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IT'S HERE, RIGHT HERE!

Among the many house organs that come to our desk is one which we think is the most constructive organ in the United States, the "KVP Philosopher," published by the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co., makers of better parchment and oiled papers.

In the last issue of the "Philosopher," there was a lead article entitled "Let Down Your Bucket." It is the old theme of "Meeting Prosperity," in a new dress. But read

"Let Down Your Bucket"

Some months ago on the back cover of this magazine we ran a quotation from Booker T. Washington, the great Negro educator. It was this: 'Let down your bucket where you are.'

He had used the expression in a speech on the need for race friendship. It was the story of the old sailing ship, blown off its course, lost, and in desperate need of fresh water. One day when it seemed they could hold out no longer, they sighted another ship.

'Water, water, we die of thirst!' they signalled.

'Cast down your bucket where you are,' came back the reply.

Thinking their signal misunderstood, they repeated their signal. Again came the answer, 'Cast down your bucket where you are!'

The captain caused a bucket to be lowered. It came up, filled with sweet water. For several days they had been drifting off the mouth of the Amazon, whose mighty flood spreads far out of sight of land before it is conquered by the sea.

'Cast it down,' Washington said, 'in agriculture, in mechanics, in commerce, in domestic service, and in the professions.'

It is an old theme.

Dr. Conway used it in his famous 'Acres of Diamonds.' Another variation is the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow which the weary seeker finally found in his own back yard. There are innumerable other versions.

But it bears repeating.

The man who made the greatest impact on record-

OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat

WE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT!



JOHN PAUL JONES BORN JULY 6, 1747.

FATHER OF THE AMERICAN NAVY... HIS FLAGSHIP, - THE *BOV HOMME RICHARD*, - 74 FEET, 900 TONS.

WITH FIRE SWEEPING THROUGH HER TIMBERS, WATER DEEP IN HER HOLD, HER COMMANDER CRIED, "WE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT" - ORDERED HER TO CLOSE IN WITH THE ENEMY, - FORCED UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.



LAUNCHED IN A GREAT TRADITION, THE *BOV HOMME RICHARD II*, - 800 FOOT, 27,100 TON, 80 PLANE AIRCRAFT CARRIER, SLID DOWN THE WAYS APRIL 29, 1944.

ed history never travelled a hundred miles from the place of his birth.

Some fishermen had toiled all night and caught nothing. 'Let down your net where you are,' a man on shore called to the discouraged crew. It came up so full they nearly swamped their boat.

Success comes to many who leave home in its quest. But look about you. Count the successful people in your community. Note how many are home-town products who, perhaps unable in their youth to leave home, swallowed their disappointment and let down their buckets where they were.

Note, too, that the people on the ship did not have the water poured down their parching throats. They first had to do something for themselves. They had to let down their buckets, and they had to pull them up.

The fish did not jump into the boat. The fishermen had to work as they had never worked before to secure their catch.

Now this is as far as we intend to accompany you along this particular road.

Just a parting admonition. Many a bucket has been let down that never came up either full or empty. The thirsty owner failed to tie a sound knot in his rope."

The News has claimed since its existence, that this is the "Richest Valley in the World," of course we are speaking of the mineral wealth, and some day, and we will live to see it, this will be proven, for the minerals here have not even been scratched, the great development is to come, and come it must.

We might add in closing, "Let Down Your Bucket Where You Are," you might get a terrific wallop in what comes up.

OFF IN A CORNER WITH PHIL SNORT

Dear Ed: There was a kid who never did a mean thing in his life, he never took toys from other boys or was the cause of sordid strife; the little bird's nest were safe at rest, on the ground or in a tree, like little girls, with dangling curls, he would always let them be. He'd never bat another brat or grab his cake or pie, things not his own he'd let alone and straightaway pass them by; he wouldn't lie to any guy to shield a thing he'd done, or torture cats or tie brickbats to dogs to see them run. To manhood he grew, as boys do, and maintained his boyish ways, he had no fights to guard his rights thru-out his life-long days; not an enemy, not one had he upon this mundane stool, this you may believe, when

you perceive that he was born a fool.

The foregoing verse-prose was written a great number of years ago and has been published several times. The reason I am sending it in is because, among other reasons, there have been many newcomers to our valley who will remain here and who have school children that will attend our schools and become owners of the school park that I am advocating near Kerby, and which I believe will be established in the not distant future. The above verse belongs with what I have written in days past, and which I plan to continue until the park is a reality. In fact, I consider it belongs among my wildlife writings, and that of our youths of school age. PHIL.

BUY WAR BONDS

SHE WILL RULE ROUND-UP



Chosen to rule over the thirty-third Pendleton, Oregon, Round-Up, Sept. 14, 15, 16, is Janet Thompson, 19, shown here on her horse, White Foot, at the ranch of Janet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Thompson.

Janet, known as one of the best girl riders in the Pacific Northwest, first climbed into the saddle when she was two years old; she broke White Foot, and other mounts to ride, and has frequently won in the racing events at the Spring Show held by the Mustangs, Pendleton saddle club, of which Janet is a member. In 1934, she was the Round-Up junior queen.

But it is not only in horsemanship that brown-eyed, dark haired Janet excels. Now a sophomore at the University of Oregon, in high school days she was awarded a student pilot's flying license after instruction which included 20 hours of solo flying; she is an excellent shot; plays a fine game of golf; and tennis, is an expert angler and skis and swims with excellent form.

However, Janet's life hasn't been all fun. From childhood she has been a real ranch hand and for the past two years has played her part in the food for victory campaign; first driving a truck in pea harvest, and next, running a pea loader, distinctly a man's job, from six to the morning to six at night.

Janet's dad, well known wheat rancher, has since boyhood been one of the mainstays of the Pendleton Round-Up, aiding in events of track and arena. He is a nephew of S. R. Thompson, president of the Round-Up and a brother of Herb Thompson, livestock director. Riding with Janet will be a court of six Round-Up princesses, to be announced later.

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