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The Last Man's Toast

THE Last Man is going to open his bottle of wine and drink his last toast.

On July 21 Charles Lockwood, the only survivor of Company B, First Minnesota Volunteers, will stand at a table in a hotel dining room in Stillwater, Minn., and carry out the pledge that was made 44 years ago.

At that time there were 34 living members of Company B. They bought a bottle of Burgundy and put it in a safe, pledging themselves to hold a reunion each year and toast their departed comrades; and they agreed that when only one man was left, he should open this bottle and toast the others.

Now that time has come. Lockwood, who is 89, is the survivor. Newspaper and moving picture cameramen will stand by as he opens the wine—turned to vinegar, long since—and sips it in memory of the men who have passed on.

There is something unusually appealing about this ceremony. For Lockwood is not only the one remaining member of the famous Last Man's Club; he is, in a way, a symbol—the incarnation, for all of us, of the Civil War veteran.

We shall not have these veterans a great deal longer. North and south, they are going away with tragic swiftness. Each Memorial Day finds their ranks thinner. Of the more than 2,000,000 men who went to arms in the Civil War, only a few scattered thousands are left.

But something remains, for us and for this gallant old Minnesota veteran. Memories—and a tradition.

For us, who were born long after the thunder of the war had died away, it is chiefly the tradition. Our "old soldiers" have colored our national character for a generation. They have been a standing lesson in patriotism; a constant reminder that the Union which means so much to us was bought and maintained at a heavy price. We have been a better people because of the presence in our midst of these men.

But for Lockwood, one imagines, it is the memories that are more important.

The man must be living in a world of shadows. Company B went to war after an all-night dance in Minneapolis, a part of Minnesota's first volunteer regiment. Half of its members fell at Bull Run, and a good share of the remainder went at Gettysburg. All up and down Virginia's dusty roads they marched, for four long years. Then it all ended, and there were long years of peace—with the old comradeship, symbolized by this pledge, to bolster one up.

He doesn't, probably, need our sympathy. To be sure, he is old and he is alone, and death isn't far away; but he has known true comradeship, and he has been a part of something great, and when he drinks this last toast he will be toasting all of the men, of both armies, who have gone on to whatever reward it may be that awaits good soldiers. And it may be that this old chap looks ahead, not to a lonely grave—but to a reunion, with a distant bugle call to rally the ghosts of Company B.

Drink to the troopers who die, while I
Drink to the troop that never shall die!

Perhaps the most delicious cut on the hog is the one recently effected bringing its price down to the pre-war level.

The best feature of that bicycle endurance race in New Jersey is that the contestants, appropriately, stop when it's time to re-tire.

The four Hunter brothers have been signed for the movies. But there is no assurance they will provide sustained interest.

As one sun-burned bather might greet another: "And how are you peeing today?"

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

THE VICTORIAN LINE
Boston Transcript: Little Michael of Rumania is the first of Queen Victoria's great-grandchildren to have been a king, the first to have been deposed. Of her great-grandchildren, Carol the father of Michael, is the only one to have been a king and suffered exile; the little careworn of Russia was murdered in 1918; Prince Frederick William's chances of ascending the throne of Prussia are slim; the former Queen Elizabeth of Greece lives in exile with her mother, the dowager queen of Rumania. But there are other great-grandchildren of Victoria in Spain and Sweden and Norway whose future looks brighter, though one never can tell, this king business is so tricky.

There are also Victoria's grandchildren. The Kaiser is in exile and the Czarina Alix of Russia was murdered. But George of England and Maud of Norway and Victoria of Spain and Marie of Rumania have never had any trouble about keeping their crowns on their heads. And we need not waste much sorrow over young Michael. When a boy of 9 is the only chap in the country to have lost a kingdom, it must be a great temptation to him to go round making snoots at the other fellows who have only lost jack-knives.

HE TOOK NO CHANCES, BUT—
The Pathfinder: He brushed his teeth twice a day with a nationally advertised toothpaste, reports Louis L. Morris, editor of the Hartwell, Ga., Sun. The doctor examined him twice a year. He wore his rubbers when it rained. He slept with the windows open. He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh vegetables.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

Congressman Fish Admits the Reds Aren't Really a Very Big Menace Right Now, but He Does Think They Ought to Be Investigated—Finds a Red Flag Really Did Fly.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER, NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York, chairman of the House committee investigating Communist activities in the United States, is satisfied that the Reds do not present enough of a menace to cause anyone to fear the overthrow of our government.

But Mr. Fish believes that this system which operates in Washington is the finest government ever devised by man and he consequently has no patience with those radicals who want to upset it. Even if they are not dangerous, he says, there is no reason why they should be permitted to organize and propagandize in the United States.

There Was a Red Flag
Mr. Fish was kind enough to telephone Hamilton Fish of New York and point out that the committee had discovered that the red flag had actually been flown over the University of Chicago, as Father Edmund Walsh had testified. There had been considerable confusion over that piece of testimony among the committee members, who proposed to keep it out of the record, and also in the mind of your correspondent, who reported that the committee had found there wasn't any red flag at all.

But the University of Chicago now admits it. The assistant to the university's president has written to Father Walsh, noting "unfortunate misinterpretation" of the flag testimony. It appears that a university cop found a big red flag on the campus flag staff about 5 o'clock one morning and hauled it down, but was unable to place responsibility. Other reports indicate that some of the Socialist students were having a little fun. Mr. Fish admits that the flag incident wasn't an especially hot piece of evidence about Communist penetration of the higher institutions of learning. He hasn't anything against Socialists, anyway.

As I see it, the Socialists are trying to extend democracy," he says, "but the Communists want to set up a dictatorship by a minority. In Russia there are two or three million members of the Communist party ruling over 150,000,000 people. I don't want anyone to think that I'm trying to stir up a red scare, but we ought to know what these people are doing over here.

"The committee has proved that the Communists here take their orders from Moscow to preach class hatred and revolution. They never made any bones about it, so that wasn't any secret, but many members of Congress didn't know it and I doubt whether there was a single member who realized that our government departments had no funds and no authority to deal with the situation. Now that we have focused attention on what is going on I am sure that Congress will want to pass appropriate legislation. A few nights ago 12,000 Communists met in Madison Square Garden in New York and paid 50 cents apiece to get in. We can't let that kind of thing go on. Other countries have secret service men who join these Communist groups and attend their meetings so they can keep track of things.

Mr. Fish says he personally wouldn't curtail free speech except when people advocate overthrowing the government by force and violence.

One of the committee members resigned the other day—Drew of Arkansas—because he was too busy with rivers and harbors legislation. His place has been taken by Hall of Mississippi. Mr. Hall has been representing the lumber interests of his state in urging an embargo on Russian lumber, so he is expected to go after the Communists with more fervor than some other members of the committee have exhibited.

They'll Hear Mr. Whalen
In New York, after the middle of the month, the committee will listen to Matthew Woll, the vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, who has screamed louder and oftener about the Reds than any other man in the country. Also ex-Police Commissioner Whalen, who has had more of them clubbed than any other one man and who came down here a few weeks ago with the famous forged documents purporting to demonstrate propaganda activities on the part of Russia's Amtorg Trading Corporation in New York. Amtorg has been asked to be investigated and will be, under the House resolution. So will the Daily Worker, Communist newspaper, as well as Communist propaganda in the public schools.

After working the field in New York the Fish committee will visit Chicago and Detroit and then, it is expected, will make a tour of children's camps in the country where Communist propaganda is said to be taught. Mr. Fish says there are about 20 such camps. He denies that the committee intends to spank any of the children.

He relinquished his tonsils and traded in several worn-out glands. He soiled—never more than—eighteen holes at a time. He got at least eight hours' sleep every night. He never smoked, drank or lost his temper. He did his daily dinner daily. He was all set to live to be a hundred.

The funeral will be held next Wednesday. He is survived by eighteen specialists, four health institutes, six gymnasiums, and numerous manufacturers of health foods and antiseptics. He had forgotten about trains at grade crossings.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

A test was made this afternoon with a siren whistle, which was attached to the compressed air storage tank at the Klamath Falls Iron works. The whistle could be heard all over the city, although it was only placed temporarily, and was along side the plant building, which made an obstruction on one side. A telephone message was received a few minutes later from Ship-pington, which is nearly two miles away, to the effect that the siren whistle was plainly heard there. The experiment demonstrated that the siren whistle is much more satisfactory than a fire bell would be, also much cheaper. The committee appointed by the council was authorized to install a whistle for a fire alarm.

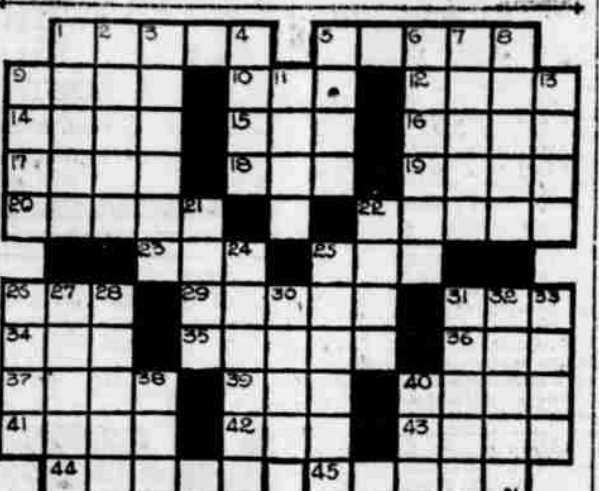
The first 1913 model automobile in Klamath Falls reached here today. It is a Chalmers, "30" and differs from the 1912 model in a number of ways. Notable among these is an automatic starter.

Ad Wulgast, champion lightweight of the world, may come to Klamath county on a hunt early next month. He is now on his way north from Los Angeles, and Merle Houston, promoter of the local fight events, has written to the champ urging him to come to Klamath Falls.

With a little work in the right direction it should be an easy matter to secure the bulk of the automobile tourist travel through Eastern Oregon on account of the slight expense necessary to put the roads in this section and in view of the frightful condition of the roads west of the mountains.

"The Klamath country is simply great." Thusly does J. C. Alsworth, president of the United States National bank of Portland, probably the greatest financial institution in the northwest, characterize this city. He has been in the region for some time, and arrived in Klamath Falls Sunday. He left today for Medford.

Crossword Hash



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| HORIZONTAL 37 Existed | | -VERTICAL 7 Flavor. | |
| 1 Collections | 20 Pasty. | 1 Sea skeleton. | 8 To iron. |
| 2 Got up. | 40 Knots. | 2 Got up. | 9 Leg. |
| 3 To grasp. | 41 Den. | 3 Intellectual. | 11 Foray. |
| 9 Learning. | 42 Beer. | 4 Bag. | 15 Oak. |
| 10 Verb. | 43 Stag. | 5 Penny. | 21 Kin. |
| 13 Missile. | 44 Wiser. | 6 Loved | 22 King. |
| 14 Metal. | 45 Gown. | exceedingly. | 23 Hired. |
| 15 Container. | | | 25 Registered |
| 16 Above. | | | for appointment. |
| 17 Spar. | | | 26 Catch. |
| 18 Knapsack. | | | 27 Thought. |
| 19 Flower. | | | 28 Water wheel. |
| 20 Desolate. | | | 29 Verbal. |
| 22 Succinct. | | | 31 Melodious. |
| 23 Kindled. | | | 32 Breakwaters. |
| 25 Unhappy. | | | 33 Orient. |
| 26 Peg. | | | 38 Eagle. |
| 29 To fish. | | | 40 Definite |
| 34 Str. | | | article. |
| 35 Hourly. | | | |
| 36 Inlet. | | | |

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

REFLIN OREGON
LIFE NACKLE OR
MANK PAKE STAR
A SETON
LAPPELS PANAMA
AGILE MANES
VITIELDS DEPART
AT SHARS RA
ACE ALA LAI
STAY RED ANEW
REPENT ENTIRE

William Duvall, Charles Balin Will Open Hotel Elks

William Duvall, proprietor of the Owl cafe, and Charles Balin of the Balin Furniture company, will leave today for Portland where they will purchase furniture and equipment for the Hotel Elks which will open about September 1.

Mr. Duvall has leased the hotel from J. Hirvi, builder, and plans to operate a strictly first class house.

"The furniture and equipment throughout will be the latest and best available," Mr. Duvall stated last night before leaving for the Oregon metropolis.

Logger Succumbs To Injuries Received
Injuries received Friday evening at the Ewauna logging

ERRORGRAMS

SING THE MAN STEIN SONG, BILL, I HAVEN'T HEARD IT LATELY.

WELL! WHAT SHALL IT BE?

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I WISH I COULD PLAY THE UKULELE LIKE THAT—I KNOW JUST A COUPLE OF CHORDS.

190 is Scrambled

NITISNAY
Makes you mad.

There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below—and unscramble it, by switching the letters around. Grade yourself 20 for each of the mistakes you find, and 20 for the word if you unscramble it. Turn to the back page and we'll explain the mistakes and tell you the word. Then you can see how near a hundred you bat.

Daily CAPITOL News Letter

Attack Tax Laws File Legal Cases Question Validity

SALEM, Ore., July 21. (UP)—Oregon's new intangibles tax, upon which the state tax commission pins so much hope for reductions in property taxes, is being attacked in the state supreme court from four quarters.

THREE SUITS attacking validity of the laws have already been filed and a fourth is being held in abeyance in Marion county circuit court pending final decision of the first three suits when it will be either further prosecuted or dropped.

State Would Lose
THE STATE would lose approximately one million dollars which has been assessed since the new intangibles law went into effect if the appellants are successful in their actions.

IT WAS believed that, if the intangibles law were declared invalid by the supreme court, corporations would then attack the excise tax, which would compel the state to return an additional \$700,000 to individuals and completely disrupt the state's present tax program.

Attack Legality
THE INTANGIBLES tax levies a tax upon the so-called "intangibles" owned by individuals, not upon corporations. The latter are taxed in a companion measure known as the "excise" tax.

LEGALITY of the intangibles tax was first brought to the state supreme court in the "Redfield case," filed by Scott Redfield and Berwick B. Wood, co-partners, and Roy A. Johnson, A. D. Wakeman and Hugh B. McGuire.

Hit Abitrary Classification
THE REDFIELD case bases its complaint chiefly on the contention that the intangibles tax is an arbitrary classification between corporations and individuals, taxing the latter and exempting the former, and that it is an arbitrary classification between Oregon residents and non-residents, although the latter are all doing business in Oregon and have their intangibles in this state.

FRANK KIERNAN of Portland, attacking the tax purely from the angle of discrimination between individuals and co-partnerships, and corporations, declared that "Nowhere in the history of taxation in America is there presented an instance of discrimination so capricious or so arbitrary as that of the intangibles tax, which is in effect a tax on the basis of the form of the business in which the individual is engaged."

THE THIRD suit in supreme court, filed by E. A. Miller, raises the question propounded in the other cases and a third contention that the intangibles tax act fails to exclude what may be generally termed "mortgage indebtedness." Attorneys for Miller asserted that the tax authorities will, unless restrained, force Miller and similar taxpayers to pay a tax on mortgage in-

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

"What is all this about Babbits being wrong? . . . I think they're grand guys. Who started all this anyway?"—Sinclair Lewis.

"I hope I never live to see another tariff revision."—Senator James H. Watson.

"I am a Christian, but I often feel very lonely."—George Bernard Shaw.

"The human race develops by war."—Theodore J. Hoover, dean of the Stanford engineering school and brother of President Hoover.

"There is little danger that our country will fossilize."—Carl Vin Coolidge.

"The world is a hot, mad race and things are topsy turvy."—Dr. Charles L. Goodell, of the Federal Council of Churches.

debtedness, notwithstanding the fact that Oregon laws hold such are not subject to taxation.

ATTORNEY GENERAL I. W. VAN WINKLE will this week file his briefs supporting validity of the intangibles law.

Mosquito Situation In Klamath Studied

Dr. W. V. King, of the bureau of entomology, of Washington, D. C., and Don C. Mote, chief of the entomology of Oregon State Agricultural College, left Saturday after making a preliminary survey of the mosquito situation in Klamath county.

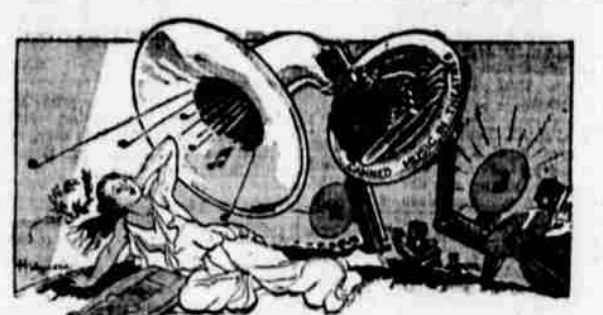
With Victor Johnson, assistant county agent, they collected specimens of the adults and larvae from different parts of the county. They will examine the specimens to determine the species to which they belong and to determine the best manner in which to fight the pest.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

NEW YORK, July 21. (AP)—HARRY M. Black, chairman of the board of the United States Realty and Improvement corporation, owner of the Hotel Plaza, was found seriously wounded in his bed at his Long Island estate today, a revolver grasped in his hand.

WHAT A NIGHT!
CHICAGO, July 21. (AP)—"What a night!" James Serlento, a mechanic, was saying to himself today, meaning last night. Serlento was kidnapped by two men, robbed, beaten when he resisted his captors, shot in the left hand and finally tossed from the hand's car.

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