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THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1920.

A Portland man stole 25 sacks of sugar Monday night but we think his attorney might well plead extenuating circumstances, since the sugar barons are stealing wholesale from the people.

Jim Stewart, former newspaper man of Fossil, Wheeler county, is a jolly good fellow but Hoover's friends should refrain from voting for him as a delegate to the National Republican Convention, for he is Johnson's manager in Oregon.

Mr. Kilham, who is teaching agriculture at the high school this year, has a good sized garden spot in cultivation on the grounds and is succeeding in interesting a good number of the boys and girls. He is anxious to get a number of prizes donated in order to stimulate vim and vigor in the students and he will appreciate anything any of the business firms may feel disposed to donate for the work.

Recently a property owner, who will be held up for about 600 feet frontage for paving if the present plans are carried out, appeared before the city council and asked that 400 feet on an end street that is well graded and graveled and in excellent condition be cut out, but the plea fell on very dull ears. A few nights later Dr. Harry Littlefield appeared before the council and asked that he be excused from paving 400 feet on Illinois street, which was granted with apparent hearty good cheer. Dr. Harry is a good fellow, you know.

With sugar selling at 25 cents a pound and still higher prices coming it is certainly a good time for farmers to consider planting sorghum for growing sweets at home. It has been fully demonstrated that sorghum can be successfully grown here and at times like we are now experiencing the production of anything that may help to relieve the pressure should be encouraged. Bert Hollenbeck, who lives at the foot of Chehalem Mountain north of Newberg, knows how to grow and manufacture sorghum and anyone who contemplates planting seed this season can no doubt get any information desired from him. He informs the Graphic that he and his neighbors are planning to put up a small mill this season to take care of what they will grow.

The Oregonian, in commenting on the primary election in California, says: "If Hoover talk could have been converted into Hoover votes, he would have run on nearer equal terms with Johnson. But it contents itself largely with the expression of the idea that the country needs a man of the character, accomplishments and talents of Hoover for President, and forgets to go to the polls on election day. The only way to make opinion politically effective is to act; and there will usually be no resultant action without the stimulus of organization." This pretty conclusively illustrates the situation in Newberg. While a large number of people say they are for Hoover they do not manifest enough interest to attend a meeting held in his interest as a candidate.

Since it is pretty well understood that there is concerted action among dairymen with a view of getting enough men elected to the next legislature to put nut margarine out of business, it might not be out of place to inquire of Ed Carey, when he comes around canvassing, how he stands on this question. A lot of people are eating this nut butter because they like it better than a lot of the cow butter, including creamery stock, that is being sold, and for the additional reason that it is cheaper. There is no deception about nut butter. It is branded just what it is and if consumers want to buy it and eat it there can be no good reason for legislating against it. Without it a lot of people would simply be compelled to go without butter of any kind.

WHAT HERBERT HOOVER SAYS

Following are excerpts from "America and You," appearing in the Open Road Magazine for May. When production breaks down, prices must rise to extraordinary levels; the rich are supplied and the

poor do without. Such a condition inevitably results in class distinction and is the origin of violence. We want no classes in this country; we wish to maintain the equality of opportunity which we now have and the opportunity of every man, by exertion, to enjoy the benefits of all he possesses.

There is no bright intellectual recipe that will end our present trouble. The beautiful formulae of Bolshevism and Socialism have already wrecked themselves on the rocks of famine. By reducing production they have caused the death of millions of people. We need some definite, some American plan for solving these problems—it must be founded on mutual understanding, mutual respect, mutual good will and co-operation. To me, therefore, the test of the rightness of any measure is that it shall maintain and build up equality of opportunity and that it shall preserve the initiative of all the people. The very High Priest of Socialism is today vainly endeavoring to save his people from their total destruction by summoning back the forces of production. It was solely due to the trade unions in Budapest that the Bolsheviks were thrown out of Hungary. My emphatic conclusion is, therefore, that Socialism as a workable program is bankrupt. Although it has now proved itself to be an economic and spiritual fallacy, I believe it was necessary for the world to have had this demonstration. We of the United States, however, now that we have witnessed these results, should profit by them; we should not plunge our own people into these miseries and make our country into a laboratory for experiment in foreign social diseases.

Again I wish to repeat, the observation of these experiences in Europe has reinforced my Americanism; it has revealed to me the distance of our departure from the political, social and economic ideals of Europe.

We are, a discouragingly critical people. Frequently—I may almost say generally—those in public office, city, state and national, are damned if they do and damned if they don't. There is but one test of public service and that test is "Do we keep our eye on the ball?" This government is nothing more than the expression of its people. Our government is our own, its business is our business, its interests our interests and its glory our glory. We have many problems and many obligations that rest heavily upon us all but by individual and joint effort we shall triumph.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We have a number of people who say that the present reign of high prices, including labor, is to continue indefinitely and that it is all right to go ahead and incur indebtedness, letting the future take care of itself. Anyone who reads history knows that such talk is idle. Undue inflation has always been followed by a fall in prices and depression in business and it is idle talk to argue that times and conditions are different now and that the present pace will be maintained.

In discussing this question The Manufacturer says some things that are worth considering. We quote as follows:

"As a nation, we have been largely blinded by a false sense of prosperity. Due to the destruction of industry in the rest of the world we have been able to sell our goods at our own price and this price has been high enough to cover the fictitious value placed on our commodities due to inefficient work, decreased production, high wages and short hours. We are blinding ourselves with the idea that the rest of the world is dependent on us.

We fail to recognize the fact that there are millions of people in Europe who have got to work to live and a country in this condition is going to produce cheaper than the country which has been flooded with wealth. The rebuilding of Europe will be done on a much more rapid scale than has been generally estimated. About another year, or two at the outside, will see keen competition established from overseas. If we will trim our sails to meet conditions which we know will come and set our house in order against the day of competition we will change from an abnormal to a normal basis of prosperity with little difficulty.

There is little prospect, however, judging from the ever increasing occurrence of outlaw strikes of revolutionary character, that the workmen of the nation will heed warnings or advice. This country is rich in money; there are unlimited opportunities for its expenditure in industrial enterprises which are needed, but due to continuous agitation among the working classes and due to the continual falling off of production per man power this money is becoming harder to inter-

est in industrial enterprises. Higher and higher interest rates are being paid to secure money for investment purposes and our own government is now issuing treasury certificates bearing 5 1/2 per cent in order to get money for operating purposes.

There is a great difference between sober counsel and "calamity howling," but a nation that will not work and save must eventually suffer. Unless we settle down, distress and want must come. And when it comes, it will not be a lack of money but a lack of the very materials of life. Think it over.

EXCHANGE COMMENT

There seems to be a concerted effort to elect dairymen to the legislature to put oleomargarine fully and finally on the shelf. It is mighty easy to get into class legislation. Why should the poor man be forced to buy butter at a high price when oleo suits him quite as well at a much less price? Is this country always going to legislate for class interests, or will it reach a time when the good of the people as a whole will have consideration?

The loss of a good friend is always a sad experience, yet there are cases where sorrow is less in place than in others. The broadest and kindest intent of nature is fulfilled in a reputable, honest Christian life of four score and a dozen years, such as was lived by our friend and citizen, M. B. Hendricks, whose burial occurred on Monday, April 26. The desire to detain a man upon the stage of life after his part of the drama has ended, displays uncharitableness rather than the essence of affection. True affection finds not more tender and legitimate expression in rejoicing that such a man lived so long, than in gladness that he has gone to his reward. Mr. Hendrick lived a notable life in Yamhill county, in business and social circles, and his was a sturdy character, in many respects well worthy of emulation.—Telephone Register.

On the second Sunday in May the nation will observe Mothers' Day. Everyone knows Mothers' Day—why it is, when it is, and for what it stands.

It comes as close to our hearts as Christmas or the Fourth of July, for it is a day upon which we honor the mother of man. They are the rock upon which we rest our hopes of the future, the guiding star which leads humanity through the perils of infancy and into the safe harbor of maturity.

Pages upon pages could be written of the glories of our mothers, but not all of the words of the English language could do them justice. It is beyond the power of our humble pen.

All honor to the mother of man! May her days and her joys upon earth be many, and may her home in the next world be one worthy of the greatest handiwork of God.—Central Oregon Enterprise.



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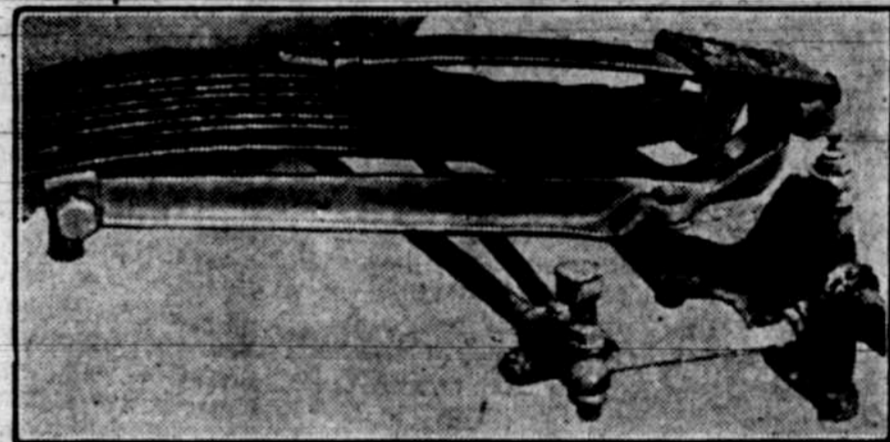
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