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Mothers' Day

Sunday, May 12th, will be "Mothers' Day," a day which has been set aside in honor of the best mother that ever lived—your own. It is a high tribute to American manhood that the observance of this day is every year becoming more popular and to thousands of mothers the country over it is a day which brings a message than which none other could be more welcome. Governor Carey of Wyoming, in his Mothers' Day proclamation, said:

"The world realizes what is due her, and for that reason the earnest desire has sprung up in our country and in other countries to have a Mothers' Day; a day which grateful sons and daughters may observe each year, for her honor and veneration. Fortunately, the day chosen is in the spring—the mother of the seasons."

Let the white carnation, declared to be the emblem, be worn on that day. Let those who are away from home, if their mothers be still alive, send her an affectionate letter and some token of continuing love and respect. If she be in need, with a good heart and willing hand send her something that will lighten her burden. If she has passed away, think of her, that her image may be more deeply impressed in a sweet memory of her.

A Dark Horse?

The News recently reproduced the picture of Justice Hughes, with the suggestion that he may prove to be a dark horse in the Republican presidential race. Whether it is Justice Hughes or some other equally eligible man, there are many reasons at the present time why a compromise candidate might furnish the best solution of a tangled situation and it is not impossible that such may be the ultimate outcome of the convention next month. Such a course might go far to save the dignity and political standing of both Taft and Roosevelt and it would certainly do much toward uniting the Republican party at the election this fall.

However one may sympathize with President Taft for his energetic reply to the charges brought by Colonel Roosevelt, it cannot be gainsaid that both Taft and Roosevelt have been led into a decidedly undignified situation and one that is unbecoming either a President or an ex-President of the United States. When one man who has been president and another man who occupies this high position hurry around from town to town and indulge in personalities, it all suggests a hoiness that is incompatible with the dignity of the high office of the greatest republic of the world. It makes the public inclined to believe that it might be the wisest thing to drop both candidates and to look elsewhere. There are many reasons why such a course might well be adopted. The subject is a serious one, not only looked at from the standpoint of a Republican who wishes his party to win, but as well from that of the whole people, who feel that the dignity of the office is not properly esteemed by the combatants.

Church unity, as suggested by Bishop Paddock, is a subject which is being considered more and more seriously by those who regret the loss of strength which has resulted from the increasing divisions among the great body of Christian people. Greater unity, in the church as elsewhere, stands for increased efficiency.

The suggestion was made at the banquet the other night that some of Portland's blooming girls join hands with local bachelors in cultivating Hood River's orchards. The Upper Valley man who made the suggestion might have also recalled that it is leap year and that the burden of responsibility rests with the Portlanders.

Governor West has taken the bit in his mouth and will compel the railroad to grant a suitable right of way for the Portland road, according to a dispatch from Salem. While Hood River people will stand back of the Governor in this matter, it is their hope that no complications will delay this all-important undertaking.

It is not surprising that Governor West was impressed by the development in the Upper Valley during the past three years. That progressive section possesses the tremendous advantage of having a class of intelligent, energetic and loyal citizens to whom nothing is impossible.

Conservative estimates are that at least 500 new Hood River boosters were secured by means of the Blossom Festival.

COL. HOFER PENS A HOOD RIVER POEM

Col E. Hofer of Salem was among the Blossom Festival guests in Hood River the last of the week. While Colonel Hofer was seated in the Commercial Club after having witnessed the wonderful beauties of the valley the poetic muse granted him an inspiration and he wrote the following graceful tribute to Hood River:

TO HOOD RIVER
 (Dedicated to E.S. Smith, the pioneer fruitgrower)
 Bride of the Columbia that sweeps to the sea,
 Encircled with mountains, majestic and free;
 Thy rivers are foam-flecked, imbedded in gold,
 Sprung pure from the glaciers, their waters are cold;
 The snowdrops are blooming in the avalanche path,
 Where the storm-king of yesterday scattered his wrath.
 O'er this regnant beauty looms a mountain tall,
 Where man's domblon ceases and the snows forever fall;
 Where peaches and apricots in exotic perfume
 Mingle rich odors with the strawberry bloom;
 Here alfalfa produces its successive yields,
 And velvet-eyed Jerseys crop the green fields;
 Here forests of yellow pine towering rise
 Into soft baby blues of amethyst skies.
 Thy warm hospitality stretches its hands
 To welcome the strangers to fruit-laden lands;
 Where orchards perennial are fountains of wealth
 Wreathing their owners with roses of health;
 Where beauty of womanhood and chivalry of men
 Surpass the conception of the most gifted pen.

COUNTY COURT HAS GRIST OF BUSINESS

A number of matters were attended to by the county court at its regular monthly session the last of the week.

W. F. Cooper, who lost a horse which stepped into a spring hole on the road at Van Horn, presented his claim and was allowed \$69 damages.

It being found necessary to enlarge the county gravel pit at Belmont, an additional three-quarters of an acre was purchased for \$700, making the entire land owned by the county two acres.

Action was taken on the petition of A. Butts and others for a change in a road in the Oak Grove district and the county surveyor was ordered to make a survey in order that the court may take action.

It being found necessary, a petition was presented by Dr. Stanton Allen and asking for a new road starting from the corner of the Allen and Friday property and extending south to meet the road past the lower station at Mohr's was granted and the survey was ordered made.

A petition having been presented, the supervisors were ordered to make the Post Canon road passable for travel.

Neat and natty job printing quick-executed at the News office.

MANY PORTLANDERS COME TO FESTIVAL

Among the Portlanders who came to Hood River with the Commercial Club of that city were the following: G. F. Johnson, chairman executive committee, Portland Commercial Club; J. D. Farrell, president O. W. R. & N. Co.; J. P. O'Brien, vice-president and general manager O. W. R. & N. Co.; H. L. Pittock, C. C. Chapman, I. N. Fleisher, F. S. Stanley, A. H. Averill, R. W. Schmeer and Mrs. Schmeer, J. E. Davidson, H. C. McAllister, C. A. Malboeuf, J. A. Curry, Dwight Edwards, Otto Breyman, W. P. Jones, John H. Burgard, John B. Yeon, David T. Honeyman, B. L. Baucum, A. B. Galloway, Hugh Hume, B. E. Fiske, Leroy Park, F. R. Kerr, R. B. Miller, William McMurray, C. H. Moore, Phil Metschan, Dr. E. A. Pierce and Mrs. Pierce, A. H. Abel, J. S. Clemence, C. B. Woodruff, E. E. Goudy, J. C. Hill, C. D. Josslyn, A. J. Kingsley, Frank C. Savage, C. C. Colt, Lewis I. Thompson, F. W. Graves, J. M. Letter, M. L. Kilne, F. H. Page, A. M. Shannon and Mrs. Shannon, C. H. Williams, J. L. Wickersham, C. S. Samuel, T. L. Potter, H. G. Reed, L. H. Rose, C. R. Wenzel, F. A. Spencer, E. O. Raugh, O. H. Schwerdtmann, H. S. Tutbill and Mrs. Tutbill, C. C. Wentz, Fred Lockley, Mark Levy, W. J. Lyons, Geo. A. Penster, H. C. Ritz, A. Salling, E. L. Pelton, E. P. Hopwood, George T. Moore and Mrs. Moore, A. A. Morse, B. B. Bain, Miss Bryant, E. C. Herlow, G. S. Crego, Mrs. C. C. Chapman, J. W. Vogan, William F. Ross and Mrs. Ross, R. M. Irvine, F. W. Hill, O. M. Plummer, R. E. Abbott, A. C. Black, F. M. White, H. S. Wells, A. R. Morgan, L. K. Smith, H. H. King, H. S. McCutcheon and Mrs. McCutcheon, W. L. Parise, J. H. Mackenzie, S. Benson, J. J. O'Keefe, J. H. O'Neil, O. A. Russell, Nat Cooper, Carl Schallinger, Sam Raddon, William Young, Samuel Hill, J. J. Englehardt.

The committee having the excursion in charge consists of G. F. Johnson, chairman, J. P. O'Brien, F. S. Stanley, W. P. Jones, A. H. Averill, John B. Yeon, Frank R. Kerr and A. M. Shannon.

PROFESSOR WILL RAISE FRUIT BY "WIRELESS"

If the experiments which Professor O'Gara, County Pathologist, intends to carry out prove successful, horticulture in the Rogue River Valley will be electrified before another year.

At the new wireless station near Central Point the professor will plant all the fruit trees and vegetables common to this section and experiment with electric vibrations and direct current upon stimulating the growth of the fruit and also upon fighting the pests. A system of electric wires will be installed to determine whether it is practical to wire the orchards to fight the frost and thus do away with the smudge-pot system.

As far as known, this is the first experiment of the kind to be used in the history of horticulture. According to experts, the wireless station is an ideal spot, as the air and the soil in that vicinity is highly charged with electricity.

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