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Just Folks

by Edgar A. Guest

THE BOOK OF MEMORIES

Youth writes the book of memories for the old.
 And though the years be long, the pages glow
 With joys recorded from the long ago,
 And glad adventures when the heart was bold.
 Here are the sweet romances all re-told;
 Before her raven tresses caught the snow,
 How fair life was, but then we didn't know.

We lived it through, dreaming that we should hold
 Forever to the laughter and the song;
 Then sorrow came with all her flood of tears,
 But even through the lonely days and long,
 The faith which has sustained us bright appears.
 Now in life's fading light we read it
 And find our peace in what has gone before.

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HOPEFUL BUT NOT HILARIOUS

THERE is room for hopefulness but not for undue optimism over the business situation, according to the monthly review by the National City Bank, which review is regarded as being of much merit.

Here is the way the situation is summed up in the review for July:

"The general trend of business and industry during the month of June has been quiet and repressed. Some further hopeful signs have appeared, side by side with others which give less encouragement.

The plain truth of the thing is that the recovery of business, for which everybody has been hoping and waiting since depression began late last year, has not yet materialized. No one's interests will be furthered by an ostrich-like attitude which buries its head in undue optimism, and makes glowing predictions for the immediate future, predicated wholly on a magnifying of the favorable symptoms, to lull anxiety by such a process of reasoning, but what is wanted now is a general realization of the obstacles that must be met and overcome, more than a light-hearted prevalence of optimism founded only on half truths.

On the other hand, an attitude of unwarranted pessimism can be just as harmful, if not even more so. We know that our banking system is intrinsically sound, and that it has already proved its capability to withstand the shock of a period of extraordinary strain, and to emerge unscathed from the most difficult test imposed in many years. We know that our ability, as a nation, to produce the raw materials which our people need, and which the world must buy from us, has been in no wise dwarfed. We know, finally, that our industrial and business organization is geared for production not only ample for our own needs, but on sufficiently large proportions to make export on a considerable scale a vital necessity.

These are fundamental facts, so plain that they cannot be misinterpreted. It is hard to understand how, knowing the foundation upon which our business life rests to be as rigidly secure as it is, there can be any doubt as to the final recovery. It is progressing no more sluggishly now than in 1903 and 1904, when we were passing through a somewhat similar period, or in 1907 and 1907.

Recovery is certain to be slow. Where the artificially stimulated optimist makes his mistake is that, seizing upon a few favorable but quite natural events, he seeks to make them the basis of predictions that the final turn in the road has come, and that next week, or next month, the difficulties into which business and industry have fallen will have lightly drifted away.

It is primarily a question of adjustment between the various component parts in our economic structure—As has been pointed out in these pages before, a great portion of the population—particularly that portion concerned with the production of agricultural commodities—has had its purchasing power halved by the drop in commodity prices. Finished products have shown no such decline. The result has been that that portion of the population which has had its purchasing power cut in two is buying only half as much of those products which have not declined materially in price. Industrial stagnation and unemployment has been the inevitable consequence.

Although the process of bringing the price of farm products and manufactured articles into equilibrium must be slow and even painful, the fact does not mean that everyone can sit down, fold their hands and wait for some mysterious set of forces to make things normal again. The result will come most quickly through the combined efforts of everyone, and the sooner every man and woman in this country who either receives wages or pays wages realizes and operates on the basis that the unbalanced state of industry as regards compensation received by important bodies of people must be overcome, the sooner will the real, sound revival of business begin in earnest. It is important to think about the proposition, but it is utterly essential to act upon it."

A Portland husband hit his wife with a hammer after she had "stayed out late," a very dangerous practice unless they are insured, not to mention the possibilities of retaliation.

Most every Pendleton business house will be justified in sending one or more representatives on the trip to Grant county; our people need to learn about that country.

These are the days when the townsmen wants a vacation but Mr. Farmer gets more satisfaction out of watching the combine go.

Looks like the county court means to have a thorough audit of road accounts and such a move the people will applaud.

THE LONG EXPECTED.
 "The Famous Georgia Minstrels," headed by Maury Campbell and both natural comedians, is due here soon. They are both natural from the fact that they are natural, just what they are, the regular dyes in the wool are negro comedians, and they do their best to create laughter and naturally create a perfect furor at every performance. Traveling in their own Pullman palace car, this company of forty colored artists are playing the principal cities and towns of the state and judging from press comments and verbal criticisms heard Famous Georgia Minstrels are more than making good.

This company will be at the Oregon Theater August 1.

HIS AFTERTHOUGHT.
 MILTON, Mass., Aug. 1.—(U. N. S.)—A hundred page "spirit" message has just been received here.
 "I—William James—late professor of psychology at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., U. S. A., am sending this message. While I was on earth—alive, as you call it—I thought I knew a lot. Now I know that I knew nothing."
 So begins the message as "copied" by Mrs. Jane Horre's Burke.

Off for the Game!



Wounded ex-service men in New York hospitals get to the ball game quite often this summer, through provisions made by the Knights of Columbus. Trucks take the men out in their wheel chairs.

RUDIMENTS OF MILITARY SCIENCE STUDIED BY STUDENTS IN SCHOOL FOR CITIZENS LIKING SOLDIERING

Youths Run Gamut of Army Life from Taking 'Hard' Orders of Sergeants to Eating Grub.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—(A. P.)—Healthy coats of tan, alert steps and an ability to do things in unison at the word of command have been acquired by upwards of 700 high school boys and young men from the Ninth Army Corps Area who have been attending the Citizens Military Training Camp at the Presidio of San Francisco.

California has furnished most of the students at the government's military summer school, but Nevada, Oregon, Washington, New Mexico, Arizona and other far western states have sent their quota.

Five weeks of drill, target practice, map making, tent pitching, scouting and other serious matters have been sprinkled plentifully with play, according to Lieutenant Colonel Elmer W. Clark, in command, while the drudgery of "kitchen police" and the "two on and four off" of guard duty have been omitted to allow more time for instruction.

Mixed emotions at first greeted the hearse order to "get your feet on the floor" from a regular army sergeant as the last notes of "first call" died away from a bugle at a o'clock in the morning, judging by remarks of the student soldiers, but most of them apparently grew to regard it as an integral part of a regular sergeant's conversation.

The students so fortunate enough as to be chosen to command platoons or companies have appropriated a little authority, also, and severely uttered the caution, "Now I want you corporals to see that the forty four inch distance I kept," while a grizzled old regular, with faded sergeant's chevrons and a droopy mustache, smiled approvingly.

An hour after first call found the boys' blankets rolled up, barracks floor swept, the boys washed and ready for breakfast, with each man's pack and rifle hanging over the foot of his bunk. There was nothing fancy about the barracks and no table cloths, napkins or chairs at mess, but the food, the principal thing, brought approval, unanimously expressed by "Oh, boy!"

A sample day's menu was break-

fast: iced canteloupe, cereal, eggs and bacon, fried potatoes, bread, butter jam and coffee; dinner: boiled frankfurters, boiled cabbage, boiled potatoes, browned onions, creamed string beans, pudding, bread butter jam and ice tea; supper: fried pork sausage, country gravy, snowflaked potatoes, creamed peas, stewed prunes, hot rolls and bread, butter, jam and coffee.

Several Y. M. C. A. buildings at the Presidio furnished moving pictures and other entertainments for the boys, a number of downtown picture shows opened their doors free and once the students were hosts at a dance to student nurses at the Letterman Army Hospital.

Although attendance at religious services has not been compulsory Sunday evening attendance, when the boys returned to camp from weekend visits with friends, were numbered by the hundreds, according to Chaplain Thomas S. Harkins.

Each battalion of the camp spent one week in camp at Fort Barry, on the north shore of the Golden Gate, for target practice. There they slept in canvas tents instead of wooden barracks and were served from field kitchens.

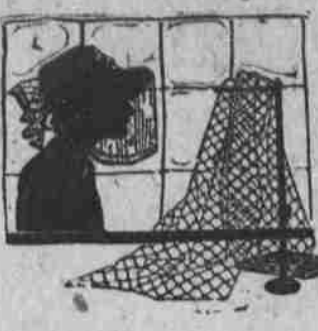
Colonel Allen Smith, Jr., camp executive officer, said the students drilled like veterans, putting on a battalion drill the first day that pleased the Presidio commanding general.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, August 1, 1893.)
 W. A. Bowman and family returned by stage, Monday evening, from Lehman Springs.
 Arthur Hyland and Mrs. Etta Lewis, both formerly of Central, Wash., were united in marriage Monday afternoon at the Old Golden Rule Hotel, Peter West, J. P., performed the ceremony in approved fashion and warm congratulations were extended the newly wedded pair after had been pronounced one and inseparable.

Reports from Harry Folsom and William Casey who shipped a carload of horses to Pelican Rapids, South Dakota, say that they have disposed of them at fair prices for cash, the animals finding much favor with Dakota buyers. Harry has returned to Seth

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