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Leonard Wood

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Gen. Leonard Wood has just returned from South America to take up his duties as chief of the general staff of the United States army, the highest military position which the service affords.

Nearly 12 years ago, when Leonard Wood was acting as governor of Santiago, I wrote in the Outlook about what he had already achieved, and what he could be trusted to achieve. During the intervening 12 years he has played a very conspicuous part among the men who have rendered signal service to the country by the way in which they have enabled it to grapple with the duties and responsibilities incurred by the Spanish war. What has been accomplished in the Philippines, in Cuba, in Porto Rico, in Panama, and in San Domingo during these 12 years represents a sum of achievement of which this nation has a right to be extremely proud. In each locality the problem has been different, in each locality it has been solved with signal success. Of course there have been mistakes and shortcomings, but on the whole it would be difficult to find anywhere a finer record of successful accomplishment. This record is primarily due to the admirable quality of the men put at the head of affairs in the different places. Messrs. Taft, Luke Wright, Smith and Forbes, Messrs. Hunt, Winthrop, Post and Colton, Governor Magoon, Colonel Goethals—to these and their colleagues and subordinates the country owes a heavy debt of obligation.

Most of those I have mentioned are civilians. Colonel Goethals, under whom the gigantic work of the Panama canal is being accomplished, with literally astounding rapidity and success, is a representative of the army. The share of the army in the honor roll is very large. The importance of work like that of General Bell in the Philippines, of General Barry in Cuba, can hardly be overestimated; but, as a whole, of all the work of the army officers, the greatest in amount, and the greatest in variety of achievement, must be credited to General Wood. And, moreover, he has at times combined with singular success the functions of civil administrator and military commandant. The part played by the United States in Cuba has been one of the most honorable ever played by any nation in dealing with a weaker power, one of the most satisfactory in all respects; and to General Wood more than to any other one man is due the credit of starting this work and conducting it to a successful conclusion during the earliest and most difficult years. Like almost all of the men mentioned, as well as their colleagues, General Wood of course incurred the violent hatred of many dishonest schemers and unscrupulous adventurers, and of a few

more or less well-meaning persons who were misled by these schemers and adventurers; but it is astounding to any one acquainted with the facts to realize, not merely what he accomplished, but how he succeeded in gaining the good will of the enormous majority of the men whose good will could be won only in honorable fashion. Spaniards and Cubans, Christian Filipinos and Moros, Catholic ecclesiastics and Protestant missionaries—in each case the great majority of those whose opinion was best worth having—grew to regard General Wood as their special champion and ablest friend, as the man who more than any others understood and sympathized with their peculiar needs and was anxious and able to render them the help they most needed.

His administration was as signally successful in the Moro country as in Cuba. In each case alike it brought in its train peace, an increase in material prosperity, and a rigid adherence to honesty as the only policy tolerated among officials. His opportunity for military service has not been great, either in the Philippines or while he was the governor of Cuba. Still, on several occasions he was obliged to carry on operations against hostile tribes of Moros, and in each case he did his work with skill, energy, and efficiency; and, once it was done, he showed as much humanity in dealing with the vanquished as he had shown capacity to vanquish them. In our country there are some kinds of success which receive an altogether disproportionate financial reward; but in no other country is the financial reward so small for the kind of service done by Leonard Wood and by the other men whose names I have given above. General Wood is an army officer with nothing but an army officer's pay, and we accept it as a matter of course that he should have received practically no pecuniary reward for those services which he rendered in positions not such as an army officer usually occupies. There is not another big country in the world where he would not have received a substantial reward such as here no one even thinks of his receiving. Yet, after all, the reward for which he most cares is the opportunity to render service, and this opportunity has been given him once and again. He now stands as chief-of-staff of the American army, the army in which he was serving in a subordinate position as surgeon 13 years ago. His rise has been astonishing, and it has been due purely to his own striking qualification and striking achievements. Again and again he has rendered great service to the American people; and he will continue to render such service in the position he now holds.

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IS TOO MUCH HANDSHAKING?

Other Ways of Greeting Friends That Are Much Preferable, According to Writer.

Although a few have suffered the unpleasant experience of the man in the case recently reported, the bones of whose hands were forced out of place by the vise-like grasp of a too vigorous and unduly demonstrative friend, most people will be inspired by their personal recollections to sympathize with this victim of a misdirected ardor. Everyone knows people who seek to express the sincerity and earnestness of their good-will by squeezing the hand they take as though they were trying to break every one of the score or so of bones which the human hand comprises, and every one on such occasions must have wished that some other form of salutation than the one most in vogue had been devised and were generally practiced.

Shaking hands is a relic of barbarism anyhow. It became the custom in the days when every one carried a dagger in his belt and when one friend meeting another thought it necessary to attest the peacefulness of his intentions by extending an open palm. Then the other man could do no less than make a similarly reassuring demonstration and the grasp of these two extended hands naturally followed. Subsequently, by a logical process of evolution the handshake grew to be the conventional form of greeting and the refusal of a proffered hand was regarded as one of those insults whose dishonor can only be wiped out with blood. Now the custom is too firmly and widely established for its abandonment to be conceivable, and

Bird's Powerful Voice. There is a bird known as the naked-throated bell bird, that has such a powerful voice that it can be heard three miles away. It is loud and piercing and has been likened to the sound produced by a blacksmith striking an anvil.

Gastronomic Prize Medalist. The man who invents a noiseless method of eating corn on the cob, and points out how one can partake of watermelon without wetting his ears wet, will be a true benefactor.

Peculiar Trick of Lightning. Lightning played a curious trick with a funeral procession near Limoges, recently. It struck the church and burned the altar cloth. Outside the church a girl was killed and four bearers of the coffin were knocked down.

Wonderful Flight of Dragon Fly. The dragon fly can speed through the air at the rate of 60 miles an hour and more wonderful still, can stop instantaneously in its flight or move backward or sideways without changing the position of its body.

TIME FREIGHT CARS.

Edited by Hourly Reports the Whole Length of Their Run. A freight car is essentially common property. It has to go from one line to another in the course of its business. It may carry loads from Jackson, Miss., to Spokane, Wash.; from Phoenix, Ariz., to Augusta, Me. If all the freight cars in the United States were owned by one big company and if that company charged the railroads for the exact amount of use which they made of each car the situation would theoretically be more reasonable than it is today.

But in any case the wanderings of freight cars will always entail an enormous amount of labor with pen and pencil and telegraph key and typewriter and long distance telephone, writes William Hard in the Technical World Magazine.

The modern hunter of freight cars is not satisfied with knowing where all the cars on his own lines are at the end of each day's run. Modern business life has become so rapid that in the case of certain kinds of freight it is necessary to know just where each car is every few hours. This kind of freight is called time freight.

Ordinary freight is dead freight. Time freight consists only of certain materials. These materials run alphabetically all the way from asbestos, through cranberries, egg case fillers, ink, peanuts and varnish, down to zinc. All cars in time freight trains are reported by telegraph from all division points.

You can stand in front of a big board on the wall—it is like the board in a stockbroker's office except that it has little holes in it—and watch the progress of the cars in a time freight train from point to point. As the telegrams come in the pegs are moved from hole to hole. If you started a carload of varnish from Chicago to Omaha last night you can come in today and see just where that car is. You can watch it all the way to Omaha on the board.

It is a cruel humiliation for the freight car. It used to be a wild stray animal, but now it is tamed and domesticated. Just as we now have municipal lodging houses for tramps, so we have telegraph record boards for freight cars. Pretty soon nobody will be able to escape from the authorities. It is only occasionally under modern methods a freight car tracer has to go out and bring it home by force.

THE STOMACH.

Its Power to Resist Its Own Gastric Juices Is a Puzzle.

One of the greatest questions disturbing the minds of physiologists both past and present is that of the stomach's digesting powers. It is asked why the stomach does not digest itself. It is well known that gastric juices have the power to digest the tissue of which the stomach is made. One of the things actually manufactured by the body, secreted in the glands near the stomach and poured into it, is hydrochloric acid, a powerful agent that will eat up almost anything. Why it does not eat the stomach up is problematical.

It is known that a stomach from a dead animal or man can be digested by a living man. It has been found out also that when a man is killed accidentally and his stomach is in the process of digesting, if the body be kept warm, his whole stomach will be digested and possibly, too, adjacent organs, as liver, pancreas, etc. From this it was argued that the "principle of life" kept the process from going on in a living being. Subsequently, however, this was proved to be untrue. A living frog was put in an unconscious condition and his leg inserted through a small hole in a dog's stomach, the dog being alive and well. It was found that the frog's leg was wholly digested in the process, although living. So the last reason conceivable was proved incapable of explaining the phenomenon.

About the only conclusion left is that the stomach does gradually actually eat itself up, but that it is being constantly rebuilt. However, as this experiment is hard to perform and as no results have so far been announced in this direction, we are left in a state of absolute ignorance, and all we can do is to be devoutly thankful to Providence that our stomachs do not digest themselves except in the ordinary course of human events.—Lawrence Hodges in New York Tribune.

In Doubt.

Editor—Look here, what sort of writing is this in your story?

Reporter—What's wrong with it, sir? Editor—You say in your account of this party where they had fun with a bashful guest, "As his intended partner swept past gracefully the others brushed by to scour the place for the timid victim of the game, who had lost courage and dusted." Say, are you writing about a social party or a housecleaning exhibition?—New York Journal.

A Lesson in Anatomy.

A professor at one of our universities is very witty upon occasion. A medical student once asked if there were not some works on anatomy more recent than those in the college library.

"Young man," said the professor, "there have not been many new bones added to the human body during the last ten years."—London Standard.

Blows His Own Horn.

"What kind of a fellow is Griggs?" "He's one of those chaps who can do anything."

"How delightful!" "Yes, but he likes to tell of it." "Oh!"—Boston Herald.



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INDIANOLA.

Mrs. P. J. Taylor celebrated her seventieth birthday, August 21st, by driving in from her Brookside home to attend divine service at the M. E. church.

Mr. Heaton left, last week, with his family and all of his belongings, for the third time to take up his abode in Hoosierdom.

Last week Mr. Arch Hatcher moved into his new home two miles north-west of town.

Clyde Coleman and family left for their new home in Idaho, Thursday evening.

Verne Short is working in Minnick's drug store during Fred's absence.

Mrs. Shumaker and Hope were Bartley visitors, Thursday.

Mrs. George Shepard was a Cambridge visitor, Thursday.

Lela Lyman and Ruth Smith were visitors at the E. E. Thompson home a few days last week.

Rhoda Elder of Beaver City is visiting her sister Mrs. Hopper, this week.

Miss Sullivan, the grammar room teacher was in town, Tuesday.

Mrs. McCallum spent Friday afternoon in McCook.

Mr. Cox is on the sick list.

Ida Donnelly is clerking for Pete Collings.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are the proud parents of a baby girl.

BOX ELDER.

I. H. Harrison is very sick again. Oscar Ross of Superior is visiting G. H. Harrison.

Daisy Younger visited Pearl Campbell, Sunday.

Dossie Younger visited Edith Morrey, Sunday.

Mildred Modrell is visiting her aunt Mrs. Maxwell Wolfe, this week.

Mrs. Martha Johnson returned, Saturday, from her visit at Alma.

Mrs. Paul Stone and children, Cecil and Marie, are visiting her daughter Mrs. George Harrison.

Mrs. Austin Dixon and Mrs. Maria Olmstead of Iowa are visiting their sister Mrs. F. G. Lytle.

Fern Doyle is visiting her grandpa and grandma Little at St. Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Modrell, F. G. Lytle, A. W. Campbell and Earl Wilson were among the number from this place who attended the tent meeting at Spring Creek.

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BARTLEY.

Frank Clark came in from Omaha, Tuesday morning, for a short visit.

A. L. Cochran is out of town for a short time on business.

Jacob Nelson and wife spent Sunday in McCook with Mr. Nelson's folks.

Mrs. Ira J. Ritchie and children came down from Wauzeka, Saturday evening, to spend a few days with homefolks and attend the reunion.

Mrs. Iva Dewey and baby came down from Yuma, Friday night, to visit old friends.

I. A. Lyman and D. L. Wolf left, Tuesday morning, for a week's visit in northern Indiana, also to look at the country.

Fred Bede and Ben Wright made a trip east last week, taking in Omaha and several other points, stopping at Fairmont on their way home.

Mrs. U. G. Etherton went down to Franklin county latter part of the week for a visit, and from there she goes to Omaha on business.

Mrs. H. C. Kornhaus and two daughters went to Roseland, Neb., fore part of the week for a two weeks' visit with relatives and old friends.

About twenty-five of the young folks gathered at the home of Miss E. E. Meehan, Friday night, and gave her a pleasant surprise party in honor of her (?) birthday. A very pleasant time was reported by all.

The Wolf, Harkwork, Roberts and Teters sale the 17th was attended by an unusually large crowd and from the prices that things brought one wouldn't think hard times.

There were about one hundred and fifty of the relatives and friends of the J. W. Wolf and Fred Harkwork families gathered at the M. E. church Saturday evening, to bid them farewell. The committee had about fifteen gallons of ice cream on hand and it is useless to say that all enjoyed themselves. These two families are among our oldest settlers and it is with regret that we see them go from our midst. We bespeak for them a warm welcome in their new home, and congratulate any community on getting such families as these for citizens.

MARION.

County Commissioner F. S. Lofton was in town, last Friday.

L. D. Newberry was to McCook, last Friday, to get a printing press for the Enterprise man.

A large crowd attended the Sunday school picnic here, last Thursday.

W. H. Eifert assisted by F. F. Gockley of Fairview put a new steel ceiling in the school house, last week.

S. C. Lyons resigned his position in W. H. Eifert's hardware store, Friday, and painted the interior of the school house.

F. M. McFadden entertained his brother from Clay Center, Neb., a few days last week.

Mrs. Mamie Eddy and daughter Wanda returned to their home so of Benkelman the first of last week, after a short visit with relatives here.

Grandma Eifert of Beaver City visited her son W. H. and family, last week.

The senior basket ball team were defeated in a game with the Sunny Kansas girls, last Sunday evening.

The Junior basket ball went to Danbury, Friday evening, and were badly defeated, the score being 40 to 1 in favor of Danbury.

B. C. Miller of the Enterprise force left, first of last week, for Fort Riley, Kansas, to attend the encampment of National guards.

Oman Smiley received a fine Brush auto, last week.

Miss Bessie Osborn from southeast of Danbury visited with Mrs. Fred Furman, last week.

Olaf Olsson went to Denver, last Saturday, to play with the McCook band for the railroad picnic.

I. D. Long, real estate man of Haigler, Neb., was in town, Monday. His wife and daughter, who have been visiting the Gockley home, accompanied him home.

RED WILLOW.

Ben King's children have eczema very bad.

Paul Smith left on Saturday for his home in the Arickaree country, Colorado.

Mrs. Rinck, Mrs. Longnecker and Mrs. Charles Rinck spent Friday with Mrs. Longnecker.

Mrs. Loomis returned to her home in Michigan, on Thursday.

The friends of Russell Loomis, one of the first settlers of this county, will regret to hear that he is suffering intensely with cancer on his face. His home is near Bloomingdale, Michigan.

Mrs. Kreider is staying at the Hatcher home while Mrs. Hatcher is in Denver.

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DANBURY.

Miss Lucy Leist left for Lincoln, Friday, to work as a stenographer.

The Danbury boys defeated the Marion boys in a game of basket ball, Saturday.

Murry Johnson returned to his home at Hitecock, Okla., Sunday, via Kanona, Kas.

Danbury and Oberlin played ball, Tuesday. The score remained a tie in favor of Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Young who have been down in Kansas and Missouri the past four weeks, returned home, Monday.

Leonard Hethcote of Indianapolis was a city visitor, Tuesday.

D. C. Boyer and family attended the chautauqua at Oberlin, Saturday and Sunday.

Homer Bastian was operated upon for appendicitis, Wednesday.

Rex Miles departed for Oregon, Sunday, via McCook.

Several from Lebaton attended the ball game at this place, Friday.

George Thomas and Roy Sims were McCook business visitors, Monday.

J. L. Sims and son Emory returned home from Omaha, Monday. Lowell was getting along fine.

Clarence Greenway accidentally shot himself in the knee with a rifle, while going to Marion, Saturday evening.

Lumb Wise left for his home at Hastings, Saturday night.

The Marion basket ball team were defeated by a score of 40 to 1 by our girls, Friday evening.

C. A. Gentry took a load to McCook in his auto, Friday night.

Mrs. M. M. Young and son Clarence left for North Platte, Neb., Monday, for a week's visit with relatives.

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