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A STITCH IN TIME

Oldsters who lived through the reconstruction years following the last war will unanimously approve legislation that will provide payments of a few hundred dollars to every soldier mustered out of service.

Then some group started the idea of "A march on Washington," and that led to the "soldiers' bonus armies," making their appeals to Congress.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

Here's something else to remember about the Japanese when the time comes to settle the scores connected with their brutal treatment of prisoners of war:

The American Red Cross, anxious to help Americans in Japanese hands, has tried to get a flow of relief, either by turning over ships to the Japanese in the mid-Pacific, by shipping supplies to Vladivostok as suggested by Tokyo or by chartering neutral ships to transport them.

The record reveals no desire on the part of the Japanese to permit supplies to relieve the suffering of Americans. It demonstrates conclusively the policy of the Tokyo war lords to let prisoners of war suffer.

So what? Merely this, that one day the nasty little brutes will be delivered into our hands. Shall we pat them on the back, excusing their devilry and send them home with our blessing? Let us resolve not and insist that every guilty son of heaven pay a just penalty for his misdeeds.

OFFENSIVE SPIRIT

About two years ago the newspapers and radio were crammed with observations, expert and amateur, that the Allies could not win the war by defense and deploring the failure to develop the offensive which was paying such neat dividends to the enemy.

It has been a long, up-hill pull to produce the stuff and train the men. The job was hardly complete before the Allied generals and admirals began to display the offensive spirit.

Old Spruce Creek Inn Had '1,000' Rooms

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and double quilts sewed together into one huge hap which would cover the entire floor space of the communal sleeping room, with holes for the heads of the sleepers, where the pallet-beds were situated. As often one hundred casualties at twenty-five cents per head were accommodated in the big room, one hundred holes would be cut in the hap and such a colossal garment could never be stolen except in mass skulduggery.

"It's a good idea," chorused the landlord and his wife, "you can consider your bill paid, and stay as long as you like free." As the rates were \$2.50 per week for lodging and meals they were not paying high.

"Now as to the reasons for that 1,000 room hotel at Spruce Creek, the landlord had incurred the hatred of a secret society and assassination was voted as his portion. He expected to be stabbed or bludgeoned to death in his sleep, consequently he slept in a different room every night. As an extra precaution 'wifey' must be with him and her hairpins were stuck in his hair and other things belonging were found in every room.

"How many rooms were there actually in the big Spruce Creek caravanserai," the reader will ask. "My grandfather, born in 1820, who often stayed there said fifty rooms for sleeping over-stated it, probably between thirty-five and forty would be a fair estimate; thus do legends grow like the proverbial snow ball going down hill. The landlord out-witted the real or imagined assassins and died of a stroke footing up an account in the hotel office. I think Dr. Beck knew his benefactor's family personally and will check on cause and date of his death.

"The worst that ever happened in the Spruce Creek caravanserai was the night smoke started up in the kitchen and someone shouted 'fire' and 100 men, their heads sticking out of the hap rose as one and struggled out of the doors and windows of the apartment. Many were jostled and bruised, but strange to relate no one was seriously hurt. This affected the popularity of the 'giant hap' as it was called, for a time, but was quickly forgotten.

"Now a word about the stalls and boxes in the stable which might if added to the number of rooms in the hotel, foot up to over a hundred in all. Everyone from the furnace up the valleys, Coleraine, 'Huntingdon,' Pennsylvania, 'Centre,' 'Barre,' 'Becha,' the farmers and lumbermen, all stabled and slept at Spruce Creek if night overtook them on the way.

"When the building of the P. R. R. in 1848 would have enhanced the old inn's business, full to capacity every night, the restaurant was compared to a military mess, sent its surveys right through the middle of the edifice. As the story goes, the landlord with his fear of assassination had put a natural death and the widow put up no protest but accepted the award of the viewers to make way for the 'iron horse.' The Logan House at Altoona, and later the inn at Cresson, made up for the loss of central Pennsylvania's biggest hotel, yet the mammoth inn at Spruce Creek will live in song and story."

PORT MATILDA

The Port Matilda Junior Band will present its winter concert, Friday, February 25 at 8:15, at the Esso garage, Earl W. Roberts, directing. The program follows: America; On Schedule March; Prelude; Heiter Siskler Gailop; Finlandia; O Sole Mio, cornet solo; Romani Spickman; Andante; On the Mall; Have I Stayed Away Too Long, saxophone solo by Elizabeth Davis; march, Under the Double Eagle; Ciribiribin; The Thunder. Intermission. Triumphal March; Army Air Corps; Short and Sweet Polka, baritone solo by Earl Earl Sones; Five Dance; Snare Drum; S. I. B. A.; Blue Danube, vocal solo by Esther Weaver; Barcelona; Pilgrim Chorus; State Center; Star-Spangled Banner.

The Port Matilda Grange held its regular meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 17, with the Halfmoon Grange filling the chairs and Baileyville Grange degree team conferring the 1st and 2nd degrees on members of three granges. There were 47 from Baileyville and 25 from Halfmoon, and 43 members from Port Matilda Grange, making a total of 115 present. The Baileyville degree team did very nice work and deserves credit for such interest taken by the young people of the grange. The host grange served refreshments. They wish to thank the visiting granges for the splendid work. The Baileyville Grange extended an invitation to the other granges to come to Baileyville, Tuesday night, Feb. 22, that they were conferring the 3rd and 4th degrees, and anyone wishing to take it could do that time. They also had prepared entertainment for the evening.

Mrs. Howard Robinson is a surgical patient at the Phillipsburg State Hospital. Her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Ann Stiver is visiting with her son, Wilson Stiver of Tyrone.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marshall and Martha Jeffers shopped in Tyrone, Saturday, and called on the dentist. Mr. Marshall is having some dental work done.

Pvt. Malin Woodring is spending the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Woodring.

Staff Sgt. Derbert D. Smith, who is located at Seymour-Johnson field, Goldboro, N. C., is spending some time at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith.

Mrs. Joseph Figley of Altoona, formerly of Port Matilda, is reported seriously ill the past two weeks.

Mrs. John Thomas had the misfortune of being severely burned while emptying a boiler of hot water. Her glasses were steamed and she poured the scalding water down over her legs. It is hoped she may soon be able to be around again.

Mrs. William Wiser went to Cresson to visit over the weekend with her brother, William Thomas, who is in the sanitarium there.

Query & Answer Column

B. L. L.—What are the political parties of China?

Ans.—The Nationalist Government is represented by only one party, the National People's Party of China founded by the late Sun Yat-sen. In addition there is the Communist Party which developed after 1911.

I. C. L.—What are the most sparsely populated countries?

Ans.—They are Australia with two persons per square mile, and Canada with three. In the United States the density of population is 44 persons per square mile.

S. S.—Do migrating birds always fly due South?

Ans.—Birds do not fly directly South but use certain flyways, or paths which once chosen they follow year after year.

L. L. N.—What tree was given a funeral oration when it died?

Ans.—When the Charter Oak, giant tree believed to be nearly 2000 years old, was blown down in a storm on August 21, 1856, great crowds gathered to bid it farewell and to listen to a funeral oration.

P. E. H.—What is meant by a geisha girl?

Ans.—The term geisha is derived from two Japanese words, "gei," meaning artistic performance, and "sha," meaning person. Geisha girls sing and dance to entertain not only strangers, but Japanese men who live in the Empire.

F. D.—What is the area of the Pacific Ocean?

Ans.—It covers an area of 68,634,000 square miles and is about 23 times as large as the United States.

E. B.—Why is green used as the color for safety signals?

Ans.—The Better Vision Institute says that this is due to the fact that the human eye can see green better in dim light than other colors.

B. E.—What is the least elevation from which paratroops can jump safely?

Ans.—The War Department says that paratroops cannot jump very well below 300 or 400 feet because they land too fast. The minimum ceiling from which they jump is about 400 feet.

R. B.—Is the new hospital ship, Seminole, armed?

Ans.—The ship has no armor or armament. It is painted white with a green band and red crosses, and travels alone, fully lighted.

D. I. C.—What was the purpose of Chopin's Funeral March?

Ans.—The march, which is the third movement of the Sonata, opus 35, does not mourn the death of an individual but expresses the composer's feeling over the loss of independence by his native Poland.

L. M.—What is the new color to be used on Army airplanes?

Ans.—The War Department announced on December 13, that war paint will be removed from almost all of the aircraft of the Army Air Forces. Only specialized planes overseas will retain their camouflage (greenish-grey), and in the continental United States practically all aircraft will roll off the assembly lines a metal color.

Sunday School Lesson

JESUS, THE MESSIAH

International Sunday School Lesson for February 27, 1944.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am."—Mark 14: 61, 62.

(Lesson Text: Mark 11: 1-10; 15-18).

We are beginning the study of the final events in the life of Jesus, which took place in Jerusalem during the Passion Week.

Since our lesson for last week, Jesus and His disciples began their journey to Jerusalem. In Jericho, Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, restored his sight through faith in Christ. Zacchaeus, the chief publican, was honored by a visit to his home, resulting in his salvation through repentance and restoration.

At Bethany, Mary anointed Jesus with costly ointment, arousing the resentment of Judas, the treasurer. Close to Jerusalem, Jesus sent two of His disciples to secure a colt and bring it back to Him for His entry into the city. Many think Peter and John were the two disciples who attended to this detail. They were instructed to reply to any who questioned their act, "The Lord hath need of him."

Following the directions received, these disciples found that this statement smoothed away all objection and they carried the colt to the Master. There are many professing followers of Jesus today who have not yet learned the meaning of submitting their own property and resources to the advancement of His cause. In a countless number of ways demands are made for support of His purposes today and many are refused through selfishness or indifference.

Jesus, riding the colt and followed by a vast throng of pilgrims, moved towards Jerusalem, only to be met by another crowd which came out from the city to meet Him. These latter turned about, forming the advance of the triumphant crowd, which attended his enthusiastic entry into the city. He was greeted with fervor. Garments and branches were spread before his pathway. For these few hours Jesus enjoyed the approbation and acclaim of the multitude and his disciples shared in the reflected glory.

The procession was somewhat different from what many had expected, as can be understood from a selection in Lew Wallace's great book: "I beheld the procession descend the mountain bringing him," said the Egyptian to Ben Hur, "I heard them singing. They were beautiful with palms in motion. I looked everywhere among them for a figure with a promise of royalty riding the colt in purple, a chariot

TO THE HONORABLE IVAN WALKER, JUDGE OF THE SEVERAL COURTS OF CENTRE COUNTY:

The undersigned Auditor appointed by the said Court to audit the accounts of the Prothonotary, Clerk of the Courts of Common Pleas, Quartermaster of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer, and Orphans' Court, the Register of Wills, and the Recorder of Deeds, pursuant to his appointment, secured from the various officials whose accounts were to be audited, sworn statements of their accounts which said accounts were checked and audited by me with the following results:

Account of HARRY A. CORMAN, Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court for 1943:

Table with columns: Gross receipts from fees for 1943, EXPENDITURES, Amount due Centre County for 1943.

Account of LEAMER R. WOODRING, Recorder of Deeds for 1943:

Table with columns: Net returns 1728 Writs, Sheriff's Returns, 17 Justice of the Peace Commissions, 389 Mortgages Satisfied, Fees from Centre County, 3% Tax returned to Centre County, Harry A. Corman, Bonds and Commissions, Bond C. White, Bonds and Commissions, John Galasida, Bonds and Commissions, Charles Siskler, Bonds and Commissions, L. R. Woodring, Bonds and Commissions.

EXPENDITURES: Salaries, Compensation Insurance, Surety Bonds, Office Supplies, Withholding tax.

Account of BOND C. WHITE, Prothonotary, Clerk of the Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer:

Table with columns: Gross Receipts for 1943 in the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Court of Oyer and Terminer and the Court of Common Pleas, EXPENDITURES.

Amount due Centre County for 1943.

S. H. HOY, Auditor.

February 23rd, 1944.

with a driver in shining brass, a stately warrior behind an orb shield, rivaling his spear in stature. I looked for his guard. It would have been pleasant to have seen a prince of Jerusalem and a cohort of the legions of Galilee. Instead of a Caesar helmeted and sworded, I saw a man, riding an ass' colt."

The Jerusalem crowd expected momentous events to follow the arrival of the Messiah. They wanted a Messiah cast in the mold of their own desires and expectations. When this failed to materialize the fickle multitude became apathetic and some hostile.

The ovation which greeted his coming was not the prelude to a proclamation of his temporal rulership, nor did it signalize the time of some gigantic miracle. The crowd discovered without understanding, that the Kingdom of God was not of this world. When the nightfall came Jesus went back to Bethany with his disciples; his hour of popular glory had come and gone.

The following day Jesus cleared the temple courts of tradesmen and hucksters who were accustomed to prey upon the visiting pilgrims. Instead of a house of prayer, the last for gold had transformed the grounds into a market place, noisy with the din of argumentative traders, defiled with those seeking to profit from the religious motives and requirements of those who came to the temple. The priests, stirred by this particular act, soon came to him demanding to know his authority, hoping to entrap him in a reply which could be construed as blasphemous, but Jesus avoided the trap set for him.

Monday of Last Week

Admitted: Harry Shannon, East Stroudsburg.

Discharged: Russell Cain, Bellefonte, R. D. 2; Mrs. Austin Lucas, Julian, R. D.; Malcolm Young, Bellefonte.

Births: a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Beall, State College; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Keeler, Bellefonte.

Tuesday of Last Week

Admitted: Fred W. Kline, Jr., of Bellefonte, R. D. 1; Miss Beatrice Bartley, Bellefonte, R. D. 2; Wilbur Bittner, Bellefonte.

Discharged: Miss Helen S. Butler, Bellefonte; Mary E. Richards, Julian.

Wednesdays of Last Week

Admitted: Mrs. Mary Scott, Bellefonte.

Discharged: Mark W. Smith, Bellefonte, R. D. 2; Mrs. Frank E. Galagher and infant daughter, Milesburg.

Birth: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kellerman, Bellefonte.

Expired: Mrs. Plummer Davidson, Milesburg.

Thursdays of Last Week

Admitted: Mrs. Pearl Diehl, Milesburg; Rev. Herbert Hunter, Pine Grove Mills.

Discharged: Mrs. Boyd Stover and infant daughter, Colburn; Mrs. J. H. Horner and infant daughter, Boalsburg.

Births: a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ebeling, Bellefonte, R. D. 1; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hall, Julian; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James G. Taylor, Bellefonte; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stover, State College, R. D. 1.

Friday

Admitted: Mrs. Philip K. Rice, of State College; Miss Frances Fogie, State College; Mrs. Dorothy Loe, Pleasant Gap; Wilson R. Shope, Bellefonte.

Discharged: Mrs. Jacob Sharer and infant son, Centre Hall, R. D.; Earl Matix, Port Matilda, R. D.

Admitted Friday and discharged Saturday: Shirley Wells, Julian, R. D. 1; Miss Leona Houser, State College.

Birth: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Jabco, Bellefonte.

Saturday

Admitted: Joseph Rimmer, Centre Hall.

Discharged: Mrs. Mary White, State College; Miss Grace DeArmitt, State College; Mrs. W. M. Cramer, State College.

Sunday

Admitted: Mrs. Grace Koch, Port Matilda, R. D.; Mrs. Cary Alexander, Bellefonte.

Birth: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larimer, Clarion.

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PUBLIC SALE SENSATION OF THE SEASON

The undersigned, intending to quit farming and leave the country without paying his debts, will offer at public sale on the premises, known as The Applegate Farm, on the Bullfrog Road, one mile north of Cozy Mud Valley, on

SOME DAY NEXT WEEK beginning at one G. M. (Civil War Time) the following broken down livestock and farm junk, to-wit:

HORSES—1 spavined mare, 29 years, 4 months and 7 days old; 1 iron grey gelding mare with false teeth, always 5 years old; 1 sorrel horse, with four legs, well mated; 1 mare mule with calf by side; 1 brown worked horse with curved legs, a good feeder; 1 man-eating jackass, shod with all-weather balloon shoes, some kickers; 1 running horse, runs at the 2000; 9 head of colts, raised on condensed milk; 1 pedigreed Holstein stallion, sired by night and damped by everybody; 1 spring-tooth colt, will make a fine watch dog. These horses must be seen to be despised.

CATTLE—12 cows, good kickers, will farrow in August; 7 yearling heifers, coming 8 years old; 2 brood cows with cream separators by their sides; 1 Poland-China bull, good as new; 2 calves with pink stockings and low heels; 7 condensed milk cows, with can openers; two of these cows are bulls; also 2 fall cows, one of which has not fallen yet; 1 Plymouth Rock calf, will have pups by day of sale, weather permitting. Any farmer would be glad to own these cattle to sell to the butcher.

SHEEP, GOATS AND POULTRY—1 Hematized ram with detachable rump; 7 cock-eyed ewes; 10 lambs; 7 Mary and 2 mot; 5 Billy goats with red whiskers, do excellent team work as they are very strong, unexcelled for dairy work as each is a good butler; 3 nany goats; 1 goatie; 1 Democratic rooster, has pep; 1 Republican rooster, has pip; 4 dozen hens, will have eggs in the spring; 40 spring chickens, 5 years old; 7 hens, eligible to vote; 8 dapple-grey pullets with roop; 1 single-comb Jersey red-haired hired girl (some chicken).

HOGS—1 hired man, coming 47 years old, will work anywhere but where you want him; 3 old bres, coming 20; 14 Rhode Island Red sows with milking attachments; 7 Brown Leghorn pigs with golden hair hanging down their backs; 7 bow-legged spring pigs.

FARM MACHINERY—7 pearl-handled dug forks, 6 with fly attachments, the other covered with dung; narrow-toed crown cultivator with mortgage attached; 2 bull rakes; 1 cow rake; 1 sulky rake; 1 sulky wife; DeLaval hay loader with concrete wheels; Dear-On-Deer crown planter, crown corn separator; road drag; International riding cross-till saw; set of string harness; old-fashioned buck saw with lower teeth missing; 1 Holstein-Friesian plow, will be fresh by day of sale; 1 Berkshire wheelbarrow, geared 120, can trot, pace or gallop; 1 castor oil manure spreader, works when you sleep; 1 pearl-handled Oliver chilled plow, hand-painted; 1 six-cylinder stone board with automatic cut-off; 1 pint gasoline, bring ration coupon.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS—1 talking machine, bad as new; 1 sideboard, nothing in it; 6 kgs, nothing in them but the smell; 18 pint bottles, empty; 1 radio, noisy; pair twin beds, 1 good as new; 1 baby buggy with automatic clutch and exhaust; also many other articles too bad to mention.

Terms of sale—cash, balance in jail.

Free lunch will be served, consisting of frozen hog teeth and pickled cat's feet.

R. U. CUMMING, Prop.

IVAN AWFULYELL, Auct. I. Gettum, clerk.

Conservation

One Japanese bragged to another that he made a fan last 20 years by opening only a fourth section, and using this for five years, then the next section, and so on.

The other Japanese registered scorn.

"Wasteful!" he ejaculated. "I was better taught. I make a fan last a lifetime. I open it wide, and hold it under my nose quite motionless. Then I wave my head."

Her Day

(If Martha Washington, another First Lady, had turned columnist)

MOUNT VERNON, March 15—Yesterday was a very busy day for me. I was up at usual, at six o'clock. After breakfast George and I went to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving where he posed for the two-cent stamp and the one-dollar bill. I don't like him in either red or green but I suppose I'll have to get used to it. Samuel Osgood asked me to pose for the penny post-card. In green, of all colors. Finally I consented to pose for one-half the card if George would pose for the other half.

The President has a bad cold; the result, I fear, of standing up in that open boat while crossing the Delaware. I urged him to wear his overcoat and muffler but he said the Publicity Department ridiculed the idea. He wanted me to go up to the Rappahannock River and throw silver dollars across with him but I said it was a waste of Federal funds. He laughed in his good-natured way, and said: "It's only a drop in the bucket compared with what future Presidents will toss away." When he returned I rubbed his pitching arm with liniment.

Watts Watt

"Have you?" asked the electrician, "any four-volt, two-watt bulbs?"

"For what?" answered his assistant.

"No, two."

"Two what?"

"Yes."

"No."

Solving Your Income Tax Problems

Question—"I managed to figure out my tax all by myself. At present I am resting in a sanitarium with a psychosis which makes me imagine I'm a \$ sign. Do I have to pay a tax on that \$ sign?"

Answer—Never mind that. Any extra beds in that joint? Does your doctor know how to remove % signs from psychoses?

Question—Last year I earned \$2,000,000. I find that my tax amount to \$2,002,222.22. Can you tell me where to get the \$2,222.22?"

Answer—Have you tried the Jesse James Home Loan & High Rates Finance Corp.? They'll lend it to you for a pound of flesh a month.

Question—"Everybody has a tax plan. What's yours?"

Answer—"Every body work every body mails his entire salary to Mr. Morgan. He sends you a check in return to live on.

Question—"What is surtax?"

Answer—"Surtax is something that's not bad enough to pay but they insult you by making you call it Sir."

Nutty Pome

Noth, the spreading chestnut tree

The village smithy squirms;

He's been eating chestnuts

And they are full of worms.

Pity The Teacher

As the class had been told to write an essay on Lincoln, one of the pupils wrote: "Abraham Lincoln was born on a bright summer day, the 12th of February, 1809. He was born in a log cabin that he had helped his father to build."

That's all, folks. If you think co-operation is not necessary try running your car with a wheel off.

Random Items

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