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## BOY SCOUTS' MONTH

If there are any parents whose 12-year-old sons are not Boy Scouts and who know little about the movement, this is the month for them to learn something of this great and growing organization.

Ten years ago the Boy Scouts of America were organized. Today there are active divisions in every state in the Union, in Hawaii, Porto Rico and Alaska. There are many thousand adult leaders and 370,000 boys.

What things is this small army of active boys learning? Every Scout is pledged to do a good turn daily for other people—any act of friendliness, without thought of reward, from genuine good-will. Scouts are trained to be useful to other people, to run errands, to lend a hand in emergencies by helping the stalled autoist, putting out a fire, rescuing drowning or injured persons, preventing panic. Scouts know how to build fires too, at the proper time and place and in the quickest, most efficient way. They are trained to work with skilled hand and cool head and to give unselfish, voluntary, intelligent service.

The Scout oath, which every Scout in the land renewed on the evening of February 8, is worth reading over and thinking about. It furnishes a guide to daily living which any boy or girl, man or woman, could adopt with pride and self-respect. It is:

"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."

That is a comprehensive pledge and one not easy to keep. But is it not a great thing to have 370,000 American boys doing their best to keep it?

## CABINET MEMBERS IN CONGRESS

The oft-discussed suggestion that cabinet members be given seats in Congress has been given practical form in a bill introduced by Representative Mooney. His measure provides that all members of the cabinet shall be entitled to seats on the floor of the House and Senate, with the right to participate in debate and furnish information concerning matters relating to their several departments.

Such an arrangement is common abroad, and might well have been introduced at Washington long ago. A great deal of discussion in both houses of Congress is aimless and confused because the speakers lack facts which could be easily furnished if the head of the department concerned was present. The administrative heads, too, are often at a disadvantage because they do not know what the legislators are doing about matters of moment to them. The lack of co-operation along this line is one of the big causes of governmental inefficiency and of prejudice and distrust between the executive and legislative branches.

In one particular the Mooney bill seems to go too far. It makes attendance of the cabinet officers compulsory a certain number of times a week in both houses, unless they are expressly excused. That is probably unnecessary, and would be likely to waste the time of busy men. They could probably be trusted to attend on occasions when their presence was desirable.

Just as we have begun to feel that the world has been made really safe for democracy, we read in a London dispatch that the silk hat is coming back.

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## NATIVE POETRY

A.

### BEAUTY

(Buy Guy Fitch Phelps)  
Waiting by the lattice, my Fair, my Fair?  
Gently, gently, with asking eyes,  
And hands out-flung, and odorous hair,  
Breath of thy breathing is every-where,  
Over the earth and under the skies.  
Spell of thy spell I feel it—feel  
Touch of thy alnus shade on me,  
Pleas of thy pleading upon me steal  
Drawing my dallying heart to thee.  
Show me thy face at the lattice now,  
Catch me with haloes and bring me up;  
Call from the garden, and bare thy brow,  
Give me to drink of thy paven eye  
Lute me thy wish through the pomegranate flowers,  
Show me thy hands, both thy jeweled hands,  
Mellow with spikenard and golden hands,  
Take me and wake me with all thy powers.

### HARMONY

(By Grace E. Hall)

Whence comes the wondrous harmony  
That trills from human throats?  
And whence the honeyed melody in  
wild bird's thrilling notes?  
Who taught the crystal brook to sing?  
The eagle fierce to scream?  
Who gave a language to each thing  
in life's gigantic scheme?  
The ruffled grouse has his special  
drum, the coyote's call we hear,  
The Bob-Whit's tone is never glum  
—he speaks in accents clear;  
O, who can doubt that angels sing in  
chorus of the sky,  
When we from every living thing  
hear music passing by?

## Comments of the State Press

### Procrastination Cause—

Now, let's all hope for the best from the United States Senate; the best for this country and for the world. Procrastination has caused great confusion; made for stupendous losses; cost vast numbers of lives. These can never be recalled. But all this is no reason for further criminal delay.—Salem Statesman.

### American Ideals—

Mr. Hoover stands for the best American traditions—for the democracy that has made America a great nation and the extension of those ideals to the world.—Capital Journal.

### No Slackers Need Apply—

No person with revolutionary ideas permeating his mind and no alien, who proved to be a slacker, need apply for admission to citizenship in Clatsop county. That is the decree which has gone forth from the local circuit court and it is a decree that was announced in no uncertain terms.—Astoria Budget.

### Lord Grey for Vice President—

The Corvallis Gazette-Times suggests Lord Grey for vice president on the republican ticket. As a bitter opponent of the League of Nations this is a consistent attitude for the Gazette-Times which has always been

## TODAY'S EVENTS

Centenary of the birth of Theodore O'Hara, author of the famous poem, "The Bivouac of the Dead"

Alexander M. Dockery, former governor of Missouri and later Assistant Postmaster General, celebrates his seventy-fifth birthday today.

Hunter College, the woman's college of the College of the City of New York, today begins a celebration of its semi-centennial.

Pythians of Minnesota celebrate their golden jubilee today, the first lodge of the order having been instituted at Minneapolis, Feb. 11, 1870.

Governor Davis has called a special session of the Idaho legislature to meet today to act on the Federal woman suffrage amendment.

Republicans of Oklahoma are to hold their State convention today for the election of delegates to the national convention at Chicago next June.

The first trade conference between Mexico and the United States is scheduled to open in Mexico City today under the auspices of the American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico.

For the first time women are included in the annual Assay Commission which meets in Philadelphia today to test the weight and fineness of the coins minted by the United States in 1919. The women members of the commission are Mrs. Kellogg Fairbanks of Chicago and Mrs. B. B. Munford of Richmond, Va.

**Conventions Opening Today**  
At Chicago, National Methodist Hospital Association, Lincoln League of America.

At St. Paul, Minnesota Association of Mayors and City Executives, Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs.

Duluth, Association Advertising Clubs of Minnesota.

**Today's Calendar of Sports**

Racing: Winter meeting of Cuba-America Jockey Club, at Havana. Winter meeting of Business Men's Racing Association, at New Orleans.

Baseball: Joint meeting of American and National leagues, at Chicago. Annual meet of Texas Field Trial Club begins at Cypress, Texas.

Boxing: Joe Welling vs Mickey Donley 10 rounds at Detroit.

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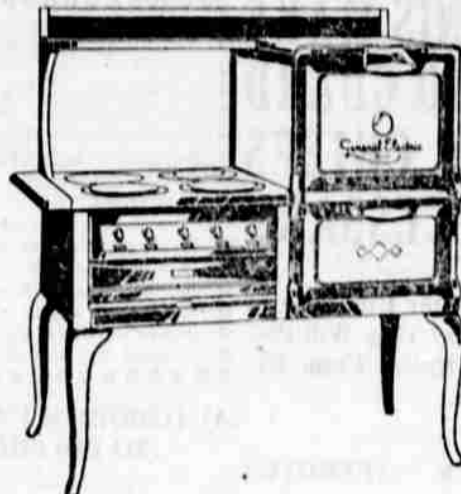
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