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Pioneers and Patriots

To celebrate the tercentenary of historic events connected with the colonization of New England and to erect suitable memorials for historic events, descendants of the colonists are reorganizing historic societies responsible for settlement and development, such as the Massachusetts Bay Company. All eligible are entitled to membership at nominal fee and receive in return a certificate of membership, on which is inscribed the names of direct descendants from the family tree. Invitations to commemoration events follow.

Few people either know or care about their antecedents, yet without any special pride in ancestry or affectation or snobbery, persons should for their own information and guidance acquire such knowledge in order to comprehend inherited traits that fashion or limit their own careers. Though we live in the present and for the future, we are largely moulded by the past and environment may modify but cannot erase heredity. We demand the pedigree of a dog or other animal but are indifferent to our own. Perhaps it is because we cannot help our forebears and sometimes because we want to forget them.

One thing to be noticed about these patriotic societies is the way they stress military service as if it alone was worth commemorating. A long and useful life spent in conquering the wilderness and developing the nation counts as nothing against a few days in putting one's fellow men. In an average New England pedigree will be found nine or ten names, and though they embrace the founders of cities, and others prominent in all ranks of life, those who get anything more than mere mention are those enrolled in the militia or those who fought in the French and Indian, revolutionary or other wars.

Peace may have her victories no less than war, but they are not pointed to with pride by patriotic societies. They haven't the glitter, the glamour and the glory that accompanies the illusory panoply of war. So the societies help, unconsciously perhaps, to foster false ideals and the spirit of militarism. Yet in their way, the societies do a valuable work in preserving historic traditions, inculcating love of country and appreciation of the pioneers.

Inasmuch as for the next decade or two, Oregon will be celebrating the centenary of her settlement, the New England example of forming societies of descendants of the pioneers is an excellent one to follow. Such societies will not only keep the memory of the past alive but be instrumental in cooperation to secure suitable memorials of historic events—and we have 200 years the start of New England in such effort.

Orta be a Law

The other day we printed a description of the zombie as set forth in W. B. Seabrook's interesting book on Haiti, entitled, "The Magic Isle." The zombie is the exhumed body of a person buried as dead, a soulless corpse taken from the grave and endowed with a mechanical semblance of life, forced to act and move and work mechanically as if alive, with eyes staring, unfocused, unseeing, for the profit of its master.

Anyone reading this description must realize that the Income Tax is the zombie of Oregon politics. Nine times has it been killed and buried as dead by the people, only to be periodically dug up, endowed with the semblance of life and forced to toil in pulling chestnuts for the politicians out of the fire.

And now for the tenth time the grave has been robbed and the income tax corpse exhumed by the legislators and governor and is being exploited for their profit. So it is again stalking through the state performing the services of its masters.

There "orta be a law" against it. In all decency Oregon should follow the example of Haiti and penalize the uncanny utilization of the dead for personal profit along with murder. The tenth death should entitle the corpse to abiding peace.

Mexico's Rebellion

Mexico's uprising can best be characterized as the revolt of ambitious military chieftains against a civilian regime in protest against attempted substitution of the ballot for the sword as dictator of national affairs.

The rebellion has not been an uprising of nine states against the regime of Porfirio Gil, but of scattered military garrisons stationed in those states and elsewhere. Almost without exception the leaders belong to the former Obregon bloc, and were veterans of his campaigns, intent on rewards his death cheated them of.

General Calles, who is the real power in Mexico, has antagonized the military by his injection of democratic practices and ideals. He has steadily fought graft and undermined military power, shifting control to labor. He maneuvered successfully to place Gil, a lawyer and agrarian in provisional power and extracted from all generals a promise to hold aloof.

Linked probably with the chieftains are the conservatives, land-owners and private capitalists who oppose agrarian and land reforms, and also the discontented priests who have maintained turmoil in the central states as a result of the separation of church and state. All these elements seek to regain the property and perquisites of which they have been dispossessed. Mexico is still in the transition stage and these revolts are merely birth pangs of democracy.

Inaugural Parade Symbolic of Future

By Gerald W. Johnson in Baltimore Evening Sun

Of course, by this time you have realized what a triple-plated idiot you were to stand for hours with the rain running down the back of your neck while the army marched by. There wasn't even any sparkle in the thing. The rain blurred the colors and fogged the glitter. And yet you stood gaping and inviting pneumonia all afternoon. Yet the people stayed. Silent, wet and miserable, they were none the less fascinated. After all, it was the army. The color was gone, the gaiety was gone, the pomp and the glitter were gone, but the power was there. The uniforms were as drab

as the gray skies, there was no swagger and strut left in anyone, but the steel was unchanged. Little rills of water trickled from the great guns as they lumbered past, but they were immensely serviceable, all the same. The dull, dark points that hovered above the endless river of men were perfectly genuine bayonets, on which water had no effect. And when the great, gray Los Angeles came sidling along above the avenue, and flung after flight of airplanes roared overhead in perfect alignment, with perfect precision, one realized that this was an extremely businesslike organization, capable of wiping out a city with ease.

What a beginning for an administration, especially when one considers how exactly the inaugural address chimed with it! There, too, was no glitter, no gorgeousness, no gleam of scarlet and golden phrases, the speech moved steadily like the marching of armed men. There was power in it, doubtless, but it was as naked and undisguised as the bayonets in the rain.

Perhaps there is a parable in the verse of Scripture to which President Hoover applied his lips when he took the oath: "He that keepeth the law, happy is he." At any rate, the first third of the address was given over to threats against those who do not keep the law, closing with an anathema hurled at "law-abiding" citizens who do not keep the law.

Mr. Hoover admits that the law has come to such a pass in this country that millions of men scorn it. This is one of the most appalling admissions that the head of a great nation could make. In his own words, "If only criminals had to be dealt with, law enforcement would give him little worry; the great difficulty is to induce men who are not criminals to respect the law."

But Mr. Hoover doubtless has an answer to that problem. There it is, in plain view on the avenue, filled from curb to curb with countless automobiles. Mr. Hoover has force at his command, enormous force. Does he propose to rely on force alone? His inaugural address suggests no other idea. He will proceed at once to investigate the judicial machinery—that is, the means of applying force. He will investigate nothing else. The consciences of millions of Americans are in revolt, and he will answer that revolt with deputy marshals and warrants.

And, indeed, why not? Much of Mr. Hoover's support came from sources which thoroughly approve of this sort of answer to any sort of protest. Bishop Cannon, Dr. McBride, Imperial Wizard Evans are not apostles of sweet reasonableness, and they won the election. Have they not a right to expect their candidate, now that he is elected, to exhibit their spirit in the conduct of his office?

When one speaks of American materialism the American business man comes to mind at once, although his is the least pernicious materialism in the country. But we have become accustomed to making the poor business man the goat, so whatever is cruel and cold in the country is automatically charged against him.

However, it isn't the American business man who has done yod-man service toward making religion in America a matter intimately associated with policemen, handcuffs, and fetters. It isn't the business man who has developed the current theory that the only way to make men fit for the kingdom of Heaven is to blind their eyes and bind their hands while they remain on the earth. This is the work, not of the business man, but of the ecclesiastical politician, that modern Utah who believes that the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord will certainly crash to earth unless it be supported by material means.

Men of this type are in thorough accord with Mr. Hoover's obvious belief that when millions of citizens regard the law as oppressive and wrong the thing to investigate is

Rebels

ESCOBAR FALLS BACK WITHOUT OFFER TO FIGHT

Monterrey, Nueve Leon, Mexico (AP)—Mexican government forces hold the important railroad town of Saltillo, the first prize to fall into their hands in the advance of federal troops toward the rebel stronghold at Torreon.

Saltillo was evacuated Tuesday night by about 1500 rebels after General Juan Almazan, dapper federal commander, had completed plans for attacking the town at dawn. The rebels presumably retired toward Torreon.

Optimistic over this bloodless victory, the three federal forces, representing one of the most determined military moves ever organized south of the Rio Grande, advanced toward rebel territory Wednesday.

Almazan, who began his march from here Tuesday entered Saltillo, left a contingent of troops to restore service on the important rail artery from Mexico City to Laredo, and continued westward in pursuit of the rebels.

North of Saltillo, at the rail junction of Paredon, General Eulogio Ortiz attempted to flank the revolutionary forces. From the south came General Calles with his army.

Meantime, the revolutionary commander, General Gonzale Escobar held Torreon and territory eastward about 150 miles to Saltillo.

The regaining of Saltillo is considered an important federal stroke. Almazan's nondescript cavalcade left here Tuesday by rail, the general saying the long heralded battle at Torreon was only a matter of hours.

Impartial observers, however, believed that it will be several days or a week before any fight of consequence takes place because rebels have torn up railroad tracks to hamper the advance of the federals.

not the reasonableness of the law, but the efficiency of the machinery by which force is applied.

Well, they have the force. All that remains is to see what they will do with it. The parade in Washington last Monday was only a symbol. The river of marching men, the steel-tipped regiments of infantry, the machine-gun battalions, the artillery, the blue-jackets, the cavalry, the marines, the squadrons of airplanes, the blimps and dirigibles overhead were a small fraction of the naval and military forces of the United States. And the whole military and naval forces are but a small fraction of the whole strength of the country.

And if Mr. Hoover's inaugural address means anything, that whole strength is going into action. There is doubtless an element of absurdity in it, just as there was an element of absurdity in the march down the avenue of some of the more ornamental organizations in the parade—the buccos in red coats and pants which were originally white, but which were a rich pink by the time they reached the Treasury. But the absurdities are negligible, for there is power in it too.

There may be no hint of happiness in the new Administration, but the steel is there.

It is all wet, perhaps, but it marches in hobnailed boots. It is all wet, but it is grim.

A course of lectures on Italian-American commerce has been inaugurated by the Royal Institute for Economic and Commercial Sciences at Rome.

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GENERAL ESCOBAR

FANCHON SHOW "HOT" NUMBER

A special system of registering thermometers is being considered by the management of the Elsinore for installation during the presentation of Fanchon and Marco's "Hotter Hot" idea which opens Wednesday at the Elsinore theater.

Although Death Valley is said to be the hottest place on the globe, the stage production which Fanchon and Marco are bringing to Salem is not so cold.

"Hotter Hot" boasts of a big cast including Jean and Fritz Hurst and as the show goes on, it gets hotter and next is Irving Rose, the man who invented the golfiest dance in stage history, "Crazy Elbows."

Franklin and Warner, two expert adagio artists, Jacques Ray, who not only ate fire but loves it! Give him a good fire for breakfast and he is a happy man.

There is also Marguerite Miller, petite and beautiful toe dancer and the glorious Hotzy Totsy Beauties in four very, very warm scenes—one of them an oriental dance that is guaranteed to send the mercury up to the boiling point.

"Someone to Love," the intriguing title of the screen attraction which has been selected, starring Charles (Buddy) Rogers, Mary Ryan is the leading woman that plays opposite Rogers. Others in the cast include William Austin, Jack Oakie and James Kirkwood.

YATES IS TREASURER OF COLLEGE REGENTS

At a meeting of the board of regents of Oregon State Agricultural college, held here Tuesday, B. F. Irvine of Portland resigned as a member because of his appointment on the new consolidated board of education created by the 1922 legislature. The resignations of O. C. Colt and C. L. Starr from the University of Oregon board of regents and the board of regents of normal schools respectively had been received previously. Colt and Starr also were appointed on the new board. J. F. Yates was elected treasurer of the college board Tuesday to succeed Irvine. The board will have two more meetings before it is dissolved and gives way to the new board.

YAQUI INDIANS JOINING REBEL RANKS, REPORT

El Paso, Texas (AP)—Train crews returning to Juarez reported extensive revolutionary activities in the desert-like cattle country in Chihuahua with cow-punchers leaving the ranges and ranchers taking up arms to join the revolt.

These volunteers are being massed to join rebel forces mobilizing in Torreon where a battle against Plutarco Elias Calles is expected in a few days, the trainmen said.

A conductor on the last train to arrive in Juarez from the south reported "thousands" of half wild Yaqui Indians, considered the fiercest fighters in Mexico, were pouring in from the rugged Sierra Madre mountains in eastern Sonora and concentrated principally in the ancient garrison of Casas Grandes, originally an adobe Spanish fort.

The conductor admitted he was an enthusiastic rebel. He said the revolutionists would have 20,000 men in Torreon ready to defend it against Calles, who is reported to have about the same number.

Army officers at Fort Bliss, who have witnessed several revolutions in Mexico, said the conductor's estimate probably would be more nearly correct if cut in half.

BIRD CLUB FORMED BY GRADE PUPILS

Silverton—Pupils of Miss Honzik and Miss Nicosia rooms in the Eugene Field building have organized a branch of the Audubon Bird club with Don Sawyer, president; Irene Shields, vice-president and Ardath Olsen, secretary. Teachers Peterson and Johnson of this building have charge of this club.

A bird club for boys from the lower grades of this building has also been formed with Miss Gertrude Olsen and Miss Blanche Hubbs, teachers in charge, and one for girls with Miss Boye in charge.

J. D. Drake of the Drake Bros. studio, who has been an ardent student of birds for many years, gave an extensive talk to the Audubon club a few days ago, telling and drawing many things about birds and about bird house building. He talked to both the boys and the girls' clubs Wednesday afternoon.

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HIGH SCHOOL WILL GIVE PLAY FRIDAY

Scotts Mills—The Scotts Mills high school will present a play, "Mr. Bob," Friday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall in Scotts Mills.

The cast is as follows: Philip, Aunt Beckey's nephew; Marion Thomas; Katherine, Aunt Beckey's niece; Corinne Moberg; Marion, Katherine's friend; Geraldine Fry; Patty, maid; Maxine Whitlock; Jenkins, butler; Oris Kubaugh; Robert Brown, clerk for law firm, La-Noel Myers.

ANDREW JAIRL, FORMER SALEM BOY, ON BORDER

Down on the Mexican border where most anything is likely to happen, is a Salem boy, who, in the uniform of Uncle Sam's soldiers, is watching matters with keen interest. He is Andrew L. Jairl, private, first class, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Jairl, 1978 Broadway.

Young Jairl, who for a number of years carried newspapers in this city, enlisted October 7, 1922 under special permit. He was assigned to E troop, 8th cavalry, and is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, on the Mexican border. He gained the distinction of an expert marksman during his first year in the service.

According to his parents, young Jairl speaks highly of the government service and enjoys his work. He is an all-round athlete and played with the El Paso basketball team last year. His father is a veteran of the Spanish-American war.

Uruguay's first National Industrial fair, held recently, was a success.

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