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GO THE LIMIT.

The following editorial comment, which appeared in a recent issue of the Portland Journal, will be of interest to Albany readers:

Albany is to go barefoot this summer in order to save the high cost of sole leather, so we are informed. As soon as the sun has warmed the pavements and provided the dust in which juvenile toes may wriggle the advent of the barefoot season is to be celebrated with a big barefoot parade.

It detracts just a little from the patriotism of the plan when, on second reading, it is found that the proposal had birth at a meeting of the Associated Charities and the civic relief committee of the local Red Cross, and extended only to the children.

No one who cherishes memories of childhood's happy hours would have the heart to rob Albany youngsters of the pleasure of feeling cool grass underfoot, or the pain of hot pavements, stubbed toes, splinters and bruised heels. But if we are going to grow hysterical about this war business and the high cost of living, why not play the game to the limit? Why not strike an awful blow at one fell swoop; have papa and mamma discard their \$12 footgear to go forth hand in hand with son and daughter to expose their pedis to the dust, the dew, the blisters and the bees?

If we are going to swat the Leather Trust, let's not do it with the pink feet of infants, but with the corned and calloused extremities of a united citizenship.

Miss Sadie A. Mason of Big Elk, Benton county, left this morning for Portland after visiting Albany friends and relatives.

O. P. Howe of Eugene was an Albany visitor over Sunday.

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By F. P. Nutting

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Speaking of movies, I ran on a former Albany movie man down in Portland on Broadway the other day and had just as good a visit as if he didn't owe several dollars on advertising.

We have to forget a good many things in the ups and downs of life.

Lowell Tweedale, a former Albany boy, cooked breakfast for me this morning at a Salem cafeteria; a good one.

Rexford, a former Albany high school baseball player, is in Salem during the winter, and spring at the

Bligh. Last summer he pitched for Butte, 35 games, and made a batting record of .430. He is going to be given a tryout by McCredie.

Don't look long-faced over the continued rain. How would you like a trench thru your backyard?

Notice that the Albany boys are going to form a barefooted brigade next summer. Wouldn't mind joining it for a day as a reminder of boyhood days.

I hardly saw a pair of shoes from April or May to October and sometimes it was mighty near snow time. Can remember the color of my feet—something like a darkey's—covered with stone bruises, but as hard as flint. Oh, those barefooted days! What's the record of life without one barefoot chapter?

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