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THE WAR IS NOT OVER FOR THESE

In the government hospital for insane service men, in California, there is a man who is still on guard.

He has not opened his eyes for three years. He is in a padded cell. He lies in his corner and responds to no sound excepting that of the turning of the lock to his door.

Then he is on guard— He is ready for a fight. He refuses to take food and must be overpowered and forcibly fed. He resists the proceeding with all his strength at every meal time.

He is violently and incurably insane. His pose on guard gives the impression that he lost his reason while guarding his face against the butt of an enemy gun. He will be on guard while the breath of life lasts.

The war is not over for these men.

In the federal hospitals of the United States there are at this hour 35,000 ex-service men. Seven out of ten of them are either tubercular or insane patients.

There are 45,000 disabled service men known as the "out patients," under regular treatment; in clinical contract with the government medical authorities.

There are 75,000 men now in vocational training classes; displaced or handicapped by war service, and being aided on their way to possible self support through federal help—

There are other thousands who have been through the hospitals or otherwise rehabilitated or trained—

All over the country, in local and state hospitals, there are scattered many men who saw service in the World war, and who are on their way to federal institutions.

There are many World War service men in the prisons throughout the country. There are about 80 in the Oregon penitentiary; the number was about the same a year ago.

The American War Mothers are "mothering" some 2200 of them in Missouri prisons; many of them tubercular.

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The list might be greatly extended. Since 1917 the American Red Cross has expended over \$163,000,000 in soldier relief.

That organization has now 96 trained workers in the federal hospitals for service men in this section of the United States, extending from Walla Walla, Wash., to Tucson, Arizona.

The war is not over, either for all the millions who are sweating under the load of war taxes, and will be carrying the burdens throughout this generation and succeeding generations.

The time has come in the world's history to outlaw war, for a thousand other reasons; a million of them—

And this will not be done excepting through popular education in all countries; and the place to begin is with the young.

Hence the American conception of the Junior Red Cross, to be extended into all countries. There are many other salutary organizations engaged in the same pursuit of the high ideals of world peace—

But the Junior Red Cross is the greatest of them all.

CLUBS AND GAMES There is just now an epidemic of clubs among men, and women as well.

A new men's club was organized in Salem this last week and at least two or three others are incubating.

Do you know that the club idea is just the "gang" spirit grown up? It is nothing else.

Boys just naturally "gang" together. They crave the association of each other, and we are beginning to appreciate this to such an extent that we are organizing the "gangs" and directing them in the right channels.

For a long time people thought that there could be no society except between the sexes, or the

women alone, and a man's club was looked upon with disdain. We have learned now that a man's club is just as much society as the woman's club can be, and has the same refining influences, the same uplifting effect.

AN INDIVIDUAL PLATFORM

A cartoon in a Portland paper seeks to hold Oregon up to ridicule because the candidates of the primaries have individual platforms.

By the way, the Portland papers can always be counted upon to take a slam at Oregon. We have often wondered why the board of trade, which has grown out of its provincialism; does not take a hand in insisting on the Portland papers being loyal to the state.

It is not only proper for candidates to have individual platforms but the people are entitled to know what each man stands for—

for instance: There is a contest on for United States senator between Senator McNary and Mr. Baker. Does not any one suppose that the people ought to accept one of these men without knowing what he stands for?

After the nominations are made, then, the party platforms are entirely proper, but until that time the race is between men, and the party is the label that classifies the men.

The Oregon voters are as intelligent a lot of men and women as can be found anywhere in America. They can be trusted to select their candidates without having their hand-picked, and they have a right to select their candidates knowing what each one stands for.

THE CIRCUIT RIDER On Saturday of next week there will be unveiled in Salem a monument to the pioneers who blazed the trail to Oregon and founded a great state here.

Mr. Booth has erected this monument, principally, in the memory of his father, an early circuit rider, but just as much will it serve as a monument to all the early missionaries.

The closing weeks of any educational institution finds increased interest. The activities that have lagged the first of the year speed up and become acute.

THE GOVERNOR IS RIGHT Governor Pierce has issued an order that the state institutions use real butter instead of oleomargarine. The ruling is right.

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TOM MASSON'S ANNUAL FOR 1923

Edited by Tom Masson. Published by Doubleday Page & Company, Garden City, New York. Price \$2 net.

A collection gathered by the editor of "Life," which contains representative humor of the year. It includes gems from Ring Lardner, Irving Cobb, some lovely gems by Carolyn Wells and James Montague.

Under the present taxing system everybody pays heavy taxes because we have taxes on everything.

ABOUT THE MOST APPROPRIATE thing we have seen is for still-owners to stake skunks near their stills. The two belong together.

"A LIVING UNIVERSE," by Rev. Principal L. P. Jacks, principal of Manchester College at Oxford, England. Published by the Doran Co., New York. Price \$1 net.

Three lectures made into literary gems, containing education and religion in a living universe; civilization and immortality each in a living universe.

ENGLAND AGAIN IN OUR LITERATURE. We have a second book by the author of "The Middle of the Road" which reeks of English custom, manners, business and college.

AND AFTER ALL IT IS AN AMERICAN in its dirty journalism which is as much in disfavor there as the kind is here, its careless inconsequential college days heeling the "I didn't have a chance so my son must" attitude which is disastrous to all concerned, and the ways of society.

MR. ALLEN ON COOKING, MENUS, SERVICE, CONTAINING 2500 RECIPES. Compiled by Ida C. Bailey Allen. Published by Doubleday Page & Co., Garden City, New York. Price \$2.35 net.

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SOME SIGHTSEEING TRIPS WITH THE BIRDS

The Haunts and Habits of an Old Favorite, Jenny Wren



Just a couple of limbs in our family tree

The different species of wrens in America are very unlike in their choice of haunts. The House Wren must be provided with a dwelling, though he will sometimes live in old barns or in the eaves under your roof.

In general, the wrens have a scolding song. Sometimes they sound like tree-toads fussing away in the woods. The Carolina Wren is the most powerful singer of the group.

Jenny Wren, or Kitty Wren, as she is sometimes called, has always been a favorite in story and song. There used to be a legend in Europe that the wren, though one of the smallest birds, was chosen king of all animals, winning over the ponderous elephant in an election which the animals held.

in their efforts to launch a new anti-armada campaign. One of the worst features of the pot hunting, according to these sportsmen, is that the hunters seldom devote their earnings to anything but a grand carouse.

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