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EASY MARKS FOR EASY MARKS

With German marks being peddled around at three for a cent perhaps there was an excuse for the New York wag who in trying to sell a bill of such goods a week or so ago remarked that "this was the day of easy marks", and then proceeded to unload on the unwary. It may be well to remember that there are many "astute" money changers in the big cities who are loaded up with the German coinage and who are casting right and left to find a market for their unpopular treasure. There is always a temptation to buy a hundred thousand dollars "worth" of money for a five dollar bill or whatnot. Those who are inclined to yield to such get-rich-quick Wallingford temptation, however, should remember the Confederate bills that are stacked up in the garrets of little homes from the Atlantic to the Pacific, so that when the great city propaganda begins, aimed as it will be first at "stabilizing the German monetary system", they will see the part of wisdom is to seal up their pocket books. That Germany will come back there can be no doubt, because the Germans are an industrious people. They are likely to regain power while the world sleeps, but no matter how rapidly they get on their feet it is generally agreed that before they run very far the whole of their monetary system will have to be changed, and in the new issue of the national stock the existing financial tokens will be tremendously reduced in value if not entirely wiped out. Beware the Greeks bearing gifts may still with wisdom be kept in the public mind.

HOMEY PHILOSOPHY FOR 1922

Every now and then we hark back to the old copy book and remember the lines on the top. Who forgets "Example is better than precept" which means, "teach by doin' things, not by sayin' things". Here's a whole bunch of us actin' like wise owls teachin' the young what to do tellin' 'em all sorts of things they don't believe because they see we're not carryin' 'em out ourselves. The reason we don't carry 'em out is because we've grown old and that's the greatest crime of all. Every man seems to wish he could start out in life with the knowledge and experience of middle age. Why not? We can't get experience of middle age in child life but we can drag back the simplicity an' truth of child life in the middle age. Mehmet can always go to the mountain.

AN ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE FROM SECY ALBERT B. FALL.

Hon. Albert B. Fall, Secretary of the Interior, sent today the following message to the farmers on the irrigation projects of the Reclamation service and to the employees of the service:

On this 20th anniversary of the Reclamation act, it is fitting that we should take inventory of the results which have followed the adoption of a unique policy of internal expansion. I take it that its advocates and the majority of its beneficiaries are agreed that success outweighs failure and that substantial benefits to the Nation have been shown. I am confident that the question is no longer raised as to the ability of the federal engineers to plan and construct efficiently the monumental works required. The public has accorded generous commendation to those who have tendered this important service.

The primary purpose of the farmers of this law and of congress in enacting it, was not only to promote the development and the use of arid lands, but also to establish thereon compact and contented communities of small farm owners. If the thought of congress had been merely to reclaim lands regardless of the size of holdings, authority to restrict the area in individual ownership would not have been conferred upon the secretary. The law makers planned to create as many opportunities as possible for country minded citizens to obtain a foothold on the soil, recognizing that from such citizens, the nation draws its strength. The success of the law must be measured therefore by the extent to which the reclaimed lands are utilized in the making of self supporting American homes and not by the accomplishments of engineers in constructing great hydraulic works.

Up to the present period of deflation the law has met the acid test of repayment, and notwithstanding the general depression in industry and agriculture, I believe the majority of irrigation settlers will meet their obligations to the government when due. A study of these projects whence the greatest numbers of requests for deferment have come reveals conditions which should be given careful consideration by the project people and the Department as well. The inability of the people to meet their payments may be attributed to many causes. The prime cause, of course has been the decline in the price of farm products. It has also been necessary to readjust production to peace needs, rather than the exigencies of war time demand. It is unnecessary to go into a detailed discussion of the results of deflation as applied first to the farmers' or long time credits, second, to the reduction of the per capita circulation increasing the purchasing power of the dollar and decreasing the value of the products of the basic industries, etc. In some instances

other causes have been the controlling factor and in many instances contributed to the inability of water users to meet their obligations. Among such controlling and contributory causes may be mentioned the following:

Purchase of land at speculative prices.

Too large individual holdings.

Leasing of lands to tenants.

Failure to diversify crops and neglect of dairying.

Poor farming due to inexperience or other causes.

Lack of organization in marketing.

Obviously it is not the policy of the government to encourage the use of its bounty in the enrichment of those who do not make use of the land or extend relief indefinitely to those unqualified for farm life. To do either would be a distinct disservice to those who by industry and hard toil are meeting their obligations. The communities and the government are alike concerned in seeing that the lands which have been reclaimed by federal funds are put to the wisest and fullest use. Large holdings must be sub-divided and sold to bona-fide settlers. The contented farmer is an asset to the community, whereas the failure is a liability. It is the duty of those who are not farmers or not qualified to become successful farmers to find some other vocation to which they are better adapted.

It is cheering to note that project communities are awakening to the fact that a duty rests upon them to get together in working out plans for promoting sub-division and settlement and for a more intensive use of the abundantly fertile land for which the government has furnished water. Local associations are listing lands and are preparing to undertake a comprehensive settlement campaign. In these laudable efforts the Department will extend hearty cooperation.

Land hunger has not ceased. The moment is opportune for bringing the advantages and the attractions of these fertile western areas to the attention of the farm trained citizens who are seeking independence on reclamation will be observed generally in a spirit of thanksgiving. Memories of pioneer privations will be tempered by a feeling of gratification that real progress has been made and a bright future is assured. Permanent and substantial are the achievements of those who ventured in the unknown desert. It was their task to translate the visions of Roosevelt, Newlands, and other great reclamation leaders into triumphant realities. In so doing they are guarantors of the continuation of a vigorous self-respecting citizenship.

Albert B. Fall,
Secretary of the Interior.

SMEAD IS HEPPNER'S NEW POSTMASTER

The news was received by wire late yesterday afternoon announcing that W. W. Smead had been recommended by Congressman Nick Sinnott to be postmaster at Heppner, and it is expected that in the course of a few days his appointment will be made and confirmed. Mr. Smead expects to be ready to enter upon his duties about July 1st. Other applicants taking the examination for this position were Marshall Phelps and W. A. Richardson, present incumbent and it has been with no little interest that the community awaited the announcement coming out of Washington as to the successful candidate. —Gazette-Times.

CHILDREN'S DAY PICNIC

The Childrens day program at the Community church was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. A picnic following the program added to the interest in the occasion.

Uncle John's Joke

WHEN THE WORLD PAYS AMERICA WHAT IT OWES IT; WHEN AMERICA PAYS ITS PEOPLE WHAT IT OWES THEM, ONE DAY OF ETERNITY WILL HAVE GONE BY.



WHY BOARDMAN?

Because the

Clim. is Good,

People are

**Sociable
Intelligent
Enterprising**

Town is New and Growing

Location Well Chosen

**Half way between The Dalles and Pendleton
On O-W Railroad
On Columbia River**

Soil Will Raise Anything

Water for Irrigation from West Extension of Umatilla Project

McKay Creek Dam

Will be built, assuring more acreage under water.

Boardman is a New Town But Not a Boom Town

Write Secretary of Commercial Club

Chautauqua

AT STANFIELD

June 28, 29, 30; July 1, 2.

Season Tickets Now on Sale

TEN SHOWS FOR \$2.00

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS \$1.50

GRADE PUPILS \$1.00

Exceptionally fine entertainment offered this year.

Phone or Write for Tickets Now!