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# ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

VALENTINE, whose memory St. Valentine's Day commemorates, was a Roman, beheaded sometime about 300 B. C. If the original associations of the day are in keeping with the character of the saint, he must have been a very gentle and lovable old man.

The Romans themselves first observed the day, celebrating it by sending messages of love, affection and greeting to those of the opposite sex. Later on it was customary to choose a sweetheart on that day and make him or her his or her valentine. By some it was believed that the birds began to mate at that time.

Thus we see the day comes down to us as one set aside for the expression of love-a day of pretty sentiments-a day for the expression of admiration and affection, quite commonly done by the giving of a delicately constructed valentine, embellished with verses of simple poetry expressing tender thoughts, possibly conveying words of good cheer to some lonely heart.

The origin and associations of the day are beautiful. The pernicious and vindictive practice of sending comic (?) valentines with tawdrily designed caricatures of outlandish and impossible people and expressing ribald sentiments in vulgar and incondite rhyme is so entirely out of keeping with the day that it is almost impossible to understand how the two ever became associated. They are a travesty upon the day and their coarseness merely cuts and wounds tender hearts and causes many hours of unnecessary sadness.

There will be hours enough of gloom without our adding to them. The world has need of more deeds of kindness. Let's rethrn entirely to the delicate, sweet-scented love tokens that express only feelings of adoration and regard that can be cherished and held dear. Why be brutal and cruel when it is just as easy to leave a trail of sunshine along your way?

A REACTIONARY! WHAT? started a movement for its reorga-

President Taft has gone on rec- nization and rejuvevation are worthy development of the great natural erty owner of the city. resources of Alaska.

the commission of the plan of re- thus. A disastrous fire might wipe taining a reserve of coal lands to be out the all of many business men; mined by the government for naval surely it would be a serious blow purposes.

favor of a leasing system for the aggressive support of every prop- any day in the week. Cottage Grove has been fortunate He advises an investigation by about fires, but it may not be ever

to all affected. It does not behoove

lifornia has an everywhere -needed and exceedingly just e in what is known as the father" law. The law prothat a husband or father who o provide for his family shall, conviction, be made to work e county for a wage of \$1.50 , the money to be used for the enance of his family. This it should be. It is high time civilized communities took zance of irresponsible parent- along with the men. age as an economic evil of pernicious growth and far-reaching mag- biles in the country-and all of them nitude. It is the part of prudence want to cross the same crossing at the to place a check upon it by putting same time as you do. 'lazy fathers'' to work and applying their earnings to the care of does, their families.-Oregonian.

The man who fights and runs away may live to see his wife another day.

One kind of a coward is a man who vents on his family the grouch he has acquired by being worsted by some man A nonentity is what a man feels like

when, after telling a friend confidentially how easily he runs his wife, he turns around to find that she has heard the whole story.

Be careful what you tell a man who tells all he knows, if you don't wish it thing should be done is seldom the man repeated

There seems to be a suspicion that Roosevelt is about to give Taft a Teddy the optimist. bear hug.

You never can tell how far a candidate can jump until after he is elected. Every shovelful of dirt taken out of Have you accomplished anything yet? the Panama canal is about that amount In the battle of life all must die. off the receipts of the transcontinental railways after 1913.

There will be some things accom- after awhile. plished during 1912. A president will

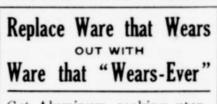
be elected, and congress may adjourn. The hardest kind of work is that skirts. which we have to do ourselves.

Any old kind of a government would be all right if we could get the men ever found any of it. we want into office-and if they would do what they promised they would be fore the ballots were counted.

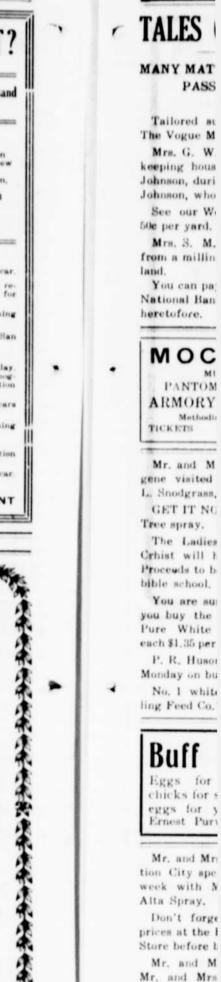
Too much attention is paid to athletics in school and too little outside. A grown-up sister gets very little

flattery from her kid brothers.

ord in a message to congress as in of, and should have, the hearty and mean them, are better than knocks bers-that's probably the reason women







the grange at reported an e: good working with the num

In speaking of the message, the democratic Oregon Journal says:

"His recommendations, in fact, of such probabilities. are in line with the policies announced some weeks ago in Chicago by Secretary Fisher.

"They are also in perfect harmony with the plans that Gifford Pinchot has constantly urged. They are the policies for which Mr. Pinchot has been assailed and traduced. They are an exact reversal of the Ballinger policy of unlimited privileges in Alaska for pri- an organized department is trained vate monopoly.

It is a basis of procedure that if carried out in good faith will open which is an important thing. coast."

who wrote this message to congress can lay their hands on. is the same Billy Taft that The So let everyone heartily support bers.

pattism that Taft's enemies will Let's not let it happen again. not care or attempt to make use of.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

heard?

get it to the scene of the conflagra- brary, exchanging them for others tion and get it to working in as as soon as all who wish have read systematic manner?

the citizens to carelesely allow themselves to go unprotected in the face Some business men remark that

in case of fire everyone will be a volunteer. True, but many a disastrous fire is the result of delay in

fighting the smaller blaze. Disorganization unevitably means delay, procrastination. Delay means giving a small blaze a chance to gain headway.

Another important point is that as to the best methods of fighting fires without injury to merchandise,

and develop Alaska on a plan of Also, members of a fire departfour-dollar coal for \$4. It is one ment are responsible men. Under movement that, if pushed to frui- an everyone-a-volunteer system tion, will help reduce the high cost there would be no restrictions as to of living to people on the Pacific whom might enter a burning building, and a fire is always accepted

Allow The Sentinel to remark as a propitious and safe occasion to that this William Howard Taft appropriate any property the looters Ascevians observe Wednesday, the

Journal, Roosevelt third termers, those with patriotism enough to LaFollette, Cummins, Pinchot and start the reorganization movement. others of their ilk decry as a reac- After the reorganization let everytionary, a standpatter and a play- one show due appreciation of the thing of the trusts and land grab. work done and sacrifices made by

the fire laddies. Lack of apprecia-Read that message again. It is tion is said to be the cause of the a gem of reactionaryism and stand- late disruption of the department.

In line with, although not the result of, a recent editorial in The What would happen to Cottage Sentinel, the men's class of the Grove if such a cry were to be Methodist church has started a li- Have you placed your savings in

Would a well-organized fire de- never be an extensive one, although banking business is carefully and partment, every man knowing his there is no limit to its possibilities promptly transacted when you bank position or ready to, and capable of, for help to those having cards. By with the filling a position assigned him by the plan whereby each member the chief, get out the fire apparatus, loans one or more books to the li-

short a time as possible and in a them, there is practically no limit Large resources, a strong Board of

No! Such a thing is hardly pos- will furnish. Similar moves by are but a few of the many features sible during the present disrupted other organizations would result in that commend this bank to one and disorganized condition of the much good to members of the com- considering the opening of a bank department, and those who have munity.

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### Every Day Sunday.

Few people know that other days of the week than the first are being ob- extend the boundary lines. served as Sunday by some nation or other. The Greeks observe Monday, ly refrains from doing wrong. the Persians observe Tuesday, the Egyptians observe Thursday, the Turks There's only one place left. observe Friday, the Jews observe Saturday, the Christlans observe Sunday. Thus a perpetual Sabbath is being celebrated on earth.

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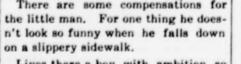


brary. The library will probably a safe and secure bank? Your

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to the amount of reading the library Directors and capable management all they do-which is fortunate for some account.

The wife who objects to a man staying away from home nights doesn't want him hanging around the house in the daytime. Let the knockers strike wants them on the job anyway. There ought to be some statutory provisions about admission to the Hall of Fame. Peace seems to be worth fighting for. It is a great advantage to be a linguist. Every doctor appreciates this and can read any tongue. One of the southern states has passed a law making it grand larceny to steal a watermelon. This must be a scheme to get all the colored population in jail until after the election. A man who gets acquainted with his future wife at a card party shouldn't be surprised if he draws a full house. A man buried in thought is dead to his surroundings. Selah sounds like a feminine word, but it isn't. It means quiet. The state of matrimony would be a more peaceable place in which to live if someone wasn't always trying to A person isn't a Christian who mere-There's no place on earth nor in heaven for the man who licks his wife. English suffragettes are going to go to cooking and raising babies to stop male ridicule. The men over there need not worry about the suffragette movement for awhile Once in awhile an irrigation company lets too much of its water into the stock and neglects to provide an outlet for the surplus. Here is some Esperanto: "Polvoplenaj senhomaj la turireaj eheananjoj senherboj vojoj malpuraj la arenjoj senherbaj montaj gastejoj estaj malpuraj." For an easy-flowing language, lucidity and simplicity it is something wonderful. Translated into ambiguous English, the above quotation reads: "There's a sucker born every minute." You don't dispute the trans-There are some compensations for



Lives there a boy with ambition so dead that unto himself hath never said that he is some time going to be a great orator and startle the nation. Lots of people do not get credit for

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