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## DECORATION DAY

The weary old men march by in their faded blue, following Old  
Glory as they did in '61; and, standing with hat in hand, my eyes  
are misty as I note how few there are. It is a long backward look  
when one thinks of it—fifty-five years since it was ended, fifty-  
five since Gettysburg, fifty-nine since Sumter.

What do we not owe to them?  
As they march by I am wondering if some are remembering  
when they stubbornly fought with Grant, charged with the fiery  
herald or followed Sherman to the sea. This I know:

They all see the sad, weary, patient face of Lincoln.  
Following them, I see the middle-aged men of the Spanish war,  
and then, the young men of this last Great War. Proud and glad  
to honor them all, but my thoughts ever follow the old men in  
line, for I realize in a few years they will be but memories. As I  
watch them out of sight, I am praying these younger soldiers, when  
at a feeble remnant, will look upon as goodly a land and Old Glory  
floating as proudly and as high.

Faintly I hear a bugle sounding taps; and as the thrilling notes  
come to me I see the graves of our soldier dead from Lexington  
Flanders Fields and it brings this message:  
"If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep."  
And that message we must never forget.

## APPRECIATING AND APPRECIATED

Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon—Dear Editor:

I am out of the city so much of the time that I have never had  
the pleasure of meeting you. However, I had it in my heart to say  
I have been a reader of your paper since January when I moved  
to the city to take the place of Dr. T. B. Ford, and I desire to ex-  
press my appreciation of your fine paper—comprehensive in news,  
faithful to every interest of a larger and better Salem, high ideals  
for every citizen, sympathetic to every Christian movement. Your  
editorials are very fine and subject matter and manner educational  
and interesting and worth while. Truly,  
—E. E. GILBERT.

(Mr. Gilbert is the District Superintendent of the Methodist  
Episcopal Church, Salem District, Oregon Conference. His words are  
truly appreciated, and they point to a high standard, which  
the Statesman aspires to maintain. In return, the writer will say  
that if Mr. Gilbert secures as sincere love from all Oregon newspaper  
workers as was bestowed upon and deserved by the late Dr. T. B.  
Ford, he will have established a shrine in every newspaper editorial  
room in his jurisdiction. To his dying day, despite his increasing  
years, Dr. Ford was one of the "boys" to all newspaper workers  
who were proud to have him for an acquaintance and a friend.—Ed.)



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No amount of suffering from the  
fever of politics seems to make a  
man immune to another attack.

The English authorities are after  
the thread makers who have in-  
creased the price of thread from 6  
to 20 cents a spool. The thread trust  
made \$20,000,000 in that country  
last year. It is the unconscionable  
greed of profiteers that is spurring  
unrest in every land.

Will H. Hays, chairman of the Re-  
publican national committee, has  
been ordained an elder in the Pres-  
byterian church at Sullivan, Ind.  
This will qualify him to pass the hat  
later on in the campaign.

The Republican national commit-  
tee has arranged for a seat in the  
Chicago convention for W. E. Compton  
of Salem, who was a candidate  
in the Republican primaries for dele-  
gate to the convention. Mr. Compton  
expects to attend and occupy the  
seat arranged for him, if his health  
will permit.

## DEMOCRATIC PUZZLE.

(Los Angeles Times.)

The greatest guessing game of the  
year will be when a thousand palpi-  
tating Democrats gather in San Fran-  
cisco to find out whom they are to  
vote for president.

They will be the delegates to the  
national convention of their party.  
They are the leaders of Democratic  
thought; the framers of Democracy's  
creed, and are further charged with  
the selection of the party standard-  
bearer.

But for the life of them they can-  
not think of the gentleman's name.

Back in Savannah, Mobile, Louis-  
ville, Austin, Sedalia and other towns  
of our beloved country slouch-hatted  
statesman are wadding their night-  
shirts in their alligator grips prepa-  
ratory to a trip across the continent,  
and when Erastus inquires: "Who  
you-all gwine to nominate?" they  
look wise, but shake their heads and  
say nothing.

They do not know.

Usually at this stage of the season  
a pretty fair line can be had upon  
the candidate and platform. In the  
Republican ranks there is some un-  
certainty, but the issues are rather  
clearly defined and the names, char-  
acter and standing of the candidates  
fairly well known. But in Demo-  
cratic circles there is only rumor and  
speculation.

The voters not only do not know  
whom they will get, but they do not  
know whom they want.

In the Illinois preference primary  
no especial effort was made on be-  
half of any one candidate. The Demo-  
cratic voters were simply asked to  
write in the name of the man they  
wanted for president. In one little  
town no less than 57 persons were  
thus suggested. There were as many  
candidates as there are varieties of  
pickles. They ranged from Jane Ad-  
dams to Brand Whitlock, and were  
strung all through the alphabet.  
Herbert Hoover and Governor Ed-  
wards were naturally among the fa-  
vorites, but no one man stood out  
from the rest in a commanding po-  
sition.

It is quite evident that if Hoover  
had but indicated lip-allegiance to  
the Democracy, the sentiment of the  
masses in the party would have as-  
sured his nomination, but that fail-  
ing them, the Democrats are still  
unable to find a man or a name to  
concentrate upon.

The San Francisco convention may  
have a purpose, but it will have no  
program. The delegates will gather  
with a vague idea of what they are  
there for, but their minds will be  
blank as to its accomplishment. They  
will understand at the start that they

## FUTURE DATES

- May 30, Sunday—Baseball, Albany vs. Salem
- May 30, Sunday—Decoration day.
- May 30 to June 4—Commencement at Chemawa Indian Training School.
- May 31, Monday—Memorial day programs.
- May 31, Monday—Salem stores to be closed in celebration of Memorial day.
- June 1, Tuesday—Salem-Portland air service begins.
- June 2, 4, 5 and 6—Salem Tennis tournament.
- June 4, Friday—Baseball, Salem high vs. McMinnville high, McMinnville.
- June 5, Saturday—Annual picnic of Oregon Duroc Jersey Breeders' association, Salem.
- June 6, Sunday—Baccalaureate Sunday for Kimball School of Theology at First Methodist church.
- June 6, Sunday—Baccalaureate sermon for high school graduating class at Leslie Methodist church.
- June 8 to 11—State G. A. R. encampment at Astoria.
- June 11, Friday—Blooded Jersey sale at State fair grounds.
- June 11, Friday—Commencement day address for Kimball School of Theology at 2:30 p. m. in Assembly hall.
- June 11, Friday—Salem schools close.
- June 12, Sunday—Baseball, Woodburn vs. Salem.
- June 14, Monday—Play day.
- June 14 to 17—Officers' schools for Oregon National Guard at Vancouver and Fort Stevens.
- June 19 and 20—National gypsy-tour motorcycle events in Salem.
- June 22, 23 and 24—Imperial convalescence of Mystic Shrine in Portland.
- June 23, Wednesday—Imperial convalescence of Mystic Shrine to visit Salem.
- June 24, 25 and 26—Portland Rose festival.
- June 26, Saturday—Letter Carriers' convention in Salem.
- July 5 to 24—Summer school for rural pastors at Willamette university.
- July 6 to 26—Annual encampment of Oregon National Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.
- July 18 to 24—Salem Chautauqua.
- July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.
- September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.

have the makings of a merry row,  
but the form it will take and its  
fierceness and duration cannot even  
be guessed by Mme. Oulja.

The determination of delegates  
from New Jersey, New York, Ohio,  
Rhode Island and other states to  
make an issue of the prohibition  
amendment and to carry it upon the  
convention floor means, of course,  
at least one desperate battle, and  
while it is not likely to rend the  
party asunder, it may indicate a  
cleavage from which a liberal party  
could spring. It is certain that Gov-  
ernor Edwards will receive many  
votes as a presidential candidate for  
no other reason than that he is  
known to be opposed to a program of  
national prohibition. It is known  
that William Jennings Bryan will  
be among those present with the  
avowed purpose of sustaining pro-  
hibition and defying Edwards to the  
utmost, and another tourney of  
florid argument like that of 1896 is  
possible, with the same result—the  
nomination of William Jennings  
Bryan on a sentimental issue. The  
man who would not be crucified on  
a cross of gold in 1896 may not  
stand it to be electrocuted with a  
bottle of Bevo in 1920.

Somehow or other the democracy  
cannot shake off the Nebraska. He  
clings to the neck of the party with  
all the tenacity of the Old Man of  
the Sea, and although he frequently  
holds radical and alien views, he  
somehow manages to preserve his  
regularity. Bryan is not only a val-  
uable asset to the Democratic party,  
but its most depressing liability.  
Although not actively important in  
the councils, he can still throw the  
organization into bankruptcy. A few  
ill-chosen words well chosen will do  
the trick. There are still a couple  
of million well trained Chautauqua  
voters who would follow Bryan into  
Vreeland or the shambles did he  
but bid them. And yet he is the  
Clay of his party because his name  
is mud.

Sunny Jim Ham Lewis, who is al-  
ways seeing things in spite of a  
bone-dry constitution, declares that  
the Democrats will nominate a gen-  
tleman named Woodrow Wilson for  
the presidency. He says that the  
Republicans will be put on the de-  
fensive through their dodging and  
ducking on the League covenant,  
and the Democrats must put it  
squarely up to the people by pre-  
sents its ablest and most distin-  
guished champion. He says the pre-  
sident is back in his old form and is  
good for a thousand fights.

But outside of the Illinois rain-  
bow there are not many Democrats  
who are wildly enthusiastic over a  
renewed Wilson prospect. They have  
been fed up with the Wilson pro-  
gram until it has rather palled on  
their digestion. It is pretty gener-  
ally agreed that the president could  
enforce his renomination if he wish-  
ed, and that he can virtually dictate  
his own successor, but the politicians  
as well as the rank and file of his  
party hope and pray that he will do  
neither.

But he has them guessing.

A trip to the San Francisco con-  
vention is going to be like a ride on  
a merry-go-round.  
In spite of what the delegates  
think, their party platform will have  
to be an unqualified indorsement of  
the Wilson acts and policies. Be-  
yond that the new Democratic creed  
is problematical. If the wets and  
the dries reach the battle stage it is  
impossible to foretell what will hap-  
pen. Also, there are radical labor-  
ites in the party who will be clamor-  
ing for recognition and direct action.  
The platform doesn't really mean  
much any more, but there are a lot  
of idealists who will fight over it  
as they would for the possession of  
their last under-shirt.

There are a lot of malted-milk  
statesmen who have expressed a  
willingness to accept the Democratic  
nomination, but there is not a single  
aggressive candidacy. Perhaps the  
most positive one is that of A.  
Mitchell Palmer, our pulchritudin-  
ous attorney general, and yet to the  
man in the street it seems the most  
hopeless of all. This candidacy was  
wholly based upon the assumption  
that here was the Jack the Giant  
Killer who could slay old Hi Kost.

But it was only another fairy tale,  
and those who came to cheer re-  
mained to hoot.

Democrats in the convention are  
going to vote for Woodrow Wilson,  
Herbert Hoover, Governor Edwards,  
Governor Cox of Ohio, William G.  
McAdoo, James W. Girard, A. Mitch-  
ell Palmer, Champ Clark, Hoke  
Smith, Senator Hitchcock, William  
J. Bryan, Bainbridge Colby, John  
Sharp Williams, Josephus Daniels  
and other quasi-intelligent citizens  
whose names they may be able to  
recall. It would be easy to stampede  
the convention for Bill Hart or Dave  
Warfield.

The Follies of 1920 will be staged  
in San Francisco.

## ARMENIA NOT FOR US.

Notwithstanding the fact that  
President Wilson steadfastly refuses  
to permit this country to become a  
member of the League of Nations

If the League is to be Americanized,  
he sent a special message to congress  
asking permission to accept a man-  
date under the League of Nations  
for Armenia.

If congress should approve this re-  
quest an embarrassing condition  
would arise alike for this country  
and for the League.

A League of Nations now exists,  
but the United States is not in it.

It was hardly contemplated by  
those who originally drafted the  
League covenant that a country  
which was not a member should hold  
a mandate under the authority of  
the League for another country  
whose people have expressed a desire  
to join the League at the earliest op-  
portunity.

For a country not a member to  
hold a mandate for a duly qualified  
member of the League would pre-  
sent a ludicrous anomaly.

That President Wilson should sug-  
gest a desire for a mandate over  
Armenia is, to put it mildly, a bit  
unconventional. In his statement  
refusing to accept the Lodge reser-  
vations to the ratification resolution  
the president said that it was our  
plain duty either to accept our re-  
sponsibilities under the League cov-  
enant without equivocation or reser-  
vation or to withdraw from Europe  
and take no part in purely European  
disputes and settlements. The senate  
rejected the treaty as written,  
and the only open course for this  
country would clearly be to keep out  
of European disputes, at least until  
such time as a new administration  
shall accomplish what the present  
one has failed to do, i. e., ratify the  
peace treaty and accept for this coun-  
try membership in the League of  
Nations.

If the United States were a mem-  
ber of the League, consideration of  
the Armenian mandate would be in  
order; but under present conditions  
it would put both this country and  
the members of the League in false  
positions. But, even though we had  
ratified the treaty, most Americans  
believe that some other method for  
solving the Armenian problem should  
be adopted than saddling it upon the  
United States.

They might give us something easy  
until we get more accustomed to  
playing the game of international  
mandates. Armenia is the worst card  
in the deck.

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

A New York Justice sentenced a  
pair of joy riders who had stolen an  
automobile for a Sunday trip to six  
months in church. For that length  
of time they must stay away from  
the movies and must attend both  
morning and evening services at a  
church each Sunday. This is a Gil-  
bertian idea of making the punish-  
ment fit the crime.

## THE GREAT SHIP.

Once more the American navy is  
to have the greatest warship in the  
world. This time the leviathan is to  
be a battle cruiser a full thousand  
feet in length and 104 feet beam.  
It will have a displacement of 60,000  
tons and will cost \$50,000,000 when  
fully outfitted for her devastating  
mission. She will have a speed of  
over 30 knots an hour. This craft  
would make a fine flagship for the  
League of Nations—if the United  
States is ever able to break into it.  
Otherwise we may need a lot of them  
to save ourselves from the conse-  
quences of careless conversation at  
Washington.

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