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OUR SACRED DAY

Sunday, May 9th, is the Nation's Sacred Day. It's Mothers' Day, a day set apart whereby the nation may worship mother. And well may the nation worship mother for it was she who first instilled in our hearts love of country. It was from her that we learned our first lesson of truthfulness. It was from her now silent lips that came the message of truth and love and we now hear that silent prayer for her boy—the prayer for manhood and good citizenship. Her hopes were in her boy and she prayed to the Almighty that HEH boy would be a citizen in the full meaning of the word. And, looking backward, through a veil of years, we recall the sacrifices of an unselfish, noble woman and we honor womanhood. Her example makes us think of better manhood.

The mothers of many of us are with us. Perhaps they are wrinkled and gray, but what if they are; every wrinkle shows a thousand hours of prayer and thought for her child; every gray hair, a sacrifice for the child who was at her breast when she came from the "Valley of Pain."

And, looking backward today, we are thinking, and you, also, think of the days of long ago, and your thought is of mother. When you think of her, your thoughts have reached the highest pinnacle of purity, for mother exemplified purity, sweetness, charity, self sacrifice and love.

The mothers of some of us are with us; there are others of us whose thoughts go back to years distant or to a few months ago, when mother left us. We remember, even when the Great Eternity was before her, that her thoughts were not of herself, but for her children and we remember the messages of good cheer and love to those around her bedside. And we remember how that spotless soul, without fear of the eternity, went to meet her Maker.

If we remember mother and her example, how good a world this would be.

THE COUNTY AGENT

There comes from the federal department of agriculture, says the Spokane Spokesman-Review, an interesting report showing what the county agent, sometimes known as the farm demonstrator, is doing to carry the gospel of scientific agriculture into various parts of the country. The report covers only county agent activity in 33 northern and western states although the south first enjoyed the benefit of this particular kind of extension work. The department of agriculture began its "states relations service" in the south in 1903 and it was not until 1911 that the county agent first made his appearance in the northern New York state.

But the system has grown so fast that during 1919, in the northern and western states alone, 1200 agents conducted 90,660 demonstrations before an aggregate of more than a million persons. Such subjects were discussed as corn selecting, seed corn testing, the control of smut upon oat and wheat seed, treatment of the diseases of beans and potatoes, the growing of the soy bean, alfalfa and sweet clover, the building of silos, the pruning and cultivation of orchards, the establishment of drainage and irrigation systems, use of lime and chemical fertilizers, the

killing of pests, the eradication of weeds, the use of serums for diseases of live stock.

The work of the county agent covers a wide field. While he is teaching the farmer how to raise large and diversified crops he is also teaching the farmer's wife how to make gardens profitable, and the farmer's children how to get started in the stock breeding business. He demonstrates methods of farm accounting, and assists in the organization of marketing, purchasing and cooperative associations. When the farmer is short of help the department of agriculture representative does what he can to relieve the situation.

EDUCATE TO UNDERSTAND

Prof. Brumbaugh very rightly says that "the vital importance of education does not lie exposed on the surface of everyday life." Yet we do find a great deal of it exposed on the surface.

The world war brought to light a condition of illiteracy in this country that was little dreamed of existing. In the past the census bureau has led us to believe that the percentage of illiteracy was no greater than 8 per cent, but army figures for men of draft age put it at 24.9 or one-quarter of the population. Through psychological work it was found that 350,195 men were unable to read or write and understand signs about the camp. As factory workers these men would be unable to understand a written or printed order, or signs and instructions to protect them from accident.

It has been pointed out that our illiteracy problem is not confined to alienism, and this is in a very large measure true. Our late secretary of the interior, Mr. Lane, says "an un-informed democracy is not a democracy, that people who have no access to the mediums of public opinion, the messages of presidents, and the acts of congress" can't be expected to understand why they all must contribute due share of energy or property or fealty to the welfare of the country.

Stimmed down the deplorable fact is apparent that 25 per cent of the men in this country lack an understanding of the most important medium in the spread of common ideals. To overcome this we must educate continually and ever more extensively or the whole of our social welfare, comfort and happiness will disappear in a gulf of this most unspeakable misery and anarchy. Let every voter remember that on the twenty-first day of this month he will be called upon to vote a future guarantee of public peace and prosperity or he will vote to overthrow this country into a coming calamity, the spectacle of which he can now glimpse in the malstrom of terror now settling down upon a benighted Russia.

OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

At the coming election, the voters of the state will say whether or not our educational institutions will continue to operate with the degree of efficiency we desire, or whether they will fall far below the standard Oregon should maintain. The O. A. C., University of Oregon and Monmouth Normal College cannot operate on the present income. The expenses of these institutions have increased just as have the expenses of the individual. The attendance at all institutions has increased. There are so many students that they cannot be taken care of. Enlargement of the institutions, that is, if they are to take care of the students, is absolutely necessary. Columbia county has scholars at all of the colleges named, therefore, it is Columbia county's duty to support the institutions. They must have more money on which to run.

A friend of the Mist told us the other day that he was afraid that the millage bill would not pass in Columbia county. The Mist took exception to his remarks and believes that the voters of the county will cast their vote in favor of maintaining the institutions of learning for a vote for the millage bill is a vote for education. The sons and daughters of Oregon are entitled to educational advantages and the Mist does not believe that the people of Columbia

county will vote to deny them such education.

Stealing automobiles, if only for a short joy ride, is a crime. The joy riders take out a \$1000 or \$2000 car and bang it over the roads, probably wreck it. If they get it home safe, it is considered a joke. If they meet with a mishap and leave it somewhere on the road or in the ditch, it is an unfortunate occurrence. The auto owner is entitled to some protection. It is no joke to him to have \$1000 of his property taken away without his permission and, possibly, wrecked. Courts have been too lenient with auto joy rider thieves.

Want to be the most beautiful woman in America, sister? Take your daily bath in milk and sleep between black sheets, and you will be as nutty as the Paris beauty who advocates this method of beating the wrinkles in the races of life.

One way, of course, to reduce the high cost of living is for everybody to quit working and stand around and talk about it.

English judges object to trying the Kaiser "by a law they do not know." They might look up an old copy of the Ten Commandments.

PUBLIC FORUM

THE MARRIAGE PROBLEM

To the Editor:

The amorous state of Mary Pickford, heroine of numberless photographs, which led to her divorce and marriage with the dashing Douglas Fairbanks, a fellow-player, has evoked considerable comment and thrown wide the floodgates to a turbulent stream of opinion respecting the rights, and duties, the whims and fancies of those who have embraced the connubial state or who look with pleasure upon the prospect of it. As a consequence of this variety of opinion one becomes almost lost in a confusion of ideas ranging in value from frowning rigorism to brazen license.

There must, however, be some sane and proper way of viewing the marriage problem; all other problems which beset the mind of man are capable of a just and reasonable solution; laws govern the material world about us, laws govern thought and laws regulate all the other relations between men—laws that are conformable to reason.

But some of our contemporaries declare that in this important human relation of marriage there is no law which is so unrelaxable. On the other hand, I believe that most of us will hold that reason is the glory of the natural man and that a condition or idea which fails to square with right reason is not good, and cannot be accepted by a normal human being.

If only to clarify our ideas a bit, I suspect that little leeway granted to cold, dispassionate reason in this growing discussion of the marriage relation, would dispel a few illusions and reveal a number of facts well worthy of serious meditation.

If the editor deems it advisable, and mayhap of some worth to the reader, I will prepare a paper or two on the nature of marriage—a philosophical dissertation, considering the question from the standpoint of reason alone.

JEREMY KRAM.

Mist Want A.C. for Results

OBSERVATIONS
By MISTY ROUNDER

Candidates for office never go on a strike. The only thing that causes the candidate any worry is a possible lockout.

Providence still smiles on St. Helens. The fish are biting good—metaphorically speaking—and prices are good for the fishermen.

From any angle you look at it, it occurs to the Misty Rounder that some of the candidates have been picked before they are ripe. This little observation will be verified May 21—and they are all good men, too.

"Duke" Wellington can truly be said to be "hot-footing it" in his quest for the lowly vote to put him across for the nomination for sheriff. By some hoecus pocus he got ditched at Vernonia the other day and walked from there in to St. Helens.

There was wisdom in the reply of a man, who when asked by a friend the other day if the figure of a woman acquaintance was "made up," replied: "I can't say; never saw her in a wet bathing suit."

The recent cleanup in our city was fairly thorough and we present a spotless appearance to the visitor. So much so, in fact, that the casual stranger within our gates is moved to remark on the cleanliness of our streets, alleys and vacant lots. However, a few piles of rubbish, evidently overlooked by drayman, are yet in evidence.

There is one loyal democrat in the county, anyway. H. H. Bunting is heading off any default proposition by getting into the game for sheriff and comes out in the limelight of publicity by announcing his candidacy. While his name will not appear on the ballot, as he did not file, his name written in will do the trick.

You know, of course, that Manager East staged a bunch of saucy-eyed beauties in his popular little Liberty theatre last Friday night. Well, thereby hangs a little story too good to suppress. Secretary Stora has a 3-year-old youngster who has all the ear-marks of his dad as a close observer of events and things in general. Saturday morning he arose from his little couch, dressed in a costume that might pass for Oregon mist, and striking a pose that seemed to him about as the girls posed, said: "This is the way the girls looked and acted last night." And the Rounder will tell the universe that that kid is some observer.

The Mist force ought to be an up-standing religiously inclined organization, considering the close proximity of the office to a place of worship. We freely admit, though, that the atmosphere doesn't seem to have had any noticeable effect on said force, counting from the editor-in-chief down. The Rounder hastens to add, however, that his time here has been brief and time may yet work wonders.

Tuesday afternoon A. M. Holt and C. D. Morgan, ex-local editor of the Mist, were seen paddling across the river in a boat, and a wild, throaty, voiced rumor immediately started that they had some sort of a cash over there. But 'twas a false alarm. They only went over to look at Holt's fruit farm—or it will be a fruit farm when he gets some fruit trees on it.

At least they didn't offer the Rounder anything, and Morgan knows that a camel has nothing on a newspaper man in withstanding the drought.

Along with overalls ought to go rubber collars which not only reduce laundry bills, but would produce a harmonious effect on uniform.

A pound of raisins and a whole yeast in a grocery order now cause more neighborhood commotion than a case of beer brought to front door used to cause.

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