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MEMORIAL DAY DUTY

T HAS come to The Times that some parties are planning a big program of sports for Memorial Day. The Times trusts that this is not true. Memorial Day is a day set apart to honor the memory of nation's here dead. It should be observed with the solemnity and sacredness that such an occasion man who has always been true to deserves and demands. Sports are as much out of place on such a day as a foot race at a funeral.

It is little enough that the nation does in setting apart one day in the year to honor the memory of the men who gave their lives for their country and we to whom they have bequeathed a great and free nation should hold the heritage sacred for at least a single day to the honor of these heroes.

They that de for a good cause are death. Their redeemed from names are gathered and garnered. Their memory is precious. Each place grows proud for them who were born there.

They are not dead, that generous host,, that airy army of invisible heroes! They hover as a cloud of witnesses above the nation. they dead who speak louder than we can speak and a more universal language? Are they dead that yet move upon society and inspire the people with nobler motives and more heroic patriotism?

Gladness should mingle with our tears on Memorial Day but it should be the joy of triumph that the lives of the brave boys who are gone were not given in vain. They died that the nation might live. Let us honor their memory nobly.

Coos Bay should observe memorial day fittingly. There should be no field sports or races on such an occasion.

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING

Hope against hope, and ask till ye receive.-Mont- . gomery.

The rim of the moon Is over the corn; The beetle's drone Is above the thorn. Gray days come soon And I am alone; Can you hear my moan

Where you rest, aroon?

The deep blue cherry, In mighty deep hall Our love kissed merry. But you come no more When the wild tree bore

Where the woodlands call, And the gray days fall On my grief, asthore.

We know there are some Marshfield business men who will appre-

clate this news item from a Chicago paper. "When a Chicago business man found, yesterday, that he had overdrawn his bank balance \$145 he

and that set him back \$5 more. Whereupon he instructed his stenog to look up his balance the next time he fainted, and, if it was found overdrawn, not to call the doctor.

No Coos Bay man is interested in another man's troubles unless he is a lawyer.

Pity is akin to love, but a Coos-Bay girl is never willing to accept it as a substitute.

You may just as well tell your wife the truth She'll find it out anyway.

Coos Hay women are supposed to Eugene, at the age of \$6 years, be vain but no Coos Bay man is as

handsome as he thinks he is.

If everybody agreed with you on everything it would be evidence of a very wise old world, but you would not have the satisfaction of feeling be smart.

There are times when a lie would look better in print than the facts -but facts always wear longer.

If a Coos Bay woman has a really good husband the neighbor's nearly always say he is henpecked.

loses that much-and he gains no-

It is surprising how many really good people there are on Coos Bay -if we can only take their word

GIFTS IN MAY

Along my road the violets Bloom thick and as a rule I take them home for a surprise To mother, after school,

And though my hand gets very hot So that I drop a few, I'm always glad when mother says. "For me? How sweet of you!"

Every Coos Bay man is capable of doing his best-and he should

-ANON

LOVE UNDYING

. Taken from the story of an old the memory)

Lara O'Hara sat dreaming on a sunny summer day;

Dreaming of home and kindred their goatin the land so far away, Up the sunlit path came a maiden, happy, bright and gay; She called, Oh, Lara O'Hara;

we're going for a run today. Lara aroused from his dreamings, ran quickly to the door

hear her voice once more. He led her through the garden; the maiden, so dear, so fair, He picked a rose Kalarney, and laid it in her hair.

Glad to see the dainty girl and

Says she to the happy lover, we're going for a run today,

I'll race with you across country, if you'll let me ride the Gray, The eyes of the bright youth clouded, "Oh, please don't ask that, May"

Please ride the Chestnut darling, I fear for you on the Gray."

bright and gay;

the laughing maid the Gray.

They saw the storm clouds gather o'er the mountains far away. The horses grew uneasy as the lightning began to play;

great flash struck right near them, and the wild excited Gray

Tossed his head in mad confusion and wildly dashed away. In persuit flew faithful Lara, but

the girl began to sway; He cried in a wild voice Billy. Shoot the Gray Bill, shoot the Gray; Pulling, lifting at the saddle, try-

Her foot crushed beneath the saddle, "threepenny bit," "sixpenny bit" etc.; States down to our day. she begin to faint away;

ing to release fair May.

Lara then turned to help her. The

storm had cleared away;

He met the eyes of Billy; knew he'd lost his darling May Tho the days have passed before him; many years have passed

Lara treasures love undying, can't forget the Gray and May:

O'Hara is sad today, Thinking of the love he gave her

Gray. -Maude Parlee Strong. *********

NEWS OF OREGON

ROSEBURG - The residence of Sam Whitsett on Dodson Mountain together with its contents was des- used as ornaments in the form of half-cent piece, discontinued in 1857 timated at \$2,500.

DUFUR - A contract was awarded for the building of a school house at a cost of \$11,297.

ROSEBURG - The South Umpqua Shippers Union has been formed for the betterment of general shipping ditions in the locality.

EUGENE - Robert E. Campbell, a continuous resident of Lane county for 65 years, died at his home near

of Portland will speak at the com- term "two bits" and "six bits"school

OREGON CITY - Services were conducted in memory of the late Earl Siddons who was drowned in the your superiority. Everybody would Willamette river and whose body has not been found.

HOOD RIVER - The Apple Growers' Association of Hood River has confish. Before metal came into We will order special Numbers for decided it will not join in the Fruit the most convenient and safest kind

sies numbering 150 who are traveling admirably. It represented an idea, through the state, celebrated their it stood for a standard, only hundredth aniversary of the organi- acquired by labor, easily preserved When a Coos Bay wife gives her zation of the tribe at their camp and transported, at all times useful husband a piece of her mind she near the city.

THE CANDIDATE

Fix me up some campaign bat-

That will make the voter chat-

Says the merry candidate-

For the day is fast approaching-

When he needs no coaching-

Friday will be just a day too

Paint me as a saint, not sinner-

Tell them I'll return a winner-

From the battle of the vote-Whisper I can save the nation-

Coos county and all creation-And that all the rest have lost

Remind them that a jingle-In their palms will always tin-

If they fix it so I cannot lose-Say I'll swing an ax-

On all forms of tax-

If it's me they choose-

And don't forget to tattle-

There will be more household chattel-

And war eternal on the demon

For to see my number-

In rear ranks slumber-Would give me pain and blues-

And the money that I've spent-

Would cause a deep lament-

If I read it in the news

They tied to me a can-

And labeled me an "Also Ran"-So just tell them nice and easy-

That I'm strong-not wheezy-

Bless their voting souls-

All their money, they can bet-Not a chance for keen regret-

If they pick me Friday at the

"Two Bits" And So On

few days ago went into an in-At last they all were started, a party teresting discussion of the many naturally some had many codfish, things that might be done with "two so many that they became, as gold Lara was riding the Chestnut and bits." To the average easterner, and, sometimes becomes in our time, conin fact, to many southerners and siderable of a burden to the capiwesterners the term 'two bits' would talist and banker. Then a currency be without meaning yet strange to based upon them was issued in the say, in several of the larger states form of shells, and gradually arof the Union, and notable in Missourt rowheads and furs came into em- Train No. 1. and California, people think of small ployment in the nature of stocks values in "bits" and so express them- and bonds. An inflated codfish curselves. The Missourians brought the rency made it an easy matter for the "bit" with them to Californ'a in early settlers to float glass beads. 1849, and there it took root and and the Spaniards, having more metthere it remains to this day, first to al coin than any other people at the puzzle and afterward to take a first time, gradually introduced in lieu grip upon the newcomer. Quite likely of beads, copper, bronze and singer 10:00 a.m. Mapleton the early English colonist on the pieces which a century has not whol- 19,49 a, m. Cushman (Flor-Atlantic seaboard continued to apply ly displaced. In fact, although long the term "bit" to fractional silver out of circulation the names of these pieces, but. If they did, it was always Spanish pieces continue to express 11:50 a.m. Gardiner followed by "penny," as, for instance, values in some parts of the United but it was only upon the conjunction And 'twas Gay Bill who caught her of races in the lower Mississippi that land had their different mediums as the weight was rolled the "bit," which stands for 1216 of exchange, and like some of their cents, came into use as a measure of western staters they still stick to fixed value.

the unit of money in the United five different values attach to the States in 1792. At that time there term "shilling" on the Atlantic seahappened to be coined under Spanish board. In New England and Virauthority a piece of silver for Mexico ginia when one speaks of a shilling, representing the eighth part of a a sixth of a dollar is meant; in New dollar. That became the "bit" of the York and North Carolina a shilling mixed Southwesterner, who had al- is equal to the Missouri and Califor-The her love she gave to Billy Lara ready adopted the picayune, and in his bit; in some parts of the United course of time all the way from New Orleans to Ft. Benton on the upper and the day he rode the Missouri the "bit," which had no existence save in thought, was in more frequent use as a measure of value than any other. A thing was worth two bits, four bits, or six bits, that "shinplasters", was in general ciris, 25, 50, or 75 cents. Dimes were culation in denominations of 3, 5 unknown. Nickles had not been in- 10, 25 and 50 cents, in place of vented. Silver 3 and 5 cent pieces coppers, postage stamps and "tokwere curiosities, sometimes to be ens" served a useful purpose. The scarf or earring pendants or as was called a picayune in the South. spangles, but too contemptible to be and since then 3 cent nickels and 2

vived all changes in other parts of States that could properly be called the country, the "bit" has held on a "bit", yet go to Missouri or tenaciously in Missouri and Califor- to any or the "mountain states" and nia. It is amazing how some of the observe how quickly you will get newly arrived fall into the habit of into the habit of asking for two using it. In the finest shops of St. bits' worth of this or six bits' Louis and San Francisco the finest Worth of that at the grocery or lady accepts a statement that a fabric is worth "two bits" or "six bits" a yard, or waits for her "four blis" in change when she has invested "four CLATSKANIE-Rabbi John Wise bits" in a purchase. People use the mencement exercises of the high these being the more familiar denominations -- as unconscious of doing anything out of the ordinary as people in other parts of the country records on our machine and select talk of dimes and dollars.

The first American money of which there is any record was dried ROSERURG - The band of gyp- single fish answered the purpose of currency. For small change a to tribes away from the seashore,

N EDITORIAL in a western which the seashore Indians had not, United States contemporary a it became an exchange medium of

The different states of New Engmoney terms that have no repre-The Spanish milled dollar became sentatives in actual coin. Four or States what is meant by a shilling is two fifteenth of a dollar.

During the Civil War period when metal was scarce and gold and stiver commanded premiums, paper fractional currency, familiarly and employed in trade as mediums of cent bronzes have come, enjoyed their day and disappeared. There Just as the term "shilling" has sur- never was a coin in the United drygoods stord,-Christian Science Monitor.

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