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RECOMMEND ONLY ONE

THE desire on the part of the public to obtain the highest character of service in the city council of Boise through the instrumentality of an unofficial draft has been strongly indicated. The plan calls for a recommendation to the council from representatives of the leading organizations, business and otherwise, of the city.

Whatever may be done in that direction, our advice is to name only one and not alternatives.

None being sought by this position—the stamp of official the public really wants to serve it—desires to be entered into any form of competition. While the field for selection is not contracted, it would be far more satisfactory, in our judgment, to present only one name to the council as the choice of the representative bodies of Boise, covering practically the entire citizenship, in any event a big majority.

A suggestion has been made that the recommendation might not be cordially received by the council, not having been invited. That is unfair to the members of the council. They, too, desire to give the public the best possible service and they realize the positive right of the public to express its desires on a successor to Mr. Finegan or upon any other matter affecting the public welfare.

If there shall be any action on this suggestion, the effect may be far reaching. There is no reason why our city council should not be selected that way in the future, minimizing strife, lifting the positions to a higher plane than is possible under the prevailing semi-political campaign system and procuring the best possible service.

LITTLE HELPING HANDS

LITTLE children are not expected to know a great deal about the world war, the causes leading up to it or the effect it is having on nearly every nation. But they are learning a surprising amount and in many ways they are showing a willingness and a desire to be of some service. Something of this spirit was shown recently, when a newspaper published letters from several small children. The letters were addressed to Santa Claus and each told what the writer wanted for Christmas. But the unusual thing was that several of these children declared that they would be content with little this year because the country is at war.

A little girl sought a raincoat, cap, doll, box of candy and some mixed nuts. To this request she added: "And I would like to have the world with a fence around it, but I don't want the kaiser in it." A six-year-old boy made some modest request for himself then asked Santa Claus to "please go to the other poor children this year and I will thank you very much."

Four little tads suggested that some toys might be furnished them that all could play with, to which they added the suggestion that Santa Claus should go to all the other children. A boy nine years old, who said his mother was dead and his father in the army, requested a pair of gloves, a pair of stockings, candy, nuts and oranges. "I won't ask for too much and won't be too particular," he added.

Perhaps the most significant letter of all was written by a girl. "Mother tells us that we must not ask for very much as the world is so full of sorrow and suffering on account of the war and there will be lots of children that you won't get to visit this year," she said. "We would like to have a doll apiece if you have them without neglecting other children. Bring us whatever you have to spare and we will be thankful. My sister needs a pair of shoes. Don't forget the other little children as they all expect you at Xmas."

These children had taken the larger viewpoint. They were fully awake to the world situation and were willing to forego the pleasure of Christmas that some other less fortunate children might be made happy.

This spirit of helpfulness is being manifested by children in numerous ways. They are working at odd jobs to buy thrift stamps because they know this is a help to the nation. They are saving food, working in the schools for the Red Cross and in numerous ways they are not merely doing their bit, but their all, in an effort to help the country win.

WHATCHAMA COLUMN

PEPS

PEACE has its camouflage no less profound than war.

J. B. MEGAPHONES this one, a bit belated, but accepted just the same: "Twas the eve before New Year's and all through the house not a critter was stirring, not even a mouse."

THAT OLD STUFF about a stitch in time ought to induce women to knit to music.

IF anyone gets in the councilmanic selective draft he should not get cold feet.

ANOTHER way is to make it the Hohenzollern.

THE English are fond of jam, but they do not seem to like Jellipope.

OUR HALL OF FAME.

The man who invented the sick friend excuse.

The man who perfected the war censorship.

The woman who made the first huckleberry pie.

The person who invented compound interest.

The deaf and dumb traffic officer.

The party who invented the one-armed restaurant.

MY BABY.

(A poem for every father.)
 I've heard a lot of babies squall,
 I've heard 'em east and west,
 But after hearin' of 'em all,
 I like my kid's yell best.

It doesn't worry me a bit,
 For every time I hear
 Him tune up to his heart's content
 It's music to my ear.

Your own kid's voice is always sweet,
 No matter what the key;
 In all the world no one can sing
 So charmingly as he.

You think it's cute when your own child
 Cuts loose with might and main;
 It always is the neighbor's kid
 That drives you half insane.

AN EPITAPH.

"Here lies a poor woman who always was tired,
 She lived in a house where the help was not hired,
 Her last words on earth were 'Dear friends, I am going
 To where there's no cooking, no washing,
 or sewing;
 But everything there is exact to my wishes,
 For where they don't eat there's no washing dishes.
 But having no voice, I'll get out of the singing,
 Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn for me never;
 I'm going to do nothing, forever and ever."

IN TABLOIDS.

The modern coal order:
 Please send five pieces of egg coal,
 one ten-pound piece of lump and one-half pint coke.

AND GIVE IT TO THE KAISER.

If La Follette gets damages from all the newspapers which have criticized him the past few months, he will be able to finance a little world war of his own.

SO FOCUS A GUN ON THE PIANO PLAYER.

(From melancholy musings of Mrs. Wilson Woodrow.)
 We may be living out today the causes we ourselves set in motion in some remote yesterday. But here are the results. We can't evade them; we can only face them, and make the best of them. We can, however, put them aside as temporary and unimportant. What we decide to do, we can do. It may take a little time. A musician has to practice hours and hours a day. But nothing can withstand the power of a focused will.

HE KNEW.

In olden times it was customary for an officer to go round the towns and villages to see that the inhabitants had no weapons of war. On one of these tours an officer called at the house of a worthy Scotch couple and put the question to the old man:
 "Any weapons of war in this house?"
 After scratching his head Sandy looked at his better half and said:
 "Deed, aye; pit oot your tongue, guidwife."

SHERMAN WAS RIGHT.

"War," cried the feverish man, in the smoking room, "is a curse and a disgrace, an abomination and a blot on civilization! War is enough to make a decent man go and hang himself!" He arose and left the room, his face showing signs of strong emotion.

"Gentleman feels rather strong on the subject," said a commercial traveler. "Lost some near relative?"
 "He 'ave!" replied a man, grimly.
 "He 'ave lost his wife's first husband?"

The Balearic islands have an area of 1200 square miles and a population of 225,000. This group comprises 15 inhabited islands, of which the principal are Mallorca, Minorca and Ibiza. These islands produce oil, cereals, almonds, silk, saffron, vegetables and wine.

Roy Wolfe, a one-armed jitney bus driver of Nashville, Mich., has adopted a new rule. If he hears any one voicing opposition to America, off his auto he goes, to walk the rest of the journey.

LITTLE THROBS THAT FIND SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE

By Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am 40 years old and I have been married 12 years. I was a very pretty girl and I was engaged several times, but for some reason or other I broke my engagements. I went with one boy for about six years. I never thought of marrying him because I did not love him. But when I was 28 I began to feel old and I decided it was the best thing.

My husband loved me and he knew I did not love him. He was always kind, but he grew very bitter and silent and did not like to mix with other people. When my little girl was five years old he failed in business and was very sick. I thought he was going to die and at that time I discovered that I loved him. I have often told him so since, but he will not believe me.
 My life is very unhappy because my husband has grown so moody. I think the atmosphere is bad for my little girl. What would you advise me to do to prove to my husband that I do love him?

UNHAPPY WIFE.

Boise, Ida.
 Kind treatment and consideration will convince him more than words. He will probably not be responsive at first, but as time goes on I think he will see that you love him and will be a happier man than he has ever been.

Do not interfere with his moods. When he wants to be irritable and morose let him be. Simply do your part by making his home comfortable and considering him in little silent ways which you know will please him—such as cooking the things he especially likes and keeping his clothes neat and mended.

When he tries to enter into the spirit of the home be responsive—laugh at his jokes—he will like it.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am 16 years old and I am going with a boy 17. We both go to the same school. My mother doesn't care, but his mother scolds awfully. She says he shouldn't go with me because he is too young. Don't you think a boy of that age ought to be let alone to do what he wants to? We used to go to shows together and he brought me candy, but he can't even take me to a show any more because his father is influenced by his mother and he doesn't give him one cent to spend. Would you advise us to go together anyway?

DOTTY DIMPLE.

Payette, Ida.
 Both of you are too young to go together. His parents are right. Work hard at school and forget each other for a year or two.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a stenographer 28 years old and I have decided that I want to take up touch typewriting, but my friends say that after writing with two fingers for the number of years I have I can never learn. Would you advise me to stick to my own method of writing? I can write quite as rapidly, but not nearly as fast as the other girls.

STENOG.

I would advise you to take touch writing. It will not be as hard as you think. Very often the girls who write with two fingers learn to write touch system very easily because they expect it to be hard and they try doubly hard. You will find touch writing much easier on your eyes and nerves.

Uncle Walt Has For You This Evening

DOING IT CHEERFULLY.

DIG up coin to push the war, and grin in cheerful style; that's what my faithful mug is for—to show a beaming smile. We spoil our gifts if we look sour, when handing out the dust, and cave around for half an hour expressing our disgust. The tightwad heaves a heartfelt groan as he brings forth his roll and says, "I s'pose I'll give a bone, but I am in the hole. There are so many calls on me, to help this cause or that, that in another month or three, I shall be busted flat. So here's a dollar you may spend in sinking German boats; I wish this ding-donged war would end, before we lose our goats." And so he gives with grudging hand, who ought to blithely shout, "I'll soak my auto and my land, to help our soldiers out!" Solicitors come round to me and say, "We need some scads, to send some junk across the sea for our brave soldier lads." I say to them, "You come along at this, the best of times, for yesterday I sold a song that brought me in some dimes." So I dig up my lure pouch, and give the kopecks there; I'd be ashamed to show a grouch to cuss or paw the air.
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WHEN HE WANTED TO RING OFF.

"Will you please examine this diamond," said a man who had stepped into a jeweler's shop, "and tell me what you think of it? It is a good stone I think I will buy it."
 The jeweler took the gem, which was uncut, and looked at it critically. Then in confidential tones he said:
 "Well, to tell you the truth, that isn't a very good stone. It hasn't much fire, it is badly cut and there is something here very much like a flaw." Then he held the diamond under a microscope and examined it carefully, finally observing: "No, it isn't exactly a flaw, but I shouldn't call it a perfect stone. Now, if you want something really fine, I have here—"
 The Washington apple crop this year is estimated at 2,600,000 barrels, which

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Salt has been found under Cleveland and prepared for market for many years, but the city has only recently awakened to the fact that sufficient salt underlies it and the immediate vicinity to supply the world.

Engineers estimate that standing four inches away from the telephone when talking is equivalent to lengthening the line 218 miles.

A three-story building, given by ex-Governor Med of Vermont, has been opened by the Congregational church of Rutland, Vt., as a social center. In connection with this is a gymnasium, also the ex-governor's gift.

The pioneer United Presbyterian missionary to the Sudan, Dr. J. Kelly Giffen, in his own home cares for 40 black waifs of inner Africa. He is seeking \$26,500 to buy them a farm and establish a larger home for 150 boys.

A woman in Mitchell, S. D., after reading of the shortage of cents, telephoned a bank and asked them to send a good strong messenger to her home, to whom she turned over 30,000 cents which she had been saving since she was a child.

The province of Barcelona has an area of 2906 square miles and 1,136,068 inhabitants. The city of Barcelona, the largest in Spain, has a permanent population of 807,900.

YOUR HEALTH

By JOHN B. HUBER, A. M., M. D.

The infant death rate is in inverse ratio to the parental intelligence, health and right living.—Newsholme.

The Universal Paramount.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I will now introduce for your consideration the most important subject in the universe bar none. By giving it the respect to which its momentous nature entitles it, by maintaining the standards it sets forth, the superman and the superwoman will be assured, most of the physical evils suffered by humankind will be abolished; and (since practically all the world's miseries come about by reason of individual departures from the normal) most of the dreadful perversities we read of every day in the newspapers will have disappeared, along with the need of courts—child's courts, domestic relations courts, criminal courts; and life from the beginning will be for all of us, anyway for ninety-nine per cent of us, just one grand sweet song.

I am referring to the infant's right, healthy and normal development from its birth up to its fortieth month; this assured, baby thus hardened and rendered resistant to evil, both as to its mind and its body, is like to journey along life's path, not in sorrow and in travail, but safely and pleasantly until it reaches its second childhood, at least. And if this isn't the most important subject in the world I would be obliged to any one who could convince me of one that is more so. I will then, in several subsequent articles, consider baby's development month by month, beginning with that first cry by which it takes into its body the physical breath of life. Keep tabs on me as I go along, you parents who read what I write; and note if my statements are in accord with your domestic experience.

RECKLESS OF HEALTH.

I am a young unmarried woman. I have a lump in my left breast which is sometimes painful, but hasn't bothered me for some time. I have had also for a year past a pain in my chest and shoulders, and these are now becoming more frequent. My appetite is fine, but my weight decreases. I have weighed 118 pounds; I now weigh 101. I do not worry, but just the opposite; have until lately been reckless of my own health.

Answer—You have no right to be reckless about your precious young life. Cancer, to be frank, is rare before 30; and yet you should have the momentous question as to that malady settled by a thoroughly competent physician. Your other symptoms suggest also another serious malady. I hope neither of these may not have developed in your case.

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