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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America
as a government of the people, by
the people, for the people, whose just
powers are derived from the consent
of the governed; a democracy in a repub-
lic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign
States; a perfect Union, one and insepar-
able, established upon those principles of
freedom, equality, justice, and humanity
for which American patriots
sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I
therefore believe it is my duty to my
country to love it; to support its Consti-
tution; to obey its laws; to respect its
flag; and to defend it
against all enemies.

WILL WE COOPERATE?

THE "Keeping Fit" conference recently held in
Charleston under the auspices of the U. S. Public
Health Service was well attended, we understand,
and plans were perfected to reach at least 50 per cent of the
boys and girls of high school age with a keeping fit mes-
sage.

The campaign is to cover high schools, industries and
rural communities and is to be operated through various
state and local organizations. The slogan will be "Keep-
ing Fit" and the answer will be found in the teaching
of proper methods of exercise, diet, personal hygiene and
the avoidance of infectious diseases. Tuberculosis, ty-
phoid, dysentery, oral hygiene, and the social diseases
will be handled and discussed freely, babies will be
weighed, measured and graded. A sanitary engineer will
inspect water supplies, while a rural sanitation expert will
teach the people why there is more sickness in the country
districts than in towns.

Moving pictures, stereopticon slides, card displays, lec-
tures, and actual physical examinations will be the prin-
cipal means of reaching the public.

Certainly no movement of greater moment to the state
has ever been inaugurated and it needs only the coopera-
tion of each county to make it a success. Besides the
general plan to reach boys and girls, an intensive cam-
paign is to be made in certain counties which express a
desire to cooperate. These counties are to be combed
clean and no stone left unturned which will educate and
enlighten the people. Is our county ready to cooperate?
If so, let us get busy, for there are plenty of other counties
which will and we will lose our chance.

SHOULD WOOD RESIGN?

THE candidacy of Major General Leonard Wood,
U. S. A., for President of the United States grows
apace. The general's movements as told in the news dis-
patches indicate that he is no slouch of a canvasser. Quite
likely he has taken a leaf from the book of his life-long
friend, the late lamented rough rider.

As a major general in the regular army he draws
\$8,000 a year salary from the public treasury, with addi-
tional allowance for quarters—house rent, light and fuel.
He is 59 years old and therefore is due for retirement at
what amounts to full pay in about three years.

It has been suggested that inasmuch as he is a full-
fledged candidate for the presidency, General Wood
should resign from the army at once. On the other hand
it is pointed out that few candidates do any such thing
until after they are elected—or anyway until the nomi-
nations are handed to them. Charles Evans Hughes sat
tight on the Supreme bench in 1916 until the Republican
convention at Chicago voted him as the party's candidate
for president. Roosevelt stuck to the governor's chair to
the end of his term, although he had given much of the
previous year to his canvass for the vice presidency. Wil-
liam McKinley was an active candidate during the entire
four years he held the office of governor of Ohio. Grover
Cleveland remained governor of New York in 1884 even
after he had been elected president.

These were civilian candidates. What have the army
candidates done in such cases? W. S. Hancock was a

folks in the sections which have just
gone dry.

They have not yet had time to get
the pickhandle down to a real system.

The first results of the efforts of a
pickhandle novice usually are enough
to spoil any Christmas—or any other
holiday for that matter.

Washington is all excited over re-
ports that there are leaks in the Su-
preme court.

What's leaking we would like to
know.

Not booze certainly.

James W. Gerard has filed a petition
as a candidate for the presidency at
the South Dakota primaries.

Gosh, if he gets to be a candidate
in anything except his mind there'll
be a hot time.

Some one'll point out that he used
to be a good friend of old Bill Hoben-
zollern and the stuff will be off.

RUFF STUFF

Senator Cummins yesterday told the
senate that if the railroads are turned
over to the companies just as they are
now most of them will be in the hands
of receivers within a month.

The year 1920 promises to be the
banner one for the lawyer guys.

So it's to be a dry Christmas.

But that's only where folks were so
improvident as to expect that no one
was in earnest about prohibition.

The cannys will have a wee drap
as usual.

But as they probably will be rather
miserably about it most of us will have
to be content with the wine of the
country.

To wit, pickhandle.

And in that we will have it on the

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Christmas Spirit.

The Christmas spirit is in the air
and the good pay of the miners is go-
ing to enable most of them to gratify
the usual longings of that spirit. Ar-
rangements are under way for a
Christmas entertainment by the Sun-
day school and funds being collected
for the usual Christmas treat for the
children.

Sunday School Officers for 1920.

The Sunday school board of the M.
E. Sunday school presided over by
the pastor, Rev. L. A. McNemar, elected
the following officers for the com-
ing year: Superintendent, Wm. F.
Hoult; assistant superintendent, Jas.
D. Bowman; secretary, Miss Alma
Johnson; treasurer, Miss Erma Wat-
kins; organist, Mrs. Wm. H. Hall;
librarian, Miss Georgia Hall; super-
intendent Home department, Jas. D.
Bowman; superintendent Cradle Roll,
Miss Erma Watkins.

The Home department is a new ven-
ture or rather was tried once and al-
lowed to fail. The new superintend-
ent has appointed as visitors Mrs.

major general in the army when he was a candidate for
the Democratic nomination for president in 1880. Evidently
he did not consider it necessarily good ethics to
resign his commission. General U. S. Grant resigned
from the army only after his election in 1868; he was in
command of the army all through the campaign. In 1852
General Winfield Scott, the hero of the Mexican war,
was a candidate for the Whig nomination and got it. He
didn't resign before or after the convention made him the
standard bearer.

Thus the precedent is overwhelming that a man can
hang onto whatever office he holds until he gets the nomi-
nation, and after. The question, therefore, is up to Gen-
eral Wood's own personal ethics of what course he should
take in view of all the circumstances. If he is going to
rough over the country with all the campaigning pep of a Roose-
velt, does he feel that he will be right in pocketing the
public money while he does little or no major generaling?
Would it not, indeed, be better politics, better tactics, to
resign from the army and seek the exalted position as a
civilian rather than as a blood-and-iron soldier? We leave
it to Leonard!

PENSIONERS.

WARS may come and wars may cease, but pensions
seem to go on forever. The commissioner of pen-
sions has just made a report in which he tells us some very
interesting things.

One of them is that the records show there are at this
time 81 widows drawing pensions for what their husbands
did for the country in the War of 1812. That is 107
years ago.

If we can crowd a great many figures in very little
compass it may interest you to know that Uncle Sam
since he has been in business has paid out for pensions to
his soldiers of all wars \$5,617,520,402.30. He did not
say what the 30 cents was for! The Revolutionary war
cost the government \$70,000,000 in pensions; the Indian
war, \$16,700,000; the Mexican war, about \$53,000,000;
the Civil war, \$5,300,000,000, and the Spanish
war and Philippine insurrection about \$65,000,000.
So far!

The one ending June 30 was the banner pension year
of history—\$22,129,000 being paid to 624,427 per-
sons, though this was the smallest number of pensioners
on the rolls since 1890.

On June 30 the report of Pension Commissioner Gay-
lord Saltzger shows that there were 271,391 Civil war
pensioners on the rolls and 293,244 widows drawing pen-
sions. As in some other things, Ohio leads in folks draw-
ing pensions from the government. She has 60,002 on
the rolls and in the last year they "drew down" \$21,582,-
330, an average of about \$360 a year—a dollar a day.

The Anthony bill which is now being considered be-
fore a committee of the house, although it would limit
newspapers that use the mails to 24 pages, would not
be a remedy for the news print shortage in this country.
It was testified yesterday that this provision would not
apply to more than 50 or 60 papers in the whole coun-
try. This number undoubtedly is much too low, but
even so the newspapers that are affected would find a
way around it by printing mail editions just as the
British newspapers have done for years. Only a small
portion of newspaper circulation is carried in the mails.
The interest the Anthony bill is arousing at the na-
tional capital shows how serious the paper shortage is,
and the longer it is studied the plainer it becomes that
the only possible solution is the erection of more paper
mills, which means that there will be trouble for from
18 months to two years more. In the meantime all
users of news print must cut out waste, stop printing
unnecessary pages and giving printed papers away.

Newspaper reports say that the decision of the Su-
preme court in the war time prohibition act was a
great disappointment in various parts of the country,
where the liquor interests and a thirsty public were
expecting a wet Christmas. But it probably would de-
velop, if an investigation were made, that no very great
proportion of the people entertain such thoughts. The
vast majority has made up its mind that the country
has gone on a dry basis and is perfectly satisfied with
the condition.

Today at Charleston a conference on the high cost
of living which was called some time ago by Governor
Cornwell will begin its deliberations. The avowed
purpose of this gathering is to work out a plan for closer
cooperation between federal, state, county and municipal
authorities in efforts to reduce the cost of living.
It is a little late in the day to attempt this, but now
that it has been attempted it is to be hoped that it will
be attended by much success. One of the great-
est wastes in the country grows out of the existence of
what Roosevelt called twilight zones between the vari-
ous forms of government we have. When they can all
be brought into cooperation in any given movement
an improvement almost invariably results.

According to a dispatch from New York farmers in
the Euphrates valley in Turkish Armenia have pooled
together and are offering a thousand acres of land to
some American farmer who will farm it according to
the most approved American methods as a practical
demonstration for the neighbors. That offer ought to
lead to a veritable scramble on the part of scientific
American farmers, for way back the whole Tigro-
Euphrates country was one of the most productive spots
the sun ever shone upon. It would be yet but for the
fact that the kind of government those lands have had
for centuries has made good farming impossible. Now
that there is a prospect of permanent safety for the hus-
bandman and his family agriculture is bound to im-
prove even if there are no expert teachers from this
side of the Atlantic.

Frank Barnes, Mrs. Harvey McEl-
fresh, Mrs. W. H. Hall, Mrs. Lloyd
Luffman and Miss Catherine Lloyd
The real work of the department will
begin with the first of the year and
it is hoped to make it a real success
this time.

Epworth League Program.
Next Sunday night, December 21,
will be a regular Christmas program
of the Epworth League. The leader
will be S. O. Cummings. The topic,
"The Christmas Message and the
Christmas Spirit," speakers, W. F.
Hoult and Jas. D. Bowman. Cornet
solo by James McElfresh, accompan-
ied on the organ by Miss Lena Snider.
Also several readings, etc., all breath-
ing the spirit of Christmas. Every-
body is expected to come.

Personal.
Arthur Austin of Morgantown, and
a couple of young gentlemen, friends
of his, were guests of the family of
Charles E. McElfresh Sunday.

The family of M. S. Valentine was
away the past couple days to the fu-
neral of Mrs. Valentine's father, Wes-
ley Wilson, of Bon-Air avenue, who
was buried at the Jones cemetery at
Bellview Sunday.

Jas. D. Bowman and son, Jesse, were
at Little Falls on a business trip Sat-
urday.

Clarence Bowman returned last
week to Terra Alta having been re-
called as the B. & O. has again put
back the furloughed car inspectors
and repair men, laid off on account of
the strike.

Miss Gladys Watkins, who is at-
tending the Normal school, was home
over Sunday.

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

Judge Borst, grand sire of the Odd
Fellows, and a judge of the supreme
court, commented last night in an ad-
dress at the First M. E. church on the

Shurtleff & Welton Xmas Footwear



Give Him a pair of
Shoes—the best selection
can be found at this store.
Prices \$6.00 to \$17.50



Give Her a pair of our
famous shoes—every
wanted style and size
here.
Prices \$5.00 to \$17



Little Folks like new
shoes—a great line of the
better kinds here—all
sizes.
Prices \$1.25 to \$3.50.



Xmas Slippers for the
Whole Family—
Can you think of a more
acceptable gift?
Mens and Womens,
\$1.50 to \$4.00
Boys and Girls
\$1 to \$2.50

Shurtleff & Welton
See the "Old Mill" and
"The Night before Xmas"
in our windows.

disposition of legal men to speak of
a judge as a man "who used to be a
lawyer." Judge Borst accepted such
a classification for himself. Putting
his hand on the Bible he observed at
one time:
"I have read it. My mother
gave me a dollar to read it
through."

emphasized that the churches needed
the lawyers in them. He said:
"If the churches can't make
lawyers, they may keep them from
being very bad."
The general opinion seems to pre-
vail that Fairmont has more lawyers
engaged in church work than the
average over the country. Harry
Shaw, president of the Marion Coun-
ty Sunday School association, was in
the front row at last night's meeting

and is a prominent church man as well
as a prominent Odd Fellow.

Taking No Chances.
Gibbs—So you went after the job. I
thought you believed that the office
should seek the man.

Dibbs—I do, but this is a fat job and
I thought it might get winded before I
reached me.—Boston Transcript.

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For Women
will greet you
HERE

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Honest Values 108-110 Main St.

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Women Wear
Make Ideal Gifts.
Let Us Help You.

Just At the Right Time and At Right Prices

That Is the Attraction Held Forth By

EDITORIAL:

"Jane, I want to buy you a
Fur Coat for Christmas!"

How many wives do you sup-
pose are just hoping that their
husbands will say something like
that?

The woman who has repressed
her own desires, because she
didn't want to spend the money on
herself, is just the wife who richly
deserves to be made joyously
happy on Christmas morning by
the husband who appreciates her
thrift, but who wants her to be as
well dressed as the wife of any
other man of his means.

That's the Man
We Invite to Drop In
HERE
Tomorrow
We'll convince you of
the quality and value of
Courtneys' Furs!

This Sale of
FURS
To-Morrow
December Seventeenth
MR. LEVY
Will be with us
Bringing with him from
New York
his wonderful line of
TRIANGLE FURS

Furs hold high favor in the choice
of Gift Buyers, whose purpose is to
give presents that are useful and
ornamental.

Every woman in town knows
Courtneys' Furs are trustworthy, and
that will add to the appreciation that
fur gifts bought here will receive.

Truthful Advertising Courtneys' Store Dependable Merchandise

Don't throw it away!

New Shoes Are Unnecessary

Not since the Civil War have shoes been so
costly as they are today. Shoes have more than doubled
in price in the last four years.

But you can make your shoes last twice as
long if you let us show you the way of making new shoes
out of worn ones.

Our modern machinery and skilled operation
enables us to take your old shoes and restore them to the
durability and good appearance of new ones. Our rapid
methods of doing the work makes the cost trifling. Bring
the shoes of the entire family here and get double service
out of last year's shoes.

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