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ALBANY, OREGON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

THE CLUB OR THE GANG

A young lad was sent to the reform farm. The chief officer welcomed him kindly, and said, "You won't feel so very lonesome here, Jim; there are 30 other boys from your neighborhood here already."

"Yes," said the boy, "I know them all; but there were 70 boys in our gang."

The 70 boys had lived in the sort of neighborhood which exists in almost every community, a neighborhood of squalid houses, dark and ill-ventilated, of narrow streets, and of families in which the parents were pitifully poor and either pitifully lazy or pitifully hard working. The mothers almost without exception had been forced out to work to earn money for the family needs, and the sort of work which women of this class can get to do is always that entailing long hours away from home. The children grew up forlorn, neglected, with no place to play but the dirty streets, with few outlets but evil ones for their natural activities. It is no wonder they ended in prison.

If our jails and corrective institutions are not to be filled with young offenders bred in such surroundings, the surroundings must be improved. There must be better housing conditions, breathing spaces where people can get air and sunlight, playgrounds and settlement houses which shall afford the growing youth of a growing city a place for healthy pleasures and the development of clean ideas.

It might just as easily have been, there are 70 boys in our gymnasium class" or "in our hiking club" as 70 boys "in our gang." Growing youth must do something; what it does depends largely upon what is nearest at hand.

JOHN BROWN'S GRAVE

Included in the sale of a 1,200-acre plot of timber land in the Adirondacks is the grave of John Brown, one of America's few martyrs. Lumbering operations will be carried on, says the purchaser, who proposes to make a fortune out of the timber in the tract.

Well, the rasp of the saw won't bother John Brown, neither will his sleep be troubled by the blows of the lumberjack's ax. The placid woods that have so long bowered his last bed may be denuded, but that will only bare to new eyes the modest little monument which marks the grave and recounts the deed of John Brown at Harper's Ferry. Perhaps even a greater monument may result from this apparent sacrilege.

A banker has bought John Brown's grave, and he may exploit it, but it goes without saying that no banker would ever have underwritten the idealistic exploit that brought John Brown to the gallows—and undying fame. Advancing commercialism holds no terrors for the dead hero, nor does his grave demand a more pretentious stone to mark it. For, though they built him a mausoleum of Carrara marble, yet will he remain always in memory the simple-minded martyr to a noble cause. Though they plough up his bones with a steam shovel and his body no longer may "lie mouldering in the grave," his soul will go "marching on" in the memories of thousands of his countrymen and in the annals of the nation.

Sir Oliver Lodge says that the next world is merely a phase. Anyway it phases most of us to think about it.

The presidential candidate who really would like the women's vote has only to promise a steady supply of sugar.

A lecturer says that "common honesty will solve unrest." Yes, and uncommon honesty will solve the rest.

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A lot of the men who are hollering loudest about "personal freedom" would be willing enough to have smoking prohibited for women.

All the same, Holland would be tickled to death to get rid of the Kaiser. She simply doesn't know how to let go of him.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Thursday, February 19, 1920

Centenary of the birth of John Tuigg, for many years bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Pittsburgh.

The annual convention of the Melion Distributor's Association of America will meet at Atlanta today for a three-day session.

Seventy-five thousand men and others have been invited to attend the fourth annual community conference to be opened at Columbus today.

Stockholders of the Great Trunk railway system meet in London today to ratify the agreement between the Canadian Government and the company for the acquisition of the system.

The National Society for Vocational Education and the Vocational Education Association of the Middle West will open a joint convention at Chicago today.

Hearing of the appeal of Victor Berger, convicted of interfering with the draft, which was docketed for the Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago today, has been postponed until next month.

After a lapse of several years because of the war German opera is to be restored to the repertory of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York with a matinee performance of Parsifal today.

An unofficial State convention of the Republicans of New York will assemble in New York City today to select a slate of four delegates at large to be recommended for election in the primaries. It is expected that the slate will be made up of Elihu Root, William Boyce Thompson, and Senators Wadsworth and Calder.

Today's Calendar of Sports

Racing

Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at New Orleans.
Winter meeting of Business Men's Racing Assn., at New Orleans.

Skating

International championship tournament at Lake Placid, N. Y.

Golf

Cuban amateur championship tournament, at Havana.
Washington's Birthday tournament, at Belleair, Fla.
Men's handicap tournament, at Asheville, N. C.

Comments of the State Press

Nerve Specialist—

Anyway, President Wilson has recovered his health sufficiently to stave off the railroad strike for the time being. The Oregonian's special correspondent at Washington is the only celebrated nerve specialist who will consider Mr. Wilson a hopelessly sick man.—Eugene Guard.

Fight Reds—

The suggestion that we go back to the little red school house to fight the Reds is well made. Has anyone heard of seditious utterance from a man who, like Lincoln, educated himself by reading the history of the United States, Pilgrim's Progress, the Bible and the Life of Washington?—Oregon Journal.

The Great Poindexter—

The Poindexter candidacy for the presidency has not swept the state of Washington with the devouring eagerness of a prairie fire; yet the republicans are bearing up pretty well in the circumstances. The state central committee has given the great Poindexter movement its solemn endorsement.—Oregonian.

Waning Industry—

A couple of Portland policemen engaged in a running fight the other night with robbers who had looted a shoe warehouse. Bank robbing is a waning industry since other things got so much more valuable than money.—Eugene Register.

Cure For Influenza—

A warm Oregon rain with the wind blowing in from the west and south laden with the healthful salt of the Pacific ocean, is the most effective of all influenza remedies. But we can't always get it when we need it most.—Eugene Guard.

Prevented Ratification—

Politics, which has long prevented the ratification of the peace treaty and the return of the world to peace, is now preventing the relief of the famine stricken peoples of eastern Europe and Asia Minor.—Capitol Journal.

In Wheeled Chair—

From Paris comes the report that skirts will not be any narrower this year. If they had, the dear ladies would have been forced to do their shopping in a wheeled chair.—Vancouver Columbian.

Grangers Against Labor Party—

The grangers of Lane county repudiate the so-called Farm and Labor party, and so far as we have noticed no grange has endorsed it in Oregon. Demand that C. E. Spence master of the state grange, make clear through the press his position in connection with the new party, recently organized at a meeting in Salem, is made in resolutions adopted by the Evening Star grange of Gresham Friday night.—Eugene Guard.

Effect At Both Ends—

Once more a respected member of the medical fraternity has risen to declare that the dress of the modern female does not render her unduly susceptible to disease. In this latest case it is a French doctor of note who champions the dress about at both ends. This doctor says that the mere scanty covering of the body is an aid to its aeration, tends to a better functioning of the skin and acts as a stimulant to the nervous system.



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