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EM-TEES

A small boy had a habit of leaving food on his plate and was told by his nurse that Mr. Hoover would be after him.

"Well, that makes five," despondently said the boy.

"Five?" asked the nurse. "What do you mean?"

"Well," was the answer, "I've always had to mind daddy and mother and Aunt Mary and God, and now here comes along Hoover."

Long ago a famous Irish orator is said to have thus mixed his metaphors: "I smell a rat, Mr. Speaker, sir; I see it floating before me in the air, but I will nip it in the bud."

Young Andrews had called upon the young lady of the family. Her little brother Willie came in and offered Andrews a piece of sticky chocolate. Andrews wanted to make a friend of Willie, so he took it and ate it. Willie watched the eating intently, and when it was all finished he said: "Was it all right?"

"Yes, indeed," replied Andrews. "Very nice in fact."

"That's funny," thoughtfully said Willie. "My cat spat it out once and my dog spat it out twice."

"The man who gives in when he is wrong," said the street orator, "is a wise man; but he who gives in when he is right is..."

"Married!" said a meek voice in the crowd.

Sympathetic neighbor: "So Bill's dead!"

Bereaved one: "Yes, he's dead."

Sympathetic neighbor: "I suppose he's striking a harp with the angels now."

Bereaved one: "More like Bill to be striking the angels with the harp!"

A bishop was reproving a maid for having used his bathroom in his absence. "I am deeply pained and grieved, Parker," he said, "to think that you should do behind my back what you would not do before my face!"

Alderman Jones was being showed over the new church by the curate.

"Yes, it's a fine building," he said, "but I'm sorry to say the acoustics are very bad."

"Really?" remarked Alderman Jones, sniffing vigorously. "I don't smell anything."

TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Killed in action: Lieut. Ray C. Bravender, Corvallis, Ore. Died of Disease: Private Aubry G. Juddins, Newberg, Ore. Wounded severely: Private Lester A. Wilson, La Grande, Ore. Wounded, degree undetermined: Privates Jack L. Orchard, Portland, Ore.; Hobart G. Garrett, Portland, Ore.

FELIX FRANKFURTER QUILTS LABOR BOARD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Felix Frankfurter, today announced his resignation as assistant to the secretary of labor as chairman of the war labor policies board. The board will go out of existence within a few weeks since its activities have come to an end with the close of the war.

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SAVE THE BIRD RESERVE.

AN EFFORT is being made by promoters and exploiters to pass a bill through the legislature for the draining of Malheur lake—so that the land can be reclaimed and placed on the market. The lake is alkaline and it is doubtful if the land would be anything but an alkaline flat—worthless for agricultural purposes. A lobby in Salem is working to this end, so these promoters may reap a harvest in luring the unsophisticated easterner to settle upon the alkaline encrusted soil and go broke.

Malheur lake is one of the few remaining great wild bird nurseries left in America. It was created a federal game preserve by President Roosevelt, to keep the wild birds from extermination. The Department of Agriculture at Washington has had charge of this area and since 1908, has paid wardens to protect it. Oregon is morally bound not to commit the commercial crime of destroying it.

Wild birds are necessary to the agricultural development of the country because they are the natural check upon insects and other pests. Millions and millions have their home in Malheur lake. One by one, other lakes are being drained, or shortly will be, leaving this reserve the last great bird refuge in the northwest. We have laws to protect the birds in passage,—but if their breeding grounds are destroyed, these wild fowl will go the way of the carrier pigeons.

Malheur lake is as wonderful in its way as Crater lake. It is an asset to Oregon not only because of the preservation of bird life, but as a natural attraction—a mecca for naturalists and bird lovers from all over the world, and one whose value will increase with the years.

Governor Withycombe in his biennial message to the legislature urged that jurisdiction of Malheur lake be ceded to the federal government so that the lake will forever remain a wild bird reserve, under national control. A bill to cede jurisdiction, House Bill 376, is pending. All bird lovers, farmers and sportsmen are urged to write their delegations to support this measure.

\$5,841.90 From 125 Acres; Owner Challenges Contest

N. P. Larson of Ceylon, Minn., lays claim to being the champion small farmer of the state, measured by cash returns from his farm of 125 acres, last year. Mr. Larson itemizes his 1918 income in a letter to the Martin county agricultural agent. He says: "My farm consists of 125 acres, two acres of which is used for public highway. This is sent as a challenge to any other farm of the same size used for general farming. This is for stuff actually sold: Received for farm crops, \$71.30; Received for cattle, \$79.50; Received for hogs, 2,711.80; Received for butter, 137.20; Received for poultry, 136.65; Received for 4,137 doz. eggs, 1,319.15; Total, \$5,946.90; Paid for feed, 320.10; Feed invoice, 250.00; Leaving a net balance of \$5,841.90.

P. S.—The hens that laid the 4137 dozen eggs are Brown Leghorns. Ask someone to beat my egg production for 1919. I am on deck for a new record.

"We want to call your attention to two things about the statement," says the Fairmount Independent in commenting on Mr. Larson's showing. "One is, Mr. Larson is feeding up most of the grain his farm produces and selling it in the form of meat and butter. The other thing to notice is that he is making his chickens pay and pay big."

"Another point to notice also is that this is a result of not only good farming but also of good farm management. Mr. Larson keeps a record of his farm business. He knows what each department of his farm is doing. His farm is a factory of which he is the efficient manager."

Jackson county farmers are requested to send in their records to County Agricultural Agent Cate.

Music Notes

The music in the public schools is progressing splendidly according to a statement given by the supervisor of music, Miss Alice Vandersluis.

The greatest progress can be noted in the primary grades. When the children entered school at the beginning of the year, approximately one-sixth could carry a tune, two-thirds lacked the musical experience and one-sixth were tone deaf. At the present time the majority of children in the first grade can sing the major scale, descending and ascending.

All the school children in the city are learning the standard patriotic songs of America and the allied countries. At least once a week the children are gathered together in groups for chorus experience.

The Girls Glee club of the Medford high school now boasts of thirty members. The club is working on a program which will be presented some time in April. At that event, the high school string quartet will probably make its initial appearance. The quartet consists of Miss Ruth Campbell, Miss Doris McReynolds, Miss Vandersluis, Miss Edith Brooks and Mr. F. C. McReynolds.

Medford musicians who are attending the opera season in Portland this week are Miss Ruth Warner and Geo. Maddox.

The Medford Choral society will commence rehearsals on Monday evening, Feb. 17th. It is hoped there will be a full attendance and make the work for the remainder of the season in a measure recompense what was lost this winter.

The French government has sent to America one of her best musical organizations in the way of a military band. Its members are composed of Paris conservatory graduates, each one being an artist on his particular instrument, together with this fact they are all veterans of the war, many of them carrying wounds received in battle. Forty per cent of the receipts go to the French Red Cross. It is quite probable that Medford will be one of the points visited by this famous organization.

To those who heard the La Scala Opera company when it was in Medford last year, it will be interesting to know that the director, Fulgenzio

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FOCH COMPLIMENTS AMERICAN MEDALS AS FINEST OF ALL

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—Every medal that the United States government confers is made in the Philadelphia mint. For the war department alone, the big federal money factory is at present turning out twenty-two types of medals. The badges of honor awarded to Marshals Foch, Haig and Joffre, and other distinguished allied commanders, were the product of the mint.

Marshal Foch is reported to have remarked that the American Distinguished Service medal is the handsomest military decoration awarded. About two hundred of these medals of bronze and brilliant blue enamel are made every week in this city and turned over to the war department for shipment to the camps and army headquarters at home and abroad.

Many more of the Military Crosses, awarded for valor, are being made. More than five thousand of these have already been shipped from the mint. In manufacturing these medals ten impressions are made by a hydraulic press on a small square of bronze, beginning with one hundred tons pressure and increasing to two hundred and fifty tons. After the die has been stamped in this fashion, the cross is cut out by machine. The medal is then passed to workmen who fashion the little cross-bars from which it is suspended, ribbons are attached and the decoration is placed in a box ready for delivery.

The United States Navy Medal of Honor is also made at the mint. Here are manufactured the various kinds of medals awarded for sharpshooting, marksmanship and other honors of the service.

An order now being filled calls for ten thousand Mexican service medals, attractive bronze discs for the men who were in the Vera Cruz expedition. Now that the peace conference at Paris has approved the award of a distinctive service medal to every man who served in any of the allied armies, the Philadelphia mint may be called upon to manufacture medals by the million.

GERMAN CHILDREN FILL UP ON CANDY

TRIER, Prussia, Feb. 10.—A carload of chocolate billed to the American Army of Occupation was wrecked near Trier recently and several German children of families living nearby ate such quantities of the sweets that doctors had to be called in to treat them. Many of the children had never tasted chocolate before, this form of candy being among the luxuries which Germany was virtually unable to supply during the war and, before the American salvage crews got to work the youngsters consumed their fill and then started homeward with all they could carry.

TAFT PRESIDES AT NATIONS' LEAGUE PORTLAND MEET

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—Labor will have prominent part in the Northwestern Congress for a League of Nations which will be held at the municipal auditorium in Portland, Feb. 16 and 17. Frank P. Walsh, ex-joint chairman of the war labor board, who is regarded as America's foremost publicist on labor matters will appear on the same program with ex-President William Howard Taft, President Lowell of Harvard, ex-Ambassador Moganthou, Dr. Henry Van Dyke and other noted men who are leaders in the campaign for a League of Nations.

As president of the League to Enforce Peace, Mr. Taft has issued invitations giving opportunity to some 10,000 prominent men and women in Washington, Oregon and northern Idaho to be delegates at the convention in Portland. In addition some 10,000 general invitations have been issued. The state and county chairmen of republican and democratic committees have been equally invited, in order to insure the non-partisan character of the meetings. The heads of chambers of commerce, other business organizations, women's clubs, presidents of colleges, superintendents and principals of schools, bankers, prominent ministers and others are included in the invitation lists.

While interest grows hourly more intense in the results of the world peace conference, former President Taft and those associated with him in the League to Enforce Peace are holding "a transcontinental League of Nations Congress" in nine locations of which Portland is the fifth. The first one at New York attracted nearly four thousand credentialed delegates in addition to spectators. Each of the conventions will take action expressing sentiment not only as to a League of Nations but as to the kind of a league America wants. Results will be cabled overseas as well as reported to the United States senate for its guidance. An attendance of five thousand is expected in Portland.

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WHY PARISIANS ENTHUSED OVER OUR PRESIDENT

PARIS, Feb. 10.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.) A Frenchman, a small merchant of Paris, offers this as one explanation of the peculiarly popular demonstration with which the Parisians received President Wilson. "We have had many rulers come to visit us in these late weeks," he said, "but crowned heads like the kings of England, Italy and Belgium cannot dissociate themselves from their military rank. They come in wonderful uniforms with entourages glittering with braid and decorations. Essentially their receptions had to partake of the military aspect in a dominant manner. To the salutes and cheers of the crowds these rulers had to make only the stiff military salute of acknowledgement. Naturally this is not very personal. Even a king's salute is like that of any other officer."

"But," he continued, "your president came in civilian clothes, very plain, wholly undecorated, not even a ribbon in his lapel. His hat was constantly off. He was unhampered by uniform. He smiled, even laughed outright, in greeting to the Parisians. People now and then caught his direct glance. It was personal, very human and we Parisians like that. So the infection of this personal touch went thru the crowds. There you have it. It was different. He is a little reminiscent of our late President Faure" he ended. "His smile and the intimate bow are much alike."

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