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AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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An order has been placed with an Eastern printing house for a beautifully lithographed testimonial which is to be presented by the city to Athena boys who have been in the service of their country, in token of appreciation and esteem in which the soldier is held by Athena citizens. The awarding of these testimonials is in keeping with the practice followed by every hamlet, town and city in the nation, and their distribution is made on the sole basis of patriotism, for the sufficient reason that partiotism is the motherlode from which the bulwark of a nation is created and perpetuated. Once a man is called to the colors, answers the demands of his country to the best of his ability and receives an honorable discharge at the hands of the Government in recognition of, and in reward for services rendered, there may be distinctions but there cannot be discrimination. Otherwise, patriotism would be lowered to a purchasing level —fostering class aggrandizement, recognized in degree only as fate or circumstances favored in acts of heroism or deeds of valor. Patriotism is not confined to person, creed or race. Hence, personality and degree of service is engulfed in a blending of united endeavor in upholding the honor of the Nation. Degree of service allows of no discrimination whatever, while distinction is won by individual effort and receives recognition irrespective of rank, color or personality.

Editorial writers see in the signs of a great labor movement a disposition to equalize in a measure, an international wage scale. Should this result, they see co-ordination in some branches of manufacture, especially in that of iron and steel, with America and Britain leading in production. The elimination of Germany almost totally from the iron trade, they contend, leaves this country and Great Britain to supply the demand, and with wage scales much the same as now being agitated and contended for in both countries, would practically nullify commercial warfare.

Granting that Irvin Cobb is a more humorous humorist and a more versatile quill pusher than Kernal Wood, we do asseverate that Irv. has nothing on the Kernal from the viewpoint of physiognomy. As a "looker," the Kernal has ol' Irv. backed off the trail, judging from the merits of a halftone picture of Cobb which was recently printed in the Oregonian—and this is tossing no boquet at Wood, either. Speaking of Cobb, reminds us. Irv. uncorked a descriptive sentence during his lecture at Walla Walla the other evening, which the Press can gleefully and conscientiously apply to the kernal—"A ripe, rich, fleshy oyster without a shell on it!"

For the reason that Oregon counties are ready to match state money for road improvement, sentiment favoring the proposition is crystalized. The proposal of submitting the issue to referendum would cost the state the useless expenditure of $100,000 to hold an election. Senator Ritner and others are right in their contention that the legislature should declare that an emergency exists, and pass a bill authorizing the issuance of the road bonds, thereby saving the state the cost of an election.

The Portland Journal opines that there is no known reason why the parole officer of the Oregon penitentiary should not be abolished. The position has been used to disorganize and disrupt affairs at the prison. There is now an efficient warden at the penitentiary who can function both as warden and parole officer and save a useless salary.

The special Victory edition of the Pendleton Tribune is before us. It is a very creditable edition, displaying marked care as to accuracy in presenting to the reading public, Umatilla county's war endeavors. The text is well written, and typographically, the Tribune's usual standard of excellence is upheld.

Another horror of peace: the [illegible] that is coming ba[illegible]

[illegible] on the Rhine. We're keeping [illegible]

There is said to be a scarcity of gold coins. Why not use eggs as a substitute?

The war did some good. It taught us the difference between Dutch and German.

And the war aftermath is like a photographic process—it develops a lot of exposures.

Unlike precious metals, it is not the scarcity of common sense that makes it valuable.

No war ever ended with so little opportunity for the "I Told You So" guild to say it.

Their loss of a million dead does not bear out any contention that the British are not fighters.

Once a marine always a marine, applies to the spirit of the heroes of Chateau Thierry.

The last hope of the German propagandist is to sow a few seeds of jealousy among the allies.

Germany's rigid elimination of nonessentials does not include the lopping off of liars or looters.

Secretary Daniels' report reveals our navy was mightily successful in combating the cooties of the seas.

The more German ex-royalty talks, the more it proves that it is just as rotten a loser as it was a winner.

Perhaps when the boys get home and learn the price of civilian clothes they will decide to stay in the army.

The censors, however, were not asked to do the impossible by keeping secret the return of the American troops.

The German spy system in America will have to go down as the hugest unworkable infernal machine in history.

The headline "Somewhere in France" has given way to "With the American, French or British armies in Germany."

It may be all right but it sounds suspicious to hear that a man named Castro has been elected president of Portugal.

Speaking of Liberty bonds, how would you like to be a boche with a strong box full of autocracy bonds and a stomach?

There are almost as many "rope stories" coming out about the peace conference as there are pipe dreams in an aero club.

Current prices will have a most helpful effect in encouraging the American people to save food that Europe may be fed.

In the occupied territories shopkeepers are forbidden to charge Americans more than they do Germans. This is the hardest blow of all!

Crown Prince Willy says Ludendorff undervalued the power of the United States; but the United States never undervalued Willy.

Airplane mail routes are marking out divisions in the free, franchiseless air. Presently there may be charted ways and property in the blue.

Regardless of the rail administration's efforts that extra cent a mile is going to keep passenger service from returning to normal for a lot of folk.

The ex-crown prince has renounced his rights formally. Like the famous old lady when her time came to die, he was resigned because he had to be.

American tourists should figure on a stay at Prague, Bohemia, where the hotel proprietors are reported as having "cut their rates more than 100 per cent."

Anyhow, the men between thirty-seven and forty-six who laboriously prepared to answer all the queries of the questionnaire learned a lot about themselves.

Government may take over the meat industry, but that seems rather out of character. Fancy kicking to the government because your chuck steak is tough!

As a general thing, when mother and the girls are getting the house ready for company they can agree on nearly everything except what to do with father.

If the world could learn to think in the actual terms of one human race instead of in arbitrary terms of many races its problems would be pushed a long way toward solution.

No state, for its population, produces less of life's essentials than New York, say the statisticians. But man does not live on food alone. How about vaudeville and statesmen?

American enterprise is catching on in France. In the Vosges region, hotels are being planned for the tourist rush and the fortified places held by the Americans are being preserved for "sights."

NOW KNOWS WHAT A LEA IS

Newark Philosopher Learned Something During the Course of an Afternoon's Leisurely Stroll.

The lowing herd wound slowly o'er the lea. The day had been a delightful one for walking and as we swung along in our tweeds and hobnail shoes, a heavy stick in our hand, we drank deep from nature's fount, learning many things. As the mild-eyed cows made their leisurely way down the road and we stood aside to watch them pass, the old lines ran through our mind, vaguely yet with new appropriateness. I never before had occurred to us that we had only the loosest conception of what a lea was, and now we resolved to find out.

Retracing our steps, we followed the lowing herd to a pleasant farmstead with a windmill, a silo, and a large barn inscribed, "Grade A Pasteurized Dairy," where we found the Grade A pasteurized dairyman, by name Ole Yensen. "Are these," we asked, "your Grade A pasteurized cows?" "Sure," said Mr. Yensen; "all bane Holstein stock and not a plugged one in the bunch."

"And where is the lea o'er which they wander?"

Mr. Yensen regarded us with suspicion. Finally he said: "Ay bane have a grade cow killed on a grade crossing once. A man by name Lee he claimed him and das railroad paid him seventy-fi' dollar and Ay get nothing. He bane move away now. Ay don't know where he bane gone and Ay don't care."

We know now what a lea is, but we didn't get it from Yensen.—Newark News.

GIVE CREDIT TO CERVANTES

Immortal Author of "Don Quixote" Responsible for Many of Our Most Famous Sayings.

With the thought of yesterday's epigrammatists in mind, it should be set to record that no one has handed down to this age more homely and immortal sayings than Cervantes. "Don Quixote" is full of them: "Why do you lead on a wild goose chase?" "Sure as a gun;" Within a stone's throw;" "Little said is soonest mended;" "There is no love lost between us;" "Honesty is the best policy;" "All is not gold that glitters;" "A word to the wise is sufficient;" "The pot calls the kettle black;" "Counting your chickens before they are hatched;" "My thoughts ran a-wool gathering," and "As secret as the grave."

One need not look far behind to find "mad as a March hare" also attributed to this prolific Spaniard, but really it was an inspiration of the English poet, John Skelton, who lived in the time of Edward IV. "Set the cart before the horse," as well as "I have other fish to fry," comes from sixteenth century Rabelais, while "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush" goes all the way back to Plutarch.

In "Little Old New York."

If a certain actor had accompanied a party of round-the-towners the other night he would have been either thrilled or embarrassed, says New York Sun. After the theater the party went to the Waldorf roof and saw one of the actor's former wives the center of a gay, laughing party. The next stop was at the Astor roof where there was another former wife of the same actor dining with a handsome young gallant who danced divinely and at the last stop on the Majestic roof was the third former wife giving a dinner to several women and two French army officers. It was hard to tell which was the most beautiful. They all seemed happy. It is remindful of another actor who went to another theater than his own to see a play. He was seated next to a former wife and her husband. They all chatted pleasantly together and later supped together. A strange town—this New York.

American Invented Electric Fan.

Michael Faraday devised the electro-magnetic rotation apparatus in the year 1822. Barlow in 1823 produced the rotation of a star wheel placed in the field of a strong magnet.

These devices were very crude and simple, however, and developed infinitesimal power. Undoubtedly the first electric motor employing magnets wound with many turns of wire, and also comprising a motor which utilized both permanent steel magnets and electro-magnets, was that perfected by Prof. Joseph Henry of Princeton university, in the year 1831. Henry produced reciprocating motion as well as the rotary motion by electro-magnetic means.

Henry's motor, according to Electrical Experimenter, was the forerunner of the present day electric motor.

Philippines Grow Best Hemp.

Hemp may grow all over the world, but the famous Philippine fields are the ones we know best as yet. They have a real monopoly on the crop, as their soil seems to be especially adapted for it. The abaca, as they call it, looks very much like the banana tree. They belong to the same family, but the fruit of the hemp tree is not edible, and the fiber of the banana is not strong enough to use.

The very best quality of hemp grown in the Philippines comes from the fields about Mount Mayon in Luzon. The dust and ashes of this majestic volcano have formed the most perfect soil for its culture, a soil that is found nowhere else in the world.

TIME TO EXERCISE PATIENCE

Machinery of Business at Present a [illegible] Be Running Smoothly.

Now is the time for all good Americans to be patient. It is true that the times are out of joint. Nothing is done the way it should be done, a plague of incompetence is upon us, there has been a general slowing down in all branches of business and industrial life and a general lowering of the average of social efficiency. But it is the war, and we must have patience. Don't flare up and tell us that it takes ten minutes to get your "party" on the telephone, and then, like as not, it isn't your party at all. You ought to be thankful for any party.

And the elevators! And the clerks! They do not wait on you. You wait on the clerks, oh, so long. And it is going to be worse—for a while. But it is the war, and it is to be expected and we will have to put up with it. Business and industry are in the hands of recruits who have not been to training camp. But they are being trained as fast as possible, and by and by the recruits will be veterans, the times will get back in joint, things will be done the way they should be done, efficiency will again reign, business and industry will be speeded up and all will be well. In the meantime, while the captains of industry are training the rookies and doing their best to get the world running smoothly again, it is up to us to be more patient than we ever were before and smile all the while.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

STEP IN FOOD CONSERVATION

Minnesota Physician Has Discovered Method of Condensing Buttermilk and Retaining Nutritive Value.

In a recent interview with Dr. William Grelck of St. Paul, Minn., the fact was brought out that immense quantities of buttermilk have been wasted. Doctor Grelck is a member of the American Chemical society and for years has devoted much study to the milk problem. As a result of his efforts a method has been discovered for condensing buttermilk into a semi-solid smooth substance of the consistency of ice cream.

All the nutritive value of the buttermilk is conserved in this product, and it is especially suitable for use in bread making. From eight to ten pounds of this material when added to a barrel of flour produce a loaf of greater food value. The milk protein helps to make up the deficiency in our present-day flour substitutes. The vitamines of the butterfat help to define the structure of the bread, besides producing an agreeable milk flavor; and the sugar of milk, aside from being of great food value, when combined with the dextrin in flour makes a fine brown crust at a comparatively low baking temperature. It saves fuel and prevents unnecessary loss of moisture.

Omar Repudiated.

"A book of verses underneath the bough," began the man who quotes.

"That's far enough," interrupted Miss Cayenne. "The loaf of bread must be curtailed to limit the wheat consumption. The jug of wine is out of place in a prohibition community, and even as to the book of verses—I'd rather hear somebody read the war news."

Executor's Notice.

In the County Court for Umatilla County, Oregon.

In the Matter of the Estate of James F. Zerba, Deceased:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the estate of James F. Zerba, deceased, by the above entitled Court, and that he has qualified as said executor as by law required. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same to the undersigned, or to his attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Oregon, verified as by law required, within six months from this date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, February [illegible], 1919. Virgil R. Zerba, Executro.

23 Years Ago.

[illegible] 1896

The roads are drying up and the lark and the robin are with us.

The revival meetings which have been in progress in the Christian church closed Monday night. The total number of accessions was 29.

Hugh Worthington of Weston, has accepted a situation in a Pendleton grocery store.

J. M. Craig of Walla Walla, has accepted a "case" in the Press composing room.

Albert Bales, Philip Price and Ella Craigen attended teachers' examination at Pendleton this week.

Our hose team should begin to train for the tournament. The officers of the association will meet in Pendleton on the 15th to decide on a place where the tournament will take place.

Prof. Pickel, the artist, will endeavor to organize a class among our young ladies in decorative art painting.

The Press is pleased to state that Prof. R. O. Hawks is now able to be out.

Born, in Athena, February 1, 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hansell, a boy.

Mrs. Lowell Rogers and Mrs. Adam Knox were central figures in a runaway below town Sunday night. The buggy pole tore through the neck-yoke and scared the team. The ladies were thrown to the ground and Mrs. Rogers severely hurt. The buggy is a wreck.

Mrs. F. B. Boyd entertained the following named ladies at her home yesterday afternoon: Mesdames Johns, Callender, Osburn, Rosenzweig, Kirk, Cox, Young, Brady, Hawks, Leeper, Edington, Freeman, Hollis, Wilkinson, Glass, DePeatt, Beale; Misses Beale, Young and Booth.

The country north of Milton has a unique society known as the Arena Club, composed of people of widely different ideas on politcial, religious and sociological subjects. It would seem that such a society might resemble a congress of Kilkenny cats, but instead, everything is harmonious.

The Churches.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

We were grateful for the good crowd present last Sunday morning and that we are permitted now to hold our regular Sunday services. Sunday school at 10 o'clock and preaching at 11 next Sunday morning. Memorial services in the evening. The Rev. H. F. Pemberton, District Superintendent of The Dalles District, will preach. He will also preach and hold the quarterly conference Monday night. The people of Athena are invited to come and hear this excellent speaker.

Baptist Church Notes.

We take great pleasure in announcing that all services will be resumed this coming Sunday. The Bible school will meet at 10 a. m., preaching at 11. Union meeting at the Methodist church at night. Let us make it a great day. This should be a rally day in which the whole community will show our gratitude for the staying of the epidemic among us. You will be greeted with the glad hand by pastor and church. E. R. Clevenger, Pastor.

The Christian Church.

We are happy to announce that regular church and Sunday school meetings will be resumed next Sunday. Sunday school at 10, preaching at 11. Union meeting at the Methodist church at 7:30.

What a delightful fellowship we enjoyed last Sunday morning. We have every assurance that the splendid meetings of last Autumn will soon be realized and work in the church and Bible school again engage our minds. Brethren, I can think of nothing more empty than life without the church and the blessings it so freely bestows. Be in your place Sunday. B. B. Burton, Pastor.

Catholic Church.

Regular services will be resumed at the Catholic church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

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