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THE MIGHTY DO FALL

A young nation like a young man is inclined to concentrate upon the future rather than the past. The nation has no experience on which to base its decisions and, again like a young man, is not too anxious to receive advice from its elders.

History—a record of the experience of nations—does have some very valuable advice it can give us if we will just take it. China, for instance, tried the NRA generations ago, and it flopped. So did we.

More recent than China's experience, however, is what preceded the fall of the mighty Holy Roman empire. Rome practically legislated its farmers out of existence. Then it started making the businessmen in various communities pay all the taxes of the communities. Then it passed laws fixing wages and prices; next it forced businessmen to stay in business or face lions in the arena. And then—Rome collapsed.

In this country, farmers are getting less for their wheat, cotton and potatoes than they did five years ago. We have passed one "share-the-wealth" tax bill after another, increasing the burden upon the businessmen who furnish payrolls. We are fixing wages; we are about to fix prices.

It isn't pleasant to be pessimistic. Maybe we'll be smart enough to stop short of the precipice. We still have time.

HILLSDALE NOTES

Miss Helen Nelson was the honored guest at a miscellaneous shower at the apartment of G. Flink on SW Capitol Highway Saturday evening. Hostesses were Mrs. G. Flink and Miss Helen Flink. Miss Nelson is to be married this fall to Melvin Brunson of Mapletown. She has chosen October 9th as her wedding day. The bride was the recipient of many appropriate and useful gifts. Refreshments were served buffet style. The guests were neighbors and friends who helped to make this a surprise party and shower.

The WPA sewing class will meet Wednesday of each week at the Hillsdale school from 1 to 4 p. m., Mrs. Coada is teacher.

Floyd McKinney spent Saturday and Sunday of last week at Centralia, Wash., transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mellon of Seattle, Wash., visited a few days at the Floyd McKinney home. Mrs. Mellon and Mrs. McKinney are sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mathiesen of Idaho street and SW Capitol highway, vacationed at Ocean Park last week and report that the weather was ideal at the beach.

June and Leonard Mathiesen plan to leave for Corvallis where they will attend college. June expects to leave this week and Leonard the following week.

Mrs. Chester Haskell entertained Saturday evening in honor of her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Thompson of Westport, Wash. who was visiting a few days. Mrs. J. Percy, Mrs. Haskell and her sister were close friends in grammar school days and this was a pleasant reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Buckingham and family have moved across the street from where they lived to the place vacated by the Harold Edwards family. Mrs. Anna Weissenfluh has returned to her home in Hillsdale after spending the summer with her daughter at Clackamas.

E. G. Kwartz and son Dan of Oakland Calif., spent Sunday at the J. C. Volkens home.

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Though born in Virginia, on April 12, 1777, Clay moved to Kentucky when he was twenty-one, and his point of view during his political career was that of the West. An active supporter of protection of home manufactures, writes Leslie Hartley in the Washington Star, his name is inseparably linked with what he made known as the "American system."

Clay entered public life early, was secretary of state under Adams and served for many years in congress. His long service as speaker of the house is a conspicuous part in his career; he was the first to develop the possibilities of that position.

On the question of slavery Clay took the middle ground, pleasing neither side. While he regarded slavery as grievously wrong in principle, he disliked and distrusted the abolitionists and their propaganda. His position between the two extremes, however, enabled him to play a part as mediator and he became known as the "great pacificator."

Though he sought the presidency of his country many times, Clay is remembered not so much for his long and unsuccessful struggle as for his important services in congress. When he died in 1852 his body lay in state in the rotunda of the Capitol building.

Word Eisteddfod Means "Sitting" or "Session"

The eisteddfod, an annual Welsh national festival, is accompanied by competitions in the musical arts most associated with the history of the Welsh people.

The Welsh word means literally "sitting" or "session," notes a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. It was applied of old to Welsh assemblies of bards, whose meetings traditionally go back to the Fifth and Sixth centuries. The eisteddfods of definite record, however, begin much later than that. The earliest actual account of one of these festivals is of the one held in 1170 by Lord Rhys at his castle in Alber-teil.

In that century the eisteddfod appears also to have been a regularly constituted court of a sort, its function being to license bards and regulate their privileges. In the time of the Tudors it was still recognized as a tribunal of authority and Queen Elizabeth issued a commission for holding one in 1658.

During the next century the custom seems to have lapsed entirely, but it was revived in the Nineteenth century, and restored to its importance in Welsh life. The eisteddfod is held every year, in North and South Wales alternately.

Music competitions of a similar nature as the eisteddfod and under the same name are also held chiefly among people of Welsh origin or descent, in the United States and some of the British dominions.

Dog-Owned Island

Juan de Nova is in the Mozambique channel, nearly a hundred miles from the coast. Four hundred years ago it was an Isle of Birds at which Portuguese ships called for water, turtles and fruit. Many a brave ship was wrecked on its lonely shores, and marooned cats and rats found a happy hunting-ground. Then the dogs came, in the same way, and from that time Juan de Nova has been a kingdom of dogs, says London Tit-Bits Magazine. Large and dangerous packs of them roam the island, hunt in the thick bush, and prey along the beaches. Well-nigh every known breed is represented. It is stated that the different packs claim their own territory, and woe betide a dog which dares pass the unseen borders. The dogs, whose tails droop like those of wolves, resent the presence of men; and often a ship's watering company will be attacked.

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While school children spend much of their time in the classroom during fall months, and have the protection at street crossings the coming three months are among the most dangerous of the year for young pedestrians.

Last year the months of September, October and November saw 76 children of grade school age injured by motor vehicles in this state, compared with only 64 injured during the summer months.

For this reason drivers should not relax their lookout for youngsters, especially during the hours when school is not in session. This year we can reverse the trend and make the fall months just as safe for our children as the vacation period.

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