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The Old Book Shop

I DIG around in dusty nooks—it's less a habit than a vice—and ponder over ancient books I'd like to own—but lack the price. The shop is dark, and cobwebs hang down from the ceiling and the shelves; and every day the same old gang drift in there to refresh themselves. The same old fans in rusty black, with old time lids upon their domes; the workday world may jump the track—they'd care not, if they have their tomes. The same old sports with misty eyes come in to paw the volumes old; they paw them, but none ever buys, for book fans seldom have the gold. The owner, in his rusty black, the most unpractical of men, puts time worn volumes on a rack, then sighs, and takes them down again. In this old shop trade's always slack, for who would buy such junk and trash? And everything is rusty black, and no one cares a cent for cash. The owner and the ancient fans, who chortle o'er some printed treat, don't understand our modern plans, which rest upon a balance sheet. They do not comprehend the hosts who wear away their lives for gold; they're living always with the ghosts of all the mighty men of old. If you should seek the old book shack, to spend a roll of money there, the old, old men in rusty black, will fume with anger and despair!

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Don't Do It

A MOVEMENT is gathering strength over the country, promoted largely by German-American citizens, having for its object the prohibition by act of congress of further exportation of war materials by citizens of the United States to any belligerent nation. A bill of this tenor is now before congress.

Since the war began, Americans have sold and exported a vast amount of war material. They are perfectly willing to sell to Germany, Austria, and Turkey, as well as to their enemies, but owing to Great Britain's command of the sea, it is impossible to make delivery except to the allies. This condition, with which the United States has nothing to do, has resulted in giving the allies an advantage. Germans, and German-Americans, maintain that this constitutes an actual violation of neutrality.

International usage, which makes international law, sustains absolutely the right of neutrals to sell war material to any belligerent, and yet remain neutrals. The right, indeed, has never been seriously questioned. The United States has set abundant precedents, as have all other powers. The imputation made by German sympathizers, that the open market in the United States constitutes an injustice, or a violation of neutrality, is not a fair indictment of the United States or its citizens; nor would such a contention stand in international law.

The United States, in a burst of excessive zeal and purity, might set a precedent to guide itself, and might decide to withhold hereafter from belligerents any war material. But the action of the United States would bind no other power, and there are overwhelming and numerous reasons why the United States should not set such a precedent. If such action should be taken now, the allies might justly assert that such action would itself be a violation of neutrality, inasmuch as it could benefit, and would benefit, only their enemies.

Furthermore, such a precedent would surely arise to plague us in the future. It is conceivable that we might be drawn into a war with a first class power, and that, finding ourselves unprepared, we should find it necessary to purchase warships, transports, guns, ammunition, airplanes, automobiles, clothing, equipment, and even food, from neutrals. In such a crisis, imagine the state of mind of the people when they discovered that our own ill advised precedent would bar us from using our vast financial resources in self defence.

The argument against enacting such a law and setting such a dangerous precedent, is briefly and clearly summarized in a letter from ex-president Taft to a Harvard professor who sought his endorsement of the proposed act of prohibition. The letter follows:

"I have yours of January 24. I cannot write to a neutrality meeting such a letter as you would wish. I think that to interdict the supply of ammunition and arms from this country to the belligerents in the war would be to adopt a policy that would seriously interfere with our own welfare, should we ever be drawn into a war against our will by the unjust invasion of some power who was fully prepared, and who would always find us unprepared.

"Such a policy as that you indicate would mean that the power who is armed cap-a-pie would always have at a disadvantage those countries that were not in such a state of preparation. It would, therefore, lead to even greater pressure upon all the countries of the world than that we have seen in the last two decades, to increase their armaments, a result which we would all deplore.

"For this reason, I cannot think that it would be wise to pass a law changing all the rules of international laws heretofore prevailing with respect to the sale of ammunition and arms to belligerents by neutral countries.

"Nor do I think that in the present exigency it would be an act of neutrality to do so, because it would inure only to the benefit of one of the belligerents.

"William H. Taft."

Kansas is old enough and sharp enough to know better than to try to control woman's vanities by law. A bill before the legislature making it unlawful for a woman to use or possess cosmetics of any kind, rouge, eye brighteners, eyebrow pencils, braids or "puffs" or any other artificial aids to beauty, wouldn't do any good if it could be passed or enforced. It will be remembered that a matron's story of women convicts told how the prisoners would chew the red threads in their gingham aprons to get extra color for their cheeks and lips.

"The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife" is the title of the latest show in New York. Ever since Xantippe, or back to Eve, the woman who talks too much has made talk for the world. On the other hand the silent man has been flattered and crowned and made the hero, perhaps more than his due. His silence may be because he has nothing to say, which is running neutrality into the ground.

Women and peacocks are not the only vain things. A St. Louis man who was a member of secret and military societies had $4000 worth of uniforms and trappings when he died.

Mayor Carter Harrison has asked the citizens of Chicago to make up a fund of $500,000 to provide work for the unemployed. Only men who have lived in Chicago for a year and can prove that it is not their fault they are out of work, will receive the benefits of the fund. Work at beautifying the streets and parks will be given to such as prove worthy. If the present extension or sharpening of the city conscience goes on, every city in the country will find its duty to be to provide jobs for the honest unemployed, by improving streets and alleys and beautifying the city.

New York is just as sensitive as if the city had never been criticised. When Billy Sunday preached that New York is not a nice city, New Yorkers were all up in arms at the foul slander.

Being neutral is a hard task. Neither side is satisfied with the United States's brand of neutrality nor could this country ever perfectly satisfy either Germany or England during war times.

14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald This Date 1901.

A. Molina left yesterday morning on a business trip west.

S. L. Pearce returned this morning from a business trip to Denver.

Frank Lynch left last night on a brief vacation trip to Louisiana.

Mrs. Emma Hornaday left this morning on the T. & P. for Oklahoma.

Thieves broke into the Alamo school last night and stole a variety of articles.

Dr. Francis Gallagher is confined to his home, but is expected to be out again soon.

Charles Quasley has returned to the city from Chicago and will soon leave for Chihuahua.

Maj. G. C. Wimberly, city engineer, has submitted a further report on the Sunset Heights map.

William Truscott had his foot badly mashed yesterday when a heavy steel bar, slipped and fell.

Miss E. Martin, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Stolaroff, has returned to New York.

Rev. A. C. Wright and family will leave next week for Guadalajara, where they will make their future home.

James A. Murdoch has had the plans drawn for a warehouse on Ochoa street, in the Campbell addition, which will cost $5400.

No registrar has yet been appointed by the county commissioners to succeed F. B. Simmons, who resigned the job early last fall.

Mrs. J. A. Rawlings has been appointed delegate by the Woman's club to the meeting of the State Federation of Women's club, to be held at Dallas.

Mrs. H. W. Allen has announced that the public library will be open evenings. A thief is reported to have been busy at the library and R. F. Burges has been appointed by the board to lay the matter before the police.

A committee has been appointed to look into the disbarment proceedings that are soon to be instituted. The committee consists of J. H. Calhoun, E. A. Hall, J. K. Schmick, E. N. Waldrep, J. R. Frost, D. G. Hunt, Earl Conner, John Casteel, J. T. Hammonds, B. Owens and G. L. Davenport.

The Spade

BY GEORGE FITCH,

Author of "At Good Old Siwash."

THE spade is a humble, inglorious implement of warfare which has met the mighty field howitzer and has defeated it.

The spade does not shake the earth with its roarings, nor does it tear great armies into mournful remains. It was not designed as an implement of warfare at all. For centuries the valiant warrior looked with disdain upon the spade and only used it after the battle was over to perform the last sad duties of war. But in the last half century the soldier has looked back upon the small, unimposing spade, strapped across his shoulders, with a great deal of relief.

It has enabled him to bury himself before the enemy got a chance to do it.

When the present war burst furiously upon mankind the powers marshaled their machine guns and cannon with eagerness and began to blow each other off the map. Less than a month it became evident that the population of the warring countries could not keep the gun busy for more than a few months at the rate of progress then being made. Shortly after this the spade was substituted for the gun and the armies of Europe descended into the ground while still in good health.

For the last four months they have remained there. The cannon of Europe have dug vast holes in the ground but the spades have riddled northern France with tunnels, trenches, caves, underground hotels, subterranean headquarters and subcellar club rooms.

The busy little spade has made a joke out of the 42 centimeter cannon and has enabled the soldier for the first time in history to snap his fingers airily at winter. Living 20 feet underground, far away from the blizzards and searching for the enemy with a short handled army spade, is a comparatively healthy occupation.

The ideal soldier of the future will be a broad shouldered miner who may not know which end of a gun to point at the enemy but who can perform marvels with a spade. Drills will consist of digging trenches in quick and double time, running parallels in close formation and charging through the hard clay, 80 feet underground, at the rate of 10 yards an hour.

The busy little spade has made a joke out of the 42 centimeter cannon.

Since the spade has taken charge of the western war the armies have not moved 10 miles. Enough dirt has been moved to dig all the subways in the world, and if the allies get to Germany in the course of years they will not have seen four furlongs of the country on the way.

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EARNINGS OF WELLS FARGO IN CALIFORNIA ARE REDUCED

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 15.—Fifteen percent of the earnings in California of the Wells Fargo Express company, approximately $750,000 a year, were lopped off Saturday by the state railroad commission when it made permanent a temporary order reducing rates issued a year ago.

The order is based on a six months' test, during which the company which submitted a statement of its earnings in detail between the principals affected. Minor alterations in the original order were made on the same showing.

TOURIST SPECIAL TRAIN TO STOP HERE MARCH 13

A large party of tourists, in charge of the Bartlett Tours Co., of Cincinnati, O., will arrive here on the morning of March 13 on their way to the San Francisco exposition. The party will take breakfast here and will then visit Juarez, where a Mexican luncheon will be served.

They will take supper at one of the hotels on this side and will leave the same night for the west. Arrangements are being made to have them take one of the special street car rides that has been arranged by the chamber of commerce.

WOMAN SMUGGLER LEADS MEN IN BORDER BATTLE

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 15.—A woman smuggler, known as Goldie Evans, led a band of nine men in battle against three United States immigration officials at the Mexican border, near Calexico Friday night, according to word received by federal officials here today. Bullets were exchanged in a running fight among mesquite bushes of the desert, but in the end the woman, one of her male followers and six Chinese whom they were trying to smuggle into the United States, were taken prisoners by the three government officials.

There were two automobile loads of contraband Chinese in the smugglers party, according to official information. All but six escaped to the mountains of Lower California.

MORE GERMANS COMING.

Another party of German subjects returning from Oriental points to Germany, will arrive here Wednesday evening. The party is made up of Germans who have been gathering at Chinese and Japanese ports from German possessions seized by the allies. They will be met here by Max Weber, German consul in Juarez.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

"WE are receiving numerous requests for reservations at the Paso del Norte for the Willard-Johnson fight," said Samuel G. Humphreys, of the Paso del Norte. "The indications are that there will be a large attendance at this event. Already people are arriving for the fight and from now on there will be ever increasing arrivals. We haven't noted much increase in our business as a result of travel to the San Diego exposition, but the large volume of travel has not yet begun. We hope to benefit very materially from the heavy travel to and from the Pacific coast."

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"Considering the fact that El Paso is on the principal southern route to and from the Pacific coast, the city has been pretty free of vagrants," said Ballard Coldwell, city recorder. "Of course the police are picking them up every day, but there has been no great flood of 'vags' into the city, and the same problem does not confront us that confronts the cities of east Texas, where the large army of unemployed has resulted in a marked increase in crime and petty offences."

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"Durango city is but a ruin of its former prosperous self," said G. S. Meiffer. "All the way to the city from Torreon the stations have been burned and the towns are practically deserted. Durango city itself has not suffered a great deal from the recent fighting but whole sections of the city are practically deserted. Industry through the whole southern part of the state is almost paralyzed and there is grave fear that a serious famine will occur throughout the entire section. The central parts of the republic have not suffered greatly, but in almost all of the outlying districts, the ravages of the continual fighting have brought ruin."

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"El Paso is getting plenty of big conventions now but it used to be a hard matter for this city to prove that it was on the map," said Harry Trist, of Fort Worth. "I remember, about ten years ago, when a delegation from El Paso came to Fort Worth to get a convention. Before they arrived the other delegations thought it was a great joke and, when the El Pasoans arrived, about everyone in Fort Worth would run up to them with a map of Texas, from which El Paso had been erased, and attempt to prove to the El Pasoans that the city was not even on the map. The El Pasoans, however, certainly had the proof and, as I remember it, landed the convention on the first vote."

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"It would be a great aid toward bringing people to El Paso were those in the east and northeast made aware of the true condition of affairs here," said George E. Roderick, of Portland, Me. "People in that section of the country actually think that El Paso is but a stone's throw from warfare and that, as in Naco a short time ago, it is dangerous for citizens of El Paso to go out on the streets and that they have to live in bullet proof houses. I was certainly agreeably surprised to find that the city is as peaceable and quiet as any city in the north."

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"'You will have a magnificent building, the best in the south and the equal of any in the country,' is the way the editor of the American School Board Journal compliments the plans for the new El Paso high school," said R. J. Tighe. "Photographs of the building were sent to the journal and have aroused interest and commendation. The new school building will greatly increase the general efficiency of the high school work, which is now handicaped for lack of space."

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"A papal bull, is so called from the word 'bullum' the name of the leaden seal attached to all of the messages coming from his holiness the pope," said right Rev. Joseph Patrick Lynch, bishop of Dallas. "This seal is about three times the size of an American dollar. On one side is the head of the pope and on the other side of the seal are the heads of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. This seal will be attached to the papal bull which bishop Brown will read when he takes charge of the new El Paso diocese."

Students of the El Paso Schools

SEVENTEEN years ago toda ythe battleship Maine was destroyed in Havana harbor by a mine. This precipitated the war between the United States and Spain and resulted in the loss by Spain of her West Indian possessions and of the Philippine Islands.

Children going to school at that time learned history while it was being made. The slogan, "Remember the Maine!" became the battle cry of the American armies during this war. History is one of the interesting studies that school children have and it is more interesting when connected with our own times.

The pupils of the low fifth grade at the Vilas school that are taught by Miss Editha Dodson are:

Ella Black.	Lillian Harms.	Virgil Rainwater.
Marie Bass.	Sybil Johnson.	Maurice Sackett.
Josephine Boynton.	Nannie Jacobson.	Loyd Sloan.
Bessie Copelen.	John Kellenberger.	Mabel Singleton.
Florence Connell.	Billy Metzer.	Katherine Tighe.
Elnora Flosi.	Arthur Mackey.	Irma Wolf.
Carl Gring.	Maria Moreno.	Schuyler Wolf.

The names of the high fourth grade Vilas school will appear tomorrow.

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OPTIMISTIC ARTIE.

OPTIMISTIC ARTIE began his stroll that Wednesday morning with all his limbs.

The little birds sang joyously in the branches, and the caterpillars chirped madly on the telegraph wires.

For it was spring!

II.

Suddenly a waffle wagon, heavily laden, knocked him down and ran over his right arm.

He was rushed to the Vegetarian hospital, where they amputated the arm just in time to prevent ptomaine poisoning from setting in.

"I should worry!" chuckled Optimistic Artie as he continued his walk. "Now I shan't have the bother of tying my own ties."

III.

Hardly had the words left his mouth when another waffle wagon, green instead of yellow, knocked him down and ran over his right leg.

Back in the hospital again, they amputated the leg just above the spapulorum verbilligus, because it was necessary.

"Oh, well," smiled Optimistic Artie, "that was the foot that had a blister on it, anyway!"

And, purchasing a mahogany crutch, he blithesomely resumed his walk.

Abe Martin

Some fellers git th' reputation o' bein' so high priced that they nearly starve t' death. Another slogan that might help some is, "Pay it now."

LONDONERS TO HIDE IN TUBES

In Event of Attack, People Will Be Herded Underground.

London, Eng., Feb. 15.—Plans have been completed to permit London's vast floating population to find shelter in the underground railway tubes in the event of hostile attack. The city has hundreds of miles of subways, affording an ideal place of safety from bomb or shell fire.

The availability of the subways was first called to the attention of the authorities some weeks ago by an enterprising citizen. Since that time detailed arrangements have been made for the regulation of traffic if a raid comes. Special telephones have been installed throughout the system; all employers have been instructed just how to act, and everything has been organized to prevent panic. Women and children will receive preference, but all those who seek shelter may do so without purchasing a ticket.

In case of a prolonged attack it is suggested that subway traffic be suspended entirely and the system converted into a stronghold superior to the forts of fuedal times.

Jitne Joy Riders Will Walk Tuesday, Nickel Cars Hired for Voters

With only two more days remaining before election, both "ring" and anti ring are working hard to organize the vote. Precinct meetings are being held at the downtown headquarters and in the outlying precinct headquarters.

The telephone is being used more this year than at any time in the history of local politics and each headquarters has a battery of special telephones for transacting precinct business.

Automobiles are also being used freely by both sides and it is understood that all of the public service automobiles, including the jitne and nickel cars, have been hired for the day Tuesday to get out the vote, and the jitne patrons will have to patronize the street cars, or walk, on that day.

All of the "ring" precinct workers will meet at headquarters this evening. This meeting will precede the meeting at the auditorium. The auditorium meeting will begin at 8 oclock and judge J. A. Buckler, L. A. Dale and R. W. Croom will speak. A meeting of the negro voters will be held at Second and Stanton street this evening by the "ring."

The anti ring will have a precinct meeting at 1909 East Missouri street, in precinct No. 14. There will also be a general conference at headquarters.

Is Three Minute Soul Kiss Too Long? Mayor of Chicago Says No

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 15.—A three minute kiss at a mask ball in the Coliseum annex Sunday morning has started a controversy between mayor Harrison and Mrs. Charles E. Merriam.

Mrs. Merriam saw the three minute kiss. A man held an intoxicated girl in close embrace and the observers set three minutes as the period of osculation.

The wife of the seventh ward alderman told the story "so that the city might know what was going on at some of the dance halls where special bar permits were granted to sell liquor until 3 a. m." she said.

Her narrative roused mayor Harrison, who retorted:

"Foreign born girls spoon differently than American girls. They expect to have their hands held and to be kissed. Many of them would be vexed with a sweetheart who didn't thus show his affection.

"Many girls drink beer at dances. That's a national custom. It doesn't indicate moral depravity for a girl to drink beer at a dance when it is a custom of her people. Lake Shore drive women drink things stronger than beer at parties and dances I have been told."

CAVALRYMEN QUARREL OVER WOMAN, SHOOT; BOTH DIE

Brownsville, Texas, Feb. 15.—A woman is said to have been the cause of a quarrel, as a result of which private Walter Redmond, troop H, Third U. S. cavalry, was shot and killed. James Reed, a private in the same troop, died several hours later as the result, it was said, of a self inflicted wound.

WHICH ARE THE BEST PEOPLE?