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THE TOWN BAND

The Hood River Glacier gives great prominence to announcement of the organization of a band of thirty pieces by the Knights of Pythias. New instruments and new uniforms will be secured, and the members say—according to the Glacier—"that the new musical body will assist the promotion of all local civic and patriotic movements."

Despise not the town band, but support it, appreciate it and listen to it. As the character of a community may be judged by its newspapers or its churches, so its spirit may be tested by the quality of its brass band. Is the band slouchy in looks, lacking in liveliness, ragged in discipline and a stranger to tunefulness? Look for sloth in civic works, broken sidewalks, dirty streets, unkept lawns, unweeded gardens, quarreling neighbors, unpainted churches and backward schools. Has the band bright uniforms, competent leadership, eagerness to practice, willingness to play, interest in public affairs, and a place in every public program? Look for a town that is pushing forward, respects itself, keeps clean, wants a place in the sun, and will get it.

The brass band is not alone the bulwark and ornament of progress, pride and culture in the smaller centers, but it is the indispensable agent of go-ahead-iveness, the sign and expression of community harmony and social progress in the larger places. A city without a brass band is a dreary waste of stagnation, indifference, inharmony and ignorance. Life is not worth living there. It is not lived. It is endured.

Let every town in America have its brass band. Let every citizen interest himself in its welfare. Let the band be diligent in its pursuit of knowledge of the right kind of music and the way to play it; and let the town see some-how that it has ample funds to keep going. Every day then in such a town will be a gain—Oregonian.

"MISTER" FOR MILITARY MEN

The American Legion is said to have tabooed military titles in its business and social meeting. Generals, majors, colonels, lieutenants, captains, etc., will be on the same plane as privates. War distinctions will be forgotten or ignored. Everybody will be addressed as plain "Mister."

If there was ever any doubt as to the essential Americanism of the Legion, this ought to settle the matter. Could there be anything more purely American than this sweeping aside of army titles by army men?

It means democracy, "Mr." is the universal democratic title.

It also means non-militarism. Surely there can be no militarism without military titles. Thus one fear felt by many citizens when this big body of war veterans was organized may be dismissed. It is to be an organization of Americans, meeting on the level of ordinary citizenship, held together only by the bond of common experience in a great cause.

There is a lesson in this, too, for such Americans as tend to stray from the plain path of democracy in quest of titular honors. What about all the men who love to be called "Colonel," though they never drew a sword or smelt powder-smoke? They are not all in Kentucky, either, nor have they all been given a quasi-right to the title by membership on some governor's staff. If titles are to be so modestly regarded in military circles, private citizens can do no less than rid themselves of military pretense.

Gen. Pershing's recommendation of a standing army of about 250,000 seems to be preferred by Congress to the army staff plan, supported by Secretary Baker, of an army

of 576,000 men. The public likes it better, too. And the doughboys—ask them!

An English doctor says you can defy old age by eating dandelions, eggs, grapes and honey. Wonder if you make 'em into a stew, or what? A good many people hereabouts have eaten them separately, and still gone the way of all flesh.

The peace may not be satisfactory yet, but at least one big war aim has been attained. Have you noticed how the Teutons have stopped tooting?

A British newspaper man says he is amazed at American "driving power." Sure enough, most of us are doing a powerful lot of driving nowadays.

It's a fine thing to celebrate Armistice Day, provided you don't pronounce it with the accentual jolt on the "mist."

Somebody has invented a safe that floats when a ship sinks. Now why not an individual safe for every passenger to crawl into?

"Idleness is a sin in this emergency," says Attorney-General Palmer. An economic sin of omission, at least.

Comment of the State Press

The Festive Bull—

At last we've found out what became of the two bullfrogs that once disported themselves in the pond in front of The Tribune office. That bold, bad man, Bill Brenner, made his threat good and one dark night, when the city marshal was asleep, Bill saw-sawed the innocents and planted them in his corn patch back of the hospital where they lull the inmates of that institution to peaceful sleep every night with cheerful melody and no war tax. Bring 'em back, Bill, and we won't give you away, promises Ed. Duger.

Thanksgiving—

How little satisfied we would be with the conditions as they found them—we who fuss about the high cost of living when most of us have comfortable homes and plenty of clothing—we who worry and fret about the future with our granaries and bins full. We could indeed take an

object lesson from our Pilgrim forefathers, the Stayton Mail asserts.

More Berries—

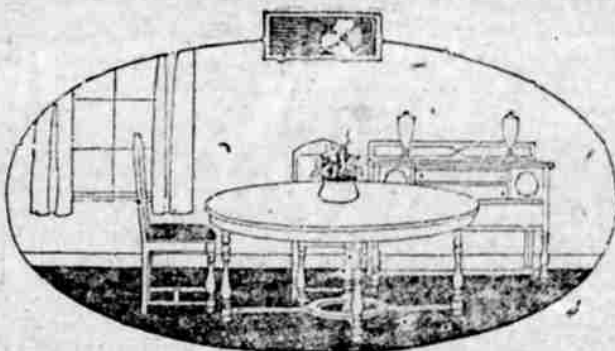
Summing it up, says Brother Ingalls, small fruits mean more factories, bigger payrolls, increased population, enhanced property valuations and splendid profits to him who follows the cultivator and the plow.

Anent the Treaty—

Who can blame the president for not wanting a farce of this sort perpetrated upon a world that longs for peace and a world machine to insure peace? asks the East Oregonian.

Because of the Bolsheviks—

The state bar association has declared for the restoration of the death penalty in Oregon. This would be a sensible thing to do in view of the increasing number of murders in the Northwest since the faddists succeeded in abolishing capital punishment.—Guard.



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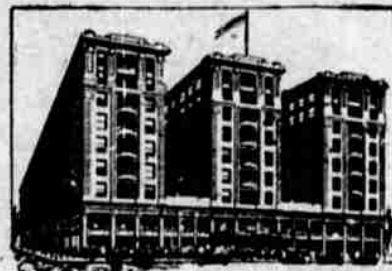
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