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UNSELFISH PATRIOTISM.

Mayor Stapleton delivered yesterday on of the best patriotic orations it has been our privilege to hear for many years. It was not of the spread-eagle type. It was not of a political nature or purport but was a clear-cut exposition of the privileges and duties of American citizenship and an appeal for a higher type of patriotism in view of some grave dangers that threaten the stability of our republican form of government.

The essence of our danger is selfishness, according to Mayor Stapleton. We are money mad, everyone seeking to get ahead by mere self-aggrandizement, thus bringing about class distinctions which engender distrust and strife. The end will be weakness and dissolution. The only thing that will overcome these tendencies is more of the unselfish patriotism of our fathers who toiled and suffered to establish liberty, equality and justice and have left us a flag that is worthy of our utmost loyalty and devotion.

SOMETHING WRONG.

A story on another page showing the difference between milk tests in Portland and San Francisco of the same milk, gives something of an explanation why milk producers here are dissatisfied and one of the reasons why so many dairymen are selling off their cows and going out of business. A difference of 1.32 per cent means that the producer is not getting pay for nearly one-third of his product. In the instance referred to the dairymen is receiving about \$125 a month for his milk. According to the San Francisco test he should get about \$50 more. There are no doubts about the facts in this particular case and it is obvious that someone else is making an illegitimate profit. The defunct Dairymen's association should be revived. It would have something to do.

A YEAR OF HISTORY

To us in the United States it is difficult to refer to one single event as the origin of the present general disaster covering almost the entire earth. Wars have sprung from some solitary act which seemed to be the cause, yet in nearly every instance many events have combined to overthrow the order of international relationship. Only a little over a year ago, June 28 to be exact, the Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand and wife were assassinated by an eighteen-year old boy, and the event was followed within a month by the opening of artillery action between Serbia and Austria, and between Germany and Belgium, and a dozen nations are now engaged in the European war. The assassination of Franz Ferdinand has been regarded as the immediate cause of the war, but at the most it was only contributing in its influence. That there was a plot of some kind has been revealed, but in the light of disclosures it appears that this war would have come even if Franz Ferdinand had gained the Austrian throne. It required months for Americans to gain the perspective of Europe, but once attained as we see it now, a price and horror gave way in part at least to the fatalism with which Europe has regarded for years the trembling balance of international relationship.

The war will soon have been under way a year and not a country has remained untouched by the influences of war on trade and diplomacy. All the world looks on and one is amazed at the magnitude of the struggle. That it has only touched the United States in a superficial way is the cause for our greatest and most profound congratulations upon ourselves.

Now that all the high schools, colleges and universities have turned out a county full of graduates, we suppose the newly-acquired wisdom will be soon be bucking the line of ignorance and foolishness which the rest of us have been maintaining so successfully up to the present time.

OREGON'S IDEAL MAN

In the selection of S. Benson as Oregon's foremost citizen the committee appointed to confer the honor has made a choice that, while surprising, is none the less merited. Benson has made his way in the world, rising from obscurity as a foreign immigrant boy to a man of high ideals, and that without the ambition usually noticeable in those who attain wealth and the power that money confers.

As the recipient of signal honors at the San Francisco exposition he will be envied and approved. There are others in different walks and circumstances who might appropriately have been selected, but aside from the greatness that a profession or politics might insure, he is the ideal of true greatness and civilization. Mr. Benson will wear his past honors as easily as he has his past distinction of being Oregon's greatest philanthropist and model for others to emulate. We need more men like him.

THE BOY SCOUTS.

Next to the militia, which is feeder to the regular army is the organization of the Boy Scouts. It is far from being the least important, although its membership is composed of mere lads, for it is 200,000 strong—and they are growing every day in strength, stature and understanding.

They are boys now from 12 to 17 years of age, but they are already experts in a line of training beyond which it is but a step to scientific soldiery. Perhaps the time is far distant when their services may be needed. It is to be devoutly hoped that it is; but in the general scheme of "preparedness" the Boy Scouts and their growth and operations will bear watching.

The American boy becomes a man when he is 21 years of age. He is then a citizen, a voter; and if needs be the Boy Scout of today will become a soldier par excellence. His progress through the stages of scout development is marked by a merit system that denotes proficiency in the accomplishments necessary to a wholesome, self-dependence, a thorough acquaintance with all the features of the great out-of-doors. He attains his scout diploma when he is the proud possessor of 21 merit badges, and this diploma makes him an Eagle scout.

The American flag and eagle are one and inseparable in his hand and mind, as they very properly should be, and patriotism and loyalty to country are the watchwords of his clan, together with those of far-sighted courage and fearlessness. Even the motto of his order is "Be Prepared."

What better preliminary training could there be for future citizens of this country or future soldiers, if need be, than that which is being acquired by the Boy Scouts? Their organization is not militant, but in the nature of things, it fits them for whatever may come.

Praise from Sir Rupert is praise indeed. Read this from yesterday's Oregonian:

One must admire the grit of the little band of men who persist in holding the county fair at Gresham. Sometimes the elements are against them, but a deficit never leazes, and they come up smiling with arrangements for another and better exhibit next time. Such people make prosperity for their little city, despite its location in the shadow of the metropolis.

It is said that a long dry spell is coming because the muskrats are reported damming up the streams. But "ish-ka-bibble." The muskrats may not know any more about the weather than the weather bureau does.

As a summer resort Gresham cannot be beat. Gresham is so delightfully cool that because of that fact and one other reason we are going to spend our vacation right here at home this year.

Our idea of a happy wedded life would be one where a man's pipe smelled just as good to his wife in the thirteenth year of their wedded life as in the first three weeks.

The slaughter o'er the ocean oft-times has made us moan; But the Fourth of July is over, and we've had some of our own.

There is no use of any further denial that prosperity is imminent. Even the Panama canal is making money.

Nutting lies might become more popular if it were not for the fear that it would boost the price of nuts.

Can you retain in mind for another year the good things you heard in the Fourth of July oration?

That Americanization day celebration yesterday was safe and sane enough, all right.

WOMEN IN POLITICS.

Those who are opposed to suffrage for women should read a detailed report of the proceedings of the mid-year conference of the National American Woman Suffrage association, held in Chicago two weeks ago, as it appears in an eastern paper, and thereby acquire some interesting information. Among other things it would disabuse the "antis" minds of the oft-repeated but fallacious idea that such meetings are of the wishy-washy, cut-and-dried, unparliamentary kind. It will also convince them, perhaps, that the women at the head of this great movement have something worth saying and know how to say it.

This midyear meeting, held because the work has grown so big and the problems so numerous that there is not sufficient time at the annual meeting to cover the whole field in a democratic fashion, had not been in session an hour after it was called to order before the air was full of verbal fireworks. They were the result of a suffrage organization known as the Congressional Union, said to advocate the introduction of militantism into the suffrage campaign in this country, being summarily squelched by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the association, and other leaders of the real suffrage movement who have no use or sympathy for the purposes of the minor organization and are avowedly and unalterably opposed to militant tactics.

The engagement over the objectionable resolution and its attempted railroading through the convention was short, sharp and decisive, and the entire occurrence, including the attempt, the means adopted to frustrate it, and the attendant discussion was so undeniably indicative of the fact that these women are "wise" to political ways and means that it would set at rest at once and completely the more or less current opinion that they are too unsophisticated in conventional proceedings to make them a successful means to a desired end.

**SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS
A FORM OF VANITY**

Self-consciousness is continually passing itself off and being accepted as modesty. As a matter of fact, it is really one of the worst forms of pride.

To be excessively self-conscious is to exaggerate your own importance. People aren't half so interested in little you as you think they are. "Beware of too sublime a sense of your own worth and consequence" is a warning as much needed by the self-conscious soul who is in deadly fear of the limelight as by the arrogant person who tries to keep it on himself all the time.

Excessive fear of appearing ridiculous is one of the most common forms of this inverted vanity and makes many people lose half the fun of life.

A girl who was visiting at a summer resort and had not brought her bathing suit wanted to take a swim. A bathing suit was offered her. It was too large and, of course, looked rather funny. She firmly refused to wear it. "Why, I could never appear on the beach again," she declared, "every one would point me out as the girl who wore the funny bathing suit." She flattered herself. She lost her swim and disappointed the hostess, who was trying hard to please her—all because of her own importance.

The excessive sensitiveness, on which the people who possess it are so apt to pride themselves, is still another form of vanity. They continually imagine other people are trying to slight them when, as a matter of fact, other people are doing just what other people usually do—thinking of their own concerns.

Each human being is in the limelight on his own stage, and it takes some big force to get him out of that position. So don't be so afraid of being conspicuous; the danger is far less than you imagine.

An exchange sagely observes that it is never too late to swat a fly. The duce, you say! Our experience is that out of every thousand swats we are a fraction of a second too late about 923 times.

A commercial item says that moisture is needed to prevent the watermelon crop falling short. Why not open the melons and let them irrigate themselves?

Man is not only of few days and full of microbes, but he is an insignificant nut at his own wedding.

Dairy Records.

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It is generally expected that President Wilson will call a special session of congress and that one of the matters that will receive early attention will be the question of increasing the standing army. In view of the great change of sentiment in this connection it is not believed that there will be any serious opposition to such plan as the administration may decide to recommend.—Bangor Commercial.

The Spirit-Hand of Democracy.

Roumania is about to join Italy in war with the allies. She would have done so long ago, it is said, but for the threat that King Ferdinand's immense landed estates in Austria and Germany would be confiscated if his country should take that course.

Since Ferdinand is not a Roumanian but a Hohenzollern, a cousin of the Kaiser, put upon his little throne for a political purpose, it would appear to him, in the light of what is likely to happen, that he had better have declined the job than stand to lose all he has.

In the end, however, it may prove that he is not alone in this prospect. He isn't the only king who is likely to be reduced to the ranks before the final results of this titanic struggle have been permanently recorded. The spirit-hand of democratic times is reproducing on the walls of their royal palaces, the fateful warning of ancient days: "Mene, mene, tekel u-harsin!"

The bloody feast will eventually end. Upon victors and losers alike, everywhere throughout Europe, will ultimately descend the blessed consciousness of an enlarged understanding and appreciation of the boon of democratic government, to which aristocratic private government will surely yield. It may be longer coming to Russia than to the other nations, but even thence it cannot be forever excluded.

The almost century and a half of freedom service by the United States to humanity is beginning to make itself powerfully felt.—Providence Tribune.

O. A. C. Catalogue Now Ready.

The annual catalogue of the Oregon Agricultural College, a book of 470 pages, has just been issued from the College press, and is being mailed from the office of the Registrar. It embodies, besides the usual reference information, several announcements, various changes in faculty, courses of study, entrance requirements and so on, which will be of particular interest at this time. Copies of the book will be mailed free upon request, to all interested persons.

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