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PREPARING FOR WAR.

THE OCEAN IS being filled with steel, if we may believe the bigger navy advocates, for the purpose of preserving peace.

The individual is merely the nation in embryo. It is the experience of the individual that the more pistol toting the more quarrels engendered and the more men killed. The fight for peace in the community has been a fight to abolish private arms.

But if dreadnaughts be accepted as the chosen instruments of peace, what shall be said of the claim that there are now enough war vessels in commission to preserve the peace of the world for a thousand years?

Why should Italy be building dreadnaughts to preserve peace? Why Austria? Why is Canada about to abandon its great and needed internal improvements to build dreadnaughts? Why, when the world has all it can attend to in these days of commercial expansion, should more steel be needed on the high seas?

Theodore Roosevelt was franker than most who champion the greater navies. He said no people long amounted to anything after they lost the warlike spirit. The German emperor is not making any foolish speeches about dreadnaughts to preserve peace. The purpose of dreadnaughts is war. And the more dreadnaughts the surer and the nearer the war.

The American people have set their face against war as a national pursuit or pastime. The American people should both by example and precept discourage national pistol toting. As individuals we no longer practice the manly art of self-defense nor do we carry sling shots nor brass knuckles for self-protection. As a nation we are large enough, and strong enough, and well enough defended, to insist that what is wise for individuals is wise for the community.

Every armed vessel added to the seas is an additional guarantee of a great and devastating war. England foresees it and Germany is planning for it. Japan proposes to be ready when it comes, as does also Russia. In the United States our eyes are turned towards Japan as the probable occasion of our participation. War is today in the air. Within the coming decade there may be a struggle that will change the face of Europe and retard the peaceful progress of the world for a generation.

If you are a kicker and see the shadow of failure in everything that is proposed to help the town, for heaven's sake go into some secluded canyon and kick your own shadow on the claybank, and give the men who are working to build up the town a chance. One long faced, hollowed eyed, whinling, gaping, chronic kicker can do more to keep away business and capital from a town than all the lack of railways, rain and all other things combined.

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GOOD EVENING.

How easy it is for one benevolent being to diffuse pleasure around him and how truly is a kind heart a foundation of gladness, making everything in its vicinity to freshen into smiles.

WASHINGTON IRVING.

Grandma in Her Corner.
Her face is wrinkled sadly,
Her hair is thin and gray;
But once she lolled gaily,
And once her laugh was gay;
Her waist, too, once was slender,
Her dimmed eyes once were bright;

Once young men whispered tender
Words to her late at night.

Her breast is filled with wonder;
She sees the girls bedecked,
And thinks their parents blunder
To let them go unchecked;
But once she was delighted
With pretty things to wear,
And left her mother slighted
And scorned her tender care.

She sits and nods sedately,
And often, deeply pained,
She wonders gravely, greatly,
Why girls are not restrained;
But once old ladies, sitting
In corners out of sight,
Frowned as they watched her flitting
And she came through airtight.
S. E. KISER.

Money doesn't talk half as much as some Coos Bay people who haven't any.

"Cook's hand is sore," says a headline. That's nothing. Peary talks like a man sore all over.

A good looking man nearly always thinks he is also smart, and these two notions take up most of his time.

There is an old saying that "Every day will be like Sunday, by-and-by." Every day seems to grow more like Monday, according to our experience.

In a recent funny picture a servant girl is represented as saying to her mistress, in a hopeless sort of way: "You've tried all the cooks and I've tried all the places."

Women's Ways.

The honest housewives would not stoop
To cheat or trick or rob,
And yet they know that canning fruit
Is all a put-up job.

They say that a Marshfield woman whose husband was initiated into the Elks the other evening waited up for him and when he arrived asked him to repeat the following very rapidly:

"Oliver Ogletorp ogled an owl and an oyster. Did Oliver Ogletorp ogled an owl and an oyster, where are the owl and the oyster Oliver Ogletorp ogled?"
Then because he stumbled and stuttered a little she turned to his friend and companion who accompanied him home and said, "Why did you let them treat Eli this way?"

Evening.

Life's little day is fading fast; upon the mountain's brow the sinking sun is gleaming red; the shadows lengthen now; the twilight hush comes on apace, and soon the evening star will light us to those chambers dim where dreamless sleepers are. And when the curfew bell is rung, that calls us all to rest, and we have left all worldly things, at Azrael's behest, O may some truthful mourner rise, and say of you or me: "Gee whiz! I'm sorry that he's dead! He was a honey bee! Whatever his job he did his best; he put on all his steam, in every stunt he had do he was a four-horse team. He thought that man was placed on earth to help his fellowguys; he never wore a frosty face, and barked at weeping eyes; the hard luck pilgrim always got a handout at his door, and any friend could help himself to all he had in store; he tried to make his humble home the gayest sort of camp, till Death, the king of bogies, came and slugged him in the lamp. I don't believe a squarer guy existed in the land, and Death was surely off his base when this galoot was canned!"
WALT MASON.

STORY OF THE DAY.

"Pardon my ignorance," said a lady passenger to captain Macgenn on the last trip of the Breakwater from Coos Bay to Portland, "but how do you manage to find your way across this pathless ocean?"
"By means of the compass, madam," answered Capt. Macgenn. "The needle invariably points to the north."

"But," queried the lady, "suppose you wish to go south?"

What has become of the mother who spanked?

A man never forgets the first time he "went with" a girl.

You can't afford to lose your temper every time you have reason.

We defy anyone to walk in a dignified manner with rubbers on.

Of late there is a lot of impudence going around labeled smartness.

Rumors and wireless telegraphy seem to be about equal in speed and accuracy.

A man never realizes that life is full of contradictions till he gets married.

A girl who has a poor figure deserves admiration because of the way she hides it.

If it were true that we profit by our mistakes we would be making them all the time.

The only solution to the servant girl problem is to engage men. Men are used to being bossed.

The Crane case also reminds us that some Coos Bay men talk not only too much, but too loud.

When a man's women folks get the automobile fever the doctors have to prescribe for him for it.

Some marriages are not like marrying at all—they are more like the formation of a business partnership.

There are some Coos Bay people who put up such a bluff at working that it makes the rest of us tired.

Booth Tarkington says the chicken business is profitable. We suspected as much when we noticed what the grocer charged for the last one we purchased.

Have You Noticed It?

Long winter nights are coming on at quite a rapid rate, and now, of evenings, we observe how early they grow late.
—WATERMAN.

MEDITATIONS OF MARCUS AURELIUS

The time of a man's life is as a point; the substance of it ever flowing, the sense obscure; and the whole composition of the body tending to corruption. His soul is restless, fortune uncertain, and fame doubtful. To be brief, as a stream so are all things belonging to the body; as a dream, or as a smoke, so are all that belong unto the soul. Our life is a warfare and a mere pilgrimage. Fame after life is no better than oblivion. What is it, then, that will adhere and follow? Only one thing—philosophy. And philosophy doth consist in this, for a man to preserve that spirit which is within him from all manner of contumelias and injuries, and above all pains and pleasures; never to do anything either rashly, or feignedly, or hypocritically; wholly to depend from himself and his own proper actions; all things that happen unto him to embrace contentedly, as coming from Him from whom he himself also came; and above all things, with all meekness and a calm cheerfulness, to expect death, as being nothing else but the resolution of those elements of which every creature is composed. And if the elements themselves suffer nothing by this their perpetual conversion of one into another, that dissolution and alteration which is so common unto all, why should it be feared by any? Is not this according to nature? But nothing that is according to nature can be evil.

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