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### CLEAN-UP, PAINT-UP

May 4th to 11th has been designated as clean-up week by Governor Withycombe and all over Oregon the newspapers are advocating that citizens take advantage of the occasion to clean-up and paint-up and get their premises ready to receive company.

The Panama Exposition is on and Oregon will be seen by thousands of visitors who will pass through and the condition of the farms and homes will be a big advertisement either for thrift and enterprise or otherwise, hence, Oregon citizens are interested to a very great degree as those passing through Oregon will judge us by what they see as they pass along.

The city council has designated May 8 as good roads day and May 15 as clean-up day, but there is work that may be done now and should not be put off. Let us get our premises in order.

### At Seventeen

Kenneth Nell, aged 17, was cabin boy on the American liner Philadelphia, sailing between New York and Liverpool.

His mother was waiting to greet him as he arrived at the New York docks from a recent voyage. She wanted him to tell of his experience at sea, and he began telling her, but went to sleep, then begged that he be allowed to rest before talking more.

The father returned from work at 7 o'clock, and aroused his son to talk to him. The boy conversed for a short time, and fell asleep again.

Until after midnight the father and mother watched over the sleeping lad. Then they suddenly discovered that he was dead. It turned out that his sleepiness was caused by heroin, and that his death had resulted from an over dose of that deadly drug. Subsequent investigation revealed that the boy was addicted to the use of the drug, that he had acquired the habit at the public school, and that many other boys, like him, were confirmed dope fiends.

It was a sorrowful home-coming to the New York parents. It was a fearful fate to fall over a bright-eyed promising lad of 17.

But those tragedies are all around, and everywhere. The cigarette kills hundreds of fine boys to where heroin kills one. We are tumultuously vocal over the destruction of life in the European war, and properly so. But we are sweetly oblivious to the red-cheeked sturdy boys in their teens who are gradually killing their morals and killing their bodies with nicotine.

A police authority in Philadelphia recently stated that most

of the crimes in that city are committed by boys of 16 to 22. Cigarette smoking by young boys is the preparation for those crimes, and preparation for the Kenneth Nells to die while unsuspecting parents watch over them while they sleep.—Portland Journal.

### Is Civilization The Slave Of War?

After the war what?

If that question has been asked once by men of some thinking faculty, during the past six months, it has been asked a hundred times. And for the most part, so far as there has been an attempt toward an answer, either the direct conclusion or the strong inference has been that there must be other wars, and then others, ad infinitum and to the world's never ending damage or distress.

Charles F. Thwing president of the Western Reserve university, contributes an opinion on the subject wherein he points out that in the history of civilized nations we have had centuries of war, and only decades of peace. He wonders if this is inevitable; if it is a fateful course that cannot be changed; if civilized man is to forget nothing and learn nothing if all the fine faculty of a mounting intelligence must expend its energy in the treadmill of war.

And Dr. Thwing points out some other things that are interesting, namely, that we have trained the ferocity of the wolf out of the dog; and with care and infinite patience we have bred viciousness out of other beasts, and domesticated them to friendly and even affectionate relations with men, making them useful in the service of peace. The question is not directly propounded, but the suggestion is there: Is human intelligence and the human conscience less amenable to the rational teachings of peace than are the beasts of the field?

For the better part of half a century, the greater part of Europe has professedly spent the best of its energies in furthering the progress of civilization through the constructive arts and activities of peace. But suddenly it is disclosed to us that all this was but a mask to an ambition and preparation for war. And now the shock is upon us and war consumes the fruits of this half-century's labors in peace.

When peace comes again, is history only to repeat itself? Are we to begin again in the same course of self deception, and devote our best thought and highest endeavor to create, only that we may the more terrifically and the more effectually destroy? Is there no hope for redemption from this treadmill destruction, either in education or in the rational mental poise and the spiritual insight of the race.—Telegram.

According to dispatches from Washington, D. C., the Department of Agriculture has through co-operation of all concerned, succeeded in stamping out the foot and mouth epidemic. There is now, so far as is known, but one remaining herd with the disease, near Syracuse, N. Y., and it will be slaughtered and the premises attended to properly.—Rural Spirit.

# The Soldier

The soldier is a "patriot." The "patriot" is a murderer. The murderer is a criminal. The criminal is a menace to humanity. Then shall we not call the soldier a menace to humanity?

If it be true (and the writer believes it is) that the soldier is a menace to humanity, why does he exist on the universe, especially at this late day, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen years after the birth of the Prince of Peace?

The argument for the existence of the soldier is that he always has been and if we of the United States didn't have him some jealous nation would come over and gobble us up and all from the result of our unpreparedness! Such idiocy! It would actually be laughable were it not that it is human lives that hang in the balance—men and women and children, members of one human family, irrespective of race, creed or color!

The crime of the ages is the teaching of such principles! They are taught because the people swallow them—although many times under compulsion. Those who hold the people in subservience are the ones who have taught such infernal principles through their hypnotic-like influence and power—and as the result of their teaching the big You-Kill-Me-And-I'll-Kill-You slaughter is raging today.

The soldier has always been taught and always will be taught until some sane beliefs are grasped by an educated people that his work is a service to humanity, not a smearing stain, that it was all right for man to kill man and not call it murder, that it was human nature to kill man just as it was to overcome the processes of nature—all these teachings have given us a true conception of the true soldier of today.

Is it any wonder that the teaching for years and centuries and hundreds of centuries of our conception of the modern soldier in theory and practice has produced the murderer that he is today? Is it any wonder too, that those who have profited from the teachings still refuse to loosen their blood stained hands and long, clawing fingers from the blackened throat of Truth? Is it any wonder that believers in truth are recoiling from such bloody and grewsome tactics and are pitting their yet still small, newly-organized forces against such tactics—the tactics of brute force, of murder and of the Devil?

No, it is no wonder that all these things have conspired towards the result aspired, yet even in the ranks of the murderers, after years of such principles instilled into their brains, some are deserting and throwing all their forces with truth against their former co-murderers.

Yes, it is true that the truth is at last being recognized, that education will make of this world a Heaven instead of a Hell, that the infamous principles of murder and all other evils must be superceded and supplanted by a reign of Law and Love when the soldier alias the "patriot," alias the murderer, alias the criminal will have vanished from the world, that when each man, woman and child will be a soldier in the true sense of the word, ever battling and striving for the rights of their fellow men and the realization of the one true democracy of civilization.

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