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REVIVE THE OLD ORGANIZATION

WHAT preparations is Tonopah preparing to make to welcome the coming and speed the parting guest when the automobile season opens and the Midland route will bear thousands of tourists to and from, coast to coast? There is every reason to believe that the season will open early and that there will be vastly more cars through here than there was in 1915.

Tonopah enjoyed a considerable financial profit from the auto traffic last season. It will be a much greater benefit this year, and in the years to come it may be expected that the number of pleasure autos will steadily increase. The people who formerly went to Europe for their summer holidays and now are barred by the war and there is a growing desire to see America first.

The Nye County Automobile association and citizens generally, particularly the business men, should take action as soon as possible to revive the organization and get it on a working basis, so that it will be capable of accomplishing something worth while when the travel season opens.

THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY

TOMORROW the memory of George Washington, who is always first in the hearts of his countrymen, will be especially revered, it being the anniversary of his birth. The debt the nation owes to the commander-in-chief of the Continental forces and the first president of the republic is one that can be repayed only by revering his name and recalling his noble deeds, by setting aside one day each year when an hour or two may be spent in reading the history of the Revolution and of the trying days under the first presidency.

There have been other great Americans, but Washington was and is the first. Let us all devote at least a portion of tomorrow to research into his character and accomplishments, to pick up the encyclopedia, or the biography or even the old school history and gain new knowledge of the sterling qualities, the self-sacrifice, the heroism, the diplomacy, the executive powers of the man who prayed to the God of Battles during the cold and cruel winter at Valley Forge.

CLEANLINESS COMBATS DISEASE

UNTIL the present storm, February had been warmer than the normal. The snow disappeared, the frost came out of the ground and there lay exposed all manner of rubbish that had been permitted to accumulate during the winter. This garbage is disease breeding in its nature. Decay is rapid after it has undergone the alchemy of frost. As soon as the present storm is over there should be a day set by proclamation of the chief of police or of the town commissioners for the raking up and heaping of all rubbish, that it may be gathered up and carted away by the municipal teams, extra trucks being provided if necessary, and it will undoubtedly be necessary, judging from the littered up appearance of streets, alleys, yards and lots.

There are two great menaces to life and health here as elsewhere, pneumonia and typhoid fever. The season when the former is most prevalent is passing, the latter is about to have his innings, if permitted. Cleanliness of body, of food and of environment are the great enemies of typhoid. If no decaying material is permitted to remain in the city, if the cesspools are properly treated with chemicals and if sewer connections are more generally made, Tonopah may pass the summer without a recurrence of this dread malady. The first requisite is a cleanup day, one that will be observed by all.

PREPAREDNESS VS. MILITARISM

THE American Federation of Labor, in thirty-fifth annual convention at San Francisco, adopted resolutions on national defense that are fundamentally sound.

"We express our belief," declares the federation, "in the need of a small standing army to be supplemented by a citizen soldiery, democratically organized and controlled, so as to prevent either the small standing army or the larger supplements and its units to be used for or by any special privileged class, either at home or abroad."

The federation resolutions go to the historic heart of the matter in saying that "our American traditions are wholesomely positive against the maintenance of a large standing army." Over and over again in their messages to congress the principle of a national defense founded on a citizen soldiery was emphasized by Washington, Adams, Madison, Jackson, Lincoln and all the other presidents. Those labor men who drafted the San Francisco resolutions have read aright the history of our country.

The country must be defended in the final analysis by a citizen soldiery, and it should be democratically organized and controlled. What is the definition of the word "democracy?" Simply popular rule. A government that authorizes a small minority of its citizens to do the voting for the masses of its people is not a democracy. A national defense system which requires a small volunteer minority to perform the defense work and do the fighting for a favored and shirking majority is not "democratically organized."

A system of universal and compulsory service, like the Swiss plan, is thoroughly democratic. In Switzerland the people are the government and the people are the army. There is equal opportunity for all and special privilege for none. The sons of rich and well-to-do families are made to bear their just share of patriotic duty and service. They are not allowed to shirk in ease while the sons of less favored families march to the frontiers to guard their country against invasion.

The Swiss system is just and makes a virile and resolute nation. It is an effective antidote to the German system of militaristic caste. Once adopted in the United States we should be practically immune from invasion. The mere knowledge that here were several million able-bodied young men who had been trained to march and manoeuvre, to shoot straight and unafraid, would be a powerful and effective deterrent on the ambitions of empire-seeking governments everywhere. Under that system class distinctions are reduced to the minimum. It is impossible for the army to "be used for or by any special privileged class." The country's wageworkers ought to be enthusiastically for it.

CLIPPED AND CREDITED

An English physician declares that thin persons live longest. That yarn's too thin.—Albany Argus.

The president has to choose between war with Germany and war with Roosevelt.—Charleston Courier.

If the president selects a dark horse for secretary of war he should make sure of one that will stay hitched.—Pittsburgh Gazette Times.

The introduction of a bill to tax cemeteries seems to point to the fact that we are not going to escape taxes even after death.—New Orleans States.

Ford is said to be rigging up another peace party. Oh, Hank's a hog for punishment.—Nashville Tennessean.

To Mr. Garrison's credit be it said, he didn't leave behind him any "God bless you's, Mr. President."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A philosopher says "life has a thousand exits," and still he doesn't go out.—Florida Times Union.

BIG SEISMIC CREVICE IN LINCOLN COUNTY

GREAT CRACK OPENS AS PROBABLE RESULT OF AN EARTHQUAKE

A strip of land from two to nine feet in width and varying in depth from one to forty feet, has opened up in the form of a large crack three miles in length, near the Groome silver mine, near the Timpahute mountains, according to advices received yesterday by Dean J. G. Scrogum at the University of Nevada. Tom McCormack, of Pioche, brings the information, says the Reno Journal.

That the sink of crevice is the result of an earthquake, similar to the one which practically destroyed the town of Kennedy and did so much damage in Pleasant valley, is the opinion of Scrogum, judging from the description and information he has.

From a scientific standpoint the phenomena is a very interesting one. It may have a great deal to do with the water conditions in that region. Experts declare that it is very difficult to reach water at a forty foot level and they are at a loss to explain the abundant growth of grass and other vegetation in that locality.

Dean Scrogum and others will probably make an investigation. Representatives of the university will probably go to the sink taking observations for research purposes.

ACADEMIC TEST AT RENO

Plans for holding the state academic meet in Reno at the state university athletic field on May 12 and 13 have been completed by the authorities of the Nevada interscholastic association. The meet is to determine the athletic ability of the students of the various high-schools of the state and to reward the contestants for training they have undergone by giving them medals and recognition throughout the state. The meet has grown in the past few years to such proportions that all contestants must pass certain qualifying tests before they will be permitted to enter the meet.

TO ATTEND POLITICAL SCIENCE MEETING

V. L. Ricketts of Goldfield and Hugh H. Brown of Tonopah were yesterday appointed by Governor Boyle as delegates to represent Nevada at the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political Science to be held in Philadelphia, April 28-29, 1916. This completes the delegation, the other delegates being Senator F. G. Newlands, Senator Key Pittman and Congressman E. E. Roberts.

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