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MEDICAL UNIT HOLDS OPPORTUNITY.

A fine opportunity for service is offered the young men of Ogden and its vicinity in the organization of the medical unit for the Utah national guard here.

SPEEDY TRIALS AND THEN QUICK EXECUTIONS.

Because there are automobile mashers in Ogden, the people are deeply interested in the outcome of the prosecutions which have begun in San Francisco against the members of a gang of automobile drivers who made assaults on young girls and finally killed three officers.

"Not for years has San Francisco been so stirred officially and privately as by the acts attributed to this gang. Today, when the five men held here appeared in court to plead, ropes had to be stretched to hold back persons desirous of attending the proceedings, and many policemen were stationed about the hall of justice for any emergency.

"Judge Louis F. Ward opened court with a brief speech to the effect that speedy trials were required."

Speedy trials, convictions and executions will meet with public sentiment and do much to quiet the wrath of an indignant and outraged people.

SPIES IN THE AMERICAN ARMY.

Somewhat disconcerting is the confession of John Willers, former captain of Company I, Forty-eighth United States Infantry. He was a deserter and, when captured on Tuesday, admitted he was a spy—one of 303 cadets sent to this country by Germany to betray the American forces in action.

Willers claims that Germany was successful in placing many spies in high office in Washington and keeping them there during the war.

There may be a little coloring to the man's statement, but it was evident during the conflict against the Teutons that treacherous men had worked their way into the American camp and by virtue of that condition, it was necessary for the government to take stringent measures to check up on the plotters.

Reports from the battle zone were to the effect that more than one officer was found to be serving the enemy and a number of them were killed by their own men when their plans were disclosed.

To a civilian, this method of undermining a military organization seems too devilish to be resorted to by human beings, and yet it is a regular practice employed by all military establishments. The Americans had informers in Germany and the British must have had spies in the higher circles of the German navy as they had a complete record of nearly every submarine that left the coast of Germany during the most critical period of undersea warfare.

In Europe, where the game of espionage has been played with greatest finesse, whole families have moved

into foreign countries, become a part of their new environment, carrying from father to son the secret of their mission, which has been to serve their fatherland in the time of need, and, by being assisted financially and socially, they have been able to reach high station and gain access to the innermost circles and even the war archives.

America, because of our loosely held together governmental department, is an inviting field for the clever spies of the old world.

THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

A most remarkable admission is made by Miss Bertha Conde, secretary of the national board of the Young Women's Christian Association. Half of the people of the United States are pagans, she declares. "Fifty-three millions are neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish, and the number is growing," says Miss Conde. "Many women of today have the religion of their grandmothers without the faith which gave life and strength to that religion. The children of these women receive practically no religion from the mothers. Women must realize that religion is a living part of their daily life, not a tradition of the past."

For years it has been evident that the people are drifting toward a disregard for the duties of church. There are so many other attractions that men and women are finding out of the church for their entertainments, amusements and philosophies.

But it would be a day of misfortune when the churches ceased to exert their fine moral influences over the American people. So long as the home fails to function as it should, the church must be relied on to give to the young people the precepts of right living. Older people are not so seriously afflicted as children, if they fail to keep to the faith. In this easy-going land of ours, with its conflicting emotions and strong appeal to the worldly, there is necessity for the preaching of the rules of right conduct. If churches were to disappear, what great guide would direct humanity away from the pitfalls along the pathway of life?

There is nothing that grips so firmly as faith in a religion and without that faith much of good in the world is lost.

PRESIDENT-ELECT IS MOST TACTFUL.

There is much that is affable and wholesome in President-elect Harding. During the session of the senate yesterday, the senator was called on to address his colleagues, and he made a speech of good will and fellowship, which disclosed tact and wisdom.

Going into office, with the greatest majority ever given a president, Mr. Harding promises to retain his popularity by consulting not only those near to him politically, but all elements for good entering into public affairs. He begins by winning even the esteem of the Democrats and, if he persists in this harmonizing way, his term of office should bring him a greater measure of success, as judged by popular approval, than has been accorded to any president of late years.

JUST FOLKS

By Edgar A. Guest

DAD'S BIG FAULT. When I was young I never heard my mother speak an angry word. My father laid his faults, but oh, my mother seemed to love him so.

When there was company for tea she seemed in constant fear that he would grow so interested that he'd quite forget that he was fat.

He used to laugh and say: "My dear, whatever is the matter here?" And she'd "Tut tut" and shake her head as though some dreadful thing had said to indicate that she had seen how very careless he had been.

Now I am sitting where he sat, and though I'm not so very fat, as did my mother, so does she maintain a constant watch over me; 'twas it is a sign of age.

HOW HE STARTED. LIFE OF CRIME. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa.—"How did you start your life of crime?" Fred Poffenbarger, confessed participant in the big mail car robbery here, was asked by officers. "When I was 14 years old, I put rockleburrs in a little girl's hair," replied Poffenbarger, with a tear trickling down his cheek.

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Thrilling Moments in "Money-Changers," Playing at Ogden

A photoplay of tremendous moments, big thoughts and tender romance is "The Money-Changers," Benjamin B. Hampton's masterpiece for Pathe distribution and showing for the last times today at the Ogden theatre.

Frivolous Farce Coming to Orpheum Theatre Next Sunday Night

A frivolous farce of feminine follies, best described "Up in Mabel's Room," the famous New York farce which A. H. Woods will present at the Orpheum here next Sunday night, Dec. 12th.

"The U. P. Trail" and the Pioneer's Bride; Film at Alhambra

Over the prairie on unbroken roads. With ox team and schooners with heavy loads. Forging their way through a country of fears.

Edna Wallace Hopper in "Just Around the Corner," Orpheum Tonight

"Just Around the Corner," at the Orpheum theatre tonight, is a play written by Messrs. Winslow and Hobart for Edna Wallace Hopper, who is being presented by G. M. Anderson.

CHRISTMAS CLUB PLAN IS POPULAR

More Than Hundred Million to Be Distributed for Holiday Expenses

During the coming week, some 3,000,000 persons throughout the United States will receive approximately \$110,000,000 in the distribution of Christmas club funds. More than 3,000 banks have been conducting Christmas clubs during the year, and after 50 weeks of steady payment, the members will receive what they have paid in.

Mr. Herbert F. Rawll, president of the Christmas club corporation when recently interviewed at the offices of the company at 51 Chambers street, New York City stated that statistics compiled during the year by their organization showed that this disbursement is distributed throughout the United States, approximately as follows:

New England states... \$14,700,000.00
Southern states... 8,200,000.00
Eastern states... 22,400,000.00
Middle states... 26,700,000.00
Western states... 18,000,000.00
Pacific states... 2,000,000.00

The Christmas club plan has been in existence for 12 years. At first, there were very few banks who undertook this unique form of saving, but the idea caught on and spread very rapidly.

INTERESTING SIDELIGHT. Mr. Rawll gives a very interesting sidelight on the psychology of this method of saving in his following statement: "When this plan was first introduced it met considerable opposition from many of the banking fraternity, on the ground that a system of educating and encouraging people to save money to spend, was a wrong principle."

"The growth and results of the plan within the last few years has demonstrated the fallacy of this conclusion. The popular appeal of the Christmas club is on account of the safeguard it offers against human frailty. It presents a unique method by which the people can save a small amount each week, which cannot be withdrawn until the end of the club term, two weeks before Christmas."

PAYMENTS SMALL. "People who save money in the Christmas club, would never save this amount in any other way and the weekly payments are so small as to be hardly noticed by the average individual. The result has been that the Christmas club has demonstrated to thousands of people, that, if they can systematically save in this manner, they can systematically save for investment."

All of this money is not spent during the holiday season. Thousands of illustrations have been brought to our attention where members have started permanent bank accounts with part of the Christmas club accumulation and these accounts have thereafter been substantially increased.

During the Liberty loan campaign a good part of the machinery of our organization was turned over to the government. Over \$700,000,000 worth of Liberty bonds were sold under the Christmas club partial plan in New York City alone, a syndicate of banks underwrote \$100,000,000 worth of a single issue of Liberty bonds, which were disposed of in this way."

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are members and the total fund for the state shows an approximate saving of \$3.00 per capita.

Spry May Get U. S. Land Office Place

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Former Governor William Spry of Utah was mentioned in Washington papers yesterday as a likely choice of President Harding for commissioner of the general land office, a position which always goes to a western man and one familiar with land administration.

It is safe to say that Senator Harding has as yet made no selection for this office, but his views expressed yesterday to Senator Borah about the kind of a man he wants for secretary of the interior would indicate that he

will be equally anxious to get a man familiar with and in sympathy with the west to conduct the land office during his administration.

Governor Spry was in Washington a brief time today and left for Salt Lake this afternoon to attend the irrigation conference to be held there Saturday. If he makes an active canvass for the land commissionership he will command strong support from western senators, to whom he is well known.

FLOOR SCHEDULE. PITTSBURG.—The University of Pittsburg is planning an elaborate floor schedule. They will play at the Motor Square Garden.

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