

care never to walk by her house. It was easy enough to use some other street when he had to go down town.

"The good ole class of Nineteen-Fourteen is about gone," he said to Fred Mitchell, who was still his most intimate friend when they reached the senior year.

Ramsey and Fred had arranged to room together at Greenfield, the seat of the state university, and they made the short journey in company the following September.

Ramsey leaned forward and read the name indicated by Fred's forefinger.

When they got back to their pleasant quarters at Mrs. Meigs', facing the campus, Ramsey was still unable to talk of anything except the lamentable discovery.

"All right," said Ramsey. "If they want me to commit suicide they can send me one of their ole 'Assignments.' I won't need to commit suicide, though, I guess. All I'll do, I'll just fall over in a fit, and stay in it."

And, in truth, when he received his first "Assignment," one Monday morning, a month later, he seemed in a fair way to fulfill his prophecy.

Twelve-Minute Debate, Class of 1918. Subject, Resolved: That Germany is both legally and morally justified in her invasion of Belgium.

Concluding his reading, which was oral, the volatile Mitchell made use of his voice in a manner of heathenish boisterousness, and presently reclined upon a lounge to laugh the better.

"If I could do it," he vociferated, "if I could stand up there and debate one of their darn ole debates in the first place—if I had the gall to even try it, why, my gosh! you don't suppose I'm going to get up there and argue with that girl, do you? That's a hot way to get an education: stand up there and argue with a girl before a couple of hundred people! My gosh!"

"No use, ole man. The frat seniors'll be on the job. They'll know whether you're sick or not, and they'll have you there, right on the spot to the minute!"

"The prediction was accurate. The too fatherly 'frat seniors' did all that Fred said they would, and more. For the honor of the 'frat,' they coached the desperate Ramsey in the technique of Lumen debate, told him many more things to say than could be said in six minutes, and produced him, despairing, ghastly and bedewed, in the large hall of the Lumen society at eight o'clock on Friday evening.

Four other "twelve-minute debates" (To be continued)

The world court of law, which has ever been regarded as the cornerstone of any agreement among nations to settle their disputes by peaceful methods, is at last a fact.

The eleven judges of the Permanent Court of International Justice held the inaugural session at The Hague peace palace on January 30 and the court is ready to try the suits of one nation against another.

Participation in the proceedings of the court will open one of several doors by which we may enter into full membership. We shall forsake the leaders who look backward and shall follow those who look forward until we take our proper place in the family of nations.

Miked as has been Director Dawes' work of pruning expenditures, he has not been able to balance his budget. Total expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, have been hammered down to \$3,505,754,727, as compared with \$3,967,922,366 for the current fiscal year.

This increase of \$143,108,274 in the deficit is more than accounted for in the decrease of \$605,270,913 in estimated receipts.

Of the total estimated expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923 (the first year covered by the new budget system,) approximately \$2,900,000,000 is to pay for past wars and to keep up the fighting forces of the nation, leaving only about \$600,000,000 for the peace-time pursuits of the national establishment.

The 600 lantern slides formerly belonging to Mrs. C. E. Frost of Portland and used in well known lectures have been secured by the extension board of the U. of O. and will be loaned free, the same as other university slides, to schools and communities of the state.

The slides are for the most part beautifully colored and in some instances are of foreign manufacture. They cover such subjects as the cathedrals of Europe, the Spanish-American war, London, the Scandinavian countries, the Rhine country and illustrated hymns.

The vocational talks in the Brownsville public schools for February are as follows: February 6—William Mills, "Milling Flour," 7th grade.

February 13—Dr. Waltz, "Minor Emergencies," high school. February 18—Mrs. William Mills, "Nature Study," grades. February 20—Gilbert Dawson, "Bakery," grades.

February 27—Dr. Shelton, "Inspiration and Personal Efficiency," high school. February 27—Mrs. B. R. Forbes, "The Art of Decorating," grades.

To be right most of the time you must aim to be right all of the time. That means constant effort to understand each problem that comes up. Snap judgment is like shooting in the dark. It generally misses the mark.

A New York museum has a specimen of the largest bird's egg in the world, that of the extinct apteryx of Madagascar. With a shell one-eighth of an inch thick and 20 inches in circumference.

THE BOY SCOUTS

A Larger Uniformed Body Than the U. S. Army

It is pleasant to turn from stories of the increase of crime, especially among boys and young men, to the brighter picture presented by the Boy Scouts of America.

More than a million boys are on their way to become helpful, honorable citizens. They are bound by the following oath:

"On my honor I will do my best— 1. To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the scout law.

"2. To help other people at all times.

"3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

And the scout law is: "A scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his badge."

"He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due; his scout leader, his home, and parents and country.

"He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons, and share the home duties.

"He is a friend to all and a brother to every other scout.

"He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old people, and the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.

"He is a friend to animals. He will not kill nor hurt any living creature needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.

"He obeys his parents, scoutmaster, patrol leader, and all other duly constituted authorities.

"He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. He never shirks nor grumbles at hardship.

"He does not wantonly destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need, and helpful to worthy objects. He may work for pay, but must not receive tips for courtesies or good turns.

"He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear, and to stand up for the right against the coaxing of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies, and defeat does not down him.

"He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.

"He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion."

An American business man having temporarily lost his bearings in a London fog paused on a street corner. A newsy, seeing the gentleman's dilemma, asked if he could be of any assistance. The gentleman accepted the boy's guidance to his hotel and naturally offered the guide a substantial tip. The boy drew himself up with dignity and explained that he was a Boy Scout and that Boy Scouts did not take pay for doing their good turns.

The gentleman's interest was aroused to the extent that he sought out Baden Powell, the founder of scouting and chief of the British Scouts association, and learned what this scouting business really was. When the business man returned to America, he interested others in the scout movement. The result was that the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated February 8, 1910.

On June 15, 1916, congress granted the organization a special federal charter, among other things, giving the Boy Scouts of America exclusive right to the name and adaptations the eof, insignia and uniform.

The W. F. M. S. enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. J. C. Standish last Friday a terno.

An interesting talk on India was given by Mrs. Sidney Smith.

A note of greeting from Mrs. William Wheeler was appreciated by the society.

Ten dollars of the money made at the cooked food sale was added to the piano fund.

A motion was carried to help the Standard Bearers hold a bazaar in March.

Mrs. William Beene was a guest. Home-made candy was served by the hostess.

An Interesting Melange

The news of the week sparkles from many diverging facets.

Lee A. White of the Detroit News tells the Medill school of journalism that American newspapers are not half as yellow as critics say they are—that those critics skip the real news, read the more sensational items and then call the papers sensational. In this they are like some self-styled reformers who see only the evil that exists and use their lungs to advertise it instead of working constructively to counteract it by building up the good. Gilded vice likes to be advertised. That brings it recruits from among people otherwise simple minded.

Influenza, which started on the Atlantic coast, has spread over the continent.

The Portland school authorities have decided to take special pains to safeguard dancing in school buildings against demoralization, instead of banning it, and opponents of all dancing say they will appeal to the courts for its prohibition.

Chicago dancehall men have sprung a new one. They say they do not want the school students in their halls because they demoralize the habitues.

One state has passed a law prohibiting the study of Darwin's theories in the schools. This will probably increase the sale of Darwin's books.

Wilbur Glenn Voliva, head of the Zion community near Chicago is seeking a teacher for the school there who will maintain that the world is flat with a wall of ice around it and a roof overhead of which are fixed the heavenly bodies. "Mystery of mysteries! He is mystery. Whoso readeth, let him understand."

Massachusetts Puritans are no extinct. They are endeavoring to stop, by law, the playing of checkers on Sunday.

Congress has agreed that the European debts to this government shall be refunded on extended time.

President Harding makes this welcome announcement that "Hell and Maria" Dawes has pared expenditures down until this fiscal year will show a surplus instead of the predicted deficit of a million or two. And Mr. Lowry begins this week on page 2 of the Enterprise his recital of how our taxes are wasted. Read the article from week to week.

Montgomery, Ward & Co. announce that the firm's business netted a loss of about \$2,000,000 the last year.

Warmed Over

The following paragraphs are printed with the dates and every thing as they would have been worded if the printers could have put them in type last week:

Mr. Williamson, who owns a farm between Halsey and Brownsville, was over from Rickreall the first of the week looking after business and visiting his parents, who live on the place. Mr. Williamson is in the employ of a large dairy firm near Rickreall.

Mrs. Wm. Robins and daughter of Lebanon left for home Tuesday, after a visit at the F. W. Robins home.

Harry Stewart of Crawfordville was a Halsey visitor Monday.

Miss Barber of Eugene returned to Halsey Tuesday to be with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Pitman.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mornhinweg were in Brownsville Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

J. W. Rector and W. W. Abraham were doing business in Albany yesterday.

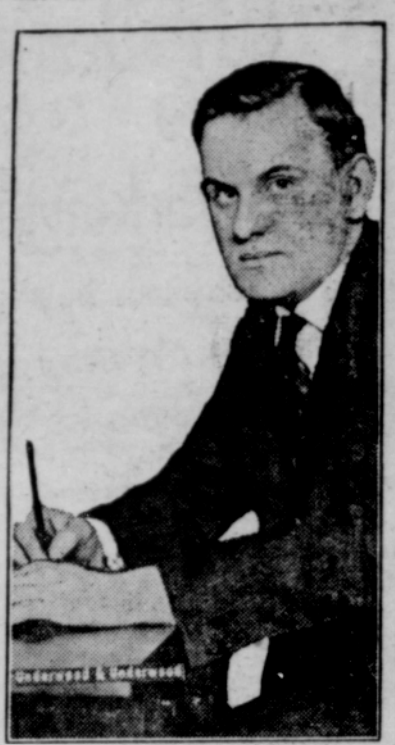
Clifford Cornutt, as leader of cooperative shipping of livestock in the Plainview farm bureau community, marketed six carloads of lambs with success.

The Peoria farm bureau has E. C. Munson as leader of the tuberculosis fight and cow testing, J. T. Porter of poultry culling, P. H. Freerksen of rodent control and W. G. Abraham of war on the Canada thistle.

The Lebanon Criterion begins its twenty-fifth volume this week with A. C. Saunders as editor and manager, W. C. DePew retiring, after nine years' service, to wrestle with the postmastership of that city. Mr. Saunders is a newspaper man from Colorado.

Nearly New. White—"What did poor old Jones leave his son?" Brown—"Oh, he left him the capacity for hard work, which he himself had inherited from his father. It was quite as good as new; Jones himself had never used it."

MAYOR ONCE A PAPER BOY



Fifteen years ago this young man was selling newspapers. Then he became a messenger boy, an office boy, a stock boy and a salesman. Recently he, Lawrence Quigley, was inaugurated as mayor of Chelsea, Mass. He is but twenty-eight years of age. Five years ago he was elected to the Massachusetts general court (legislature), being the "house baby". He resigned during the war to enter the navy.

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