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KINDNESS.

Someone has said that we have more opportunities to be kind than to be anything else.

A story is related of an old Confederate veteran, who had lost an arm at Gettysburg. He had been in Pickett's gallant, but bloody charge, and had spent months in a hospital. Think of what he had gone through and what true and tragic stories he could have told, but when asked to tell his experiences he said "I remember one thing better than anything else. On one hot June day we were going through a town named Greencastle, where we were not very welcome. I was out of line, being very tired and thirsty, when near the far edge of town a little girl ran out of her yard and gave me a dipper of water."

All of the heroic, tragic and horrible experiences he had gone through were as nothing to him in comparison with the kindness of that little girl who gave him a cup of cold water.

Life generally is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things in which smiles and kindnesses play the bigger part and bring the most happiness to both him who gives and to him who receives.

"I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow-being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."—Penn.

Generally the exercise of courtesy and kindness require the least possible trouble and self-sacrifice. Even, if, at times, it does require a great deal of both just remember that "It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can help another, without helping himself."

LANDON DISPELS THE FOG.

There are two important planks in the republican platform, adopted by the National convention of that party at Cleveland, which did not completely satisfy Governor Landon. He did not wait until he was selected as the candidate for president before declaring his stand on the two planks in question. Whether one agrees with him or the platform makers, his frankness and courage deserves admiration.

The plank which declares for state minimum wage laws for women, but expresses the belief that they can be so worded that they will be held constitutional, was too uncertain, in view of a recent decision of the supreme court, for Governor Landon to accept unreservedly. Consequently he declared that, if necessary, he would favor a constitutional amendment which would make it possible for the states to adopt such laws.

The second plank, which Landon thought needed elucidating, declares for a "sound currency." Landon evidently thought this plank equivocal so he wired the convention that he interpreted the words "sound currency" to mean a dollar exchangeable for gold.

The republicans may well be proud of the fact that they have nominated a candidate for president who has opinions and convictions which he is willing and ready to express without fear or favor. In other words he means to "Hew to the line let the chips fall where they may."

FRANCE DEFAULTS AGAIN.

France lately assured the United States that she intends to settle her war debt at some future time, but defaulted payment of the \$335,080,016 due June 15, including the current installment and arrears. At the same time, Latvia and Estonia joined the ranks of defaulting nations, which already include Great Britain, Italy, Yugoslavia and Lithuania. Latvia owes \$1,096,877 and Estonia \$2,934,736. The only nation that has promised to make its June payment is Finland.

The amount due from France includes \$260,292,291 in arrears and the June 15 installment of \$74,787,726. Next to Great Britain, France is America's largest debtor.

The French reply probably indicates a desire to improve that nation's financial standing with the United States so as to place it in a position to obtain a new loan should it become involved in another war.

The enormous sums loaned to France and her allies by the United States and the large force of American troops sent over to Europe during the world war saved France from being completely crushed. Neither France nor her allies could have carried on without American soldiers and money. She and her allies can never repay us for the thousands of lives which were lost and the thousands of our young men who are still crippled and helpless because they were sent over seas to save France and her allies. It would seem, however, that she and her allies could, at least, pay their money debts to the United States. The amount they owe is no ordinary debt, yet little Finland is the only nation which has met its payments when due and the only one which promises to meet its current payment.

BRITAIN'S SURPLUS.

For the third successive time Great Britain ends a fiscal year with a surplus. It is not brought about by the bookkeeping device of throwing all expenditures above revenues into an "extraordinary" budget. It is a real surplus. The government took in more than it paid out. It amounts to 15,400,000 pounds.

The whole record of British finances during the depression is instructive. Her budget has been balanced in recent years, not by drastic increases in taxation, as is sometimes imagined, but by a refusal to increase expenditures:

Year ending March 31	Revenue	Expenditure
1929	836	818
1930	815	829
1931	858	881
1932	851	851
1933	827	859
1934	809	775
1935	805	797
1936	753	750

Great Britain has now reduced her tax burden, in the absolute amount involved, below any year since the war, yet keeps her budget balanced. Her government expenditures last year were at the lowest level since the war, yet this absence of government spending has not prolonged the depression in England. On the contrary, her official index of industrial production last year was higher than that of 1929, while ours averaged only 75 per cent of that of 1929. Yet we are running a deficit for our sixth successive year, while our government expenditures in the current fiscal year to end June 30 are officially estimated to be running at twice the 1929 level.

Britain's record establishes one negative conclusion: it is not necessary for a government to spend furiously during a depression to pull the country out.—New York Times (Dem.).

Constructive and Friendly Criticism

To the Editor: The writer has been a reader of The Sentinel for nearly 20 years and has always considered it one of the most outstanding weekly newspapers that it has ever been our pleasure to read, giving praise where praise was due, and not being afraid to criticize where criticism was in line, and we have noted improvements under the new management, but would like with the consent of the editor to offer some constructive criticism on a recent omission. My father was a civil war veteran and Decoration Day was as much observed as Christmas or the Fourth of July in our home. We lived on a Kansas farm seven miles from the little city where the services were held each year, and had no car to drive, but our memory carries us back to a span of mules and a spring wagon, many of our young folks perhaps never saw that kind of a vehicle.

Saturday morning, May 30, while planning for the day, we naturally picked up The Sentinel for the Decoration Day program and much to our surprise could find no mention of a day that to us has sacred memories. We happen to know that the editor was a veteran of a later war and as the ones who defended our flag from '61 to '65 have nearly all passed on, it is up to us who remain to ever keep that day sacred to the American people.

—Elmer J. Kent.
(Editor's Note: I wish to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Kent for the constructive and friendly criticism contained in the above letter.)

The Decoration Day program appeared in the May 21st issue of The Sentinel and certainly should have been reproduced in the issue of May 28th. I offer no excuse. It was an inexcusable oversight. But in extenuation I wish to call attention to the fact that I have been out of the newspaper business for thirty-seven years, practically all of which has been in Cuba and the Philippine Islands, soldiering and practicing law. I hope to improve as an editor and such letters as the above will help.

My father was also a civil war veteran and Decoration Day was always observed by our family. We lived on a Nebraska farm and rode to town in a farm wagon on all of the holidays. I never shall forget the solemn Memorial Day services and the march of the civil war veterans to the cemetery behind a furled flag to the slow beat of a muffled drum.

It is indeed incumbent upon "us who remain to ever keep that day sacred."

White Marble Vein Discovered Near Blue River

Upon receiving reports of a vein of white marble in the mountains near Blue River Louise Utter and Nan Wiley of the University of Oregon art department went up the McKenzie river Friday on an inspection trip.

They reported that a slab of white marble, veined in blue and green and two inches thick by ten long and eight wide, had been taken from the hillside near McKinney's auto camp at Blue River. It was thought that there was a large ridge of the stone that had cropped out where the discovery was made.

Experimental Forest Designated.

Chief of the forest service, F. A. Silcox, has approved an order designating part of the Siskiyou national forest in southwestern Oregon as the Port Orford cedar experimental forest. This species of cedar is said to be the most valuable coniferous tree in the West and will always be assured of a ready market because of the superior technical qualities of the wood. The total world supply of this species is reported to be limited to a little over a billion board feet. There is, therefore, a need for measures looking to the proper management of this limited stand for perpetual yield.

Other experimental forests in the national forests of Oregon and Washington include the Blue Mountain and Pringle Falls Units typical of the Ponderosa pine area, the Wind River experimental forest typical of the Cascade Range Douglas fir, and the Cascade Head unit in the spruce hemlock forests of the coastal fog belt.

Steel Is Iron

Steel is iron with a carbon content between that of wrought iron and that of cast iron. When properly made it combines the good properties of both, the degree depending upon its carbon content. The low-carbon steels approach wrought iron in toughness and are used for plates, wire, and rails. The high-carbon steels are very hard and are used for cutting implements.

Wrote "Jesus Lover of My Soul"

"Modern Messages From Great Music" says: "Charles Wesley stood at an open window. As he watched, a bird approached, pursued by a hawk. The bird flew to Wesley and nestled in his bosom. The great hymn writer was himself passing through a severe trial. The experience with the bird suggested his writing, 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul.'"

THE CHURCHES

Pentecostal Assembly of God, Atwood Foster, Pastor.—Friday, 7:45, special young people's rally service. Mrs. Christian Hild, formerly a Girl Evangelist, having preached since she was 14, will speak; no service Saturday night; Sunday, 9:45, special service in honor of the Cradle Roll department; morning service, 11, Evangelist Christian Hild will bring a special message; Sunday, 7:45, the closing service of this evangelistic campaign, Evangelist Hild preaching his farewell message.

Highway Baptist Church, Henry W. Davis, Pastor.—Sunday school, 10; forenoon service, 11, sermon subject, "The History of Father;" evening service, 8, union service in the Presbyterian church; young people's meetings, 7; prayer meeting, Thursday, 8; Saturday, 8:15, p. m. motion picture film of the Life of Christ with unusual accompaniment.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Paul Iverson, Pastor.—Services Saturday, Sabbath school, 9:30; preaching service, 11, Pastor Ross Dustin of Eugene will speak the first Saturday of each month; prayer meeting, 7:30, Thursday.

First Christian Church, E. E. Coulter, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11, sermon subject, "God's Solution for Bankrupt Churches;" evening service, 8, sermon subject, "Precious Promises of Jesus;" unified Endeavor meeting, 7; prayer meeting, Wednesday evening—young people's Bible study.

Blue Mt. Union Sunday School—Sunday school, 10; feature of morning session is remembrance of Children's day, were a welcome greeting by primary child, a reading by Sarah Perkins and a vocal solo by Mrs. Olive McCoy. Letters of greeting and announcements from J. J. Ray, new Sunday school missionary in this field, were passed out to Sunday school members and visitors.

Free Methodist Church, A. E. Sims, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; preaching, 11, sermon subject, "Why Pentecost?" evening service, 7:45, sermon by J. K. Grimes.

Presbyterian Church, James Aikin Smith, Pastor.—11 a. m. theme of sermon "In the Mountains with Jesus," a nature study message for summer time; special music by the choir; 8, union service in this church, Rev. Hall of Methodist church delivering message.

M. E. Church, C. J. Hall, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11, sermon by the pastor; evening service, 8, union service in the Presbyterian church; young people's meetings, 6:30.

London Church of Christ, Felix Ems, Leader.—Bible study 10; exhortations, scriptures and communion, 11.

First Church of the Nazarene, J. F. Tindall, Pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45; Children's day program, 10:15, followed by a short missionary address; evening service, 8; young people's meetings, 7:15; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8.

Christian Science Church, 242 So. Second St.—Sunday school, 9:45; forenoon service, 11, sermon subject, "Is the Universe Including man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

The Presbyterian missionary society will meet Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. W. Shofstall.

Children's Day Service.—Children's day program at the First Christian church was enjoyed by 225 people, the church was beautifully decorated representing spring. The offering for the day will go for foreign missions. In the evening a large crowd attended the unified endeavor service and evening sermon. Next Sunday Mr. Coulter will use for his subject, "Precious Promises of Jesus." What Are They? Whom Are They Made to? How Can We Claim Them? At this service the choir will sing "He Leadeth Me" which will be acted out in a beautifully colored pantomime. During the service, Sunday children will be given a chance to earn tickets for the following Sunday evening feature service when spiritualism will be demonstrated.

HOW NEW DEAL IS WRECKING THE AMERICAN FARMER

1932 EXPORTS-54,879,000
IMPORTS . . . 10,026



1935 EXPORTS . . . 232,965
IMPORTS . 38,870,398



EXPORTING FARM PRODUCTS puts foreign dollars in the pockets of American farmers, but when America imports foreign farm products, American dollars line the pockets of foreign farmers.

In 1932 American farmers exported 54,879,000 bushels of wheat. Only 10,026 bushels were imported that year. In 1935 the New Deal policy of prosperity by scarcity had reversed this favorable situation. In 1935 American farmers exported only 232,965 bushels of wheat, while the American people purchased imported wheat from foreign farmers amounting to 38,870,398 bushels. It will be seen that this New Deal policy has thus lost millions of dollars to American farmers.

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Rev. C. J. Hall was one of four ministers from this district of the Methodist church, who spent Monday and Tuesday at the Little River Institute grounds, 30 miles east of Roseburg. The trip was for inspection of the grounds prior to the Epworth League institute session to be held July 6-August 13. Rev. Hall reported that an electric light plant had been installed and water piped to different parts of the grounds. A delegation from the local League expect to attend the institute.

The annual Oregon conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held next week, beginning Tuesday, in Corvallis. Bishop Titus Lowe, recently reelected for a four year period as bishop of the north-west district, will preside. Rev. C. J. Hall and Omer Moore will represent the local church. W. A. Hogate was appointed a reserve delegate.



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