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MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day will be widely observed throughout the nation May 8. Probably no day set apart for unofficial observance has had such extensive recognition in so short a time. The answer is obvious. No differences of religious faiths, no geographical frontiers, no chauvinistic race pride can qualify the universal affection mankind has for motherhood.

Only where woman is a chattel, will the appeal of Mother's Day fail to reach. Elsewhere it has equired only the suggestion to make Mother's Day an occasion of devotion and adoration.

So pervasive is the spirit of Mother's Day that those who have only her memory to cherish observe the day with the same propriety as those whose good fortune it is to have a mother to embrace or to honor by message or floral symbol. Blessed is that son or daughter whose privilege it will be on Sunday to be in the presence of their mother. Cursed by their own ingratitude will be the son or daughter who neglects the opportunity to pay homage to her.

Satisfied as the average mother is with so little, no child will let Sunday pass without in some fashion letting her know of the love in which she is held.

THE ROSE

Roses will bloom again soon, and the growers thereof will find it no hardship to rise early and labor late over their beloved bushes, nor any expense too great to bring these blooms to perfection.

Ask the rose-grower why this is so, and he will reply something like this. "Other flowers seem to have limits beyond which their culture cannot be pushed. But the rose is the flower of infinite possibilities. No matter how perfect one bloom may seem, we can safely say that a still more perfect bloom may be achieved. There seems to be no limit to the culture of this wonderful flower."

The rose over who realizes the truth of this general statement has stumbled upon the Infinite among the flowers. The master Cultuist is pressing toward the same revelation of beauty and harmony in the life of man. The rose is a symbol of life.

Walt Whitman used to say that he found letters from God dropped everywhere along the street, and if some were passed by ignorantly or unconsciously, others would promptly come.

The rose, in its message of infinite perfection, beauty and growth, is such a letter.

A GOOD RESOLUTION

What would happen if an employe of a bank should tell its patrons to do their banking business elsewhere, or if a salesman in a store should whisper to the cus-



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tomers that prices were lower and quality higher at another mercantile establishment? In either case the disloyal employe would lose his job and the respect of all.

But isn't the citizen who trades out of town just as disloyal to his home town as the employe who deprives his employer of business? Those who buy by mail or go away to shop are telling the patrons of their town that they could do better elsewhere. They take away from the home town merchants not only their own business but that of others.

Like bargain-hunting and window-shopping, buying at home, with practice, becomes a good habit just as out-of-town trading grows upon one as a bad habit. And it is feared that most mail order and other foreign buying is from force of habit rather than from any hope of profit or gain in satisfaction. Seldom is there a legitimate excuse for trading elsewhere than at home.

What would be the dividends payable to Vernonia if every citizen on December 31, 1927, could truthfully say he or she had not violated a community resolution for 1927 to "buy at home?" The extra dividends that would accrue to the benefit of the community and each of its citizens would be more business for its merchants, more money in circulation, more employment and more prosperity for all.

THE GRADE SCHOOL

With the bond election voted down, local folk are now wondering what should be done to give the pupils classrooms that they need; it is certain that they should be taken out of the unsanitary rooms they now occupy in the basement of the Washington school.

With the changing population in Vernonia from single men to married men, we have a condition here of a growing child population in much greater proportion to the increase in adult population. The school census shows a probability of an increase of about 80 in the grade school enrollment for next fall. Where room will be found for them is not known, but with the conditions rapidly becoming worse, it is apparent that something must be done about it.

The school building that was proposed would have classroom facilities to accommodate the expected increase of the number of children for the next five years only. At the end of that time a cry would go up for more classrooms. And the question of the taxpayers' ability to pay at that time is a poor issue upon which to gamble now. The debt would take about 15 years to pay off; and every few years another bond issue. No, that is not right, nor good business.

A method of procedure for the future must be worked out which will not entail unnecessary expenditure of money and still have the school needs amply provided for. That there may be no misunderstanding again, let a public mass meeting be called where this matter can be threshed out to entire satisfaction.

THE INVISIBLE SLAVES

China has four times as many people as the United States, but the United States has the equivalent of ten times the number of effective workers found in China.

In an article in the Atlantic Monthly, Thomas T. Read lays down the principle that the only way to have material things is to work. Then he subjects this principle to further subdivision as follows:

First, work must be done to avoid repetition, as piping water from the spring instead of continuously carrying it.

Second, work must be analyzed to do away with false motion.

His third and last conclusion is that the worker must be multiplied by machinery.

The comparative output of work per person in various countries varies as follows: China, 1; India, 1 1-4; Russia, 2 1-2; France, 8 1-4; Germany, 12; Great Britain, 18; Canada, 20; United States, 30.

Although the average wage is high in America, the average cost of work is low. It takes the European workman approximately 10 times as long to make an automobile as it takes the workman in Our Country, because of the highly efficient machinery and vast quantity of power which are the invisible slaves of our workmen.

On the showdown, a crook is always shown up.

Reform will continue as long as there is money in it for reformers.

The Majestic

Thomas Meighan forsakes the big city in his current Paramount effort, "The Canadian," which arrives at the Majestic on Saturday, and emerges a full fledged he-man of the open spaces.

A complete corset manufacturing plant, with tons of machinery, hundreds of workers and thousands of dollars worth of material, was constructed at Universal City for the filming of "The Wrong Mr. Wright" the Universal-Jewel production starring Jean Hersholt which comes to the Majestic theatre Sunday.

In which the hen-pecked husband comes into his own. While W. C. Fields' latest Paramount picture, "So's Your Old Man," which comes to the Majestic theatre Monday, isn't dedicated to the fathers of the world—it does give dad a hearty pat on the shoulder.

"Blizzard," the character played by Lon Chaney in "The Penalty," Tuesday and Wednesday, is a histrionic achievement that, once seen, will never be forgotten. This role is unique in the annals of the screen. Blizzard, the ledger master of San Francisco's underworld, whose satanic hatred of humanity is tinged with the fantastic cruelty of an unbalanced mind, is perhaps the most unusual hero ever presented in a motion picture production.

A beautiful, tender and heart-throbbing drama of a woman corroded by jealousy who seeks relief in a "good time." The story of a woman who sacrificed her husband's love for all that money can bring, and found the price too high. "The 4th Commandment," at the Majestic Thursday and Friday.

Farm Reminders

Ordinary window glass absorbs the ultra violet rays from sunshine, thus prohibiting the real value of the sunshine from reaching the bodies of the fowls. Poultry house windows should be hinged so they may be raised during days of sunshine in cases where direct sunlight is not reaching the fowls through open fronts or outside exposure. Some use is now made of a glass substitute in brooder and laying houses, because they admit both sunlight and the ultra violet rays.

The average poultrymen supplies only charcoal, hard quarts, grit and oyster shell, to supplement the mineral matter in grain and mash ration. Where only one shell material feed is fed, there is no question but that oyster shell is the best source. However, in common practice it is best to provide a supply of granulated bone and a limerock grit, in addition to the three named above.

A high per centage of Oregon poultrymen are now brooding their chicks on clean ground each year, informed H. E. Cosby, extension poultry specialist of the Oregon agricultural college. Some use portable brooder houses and move them to clean ground for each brood. Others use the permanent brooder-houses with alternate yarding systems; with concrete runs; new gravel or sand yards or new soil hauled in and old soil removed.

Such methods of management reduce the dangers of a large number of chicks for a short time. To leave pullets in any brooder-yard until they are matured, even though the yard is new, is playing with fire. Ventilation is poor in

a crowded brooder house as the pullets get larger. The same limited area is used too long if they run in it until they are mature. It makes the yard less safe for future use in its regular rotation.

The poultryman who desired to protect his business income and safeguard his investment will, when the pullets are roosting and fully feathered, move them out on free range, away from brooder house dangers. Under average conditions the poultryman's next move is to get his pullets out on free range by the time they are ten weeks of age.

The 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington furnish summer grazing grounds for nearly a million head of livestock. Included in the 1926 totals were 775,700 head of sheep, 108,900 head of cattle, as well as smaller numbers of horses, goats and hogs.

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Bessie Tapp, W. M.
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VERNONIA GRANGE

The Vernonia Grange meets on the second Saturday of every month at 7:30 P. M. Any members of the Grange living in or near Vernonia or visiting in the community, are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Minnie Malmsten, Secretary

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