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IN MEMORIAM.

They died to keep the nation one.
For north, for south, their work was done.

And done so well that now we stand
A great and undivided land
Whose strength is union and whose good

Is sealed in lasting brotherhood.

Taps!

Lights out!

Asleep!

One flag, one country.

Shall forever keep

These dead as sacred.

And on the sod which covers them

Shall set a blossoming diadem.

W. L. LAMPTON.

MEMORIAL DAY.

MEMORIAL DAY CLAIMS a place on the calendar second to no other American holiday in its sacred and sweet significance. Yesterday a thin line of veterans in faded blue gathered to pay their annual tribute of flowers and tears to their fallen comrades. Today is the legal recognition of that occasion. Each year the line is becoming thinner and shorter and even now is but a remnant of the noble army that marched away nearly half a century ago.

It is beautifully appropriate that this day commemorating fallen comrades comes in the spring time of the year. The grass is woven into a spring covering of green over the scars made in mother earth by the spade of the blue clad mourner who laid his comrade to rest in the sleep that knows no waking reveille. The violets in the valley bow under their blue blossoms to the dust that at last claims the modest flower and the proudest patriot.

The rolling year with its succession of bud and blossom, fruit and frost has no other season in which the beautiful tribute of flowers may be paid with such a wealth of nature's most beautiful offering.

It is a day when we turn from the bustle of business and the turmoil of trade; the grasping for gain and the pursuit of pleasure to pay our homage to the noble deeds of the dead. We would thus heighten and enrich our appreciation of the beneficent advantages of those who builded that we might occupy; who lay down in the dark valley of death that we and our posterity might walk erect in the undimmed sunlight of national unity and universal liberty.

The years that have passed since swords flashed and guns clashed in that titanic conflict, have cooled the passions of men. Their softening influence is seen in the mingling ranks of blue and gray. Friend and foe unite to pay tribute to the valor of those who gave their lives in defense of what their judgment thought right.

Yesterday the Marshfield cemetery was covered as never before under a mass of beautiful blossoms. It was a significant showing of how universal the Memorial day custom is growing. It is well, too, that we pause once a year to give a thought and a tear to the friends that are gone. It may remind us in a measure of our duty to the living, ere they, too, have passed those portals into the universal silence of the voiceless dust.

Comrades and friends unite in covering the little green mounds with garlands of the spring's first flowers warmed into being by the southwind, their perfumed petals painted by the kisses of the sun-earth's earliest emblems of nature's resurrection. It is a beautiful custom and one that will live as long as love remains an attribute of the human heart.

IN A NAME.

THERE IS REALLY more in a name than the poet would have us believe. Just plain, undorned appellations are entirely satisfactory to the men who have inherited them, proving, as a rule, neither a handicap nor an advantage. We cannot all be Montmorrencey's and manage to content ourselves, ordinarily, to be known to our fellows as merely Jones or Smith.

But occasionally it happens that the standing of a man in society is actually injured by the name he bears. A modest and peaceful gentleman of Chicago recently applied to the courts for the privilege of subscribing himself as someone other than Sucher Budnitsky, a name which has served his family well for generations. But flippant associates who persisted in introducing him as "Sucha Butinsky" have made his name something that was personally hateful to him. In Pennsylvania is another man—a highly moral and temperate and not at all hospitable fellow—who a few days ago expressed a desire to alter his name, which at present is Havya Drinckvisky. His name, he says, is a standing invitation to convivial spongers, and it causes him much annoyance and embarrassment.

The misfortune of bearing a name which may be readily converted into a pun is that its proprietor must listen to the same pun dozens of times every day of his life. After a time it becomes wearying. A man with a grotesque and incongruous name, too, finds it almost impossible to make his acquaintance accept him seriously. The Drinckviskys and the others, unquestionably, are justified in abandoning their old family names for something which does not resemble the atrocious compilations of a salaried humorist.

A PIRATE OF FINANCE.

The death of H. H. Rogers has attracted more attention because of what Tom Lawson said about him than for anything he did himself.

The Boston Herald, conservative and non-sensational, rather confirms the Lawson estimate. He was a pirate in the business world, or perhaps better a Napoleon, although it all comes to the same thing in the end.

The Herald says: "When he over-rode, crushed, his opponents, he was filled with the wrath of war. He was a stranger to mercy, as all great generals are in the flush of the fight. He, as much as any man, rather more than John D. Rockefeller himself, made the world realize that mercilessness is an attribute of much that is called success in our time."

This leads up to an interesting query. Have great things ever been done by humane and brotherly men? Or are great achievements wrought by self-centered, selfish, cold blooded and domineering men?

HARRIMAN AND OREGON.

In an editorial on the Hill-Harriman peace pact, the Oregonian says:

"Having effected a saving of several millions in the anticipated outlay necessary to reach Puget Sound, Mr. Harriman may now feel more inclined to take up some of his proposed Oregon branches. The Tillamook line is making good progress and Central Oregon awaits only the approval by the Government of the Harriman plans. The Coos Bay line, however, seems to have been overlooked. There can be but little new development in the Coos Bay country until a railroad is built. For that reason, the demand for a 4 per cent guarantee before constructing the road might very properly be waived, especially at this time when a saving of about \$15,000,000 has been effected by not building the line to Puget Sound."

FACE FORWARD.

Every individual is a unit as well as a spoke in the wheel. If some individuals want to turn one way and others want to turn other ways, hom is the wheel going to move? Think of your community as a wheel and turn with it—forward, not backward. If the wheel is now turning backward, face about all your spokes and change the direction.

The Watch Below.

Bring blossoms for the sailor dead
Who sleep in ocean graves.
Bring fragrant lilies, pale and pure,
To float upon the waves,
And dewy purple lilies, too,
From many a cottage home,
And starry daisies, white and gold,
To mingle with the foam.

—Selected.

WITH THE
TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

See that thou believest with-
in thine heart what thou sing-
est with thy lips; and manifest
by thy actions what thou be-
lievest in thy heart.

—Selected.

MONDAY.

Stiff joints and a cold, gray brain;
A short turn in a long, long lane;
Beginning toil all over again—
Monday!

A wide yawn and a weary sigh;
A backward look at the week gone
by;
Six days ahead—O my, O my!

Monday!

A week brim full of things to do;
Some days bright and some days
blue—
Well, what's the odds? So here's to
you,

Monday!

You will hear the same old com-
plaints as long as you live.

What some people call their con-
science is really tear of getting
caught

Some Marshfield people think that
a few books ostentatiously displayed
passes for learning.

Every man should have an income
at 50 that will enable him to take
a "nap" in the middle of the day.

Much of women's unnecessary sor-
rows on Coos Bay is caused by wear-
ing number three shoes on number
six feet.

A man has to behave himself bet-
ter on Coos Bay than he would in
heaven if he would avoid being talk-
ed about.

You often hear the expression,
"He's got no room to talk." Well,
none of us have, for that matter,
but we all do it

A Coos Bay woman who knows
says: "It is annoying to a woman
if her husband is jealous of her, and
it is humiliating if he isn't."

There's one consolation in being
poor. You do not have to worry
about assessments and taxes and
automobile repairs.

This seems to be the extent of a
woman's objection to tobacco: The
smell of any cigar seems bad to her
when smoked by a man she dislikes.

The man who is so anxious to pick
up the handkerchief his sweetheart
drops should not expect her to lift
the piano about the room after they
are married.

There are some Coos Bay men so
mean that if by mistake they ever
got to heaven they would complain
of the extravagance of paving the
streets with gold.

There's pain in my heart as I sit
by the window and hearken with
sorrow to the waters downfall for
gone from its corner is the umbrel-
la, I lent to a friend during a storm
sometime last fall. He promised to
return it with the coming tomorrow,
he had three or four but they all
were at home; I loaned it with pleas-
ure that's now turned to sorrow, for
it couldn't come back to its corner
alone.

RUNNING A MOTOR BOAT.

Mitchell owned a motor boat;
The trimmest little thing afloat.
He yearned to run the thing, but
found

The cylinders must first be ground.
He had to wait another week.
The while he plugged a stubborn
leak.

And once again he failed because
The coil a sorry makeshift was.
The Sunday next he found with woe
The motor simply wouldn't go.
Next week the trouble came to sight,
The carburettor wasn't right,
But with the boat's first hearty
cough

The loose propeller joggled off.
And when at last he got it on
The tiller ropes from age were gone.
Mitchell still admires his boat;
It is the neatest thing afloat.
But scoffers think, inclined to knock,
He might as well have bought a
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