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IT IS TIME, AND HIGH TIME

Chamberlain has been United States Senator from Oregon, misrepresenting the people of this great Republican state, for twelve years.

It is pitiable to find in all that time he has done nothing to which his friends can point with pride, without resorting to deceit and misrepresentation.

The latest is to place a halo around his head because of the wonderful compulsory draft act passed by Congress, and under which the army was secured that fought the world war to a successful conclusion.

As Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate, Chamberlain introduced this bill.

It is the most autocratic bill that has ever been enacted into law by a Congress of the United States or the world.

Perhaps it was necessary to resort to such means to secure an army, but if so, it is not a very high commentary on the patriotism of the citizens of this republic.

But it is hardly such a measure as would cause its author to sponsor it with pride.

However, it is claimed that this law proved to be constitutional and hole proof.

That it reunited the people and restored confidence that enabled us to go before the world a united people.

All right. What are the facts as to its authorship?

As early as January, 1917, the war department had been warned by the President that war was coming, and to get ready. It had been decided, presumably by the cabinet, that we would need the entire manpower of the country, and that a draft act would be necessary.

No man was found in the government circles with sufficient legal talent to draft such a law, to become at once workable and to stand the test of the courts.

So a number of prominent attorneys were drafted from civil life and given commissions in the Judge Advocate's department.

Among these was Nathan William MacChesney, a prominent attorney of Chicago, a former vice president of the American Bar Association, and at that time a Brigadier General of the line in the Illinois National Guard.

He was compelled to resign this commission in order to render the service required of him, and did so with great reluctance, as he is a fighter, and longed above all things to command a brigade at the front. But the need was urgent, so Col. MacChesney consented, and was commissioned a Major in the Judge Advocate's department.

He went to Washington, and was at once placed in charge of the drawing of a draft act. With the help of assistants, and without even the knowledge of Senator Chamberlain, he drew the act, and had it ready for presentation to Congress when war was declared.

It was placed, by the war department, in the hands of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, and was introduced, with Chamberlain's name attached.

After it became a law, its constitutionality was attacked, and Major MacChesney was ordered by the war department to defend it. He twice argued the question before the Supreme Court of the United States, and the court declared it constitutional and a proper measure.

MacChesney was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and sent to France, where he became Assistant Judge Advocate General of the American Expeditionary Forces on General Pershing's staff.

And this is the measure for which Chamberlain is given credit and for which he should be returned to the United States Senate to misrepresent the people of Oregon.

It is time and high time men were elected to these important offices who will in fact represent the people of their state; who will not imagine themselves such lofty characters as to forget entirely the state they represent, and not try to secure reelection by stealing their thunder by taking credit for work accom-

plished by men who were able to do things, and who sacrificed their business, their time, their families, and offered their lives to their country in its hour of peril.

Col. E. M. House has contributed \$500 to the Cox campaign fund. But will he vote for Cox?

The republic of Panama has a new president. Uncle Sam will follow suit on the morning of March 4, 1921.

Cox would disagree with the idea, but the newspapers that are quoting him as little as possible are doing him a service.

Ex-Ambassador Gerard, who is collecting the Democratic campaign fund, says: "I need about a million more." Same here, Jimmy.—Exchange.

The Spanish parliament has been dissolved by King Alfonso. President Wilson would just love to do that with the American congress.

Sam Gompers says Senator Harding is a "nice, respectable gentleman." Some of the qualities desirable in a president.

Candidate Christensen says he will carry three states this fall. Well, there are the states of unrest and disorder; but where is the other one?

F. W. Galbraith Jr., of Cincinnati, has been elected national commander of the American Legion. Is there anything else Ohio would like to have?

The local run on the supply of pennies is said to be due to the action of Democrats trying to "match the president" in their campaign contributions.

Full of prunes will be the Salem slogan pages of tomorrow's Statesman. It is not too late to hold up your hand, if you have anything of importance to say about the prune industry. But it will be too late after today.

The wife of Senator Harding is an old-fashioned woman. She has sent to Governor Coolidge a buckeye taken from a tree in her yard at Marion and told him to keep it in his pocket to ward off the rheumatism. He is doing so.

President Millerand appears to be all right. He has had some distinguished predecessors in Thiers, MacMahon, Greys, Carnot, Perier, Faure, Loubet, Fallieres, Poincare and Deschanel. But we do not understand that Alexandre Millerand claims that he looks like Lincoln.

Governor Cox ought to have known better than to talk about oligarchies in the hall where he was nominated at San Francisco. Some of his hearers who attended the convention there might think he meant Mr. Murphy, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Taggart and Mr. Nugent.—Kansas City Times.

When Cox is beaten in November we shall probably see a revival in Democratic circles everywhere of the Jacksonian and Jeffersonian influences. Democracy will once more be defined in the terms which for many years were thundered from the stumps all over America. And thus the Sage of Monticello and the hero of the Hermitage will once more rule their party from their urns.

New Jersey has passed a number of laws aimed at the housing problem. The most important of these measures exempts from taxation for the next five years all the dwelling houses to be erected during that period and gives the assessors the right to inquire into the amount of rent paid by tenants, with authority to add to the assessment any excess profits. Perhaps the Oregon legislature might lend a hand in the same way at its session this winter.

A great deal of satisfaction may be derived from the fact that the general situation of the disabled ex-service man is several hundred per cent better than it was a few

FUTURE DATES.

- October 13, Wednesday — Samuel H. Piles, former United States senator from Washington, speaks at armory.
- October 15, Friday — County Y.M.C.A. convention, Salem.
- October 16, Saturday — Football, Willamette vs. Chemawa.
- October 20, Wednesday — Open Forum meeting of Salem Commercial club.
- October 23, Saturday — Football, Salem high school vs. Silverton high school at Salem.
- November 2, Tuesday — Election day.
- November 6, Saturday — Football, Willamette vs. Pacific University at Forest Grove.
- November 11, Thursday — Football, Salem high school vs. McMinnville, at Salem.
- November 16, Tuesday — Football, Salem high school vs. Dallas high school, at Salem.
- November 18, Thursday — Football, Willamette vs. College of Puget Sound, at Tacoma.
- November 20, Saturday — Football, Salem high school vs. Eugene high school, at Eugene.
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- November 25, Thursday — Football, Willamette vs. Whitman college, at Salem.
- November 25, Thursday — Football, Salem high school vs. The Dalles high school, at The Dalles.
- November 25, Thursday — Thanksgiving day.

admit this as a necessity; and such Democratic independent papers as the New York Times and the Springfield Republican take almost the same position. Bovah and Johnson are as much out of date as Jeff Davis would be.

They are not sound Republicans nor Democrats; they are Borah and Johnson. Will the Republican organization support them or the rank and file of the people?—Indianapolis News.

SCOTTISH REVOLTS.

The Scottish Communist outbreak seems to have been a flivver, but there is another kind of revolt under way which is declared to be growing in strength—it is the rebellion against whiskey. Those who want a wee drapple and the ones who don't wish it quite so wee, are putting up a vigorous fight for their liquor, but they are said to have arrayed against them the powerful vote of the women, who have found an ally in the Socialist party north of the Tweed.

Women are numerous in Scotland and the majority of them are counted on the dry side, the workers for which are confident that their votes will overwhelm those of the shipworkers, railroad men and employes of large industrial concerns who are faithfully standing by the distilleries.

One curious thing about this whiskey "revolt" in Scotland is that the wets complain that it is being run from the United States. They say that America is not content to try to have a finger in the Irish pie, but wants to dictate whether or not Scotland shall drink whiskey. That is merely frothy talk indulged in by the wets as they blow their pewter mugs in the public houses, which is the Scottish name for what Americans used to call saloons.

Glasgow, a stronghold of the wets and yet claiming a considerable number of dries, insists that W. E. ("Pussyfoot") Johnson, the American prohibition leader—some Scots call him agitator—is conducting the fight from this side of the water. They have

quite a liking for "Pussyfoot" because of his plucky behavior during the trouble in England which resulted in the loss of one of his eyes; but that does not blind them to the fact that he is a dangerous foe to whiskey. If Scotland goes dry, the beer barons of England will tremble.

A GHASTLY RECORD.

An English pianoforte professor has beaten the world's record with 119 hours nonstop playing. The previous record was held by a New Zealander with 105 hours.

The professor acknowledged his congratulations with bows and smiles, but handshakes were taboo, owing to the numbness state of his hands. Doubtless the professor was entitled to his congratulations, but we can't help hoping those piano marathons won't become general. The endurance of the competitor is not the only factor in the case.

COUNTRY BOYS' DEFECTS.

The country boy is off his form. We have this from a report made by the committee on recreation and rural health to the National Country Life conference. The lad on the farm does not have the neuromuscular co-ordination that he should. His work overdevelops the major fundamental muscles to the neglect of the accessory muscles. In the army the youths reared in the country were slow in learning to play. They were behind the city boys in forms of activity requiring the action of the whole body.

What's to be done about it? The committee recommends games which involve the free use of the entire body, which require precision of action and which employ the expression of the rhythmic instinct. Group games, organized athletics and folk dancing are remedies suggested.

But who is going to accomplish this reform? When the young farmhand has wound up a day's work in the hay field by milking eight cows and making things tidy for the night, who shall lure him or compel him to join in

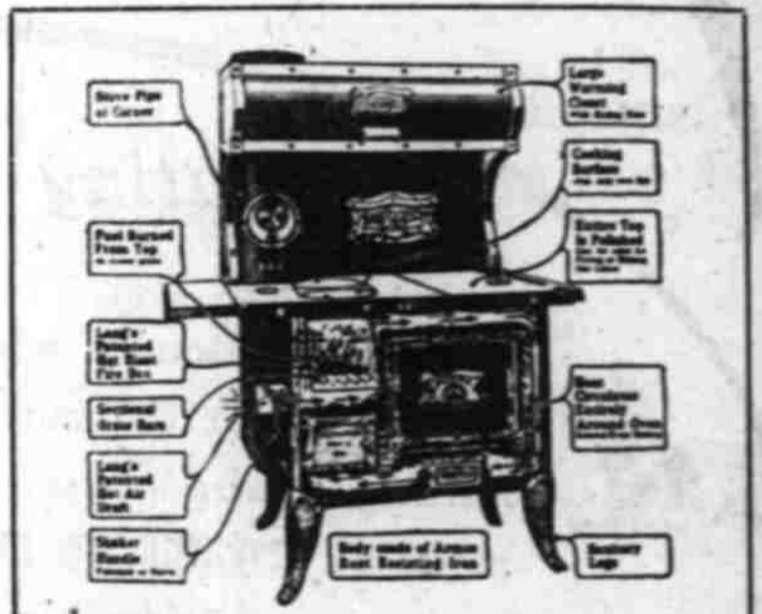
Swedish gymnastics to limber his accessory muscles? Who shall say, as the boy limps to bed, that a jolly spree of folk dancing would make a new man of him? Who is to hold him up on the way from the barn to the house and ask him why he is letting his rhythmic instinct go to seed? Maybe there is a lot in this discovery of the rural lad's lack of neuromuscular co-ordination. If there is, how many more prisoners would Alvin York have brought in on that historic occasion if he had been good and rhythmic instead of being a muscle bound rustic? A whole German division, we suppose.

GROWING HOMES.

The giant edible bamboo is being introduced in some of the watery sections of the south and is expected to indicate some value in industry. In Japan and the Orient this bamboo sometimes

MAKES PROGRESS.

Porto Rico's foreign trade now exceeds \$250,000,000 a year, which is a large sum when the population and other factors are considered. The sugar exports of the islands were about \$100,000,000 and this, of course, was the great item. But Porto Rico has numbers of industries which are being developed steadily and the island indicates a prosperity that is a good advertisement for the guardianship of Uncle Sam. Porto Rico will be a full-fledged state one of these days.



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If You Make No Will

The Law requires immediate distribution of your property. Regardless of loss, your business must be terminated and your affairs closed. Regardless of the folly of giving property into inexperienced or extravagant hands, the principal must be forthwith divided among your heirs and next of kin.

If You Make a Will

You decide the method of distribution. Whether your wife or some of your legatees will be best protected by receiving a stated income for a certain period, or for life, instead of receiving the principal in cash. Whether your business or investments shall be continued for a time to prevent sacrifice. Only by making a will and appointing a trustee can you make such wise provisions. A corporate trustee and executor has many advantages over an individual. Your lawyer will explain.

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(More about wills in this space tomorrow)

SHOES

Prices on Shoes TAKE DROP

Upon advices from our factories several months ago relative to the coming drop in the price of tanned hides, we forestalled our heavy buying until the new prices took effect.

With the comparatively small stock we have at the present time due entirely to the prosperous season just closed we are in a position to quote the reduced prices now prevailing in the shoe market, as October deliveries are coming forward based on the present low market conditions.

Women's Black Kid Lace Shoe, walking heel, medium weight sole, all sizes and widths. **\$11.00**



Girls' Walking heel shoe, medium weight, welt sole in black calf skin. **Priced \$7.75**



Men's Brown Calf Skin English last, welt sole, very dressy. **Priced \$8.50**



Boys' Black Calf Skin, welt soles, sturdy for every day wear. **Priced from \$4.85**

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