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Sentiment to be inculcated.

Let reverence of law be breathed by every mother to the rising babe that crattles in her lap; let it be taught in the schools, seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from pulpits and proclaimed in legislative halls and enforced in courts of justice; in short, let it be the political religion of the nation.

—Abraham Lincoln.

THE RECOGNITION OF AGRICULTURE

Secretary Wilson's showing of the paramount magnitude of the agricultural industry, strongly reinforced in the president's message, furnishes ample reason for the increasing interest which is felt in and the increasing study which is given to agriculture as a business and a science. Beyond question, an industry of such dimensions is worthy of all possible interest and attention. It is the greatest of our industries, it engages the activities of the greatest number of the people, and its profits are the greatest of all. These circumstances, we might say, are a matter of course, because agriculture is essential and fundamental to all other occupations.

It is, however, a strange and paradoxical fact that because of its very importance agriculture has been too lightly regarded, if not actually treated with neglect and contempt. It is the old story of men underestimating the thing of the possession of which they are sure and of ranking the necessities below the luxuries of life. Agriculture had been taken as a matter of course. In any event it must keep right on. There was not in it the fascinating element of uncertainty and speculation which was in many other things. It was regarded as the very consummation of the commonplace. But people are at last learning that even the commonplace is worthy of expert attention and that the necessities of life are worth cultivating, as well as the luxurious fads and fancies. Indeed, there may be some danger of their treating agriculture too much as a fad. There is need of and there is profit in the highest, deepest and broadest possible education for the farmer, but there is nobody who can so well afford to eschew visionary fads and speculations. The science of agriculture is as truly a science as any with which the learned world is concerned, but it is pre-eminently a cautious, conservative and practical science.

Nor may it be amiss to note, not our national credit, that, apparently because of those very qualities of necessity, agriculture has not always received the encouragement and aid which have been given by the nation to some other industries. Manufactures and commerce have been objects of paternal solicitude, of stimulation and of protection, while agriculture has more largely been left to "hoe its own row" and to depend upon natural advantages. It was well to do what was done for those others and it would be well if a generous measure of the same solicitude were exercised though perhaps in different ways, toward this greatest of all our industries. There can be no more auspicious sign of the times than for agriculture to receive from the nation as well as from persons in their individual capacities an attention proportionate to its magnitude and its importance.

POLITICAL DEMAGOGY.

President Roosevelt in his annual message to congress did more than point out the legislation which is needed by the country at this time. He successfully wielded the big stick at the heads of those so-called reformers who attempt to win success by hysterical plays to the galleries. Discussing this matter he said:

The sinister demagogues and foolish visionaries who are always eager to undertake such a campaign of destruction sometimes seek to associate themselves with those working for a genuine reform in governmental and social methods, and sometimes masquerade as such reformers.

Moreover, while such preaching and such agitation may give a certain notoriety to some of those who take part in it, and may result in the temporary political success of others, in the long run every such movement will either fail or else will provoke a violent reaction, which will itself result not merely in undoing the mischief wrought by the demagogue and the agitator, but also in undoing the good that the honest reformer, the true upholder of popular rights, has painfully and laboriously achieved.

Corruption is never so rife as in communities where the demagogue and the agitator bear full sway, because in such communities all moral bands become loosened, and hysteria and sensationalism replace the spirit of sound judgment and fair dealing as between man and man.

Roosevelt is not a demagogue, no, can he be charged with insincerity. The American people know him too well to believe that he used these words idly to fill space in a message which he well knew would become a part of our national history and would be read and pondered by his fellow men a century hence. There can be no doubt but that he meant every word which was uttered and weighed well its import before he used it.

The truth is just as he pointed out in his message, that no reform has ever been accomplished through the instrumentality of agitators. Neither do reforms among free people come in the character of revolution. When the first concession of liberty was wrested from King John at Runnymede, it was not the work of a day nor of a year. For a long time the matter had been growing and when the opportune time arrived there was nothing left for a reluctant king to do but grant the demands of the barons. The accomplishment of our independence was another illustration of the same principle. The foundations of our liberty were laid long before the common at Lexington was drenched with the blood of the first dead patriots. The French revolution might be taken as the illustration of demagoguery and fanaticism in the affairs of mankind rather than the evolution. Fanaticism took the place of judgment and frenzy the place of patriotic courage. The guillotine was the supreme court of the land and the streets of Paris and the wine-cad vales of France ran red with the blood of the innocent. That condition was the result of the work of demagogues of the same kind as those to whom the president refers in his message, and the danger to the free institutions of this country from this source are just as great as they were to France more than a century ago.

These waves of fanaticism may react and in doing so leave the country where it was before, but the more probable thing is that once the discontent with the existing order of things is created it will smoulder and remain suppressed, but in time will burst forth with renewed energy and bring a greater destruction.

Minot is endeavoring to secure a state normal school, and it is not among the impossibilities that it will be successful. That the western portion of the state should have some educational institution cannot be disputed. The larger part of the population is in the western half, and while the slope has the reform school and the penitentiary it is a regrettable fact that they are used as much by the people from the eastern counties as they are by those from the west. The education of the young people of the state is the most important part of its responsibility to its citizens. Especially is this true of those who are to become the teachers of the rising generation. That occupation is no longer considered a proper means of earning money during the period when the teacher is experimenting. They are now expected, and in fact required, to be qualified for the work of developing the intellect by understanding its nature and needs. In a word the teachers must be qualified to do scientific teaching. This qualification can only be secured through the medium of the normal schools and the more of them the state has, the better will it be prepared to fulfill the obligation of the commonwealth to the children. The state needs another normal school and Minot deserves the advantage of the location more than any other town in the state.

It is to be hoped that the legislature will forget politics long enough to consider and pass a road law for the state providing for the construction of high grade public ways leading to the principal cities. This matter has been discussed before in these columns and it has been pointed out that the construction of good roads from the agricultural sections into the larger towns serves to increase the importance of the towns and at the same time to save expenses for the farmers who are enabled to reduce the cost of marketing their products because of the improved conditions in the roads. It is true that the frozen condition of the roads in winter and the solid condition during the greater part of the summer limits the time in which the roads need special attention. But that time is in the fall—during the wet season—when the farmers must use the roads most for the marketing of their grain. In some parts of the state the roads are so bad during this time that the crops cannot be marketed over them. Minnesota has met the condition to some extent by providing for the construction of certain roads according to modern systems in different parts of the state. The only defect is that there is no provision for uniting the several sections into a general system. A similar law with this change would be a good thing for this state, leaving its adoption a matter of local option, so that it need not be enforced in the newer parts of the state until they were sufficiently settled.

It is decidedly amusing to see the democratic Alex. McKinsie trying to get the democrats of the state to leave Governor Burke well alone so far as urging appointments upon him is concerned and then see the political War-

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wick of North Dakota walk off with the appointment of his friends while the others are "leaving Burke alone."

If current report be true, the attempt to foist another democratic daily upon the state democracy has met a rather frosty reception. It is easy to make large pretensions when success is a matter of accident rather than ability, but to make good under test is another thing.

The Churches

Expository Sermon.
Rev. F. E. R. Miller will deliver an expository sermon Sunday night upon "Jesus' Doctrine" as set forth in Matthew 5: 27-32. "What He Says About Adultery, or the Scarlet Sin of Lust."

Presbyterian Church.
Rev. W. H. Matthews, pastor. Services morning and evening, and the theme for the morning service will be "Morality and Religion," and the theme for the evening service will be "The Vision of the Pure."

First Church of Christ Scientist.
Regular Sunday services at 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Subject, "God the Preserver of Man." Morning service, J. A. Evans soloist. Sunday school 12:20 p. m. Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock. Public reading room in church foyer, open weekdays from 2 to 4 p. m. Church edifice corner of Belmont and Fourth avenues. All are cordially invited to attend the services and visit the reading room.

First Baptist.
Frank E. R. Miller, pastor. Public worship at 10:30 a. m. with a sermon upon the subject, "The Democracy of Demerit," Rom. 3: 22-24. In the evening at 7:30 the subject of the discourse will be the second in the series upon "Jesus' Doctrine and Its Consequences," namely, "What He Says About Adultery." Excellent organ and choral music in charge of expert talent will accompany these services. Bible school at 12:00, R. B. Griffith, superintendent. B. Y. P. U. meeting Wednesday night in the church parlors at 7:30, subject: "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Seats free and everybody welcome.

Musical Program.
The following musical program will accompany the services of the First Baptist church. Prof. Paul Gladstone, director; Miss Jane Smith, organist.
Prelude—Andante Grazioso.....Smart
Duet—"King of Love".....Jerome
Solo—Laura Hancock, Mr. Weatherwax
Offertory—Dodelinette.....Gounod
Anthem—"Arie, O Jerusalem".....King
Chorus.....King
Postlude.....Haydn

Evening.
Prelude—Vespere Belli.....Spinney
Offertory—Chorus of Angels.....Clark
Anthem—"And the Wall of the Week City".....King
Postlude—"Marche Pontificale".....Lemmens

Alex. Larson, the much wanted alleged horse thief, was given a preliminary hearing at Rolla and was admitted to bail. He is under bonds to appear before the district court at Washburn on the same charge.

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Dr. Timothy O'Brien has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Wahpeton, vice Dr. C. Spotswood.

SPORTING NOTES.
The champion Portland club of the Pacific coast league will train in the Hawaiian islands next spring. That sounds some in the east, but they think nothing of it on the coast.

In the California championship games Hal Chase plays first for San Jose, and Frank Chance for Stockton—the best in major league circles.

Figures given out by the New York state league furnish a pretty good idea of what it costs to run a minor ball league. Transportation cost \$8,106 and hotel expenses \$13,056. Salaries average about \$2,000 for each club.

The Yale freshman football team this year was a hummer. Some great material there for the 'Varsity next year.

Brown waited a long time for its victory over Dartmouth, but when they caught the Hanover boys they gave them the 23 for sure.

One of the greatest surprises in western football this year was the splendid showing made by St. Louis university. Coached by Cochems, the old Wisconsin player, the Mound City boys did all kinds of things to Iowa and some of the other big ones.

Aleck MacLean, the bike rider, is planning to take a trip to Australia soon.

Sir Thomas Lipton will give another cup for yachts on Gravesend bay. Sir Thomas can buy cups for others if he can't win the much coveted American trophy.

Cornell athletes surely have upheld the reputation of the Ithaca institution this year. Rowing, track, baseball, football and cross country running, no matter what the game, the big C can always be depended upon to finish near the front.

Yale students are making war against the "smoke shop" speculators who buy up all the tickets, not only for the big games, but for "theater night" as well.

The recent heavyweight "championship" fight at Los Angeles was a strange affair. The real champion was in the ring all right, but as referee and not as principal.

While "Honey" Mellody did not knock out Joe Walcott, he earned his decision, and it is up to the Cambridge boy to defend the title.

The ladies' aid societies are raking in the shekels these days.

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Gift Guide

"Demonstrate Your Capacity of Foresight and the World Will Keep You on Its Pay Roll."

Our foresight has been in collecting, early, a masterly display of "Gift Things." Better make your demonstration tonight. COME and SEE anyhow.

For Any "Her"

Handbags, fancy combs, beads, fans, companion sets, jewel bags, belts, mufflers, gloves, handkerchiefs, ribbons, silks, dress goods, table linens, umbrellas, fancy aprons, fancy hose art linens, art pillow tops, pin cushions, collars, silk shawls, opera bags, fur scarfs, fur coats, muffs, silk waists, silk jumpers, silk undershirts, silk kimonos, slippers, leggrings, shoes, fancy china.

For Any "Him"

Bath robes, house coats, mufflers, gloves, neckwear, fur collars, pajamas, silk night robes, fancy suspenders, silk and linen handkerchiefs, fur caps, fancy hose, cuff links, scarf pins, suit cases, trunks, hand bags, fur lined coats, suits, umbrellas, fancy vests, fancy supporters, slippers, shoes, leggrings, gaiters, over shoes.

For the Little Folks

A visit to the "Real" Toyland in our basement will be the safest guide for buying gifts for little folks. It's a jolly place.

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The institution of gift giving of former years was characterized by a giving of things that appealed to the eye. Today a change has come over the spirit of the custom and if a gift merely suggests sentiment it serves only half its purpose. Demand that the gift shall possess some practical as well as pretty qualities; then it will not only define your taste but will be a gift in the real sense of the word. Such gifts will be doubly appreciated. They represent the thoughtfulness of the giver and at the same time add to the comfort and happiness of the receiver. Such are the gifts suggested below.

What to Give a Man

Most young men have tastes and opinions of their own. Find out what they want if possible—if not, these hints will be a great help in choosing. And don't forget father. Usually it is he who has to buy for others, but at Christmas time he should be made to feel that it is also blessed to receive.

House Coats, Caps, Fur Lined Coats, Fur Coats, Overcoats, Fine Suits, Separate Trousers, Fancy Hose, Fancy Shirts, Linen Handkerchiefs, Holiday Neckwear, Pretty Mufflers, Fancy Suspenders, Warm Gloves, Fancy Night Robes.

What to Give a Lady

This list will allow dutiful sons and daughters to exercise thoughtfulness in selecting mother's gift. It affords mother an opportunity to select for her daughter gifts that will add to her comfort. It also appeals to boys who want to be generous to their sisters and at the same time please their tastes.

Handsome New Suits, Fur Scarfs, Fur Muffs, Fur Sets of Scarfs and Muffs, Fur Lined Coats, Fur Coats, Ladies' Cloth Coats, Ladies' Skirts, New Undershirts, Warm Shawls, Silk Waists, Fine White Waists, Pretty Kimonos, Silk Skirts.

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