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A DAY OF LOYALTY

It is proposed to make the Fourth of July a day on which to teach loyalty in a different way from spread-eagle speeches—to make it "Americanization Day" for those born in this country as well as for foreigners.

This idea originated in Baltimore and is spreading rapidly. A judge in that city proposes it, and from the viewpoint of this republic it seems to be an effective plan.

On this day, the day of the nation's birth, it is proposed to teach foreign born citizens some of the fundamental principles of this nation. It is proposed to impress upon them the fact that when they take their places as adopted Americans, loyalty is required of them as well as the years of residence necessary to become legal voters. They are to be admonished that no matter what foreign issues may arise, they have become in reality American citizens, after once being given the voting privilege, and if they cannot assume the responsibilities required of them they are unfit for citizenship.

There are many American-born citizens who should listen to such speeches on the Fourth of July, or on any occasion when such speeches are made. Too many are protesting against everything American, against everything that is undertaken by the country as a whole, and to drive such a lesson home to them would do them good.

It has been said that some foreigners make the best citizens, after once they have taken the obligation to support the constitution and obey the laws of the United States. That may or may not be true, but it is true enough that many of the native-born forget their loyalty on occasions, at least in their conversation.

Making the Fourth of July "Americanization Day" is not a bad idea. It will at once suggest new thoughts to the silver tongue orators who wave the flag and make the eagle scream.

LICENSES FOR POOL HALLS

The city and county officials have again joined hands and are using the greatest care in the issuance of pool hall licenses. They have determined that the pool hall shall not be made a cloak for the place where liquor is sold illegally.

Some of the pool halls in the past have been used for that purpose. With one or two pool or billiard tables in the room, the back part of the building has been partitioned off and there the pine board bar has been established. These places were on the ground floor and had an advantage over the upstairs location. The customers went into the pool hall and usually came from the back room wiping their mouths.

Long before the new pool hall law became effective the city and county officials had wiped out the joints in the rear rooms of the pool halls, but they could not compel the tearing down of partitions. Such places of opportunity for the hip pocket bootlegger and permit him to continue in business, although not to the same extent as when he was allowed the use of the bar and could keep a visible supply on hand.

The new law is strict enough and if any bootlegging is done in the neighborhood of the pool halls it will be while the officers are not looking. To permit the illegal sale of liquor about such premises is ground for revoking the pool hall license.

The reputable men engaged in conducting billiard and pool halls are having no trouble with the officials. They are given licenses under the new law for the asking and upon their representations; but the bootlegger, or the man with a shady reputation in that particular, might as well retire from business.

DEATH IN THE MOVIES

Whoever it was that conceived the idea of making death just as horrible as possible in the moving pictures may have thought it would be pleasing to the patrons, but he made a serious mistake. Death in the movies should be quick and as painless as possible. Perhaps it would be better to announce the demise of the villain on the screen and let it go at that.

The most popular form of simulated death in the movies is to choke the victim, bent backward over a table with his face to the audience and his staring eyeballs hanging out like loorknobs. The agony is usually prolonged, probably under the impression that the audience enjoys that sort of thing. Both choker and choked work laboriously, and no doubt they congratulate each other after it is all over, in the belief that they have produced a scene that will be gratifying

and even pleasing to the picture house patrons.

Even the natural death in the movies has as much horror as possible thrown into it. The candidate for the long sleep is in bed, let us say, surrounded by his sorrowing or neutral relatives, as the case may be. But two or three physicians, distinguished by their surgical instrument cases, which they fondle lovingly, are also there and we know there is no possible chance for the man on the bed. Pretty soon he begins to writhe, the relatives go through the form of weeping, and death comes on apace.

Apparently the film people pick contentions to go through the death scenes. The dying man puts his face through all the forms that express agony, remorse, fear, and regret. He keeps it up until the director tells him to cue it and give up the ghost, and finally it is all over. A sheet is drawn up over his face and the audience breathes a sigh of relief.

Death could just as well be made pleasant and even attractive in the movies. At least there ought to be now and then a man or woman who dies smiling. It is said to happen in real death on certain occasions. The movie actor does not really die, you know, when he depicts such a scene. He could just as well smile at his friends and relatives, a little wanly, perhaps, wave his hand at the audience and then lay calmly back while waiting for some one to pull the sheet up over his face.

Most of us have a sneaking admiration for those who manage to stay on the front page a great deal of the time, but there has been no occasion for us to rise in our seats and shout ourselves hoarse over Vice President Marshall on that account.

Proof that longevity has its drawbacks is found in the fact that those who thought Lillian Russell would tell all her bawdy secrets and quill have for years and years been disappointed.

Election reform is in the air in Indiana and the things that were done at Terre Haute are to be repeated in Indianapolis; and there are other states in which the same kind of thing could be done very profitably.

It is said that the north pole is nothing more than an invisible spot that must be imagined, which goes to show that Doc Cook was not so far wrong, after all.

If a man has a nagging wife, he knows all about silence that is golden.

The Boy Who Always Had a Sane Fourth



Schedule of Convention July 5-12 At The Panama Exposition

- National Congress on Recreation Monday, Six days. National Editorial Association, Monday, Two days. Navy League of the United States, Monday, Three days. California High School Teachers Association, Monday, Five days. Pi Beta Sorority, Monday, Five days. Classical Association of Northern California, Monday, Five days. Girls' Friendly Association of America, Monday, Five days. International Press Congress, Monday, Six days. Conference of Amateur Press Associations, Monday. Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, Monday. California Press Association, Tuesday. Grand Interfraternity Council of the United States, Tuesday, Two days. California State Rural Letter Carriers' Association, Tuesday, Two days. California Drug Clerks' Association, Tuesday, Three days. American Association of Museums, Tuesday, Three days. Association of Retail Sheet Music Dealers of the United States, Tuesday. Baptist Young Peoples Union, Wednesday, Five days. National Leather and Shoe Finders' Association, Wednesday, Three days. Gamma Eta Kappa Fraternity, Wednesday, Four days. National Federation of Musical Clubs, Thursday. Actors' Equity Association, Thursday. International Milk Dealers' Association, Thursday, Two days. National Council of Women Voters, Thursday, Three days. American Association of Journalism Teachers, Saturday. Philological Association of Pacific Coast and Modern Language Association of America. State University of Iowa Reunion, Saturday. Theta Delta Chi Fraternity, Saturday, Four days. Congress of Federal Suffrage Association, Sunday, Three days.

The Times Oracle

Dear Oracle—I have just been invited to a barn dance, and have very little time to prepare a costume. Can you suggest something? My hips are rather prominent.—TARDY.

By raising the waist line the prominence of the hips is offset. Paris couturiers are announcing an unusual number of styles just now, but Oracle gives below one of the most simple and desirable:

Over a forearm built of pale, cold, blue, mounted by a full-length Bulgarian tunic, wear a frilled, pale green smoking of raspberry de sole. In case you cannot get a raspberry, take a null.

The waist should be offset by a figured crepe harmonise, with a high chemise of indigo crepe. Adorn the skirt with a number of antique blue vitrol, and for the neck embellish a satin tulle sole with placidly moths and soubat-be-bolero. If the evening is warm out of the almona and wear an outside gulmpe de Dree, toire, slashing the skirt enough to reveal a foundation emplacement of verd-janne with raffin and lusted gilets. Over the shoulders fasten a drap d'epouse, with pleated plastron.

You do not state your sex. If you are not a girl wear peg-top trousers and a coat. Shoes are optional, but spitters are wisely picked up if bare-footed.—ORACLE.

HISTORICAL CHARACTER



Tourist—Is that some famous chief? One Card Hill—Yep! He's the old Plute that collected \$100 from the railroad company for killing a sick beifer that didn't belong to his herd.

"What's this?" said the doctor. "Mr. Langbow is lying at death's door. Make that read 'laying'."

"What?" exclaimed the young woman reporter in surprise. "That's not correct."

"No," replied the editor, "but it's better to make a grammatical error that offend Langbow's relatives. His reputation for veracity is notoriously bad."—Stray Stories.

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Little Stories for Bedtime. By THORNTON W. BURGESS. (Copyright, 1915, by J. G. Lloyd.) When things look very, very dark. It often happens they are not so very bad at all. They only seem that way. You remember that Old Mr. Toad had Peter Rabbit that he thought that the three little Possums were lucky when they were caught by Farmer Brown's boy. Now the three little Possums didn't think so at all. They thought that they were unlucky, the most unlucky little people in all the Green Forest. Everything looked very, very dark to them then. They felt sure this was the end of everything for them and sometimes their little hearts almost stopped beating with fear. Then when their strange journey ended and they finally opened their eyes to find themselves in the snugest of little houses and that nothing real-dreadful had happened to them yet they began to feel better. It was a queer place and they at once began

for the Picnic under the Trees. Here is a quality food to put in the basket—food that has earned its good name through merit—that is kept up with a firm hand. If it were possible to make foods bearing the Supreme trademark better, Morris would. SUPREME Food Products are ideal for outdoor occasions—Supreme Baked Ham, and Supreme Eggs, to boil hard. For every day use at home, use Supreme Ham, Supreme Butter, Supreme Bacon, Supreme Lard, Supreme Canned Meats. Thousands of conscientious dealers sell Supreme Food Products. Find the one near you and stick to him. He's a good man to know. "It's Always Safe to Buy Supreme" Morris & Company