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THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE PASTIME OF PITCHING HORSESHOES

Apropos to the big horseshoe pitching tournament which is to be held in Pullman, Saturday, May 27, it might be said that the pastime is an ancient and honorable one, having originated on the border land between Scotland and England. References to it are to be found from the beginning of the fifteenth century. Ascham, in his *Toxophilus* (1545), referring to the game of quoits, says that in olden times it was chiefly played by the working classes, who often used horseshoes for want of quoits. It is described as a pastime resembling the ancient discus throwing except that the quoit is lighter than the discus and its throwing is a test rather of accuracy than of strength.

This record indicates that the pastime has always been popular with the common people, which is natural, for the reason that no expensive outfit is required. A bit of vacant ground, four old horseshoes and two wooden or iron pegs are all that is needed to furnish as much amusement and excitement as can be derived from other games which require far more expensive and elaborate equipment. On the farms pitching horseshoes has always been a favorite diversion, and from the farms come many of the most expert exponents of the game.

Because the rules are simple and the required paraphernalia is cheap it does not follow that the game can be mastered without skill and practice. It requires a keen eye, steady nerves and a trained arm to pitch the shoes over or close to the pegs. There is plenty of opportunity to impart an effective twist to the shoe just as it leaves the hand to keep it from rolling when it strikes the ground. Four evenly matched players can afford a lot of amusement and excitement to the spectators and work up plenty of enthusiasm.

This ancient and wholesome amusement should bring a big crowd of country people to Pullman to root for the champions of their respective districts in their contests with their rural and urban rivals. Some of the city and college experts are very confident that they can defeat any team of farmers, but they are likely to be surprised by the skill and nerve of the soil-tillers when the matches are under way. All that is needed to assure the success of the tournament is a sufficient number of entries to keep half a dozen games going all day long. City and college men may be more expert at golf, tennis and baseball, but when it comes to pitching horseshoes the men and boys from the country ought to be able to more than hold their own. It is now in order for the country champions to dig up their favorite horseshoes and give the city experts some pointers on how to throw ringers and leaners.

Everyone should enter into the spirit of this jolly, old-fashioned form of entertainment and help to make it a big success.

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PETTY PILFERING

Too many young people are prone to form the habit of petty pilfering on the theory that it is not stealing, but merely playing a practical joke. It may seem a joke to the person who appropriates flowers or milk or ice cream or poultry to his own use without the consent of the owner, but to the person who loses these articles and to the general public, it appears to be nothing less than petty larceny, which deserves severe condemnation and punishment.

The fact that a person is young or a student does not justify him in disregarding the property rights of others. A student is the last person who should claim ignorance of those rights or who can afford to ignore them. The habit of petty pilfering, once formed, will be more detrimental to anyone's future than all the knowledge acquired during the same period will be beneficial. The boy or young man who yields to the temptation to steal little things to gratify his present whims or needs is paving the way to become an easy victim to the temptation to stoop to dishonesty in business affairs.

Much of the petty pilfering which has been more or less prevalent in this community for many years can be attributed to simple thoughtlessness. The perpetrators do not stop to think of the injury they are doing to others and also to themselves by forming the habit of taking what does not belong to them. Every time a student pilfers a bunch of flowers, or a bottle of milk or a freezer of ice cream, he is educating himself away from good citizenship and toward criminality. Each one

of these petty thefts in which he engages is lessening his regard for the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," and is undermining his self-respect.

Instead of joking about and tacitly encouraging this petty pilfering, right thinking students should refuse to longer tolerate it. They could soon stamp it out by calling it by its right name and refusing to associate with those who boast of making free with other people's property.

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TOO MANY AUTO ACCIDENTS

California reports a total of 11,506 automobile accidents during the past four months.

Of these accidents, 126 have resulted fatally, while 1640 persons have been injured.

These appalling figures are not compiled by unfriendly agencies. They are vouched for by the Auto Club of Southern California. They must be regarded, therefore, as added argument in support of "safety first" in driving.

Compilation of similar statistics in this state would be timely and interesting, particularly in view of the efforts being made by state highway police and the officials of the various cities to restrain reckless drivers.

It is certain, of course, that the total in Washington would not be nearly so great as in California, but it is distinctly possible the figures would shock those who have been inclined to regard the restrictive efforts of the authorities with indifference or, in some cases, with impatience.

The control of traffic in cities like Seattle has reached a stage where there is much to commend and relatively little to condemn. Criticism is due only in instances where the police, feeling they have the situation in hand, relax their efforts and speeding, with its inevitable accompaniment of accidents, becomes again a serious matter.

The state highway police are in position to make the roads of the commonwealth just as safe by bearing down hard upon those who presume to regard these thoroughfares as speedways. Early and energetic action along this line would be productive of much good.—Seattle Times.

THE NEXT STEP

As the next step towards an ultimate warless world the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is asking that the United States become a member of the Permanent Court of International Justice. A memorial to this effect was presented last week to Secretary of State Hughes. Later it will be sent to President Harding and the Senate. Thirty communions with a constituency of more than 50,000,000 persons are affiliated with the Federal Council.

Following its work in behalf of the conference on limitation of armament the Federal Council is launching an educational campaign in behalf of international justice and good-will, known as the Ten-Year Crusade. Church leaders believe that the next step is for America to cooperate with the other nations of the world by joining the Permanent Court of International Justice and frankly say that law must take the place of war and that international law and courts of justice must be established if the world is to have permanent peace, and that the United States should do its part.

The memorial which was presented is as follows:

"Resolved that this administrative committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, expressing the reported action of our constituent bodies in behalf of this method of settling international disputes, earnestly requests President Harding, Secretary of State Hughes and the Senate to take into consideration the importance of such action as may be necessary to enable the United States to become a party to and supporter of the Permanent Court of International Justice."

A statement accompanying the resolution said:

"The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America sees in the Permanent Court of International Justice not only the fruition and consummation of many decades of American discussions, plans and desires for international peace through justice based on law but also the promise of a larger and truer righteousness and justice among the nations, a step forward in the establishment of the Kingdom of God among men. It believes this court will promote the development of a well considered body of international law and the substitution of

reason, justice, mutual good-will and universal law in place of the crude and savage methods of war or threats of war in maintaining even legitimate and vital national interests.

"It understands, through the careful inquiry of its commission on international justice and good-will, that participation in the court is open to any nation mentioned in the annex to the covenant of the league of nations.

"It is informed that 45 states have already become members and supporters of the court, of which 18 nations have indicated their acceptance of the jurisdiction of the court as 'obligatory in any or all of the four legal categories enumerated.'

"Moreover, among members of the international committee which framed the plan creating the Permanent Court of International Justice was our own distinguished citizen, the Honorable Elihu Root, and among the 11 judges chosen to constitute the first court, is another distinguished American citizen, Dr. John Bassett Moore."

COUGARS DROP GAME TO IDAHO VANDALS

Three hits and two errors in the fourth frame of Monday's contest spelled defeat for the Cougars at the hands of the Vandals.

With one out Snow hit for three bags, Wicks swung a bouncer to Rouse, who threw wild to Bray at home to catch Snow coming in. Snow scored. "Rich" Fox walked. "Lefty" Marineau singled to right field, filling the sacks. Kinnison and Wicks worked the squeeze play, Kinnison laying the ball down the third base line. Roberts handled it too late to catch Wicks going home and then drew Hanley's foot off the initial sack with a wide peg. Stivers hammered one into deep center for a threesome, scoring Fox, Marineau and Kinnison. Obrien promptly fanned and Edwards banged out one to center which Beneke handled circus style. That was the start and finish of the Moscow scores but it was too much.

The Cougars scored first in the last half of the second when Bray hit to center field, stole second and reached third on Beneke's sacrifice bunt. Hanley grounded to short stop, who pegged home in time to nip Bray. Hanley took second on R. Fox's error. Foster got a freak hit when he beat out Stiver's peg after grounding to short, Hanley scoring on the play. Foster stole second. Roberts was out on a grounder to short stop.

The crimson and gray's second score came in the last of the fourth when Bray walked, took second on R. Fox's error and reached third on "Chipper" Cook's sacrifice grounder to short. Hanley then rained a long sacrifice fly to deep right, scoring Bray.

In the ninth W. S. C. again scored when Moran singled and Bray doubled to right field. Moran scored on a passed ball to R. Fox.

"Lefty" Marineau and Stivers were the stars for the Vandals, the former holding the Cougars to six hits besides getting a couple of bingles for himself. Stivers with seven well handled assists, four put outs and a base-cleaning triple was the real star.

Skadan pitched a good game outside of the fatal fourth. Bray and Moran were the Cougar high point men with two hits each.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I will no longer be responsible for any bills contracted by my son, Chester Getchell, as I have given him his time and he has left home.

SCOTT GETCHELL.

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RETROSPECTIVE

Pullman Thirty-three Years Ago

The election passed off very quietly in Pullman, only about half the voters in the precinct being cast, and judging from the vote there was very little difference in the opinion of the voters as to which of the two Pullman men should represent them in the constitutional convention. Mr. Hungate, democrat, received 87 votes, and Mr. Phillips, republican, 78 votes in this precinct. While republicans were naturally very anxious to see their candidate elected, yet if a democrat must be the man there is no one they would rather see elected than J. A. Hungate, a man who has the respect of every citizen in the community. Following is the aggregate vote of the precincts of the 7th district: J. M. Reed, 565; George Comegys, 555; J. A. Hungate, 542; Phillips, 480.

M. C. True has improved the appearance of his livery stable by a new front and a coat of paint.

The directors of the Building & Loan association, at their last meeting, appointed Thos. Neill secretary, vice C. G. Raby, resigned.

The organization of the Pullman baseball club has been completed with U. M. Trosper captain, Will Allen secretary and Walter McKenzie treasurer.

Deputy Assessor C. E. Boone is assessing Pullman.

HORSESHOE PITCHING NOW ALL THE RAGE

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closer than the opponent's they shall score two points. A ringer shall score three points. A ringer and a closest shoe shall score four points. A double ringer shall score six points. In case of each contestant having a ringer the next closest shoe shall score. If each contestant has a double ringer both double ringers are cancelled and no points scored. If a contestant shall have two ringers and his opponent one the pitcher having two ringers shall score three points. Any shoe leaning against the stake shall have no advantage over a shoe lying on the ground and against the stake. All such shoes are ties. If a contestant has a shoe leaning against the stake it shall count only as a closest shoe.

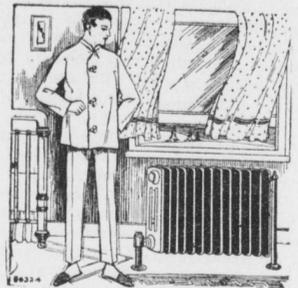
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