.

The Governor says the honor system is wrong. Perhaps the Governor and his warden have not put scorching fear into the hearts of honor men.

It seems to be a matter of only academic interest to our soldiers that three-fourths of the wounds sustained in modern battles could be prevented by the wearing of armor which military men declare is practical.

Although discipline is generally effective in the American army, it is true that of our men of any other that their wishes must be consulted in the long run to obtain results.

A water route to Switzerland, or Swiss neutrality is dictated not by neutrality of sentiment among the people, for their traditions of freedom have been the same.

If cost of transportation were equal, all Swiss needs could be supplied as well by the allies as by Germany.

munications, Switzerland would then be thrown into the arms of Germany and would become an economic adjunct to the empire.

There is a means by which the allies can rescue the Alpine republic from this dangerous position. By building a dam and lock at Genesiat in France they can make the upper twenty miles of the Rhone navigable into Lake Geneva.

This is an enterprise worthy of American invention. It should not only be good and intelligent, but it would open the Swiss market to many American products and it would help strengthen its political, by means of its economic, independence.

THE BRITISH AT BAKU.

One of the most startling events of the war is the sudden appearance of a British force at Baku to defend that great Russian oil town against the attacks of the Turks.

Unless the latest advance of the main army cleared the Turks out of the mountains to the east, the expedition must have fought its way through mountains infested by hostile bands.

East is the center of the Caspian oil field and is coveted by Germany, whose oil supply from Roumania and Galicia is not nearly equal to her needs.

The proposed books of scrip for railroad travel will make purchase of mileage as easy as that of postage stamps.

The New York Board of Health suggest kissing through a handkerchief to avoid Spanish influenza, and that might go in that class and effect section, but not here.

Wilson is having a fine time at Manchester, Mass., where the natives let a man go about in old clothes and enjoy himself as one of them.

Washington authorities ought to try chocolates on that Portland girl on a hunger strike. No Portland girl can resist chocolates.

distance fighter. He is a master of the individual combat, in recognition of which fact he is receiving special training. He will not count the risk.

A Line of Type or Two.

Retired Lawyer, 88, Finds Health and Good Conscience in Common Labor.

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Production of rifles by the Government since April 6, 1917, reached a total of 2,000,798 on July 27.

TO HER VEIL.

Frail stilette, so dainty spun. Archaic might have been the one. To weave your fairy tulle.

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Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, August 19, 1893.

Senator Dolph is seeking to have the appropriation for Portland's public buildings increased from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.

Portland firm receives contract for 150,000 blocks for street paving in Tacoma.

Press of the state uniformly opposes plan of Governor Penoyer to convene State Legislature in special session to enact legislation that would reduce the cost of the debt.

Washington, D. C.—A movement is on foot among leading Republicans south to have their Legislatures unite in a call for a separate session of Congress.

The Portland Water Company is contemplating a large raise on the Everett street, near the northern line of Caruthers Addition.

The Methodist Conference, in session at Salem, assigns Rev. J. H. Wythe, of that city, to the pastorate of the First Methodist Church in Portland.

Mrs. H. C. Victor is writing a history of the state covering the last 40 years. She is collaborating with the authors in the preparation of the volume.

WOMEN BARBERS ON NEW FOOTING

Craft Now Offers Inducements Worth Sex's Serious Consideration.

Portland, Aug. 18.—(To the Editor.)—The recent notice in the press commenting on the increased demand for women barbers and the hearty welcome now being accorded to them, is interesting to those who know the troubles encountered by this craft in the past.

The attitude of the male barbers toward women on the increase of their trade was one of hostility, amounting almost to persecution. The women sought admission to the Barbers' Union as members of the craft, but were frowned upon.

Shops owned and entirely operated by women are on the increase. Members of the barber trade are finally waking up to the fact that women are as clearly entitled as men to recognition as members of the craft.

Portland, Aug. 17.—(To the Editor.)—To settle a bet, who used the following words at the first battle of the Marne, and what was the exact expression?

Orders were given by Von Bulow to attack Foch in an effort to break through the French center, open the road to Paris, cut the French army in two parts and catch the part of the Marne.

Portland, Or., Aug. 17.—(To the Editor.)—I wish to express my appreciation of the hospitality experienced the very minute my wife and I reached Portland.

Whether we win or lose, whether we like it or not, our entry into the struggle has given to the United States an interest in international relations. In international relations, of which we shall probably never see the end, it has brought us into relations so close and intimate with our neighbors.

Enlistment in Tank Service.

TOLEDO, Aug. 16.—(The Editor.)—Kindly tell me whether or not a young man between the ages of 18 and 20 may still enlist for tank service. If so, will he be permitted to enlist after he has registered?

A SUBSCRIBER.

At present only registrants of classes 2, 3 and 4 are accepted for the Tank Corps.