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woodland that prostration gets in its way. It makes great progress wherever encouraged but it would seem that from the attention given to this condition that the necessity, and the wisdom from a financial standpoint, of planning for the future in the restoration of forest lands would result in a general effort to better the situation, and in connection with matter due thought cannot fall to be given to the fact that we are constantly growing and therefore the demands on the forests in every way are bound to increase.

GOOD IDEA FOR ALL. In keeping with practices which have been carried out at this season of the year reports are coming from Europe to the effect that agitators are underway for big demonstrations on the part of radicals and the lawless on May day. This is for the purpose of impressing the countries with the power and strength of such elements and they are invariably accompanied by more or less trouble of a serious nature. It is a time when the anarchist seems to think he is called upon to display his cunning and his destructive ability. There are times when the demonstrations are much more severe than at others, when they cover a wider territory and when the numbers involved are influenced by prevailing conditions.

But quite in contrast with the trouble those back of such an effort are trying to stir up is the policy advocated by the governor of Kansas in urging the observance of May first as American day. Governor Allen fully appreciates the fact that there are those who are working to establish here the policy long followed in Europe, that it comes from the radical alien element and that it is time to start a real backfire to check its progress.

In announcing his plan which goes in effect in Kansas tomorrow for the holding of large parades in behalf of Americanism, Governor Allen well says: "The question whether the American spirit and our historical institutions shall preponderate is as vital today as was the subject of preparedness four years ago, when the preparedness parades revealed wholesome public sentiment at that time."

American day is advocated to bring out the American spirit and not keep it slumbering while that which is fighting it is active. That he believes his confidence in the result will be sustained is evidenced when he says: "I have supreme faith in this country and its people. The heart of our people beats passionately for the integrity of American ideals and for our constitution and the institutions bequeathed by it to us. This day appropriately observed, will give concrete expressions of the emotions and sentiments of our people, that America will fulfill her proper destiny in the final realization of the ideals of equality, justice and opportunity for all."

SETTING HIMSELF RIGHT. According to a statement which he has made to the Providence Journal, inspired by the comment of that paper, Herbert C. Hoover has clearly understood that he is not the pawn of President Wilson, that his candidacy is not promoted by him that it is not understood that he is to be the heir of the Wilson policies and that he is in fact not in sympathy with the political, economic, industrial and international policies of the president.

Heretofore of course Mr. Hoover has seen the necessity of urging the support of the stand taken by President Wilson that a democratic congress should be elected for the best interests of the country, and that the ground was being regarded as a fair to the president's policies, but it is also to be remembered that he has expressed disapproval of his treaty stand and that it has been explained that what seemed like the political assistance given the president was only loyalty to his chief during an emergency.

Mr. Hoover today apparently sees the necessity of clearing his skirts of any possible entanglements with the present administration. According to his statements he has convinced the Journal that his assumptions were not correct, although it must be admitted that during the early days when his name was being mentioned for the presidency the attitude taken by Mr. Hoover in apparently flinching with either party, for the nomination, even though he was sincere in his claim of not being a candidate, placed him in a light which was unfavorable and which he apparently now sees the need of correcting.

"Better late than never," may apply in politics as well as anything else but his clear cut statement would have been much more helpful months ago.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Along with the need of increased production there may well go a determination to spend less.

The man on the corner says: A big salary doesn't prevent a ball player from falling down now and then.

Even if the old clothes idea becomes popular the well of the women can be expected to remain "nothing to wear."

Elective time in Mexico is apt to mean a battle with bullets while there should be no more than a battle with ballots.

If the white collar men decide to go after the jobs that go with overall, it will mean more worry for the laundrymen.

Now the smaller communities about the state are adopting daylight saving. It is action for which they are fully justified.

War has its curious effects. In Africa the price of wives has undergone a sharp advance while in France there is a dearth of men.

Father," I said yesterday evening, "will you permit me to select my own birthday present?" "Why yes, Lucille," he replied slowly. "If you choose something reasonable. Don't set me back too far, my dear. What do you want?" "A watch, daddy."

"What's the matter with the wrist watch I bought for you to take to France? That hasn't got out of date already, has it?" "No indeed, but I no longer have it. I gave it to a girl who lost hers through an accident. I felt so sorry for her I simply had to give her mine."

"Very noble of you, Lucille. He tried to be sarcastic, but I could see that he was touched by my generosity. "What kind of a watch do you wish?" "One of those fascinating little ones to wear on a slender chain around my neck. I wish I could have one with tiny diamonds set in platinum around the face. That is what I'd really like."

"Now, daddy, don't be gruff with me. I realize that you can't afford to do as much for me as some of the fathers of the overseas war-time girls have done for them since they came home. I shall be grateful for any simple little watch you can give me."

"Thank you, Lucille! There's no reason why you can't have as foxy a watch as any of 'em. Choose one you like. I guess it won't break your old man."

"Oh, daddy, what an old darling you are!" I exclaimed. As I hurried downtown I recalled the circumstances under which I parted with the wrist watch that father gave me when I sailed for France. It was when I was at Erie to Grand. It was when I was at Erie to Grand. It was when I was at Erie to Grand.

"Will you be so angelic as to lend me your watch?" I asked her one evening. She looked rather surprised and I hastened to explain that mine had stopped running. "I simply must have a watch so that I can see the time in the morning. Why this sudden order for early rising, Lucille? I always get up at reveille myself. Can't I wake you then?"

"Thank you, Doris, but that won't be early enough. You see I have an engagement to go riding with Lieut. Gales. He has found a perfect little duck of a mare for me. It's too bad you don't ride."

"I do at home," she said unsmiling. I used to think how much better it would have been if she would take a little pleasure now and then to freshen herself up a bit, so she would be more bright and entertaining.

She handed me her watch and I thanked her warmly and took it to my own room. There was a good fire burning on the hearth and it was so inviting that I could not go straight to bed. I sat down with a novel I had taken from the library and let the watch gently on the coal scuttle beside me, because I did not wish to read too late. It was such a luxury to have the coal that one of the officers had sent me that I stayed up late to enjoy my fire.

The next morning when I awoke I went to look at the watch by my flashlight and it was not until my eyes were opened that I found it. I tried to remember about it and then with a sudden gasp of dismay I had a mental picture of it lying on the top of the coal in the scuttle. I jumped out of bed and rushed to the fireplace.

"The scuttle was nearly empty and there was no watch there! I had thrown it into the fire with the coal while he was absorbed in that exciting book. The thought of it almost spoiled my ride with Lieut. Gales, but I tried to put it out of my mind for his sake.

When I went into the hut later in the morning I went bravely to Miss Appley and tearfully told her what had happened. She did not say one word about my feeling of sympathy at my discomfiture. I do think silent people are impossible. At last when I insisted that she take my wrist watch she said: "Lucille, for I cannot get one here. But come to think of it, you said yours wouldn't go."

"Perhaps it can be made to run," I suggested hopefully, and just then one of the handy men of the outfit came by and I asked him to examine it. He took it and shook it and then wound it. "All it needed was a little wind," he remarked laughingly.

Doris gave me a withering glance and I murmured something about having thought about my work so much that I couldn't always remember to wind my watch. She said nothing and I laid the watch down beside her and moved away. She never even thanked me for it, although it was much nicer than her little fat old fashioned silver timepiece that looked as if it might have belonged to her grandmother. I really never understood Doris Appley. Chicago News.

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