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MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday, May 14, is Mother's Day.

Though we treasure her throughout the year, this day is set aside for some special tribute to Mother. Flowers, candy, a card, it may be, simple in form but with our small gift we can wrap a full measure of the love and tenderness we hold for Mother.

One writer said the most important people in this world are not soldiers, statesmen or bankers. The most important people are mothers, who are called upon to bring into existence a new generation. Rare, indeed, is the mother who will not endure untold hardships and sorrows for the children she has borne. It is her indomitable courage that has guided many of us over rough trails.

The thought of Mother exercises an influence for good as the very word is laden with tender suggestions that mellow the heart. So, let us devote Sunday next to Mother. Let us join with the Eagles lodge in honoring Mother at the special services at the Methodist community church.

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FOR PLEASURE OR THE I-O-N?

Federal expenditures under the proposed public works program of the Roosevelt administration can take no better or more useful direction than that of road building and improvement. Moneys so expended will give permanent and valuable results. The whole public will benefit as roads add to the pleasure of living and making a living.

Already the Oregon highway commission has moved promptly to obtain this state's allotment of federal funds for roads and bridges but have you noticed that the projects emphasized are located in the populous western portion of the state? Of course, the requests came from there. Are we in eastern Oregon asleep?

A road that is particularly needed is the I-O-N, connecting the gap between our excellent highways in this immediate vicinity and the highway spur at McDermitt, Nev. It behooves all of Malheur county to work for this connection.

Our neighbors over at Burns, John Day and Pendleton are not asleep. Their north and south connection with Lakeview is already on the state highway map. They were wise. They did not begin their drive until Malheur county had joined in the effort for the Yellowstone Cut-off connection between Lakeview and Burns. That stretch built (no little one, by the way, as it required more road building than will the I-O-N) they immediately set to work upon the completion of the Pendleton-John Day connection. Now this stretch is practically completed.

And all the time there has existed a very evident need for the I-O-N. No one could deny this if they observed the great trucks plowing through the desert, trucking produce of the Snake river valley into Nevada and California, all last summer and fall. Present traffic is only a beginning. When the Owyhee project comes into production, a much greater need will develop for this market outlet.

The shortest route to southern California, the I-O-N would be a "bread and butter" road. It would shorten the haul and mean dollars to the hard working producer. Is it not of far greater importance than another "short cut to the sea?"

If sufficient federal aid is provided for both the pleasure road and the market route, we say build both as roads are never entirely wasted but if there is not, the farmers' road should come first.

Why not make it a countywide request—for the I. O. N?

IN THE FARMER'S HANDS

The farmers of the country are naturally encouraged by the fact that the present administration is giving every effort to stabilize their industry, raise prices and broaden and improve markets.

These efforts will doubtless meet success. But the farmer should not take the attitude that the matter is out of his hands. He should not seek to lean on the shoulders of the Administration and await results. As President Roosevelt has said, government farm relief is frankly experimental and is but temporary. It is an attempt to avert a crisis and to carry the farmer through an exceedingly difficult period. In the long run, permanent farm relief must come from the farmer himself.

It will come through organization, through mass effort—in brief, through development and extension of the cooperative plan. It will come through the buying and selling power that only collective action can give. The achievements of American industry in the past were largely due to intelligent cooperation, and business is cooperating now in the work of recovery. The farmer must adopt the same plan. If he produces and sells as an individual only, he will be forever at the mercy of those who buy from him. If he joins with his fellows in a strong, loyally supported cooperative, he can meet the middleman on his own ground.

The cooperative movement has done fine things. It is withstanding the acid test with flying colors. Its future lies entirely in the hands of the individual farmer. He must give the answer.

COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

Regardless of gold content, we'll be with any dollar we get.

The Japs are evidently determined to defend themselves to the last Chinese ditch.

Good thing, now that beer is back, we didn't adopt Technocracy. No machine has ever been invented that can bend pretzels.

Culbertson says that Hollywood celebrities are poor at contract bridge. Apparently, however, they are not so poor at contracts.

A friend is better than money in the purse, says a Dutch proverb. Unless and until he borrows it.

It is easy enough to safeguard a building against earthquakes. Construct it north of the California line.

It is evidently Japan's settled conviction that all the other powers are out of step with her.

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Voice of the Press

BALANCE YOUR BUDGET

The years of a man, they say, are three score and ten. It would be wise to be thrifty with them.

The favorite and fashionable indoor sport of today is the balancing of budgets. It is done in business, in government in the painful process of making the family income fit the facts in the case. It should be done no less in balancing the years of life against the opportunities of life. Waste no time, then, that might be spent in the pursuit of happiness, in the work you love or the rest you earn, in finding friendship, in fashioning a faith and philosophy for the lean years at the end of life. Waste no time in worry that gets nowhere but confesses everything in gray hairs and wrinkles. And don't mortgage present happiness to pay for a future that may never happen. Don't work so hard that you forget how to play, nor play so hard that you aren't fit for work. Don't blow off all your steam before 50 and be burned out for 20 years after. Invest wisely in amusement, as you would in stocks and bonds. Don't die too soon nor live too long.

Balance your budget.

CHANGING THE MONEY STANDARD

(Continued)

It is very evident that we people of the United States are in need of a safe and efficient medium of exchange and a government banking system.

It seems to be an established fact that an ideal medium of exchange has no value in itself, except for the duty it should perform, the transaction of business.

It is an established fact that the fruits of the earth are the only objects of value to mankind.

It is an established fact that a metallic standard such as gold or silver or both are inadequate because of possible shortage or monopoly.

It is an established fact that the people prefer a banking and checking system if it can be organized to be safe sound and efficient.

It is an established fact if this system of exchange is adopted there would be a poor chance for bank robbers, holdup men and kidnappers to operate.

It is an established fact that people under this system would be living under a state of equality, for it would tend to make people live from the fruits of their own labor.

A Story of a \$100 Bill

One day a guest at a hotel went to the manager and said: "I do not like to go around the streets with a lot of money in my pockets. Here is a \$100 bill; I wish you would put it in your safe and keep it." The hotel proprietor accepted it. In a little while came the butcher with a bill against the hotel, and the hotel paid the butcher with the \$100 bill.

The butcher owed his landlord, and he paid his landlord with the same \$100 bill. The landlord owed the doctor \$100 and he paid the doctor with the same \$100 bill. The doctor owed the hotel and went to the hotel and in payment of his bill turned in the same \$100 bill.

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That is the story and, if you will think about it for a few minutes, you'll come to an interesting conclusion.

—A. D. MOSES, Nyssa, Oregon

Home Corner

It is time to take down the curtains and draperies. One woman washes her curtains and then slips them on a rod to dry. They dry evenly and are much easier to iron or fold for packing purposes. And with curtains washed, we must remember the windows. An easy method of washing windows and one that brings results is to add two tablespoons of kerosene to two quarts of warm water. Wash the glass with a soft cloth and polish immediately after.

Again at house cleaning time, pieces of mahogany furniture that have some nasty scratches, if you will paint them lightly with iodine then brush them with clear varnish, you will find the ugly scratch has vanished.

—Mrs. May Myers, McDermitt.

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