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EM-TEES

Vers Libre.

Flowers of springtime,
Roses red,
Sweet mykonette,
Carnations,
Honeysuckle on the vine,
Jockey Club on the handkerchief
Are all
Exceedingly odoriferous,
But
They have nothing on
The hallway
Of a
"Light housekeeping" rooming house.

Not If They "Rust" Him.

Dear E. D. K.—
Would you mind if I ventured to call Pershing's expedition into Mexico a Villabustering party, or do puns annoy you?—Emile.

Vandevillians.

"You're as brave as an outlaw."
"Some of them aren't so brave."
"One I met in the west was. He held the sheriff's posse at bay for seven days. The bandit was in a mountain cave and the harder the sheriff tried to get him out the less success he had. And the bandit held out for a week."
"Impossible! Without food?"
"But he had food. He drank milk."
"Where did he get the milk?"
"He had the sheriff's goat."

The Ultimate Possibility!

We know a cheerful soul who has already begun to predict that we're going to have a hard winter.

"Do you see that girl?"
"Yes, and she's certainly some girl. See if she has a friend."
"What for?"
"For you."

—Morton and Moore.

Where the Trail Leads

M. L. Hord went south to hunt for mules Tuesday, but found himself at Kansas City before he returned home. —Plattsburg (Mo.) Leader.

A Roob's Wooing.

The night was dark; low hung the moon. Sweet Isabel and Mr. Loon, together went canoeing. Poor Mr. Loon had in his head no brains, but only wheels of lead, and so he started wooing.

Sweet Isabel was diffident. She smiled, but showed away the gent, as always is becoming. Young Loon grew bold by leaps and bounds. (He weighed 120 pounds.) Her heart was fast succumbing!

The lover, in excess of glee (now notice what a bomb was he!) spilled out his soul's devotion, and as he spilled he rocked the boat, just like a half-wit nunny-goat, with steady, sickly motion.

"I'll rock the boat until you say you'll marry me, and name the day!" So spoke this silly blunder. She very deftly kidded him; (though neither out of them could swim) the boat began to founder. They gurgled twice while going down, and he forgot to act the clown. Thus ended then, their wooing. You'll find a Loon to rock the boat, as Isabel to be the goat, wherever there's canoeing. —Charles B. Driscoll.

MANY IN MEDFORD

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PREPAREDNESS PARADES

THE "preparedness" parades in New York and elsewhere are reminiscent of the "prosperity" parades of the McKinley campaign. They show without question that the employers and the ruling plutocracy are in favor of militarism and a large army and navy for the aggressive extension of territory and trade.

Many of the paraders are, of course, sincere advocates of a moderate preparedness for national protection. Almost everyone is. But the inspiration of the parades is the sinister desire of the few who seek plunder by an imperial policy.

Employers in New York ordered their workmen to march, on penalty of losing a day's wages. Coercion was carried to even a greater extent in the campaign of 1896, when factories were closed and bankers put on the screws to scare and force toilers to vote as they dictated upon threats of unemployment and hunger.

The power of the few is even greater today than twenty years ago. Our ruling plutocracy can bring on a panic whenever it desires—witness the panic of 1893 to force the restoration of high tariff, the panic of 1907, to scare the president into permitting the steel trust to absorb a rival, the industrial depression of 1913 to restore popular exploitation. War means a golden harvest for the powerful few; militarism, scarcely smaller profits, hence we see "preparedness" capitalized, as a political issue and the might and power of Wall street's influence used to force it upon the nation.

A navy is an offensive rather than a defensive weapon. Hence the clamor for the world's greatest navy is not for defense, but offense. A great army is not needed to protect the nation from imaginary foes, but it is needed if the United States is to follow in the footsteps of decadent feudalism and try to rule the world by force in order to enrich our trusts—not only a great army is needed, but the greatest, hence the effort to enforce universal military training.

As offensive preparedness has become a political issue through the dictates of big business, we will probably be treated to a repetition of the compulsion of the McKinley campaign and the coercive parade revived throughout the land to influence popular opinion. Bombast will flaunt as patriotism and militarism strut as "Americanism"—fine phrases used to enthrone the feeble-minded.

The renomination of Ben W. Oleott by a majority approximating 20,000 is a severe blow to Governor Withycombe's republican machine. The issue was clearly drawn—the man or the machine, and the man won. Once again the Oregon republicans have shown that they will not tolerate machine politics.

The great majority given the bond amendment has convinced everybody, except some members of the city council, that the citizens of Medford are in earnest in their effort to secure a railroad. It remains to be seen whether these councilmen think they are superior to the people or not.

Bert R. Greer, editor of the Ashland Tidings, loudest advocate of the recall of the county court, is reaping poetic justice by being recalled himself as member of the mineral springs commission. Those who fight with the recall, perish by it.

What Became of Joe Dies?

A True Story of Pioneer Days of Southern Oregon by O. A. Stearns.

(Continued From Friday.)

(Conclusion)

At last the gloom of the forest seems to break; there is light ahead, and towards it his footsteps hasten. He enters an opening in the forest, a glade where at one side there appears a grove of small quaking aspens and some willows. Without reasoning, he seems to sense the presence of water and rushes into the thicket and there, close to a bunch of willows is a clear spring or pool of water. Rushing forward, he throws himself prone on his stomach and plunging his face into the cold water he gulps it in huge draughts, only removing his face to draw a breath then plunges it in again. Why, oh why! cannot some one restrain him, why cannot he realize his danger in thus gorging himself with cold water! Alas! When it seems impossible that he could contain no more he is seized with convulsions. Oh my God! what pain, what torture! Convulsion after convulsion racks his frame; he rolls over and over on the ground in his agony. Gradually his struggles grow less until finally with one long convulsive shudder he becomes still. He is still forever! The pale sweat water he so craved has brought on a convulsive chill that ended his life. There on the mossy grass beneath the quaking aspens, he sleeps his last sleep.

The subject drew a long sigh and remained silent. The audience which has remained spellbound during the recital, began to stir and talk. The doctor came forward and after removing the enveloping bandages from the subject's head and eyes disclosed him apparently lifeless and it was not until he had made many passes over his face that he finally drew a long breath as of relief and opened his eyes.

The lecture was concluded by forming a class of some dozen or more of the audience who came and sat down on front benches and under the doctor's direction gazed fixedly at same object held in one hand for some fifteen or twenty minutes. When the doctor went around the circle and

tested them one by one as to their susceptibility to the meameric influence. Two of the class he found to be good subjects and caused them to go thru some very amusing performances, much to the delight of the others, but much to their surprise and chagrin after they were released from the influence and learned of their performances. The audience was then told that the lecture was at an end, and nearly every one left with a feeling that there was something unaccountable and uncanny in the exhibition of the clairvoyant powers of the doctor's subject. Had not the season of snow fall rendered further search for Joe Dies impossible for that fall, there would have been no trouble in raising a large party to go out in the Dead Indian country and follow up the description of the locality of his death to ascertain how much or little truth there was in the subject's realistic description.

The firing on Fort Sumpter followed soon after this lecture and answering Lincoln's call for volunteers, Robert Taylor, James Kimball and James Hoxie enlisted in Oregon's first regiment for three years or during the war, and amidst the exciting and tragic events of that long war, Joe Dies was forgotten, or at least all search for him was given up. One rumor had it that Dr. Colwell, who formerly prescribed for Joe, claimed to have seen Joe Dies in San Francisco some years later. That he met him on the street and avowed him, calling him by name, but only received a blank stare in return. This tale seems utterly improbable, but shows one of those numerous cases of mistaken identity.

As a sequel to the above, some fifteen or twenty years later, after the Dead Indian country had been fairly well settled by cattle and sheep

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men, a herder stopped for noon day lunch at a spring in a glade some six or eight miles northeast of where Joe Dies was last seen alive, and while eating, his dog that was prowling around near by brought in a bone that was evidently a part of a human skeleton. A further search found many more human bones, enough to justify the belief that some person had died there years before.

No further search was made, and as the skull was not found the identity of the remains was never determined. In fact, I do not think any one ever attempted to connect this find with the disappearance of Joe Dies, as his case was long since forgotten.

Whether these human remains were those of Joe Dies, the description of the place he met his death, together with the realistic description of his wanderings and final demise made a lasting impression on at least one of the audience.

The fact that neither the doctor nor his subject had ever heard of the case nor knew any of the parties thereto, were ignorant of the country so accurately described, together with the manner of the narrator, confirmed at least one of the audience in a belief in occult powers that the fifty odd years of strenuous life that has elapsed, has failed to shake.

Whether the sequel explains convincingly the query "What became of Joe Dies?" the reader can form his own opinion after a perusal of this true narrative. O. A. STEARNS.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor:

Too, too, too, too, too!
Train starting! We all have learned the signal from the Shasta limited, which goes like a thief in the night elsewhere.

The heart of Medford has spoken. We want to be shown. Bullis or anyone who can contract to deliver will be heard; but the work of Bullis appeals to the people; it has been substantial and favoring to local people—not characterized by pyro-pneumatics or manna-manna. He has not asked for \$300,000 "with no strings to it". It is now up to him to propose a definite contract for the people to approve, a contract promising definite results on definite standards. They probably can understand them, even if some doubt the ability of the people to do so; but any eighth grade school boy can understand a contract for definite results if there are no jokers in it, and the publicity it will be given will insure against them.

The main thing is that Medford must be made a competitive point on the map, and kept so.

B. E. PIATT.

CHARLES SWEENEY NEAR DEATH: HEART TROUBLE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25.—The condition of Charles Sweeney, millionaire mining man of Spokane and Portland, who has been at a local hospital for several months suffering from heart trouble, was at a precariously low ebb early today. His physicians stated that death might come at any moment. Members of his family were summoned last week from Spokane and New York.

SECOND LARGEST NAVY WANTED BY G.O.P. CONGRESSMEN

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Republican members of the house naval affairs committee in a minority report submitted to the house today, denounced the \$241,000,000 naval appropriation bill reported by the majority, as wholly inadequate and urged more liberal allowances to make the United States navy second greatest in the world. The minority charged that the majority report ignored opinions of naval experts and recommendations of Secretary Daniels and was based on a compromise between interests which wanted no additional naval protection, and those which wanted only a slight increase.

The republicans recommended that the bill provide for two dreadnaughts omitted by the reported measure, six battle cruisers instead of five, fifty coast defense submarines instead of twenty, \$3,500,000 for aircraft instead of \$2,000,000, still greater increase in personnel, creation of a national defense council, and means for rushing the building program by using more than one shift of workmen daily.

The report suggests that two dreadnaughts be built according to the plans now ready for the California and Tennessee, so that all might be finished simultaneously. The bill should provide, the report declares, for the full number of men required on a peace basis and should authorize the president to order at his discretion enlistment of such additional men as the navy might need, not to exceed the 88,762 recommended by the general board.

"UNDINE" IS A BEAUTIFUL PHOTOPLAY

The photo play makers apparently hired all the Annette Kellermanns in the world before starting out to make their film production of "Undine". It required more than half a hundred "perfect models" to pose this drama of the deep, and every one of those "perfects" had to be an expert swimmer, an accomplished diver and something of an actor before she was signed up as a mermaid impersonator. "Undine", the German mythological tale of the nymph whom the gods decreed had to marry a mere man to atone for the sins of her mother, a refractory nymph, is the attraction that arrived yesterday at the Page theatre for a two day run.

Being a story of the sea and of nymphs Mr. Otto has been held enough to make his character approximate the conception of the average mind as to what constitutes a nymph—as that average mind is taught by artists and writers to picture it. While it is true these denizens of the deep are not clothed in overalls it cannot be said "Undine" is a subject children should not see.

METHODISTS KEEP BARS UP AGAINST CARD PLAYING

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 25.—The Methodist general conference today refused by a vote of 455 to 366 to remove from the discipline of the church the clause which provides the penalty of expulsion for church members who play cards, dance and attend the theater.

More stringent regulations regarding the remarriage by Methodist ministers of divorced persons are provided in a report submitted by the committee on the state of the church. The church never has recognized any cause for divorce except adultery and has always forbidden re-marriage in any case where a divorced wife or husband is living. By the proposed change a minister who performs such a marriage is guilty of maladministration and is to be held answerable to his conference.

The total abstinence by Methodist church members from the use of tobacco is urged in another report which states:

"We record our solemn judgment that the habitual use of tobacco is a practice out of harmony with the best Christian life."

Polygamy and the social evil are condemned by the committee on temperance and public morals. The enforcement of laws prohibiting the former is urged.

Regarding the social evil the committee asserts that neither segregation nor punishment by fines is a remedy. The community should officially expel and disperse vice, it continues, and the state should provide industrial settlements for the mentally deficient and an honest place in society for those mentally capable.

GREECE STANDS PAT FOR NEUTRALITY

BERLIN, May 25.—It is reported from Athens, the Overseas News agency says, that Count A. Delbardi, the Italian minister to Greece and G. Guillemin, the French minister have been recalled by their governments because of the failure of their efforts to obtain permission for the transportation of Serbian troops through Greece.

The entente allies endeavored vainly to persuade Greece to permit them to transport the Serbian army at Corfu, a Greek island off the west coast, overland to the Saloniki front. They were reported to have threatened to employ forcible means but Greece announced in London recently that an amicable settlement had been reached and that there would be no infringement of the neutrality of Greece.

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MISS M. J. SARGENT.

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