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Henry Ford, Dreamer and Man of Action.

Except only the men whose official doings of various kinds keep them constantly before the public, like President Harding or Mr. Lloyd George, it is usually some one thing that brings a private person into the glare of publicity at a particular moment. Henry Ford is an exception to this rule.

Four or five different matters, not related essentially to one another, have given Mr. Ford his place in front page headlines during the past few weeks. One of these relates to the end of his contest against Mr. Newberry for the Michigan Senatorship.

Another relates to his remarkable experience in reaching the maximum output of Ford cars when most manufacturers were still running on part time. Another topic of general comment has been Mr. Ford's experience in the ownership and operation of a railroad several hundred miles long.

But in certain quarters, the most interesting of Mr. Ford's recent activities has been in connection with his plans for the development of the Government's unfinished work at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. During the war, the Government decided to create a series of water powers at Muscle Shoals, with an approximate capacity considerably greater than that which is harnessed at Niagara.

This water power was to be used principally for obtaining nitrogen from the air for explosives in war time and for fertilizers in time of peace. Mr. Ford's offer has been under serious consideration at Washington with the prospect that it will be accepted. In view of Mr. Ford's various recent activities, the editor of the Review of Reviews sent the noted writer, Judson Welliver, to Detroit to spend some days with Mr. Ford, to learn at first hand his plans and ideas especially with regard to Muscle Shoals and the future of American agriculture.

Space doesn't permit a resume of Mr. Welliver's article but country people will be interested in the most significant of the writer's impressions as follows: Mr. Ford, with all his dreams and visions, loves most to dwell upon the future of American agriculture. He wishes to help emancipate the farmer and the farmer's wife from at least two-thirds of their present drudgery.

His opinions on the elimination of live stock, including the dairy cow, will not, perhaps, be taken very seriously. His firm belief, however, that there is an immense field for the use of mechanical appliances, with electrical power or with cheap substitutes for gasoline, is in accord with evident tendencies. Hence his desire to develop Muscle Shoals. Mr. Ford is a dreamer, but he is also a man of action whose achievements have been so remarkable that he is sure to find the country readily interested in his points of view, however fantastic some of them may seem.

Petitions have been circulated in Heppner during the week, asking that the sentence of Rathie and Kirby be commuted by Gov. Olcott to life imprisonment. We have not learned to just what extent the petitions were signed, but presume that a great many put down their names, some because of their honest scruples regarding the death penalty, and others merely signing because they were asked to. We note, however, that many have refused their signatures to such a document for the very good reason that they believe that justice has been meted out to these criminals, and that they owe this debt to society because of the murder they committed. As we heard one man state, society will be far better off when these men are placed beneath the sod, and when it is made known to all who may be inclined to take human life in the state of Oregon that it will not be easy for them to escape the extreme penalty for their crimes. We do not believe much in this "sob-sister" stuff. Let the execution of these criminals prove a lesson to others.

A move is on foot by different organizations in Pendleton to take up the cudgel against the voting of a tax on the people of Oregon to aid in the financing of the 1925 exposition in Portland. This paper has heard but little expression from the people of this county so far, but believes that if the question was put up to them at this time, the tax would be voted down here. The burden of taxation has reached the breaking point with the most of the counties of the state for the things that appear to be necessary, and the benefits to accrue to the residents outside of Portland from the proposed exposition would not seem to be sufficient to justify adding another straw to the load.

Slat's Diary.

Friday—Just as I started to skool I seen Dr. Mills a going in to Mister Gillens house. When I cum home ma sed they was a little yung baby over to Gillens. Dr. Mills is the same dr. pa & ma got me from when I was a little innocent baby.

Saturday—ma was remarking that mens close is about twenty 5 per ct. off & she diddnt see why wimmens close diddnt do so also, pa sed when he was at the opry house to a show the other nite it seemed to him that wimmens close was about 40 per ct. off. But that isent the way ma ment sackly I dont think.

Sunday—I have been lerning to play a litle on a Vialin & have got soze I can play on some of the gerzises so this afternoon I tuk my Vialin & went over to Janes house & set a while & tawked & then & up & ast her wood she like for me to play. She replied & sed I better go and play parcheesy. I gess I am up vs. it so far as she is concerned.

Monday—Slim throwed a paper wad & hit the teacher pritty near so she made him go over & set with Elsy for a couple hrs. That kinda encouraged me so I throwed 1 & it cot her in the neck. I seen she was sore & I was hoping she mite force me to set with Jane. But my hopes was busted & she give me a sentence to rite 100 times. After skool was out. She ast me how old was I & I sed 11 yrs. she sed well well I diddnt beleave a boy cud get so onery as you in 11 yrs.

Tuesday—Tuk a fue marbels & lade them on the floor & teacher ackcidentally stepped on 1 of them & very neer flopped, so I stayed in. Jake past the winda while I was staying in & I ast him what time was it. he grinned & sed What you care you aint going no wheres.

Wednesday—I beleave ma is carrying this ekal sufferage to far. she & pa is going to have a party for some ladsy & gentlemen & she sent out the tickets & sined them Mrs. & Mr. Grimes. I ast pa why did he stand for it & he smiled & sed In this case they is exterminating circumstances whatever them are. serch me.

Thursday—are teacher ast me where I was born & I told her in Ohio. she sed what part & I ansered 100 per ct. & the way she looked at me with both eyes made a hot chill run down my back.

No Tax, No Fair.

The word with the bark on it has been given forth by the 1925 Fair Committee. Unless the tax is voted for the 1925 Fair there will be no fair.

It has been contended that the honor of Portland has been at stake that a fair must be held in order that Portland may not be disgraced before the world. It was the promoters of the fair who implicated Portland's honor, by giving out the word there would be a fair. At the time Portland was committed, in so far as any enthusiastic group could morally commit the community, the plan was to finance the fair as fairs ordinarily are financed, by public subscription. It was expected, of course, that if the fair was financed it would be held, and of course that a state appropria-

tion would be made for an Oregon exhibit, and possibly a city tax to put a site in condition. But the thought that the fair would be financed at- tainly by taxation, and that taxes would have to be voted before public subscriptions were taken, had not been entertained seriously. So everybody shouted for the fair, and in proportion as it was advertised the country and the world assumed that it would be held.

But now it is not to be held if it is to be financed by public subscription. Unless the money can be taken from the taxpayers by process of law there is to be no fair. It is well that the exposition promoters have made this clear. No tax, no fair.

We cannot blame them for coming to this decision. The burden of financing the fair by public subscription would be so tremendous that they could hardly be expected to make the effort. To vote the cost onto taxpayers is the easy way. If the fair cannot be financed the easy way there is to be no fair.—Oregon Voter.

On the Wrong Track.

The American Federation of Labor is said to be facing the worst crisis in its history. According to reliable sources between a million and a million and a half members have dropped from its rolls since the first of the year.

Friction is evident among the "higher ups" in labor circles. In the meantime, the ordinary workman who pays the dues to maintain the machine has found it necessary in many instances to go to work rather than continue on the prolonged series of strikes and unemployment that the Federation has fostered.

The American Federation of Labor gained its supremacy in its original effort to better the living, working and wage conditions of workmen. It is losing its supremacy and facing its downfall due to its un-American attitude of attempting to deny the right to work to any craftsman not a member of one of its recognized branches, and by its pernicious doctrine of constantly reduced production per hour at increasing wages.

No organization can survive on such an unwholesome basis of operation. Swollen with its own power, the American Federation of Labor will go the way of all autocratic organizations which attempt to over-ride the public interest in favor of their own selfish ends.—Manufacturer.

Homey Philosophy for 1921.

Did you ever take note of a rush at a railway gate or a circus door? Some people edge out of the middle of the throng and hover around the edges seeking the easy way to get in. Others dart into the thickest of the crush and eagerly press forward until they gain the entrance. The successful man in this life is like one of the latter. He knows he has a battle before him and he flinches not at the hard places but goes through with it at all hazards.

DEBIT AND CREDIT.

A parsimonious Connecticut farmer, after having married a widow worth \$10,000, was being congratulated. "Well, Seth," remarked a neighbor, "I hear you are \$10,000 to the good." "Not quite that," said the farmer mournfully. "Not quite that. Ye see, it cost \$2 for the license."



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Level-Headed Banker's Statement.

A. L. Mills of Portland First National Bank has become a national authority on financial conditions in twenty years. As a young man he humbly started life in the chicken business.

He has just attended the quarterly federal reserve bank conference at Washington D. C., and as representative of the twelfth federal reserve district, notes slowly improving business conditions.

He is of the opinion that there will be no great improvement until the European situation is cleared up, and banks will continue to discourage borrowing money for purely speculative purposes. He made the following apparently level-headed statement:

Responsible borrowers can get money in all the financial centers for legitimate purposes, but bankers turn a deaf ear to all those wishing to borrow for speculation.

Corporations and business houses that have liquidated their old indebtedness, marked off their losses and put their inventories down to a rock bottom basis have no difficulty in getting credit.

Crops are being marketed in an orderly, but rapid, manner, liquidation of debt is taking place, even though the returns to the farmer and grower are satisfactory.

He Vs. She.

In a crowded trolley a female strap-hanger was loudly complaining at the lack of gallantry of the men occupying seats. Finally one of them looked up.

"Do you believe in woman's rights, madam?" he inquired. "Certainly I do," she flared back. "Then stand up like a man," he retorted.

B. F. Swaggart Here.

B. F. Swaggart of Lexington was in town Saturday and paid the Herald office a call. Mr. Swaggart is feeding 100 horses and jacks on this project now and is buying feed here for his other stock. He took horses and jacks to the state fair in September and was awarded seven blue ribbons on the six horses and took a first and second on jacks. Mr. Swaggart is one of the original pioneers of this section having been in the district more than 50 years.—Hermiston Herald.

Petitions Being Circulated.

Mrs. Baser, of the Salvation Army, has been presenting to the citizens of Heppner this week a petition asking for the commutation of the death sentence of Rathie and Owens, the condemned murderers of Sheriff Till Taylor of Pendleton, to life imprisonment. We understand that the petition is being signed by quite a number of the citizens here who express themselves as being opposed to capital punishment.

FOR SALE—Red and Black Raspberries, also Loganberries, in Number 2 cans; one can or a case at 25 cents a can. Gallon jugs complete with handle and cork, 25 cents each. Phone Main 93 or call at the house. O. C. DUNTON—Advertisement.

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Store will be closed Armistice Day Friday, Nov. 11th at noon. Watch for Thanksgiving news next week Phelps Grocery Company Phone 53 First National Bank HEPPNER, OREGON

SAFETY & SERVICE. Illustration of a building.

November 11---1918 and 1921. On this third anniversary of Armistice Day, representatives of the nations are gathering in Washington to formulate plans to bring to the world assurance of future peace. Fitting is it that this conference be preceded by the ceremonies at Arlington in memory of our boys who gave their lives in expectation of the fulfillment of this purpose. Fitting also is it that the thought and prayers of all be centered on Washington carrying inspiration for the successful working out of this great problem. For this purpose our National Government has decreed November 11, 1921, a National Holiday and this institution will be closed all day.