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## BANKERS URGED TO CO-OPERATE WITH FARMERS

SOUL MATERIAL HAS ENTERED THE BANK VAULTS OF THE NATION.

The Bank a Financial Power House to the Community.

By Peter Radford.

One of the greatest opportunities in the business life of the nation lies in practical co-operation of the country banks with the farmer in building agriculture and the adventure is laden with greater possibilities than any forward movement now before the American public.

A few bankers have loaned money to farmers at a low rate of interest, and oftentimes without compensation, to buy hatched livestock, build silos, fertilize the land, secure better seed, hold their products for a better market price, etc. The banker in contributing toward improving the grade of livestock; the quality of the seed and the fertility of the soil, plants in the agricultural life of the community a fountain of profit, that, like Tennessee's brook, runs on and on forever. Community Progress a Bank Asset.

The time was when money loaned on such a basis would severely test the sanity of the banker; such transactions would pain the directors like a blow in the face. A cashier who would dare to cast bread upon waters that did not return buttered side up in time for annual dividends would have to give way to a more capable man. This does not necessarily mean that the bankers are getting any better or that the milk of human kindness is being imbued more freely by our financiers. It indicates that the bankers are getting wiser, becoming more able financiers and the banking industry more competent. The vision of the builder is crowding out the spirit of the pawnbroker. A light has been turned on a new world of investment and no user ever received as large returns on the investment as these progressive bankers, who make loans to uplift industry. The bankers have always been liberal city builders, but they are now building agriculture.

**A Dollar With a Soul.**  
It is refreshing in this strenuous commercial life to find so many dollars with souls. When a dollar is approached to perform a task that does not directly yield the highest rate of interest, we usually hear the rustle of the eagle's wings as it soars upward; when a dollar is requested to return at the option of the borrower, it usually appeals to the gods of Liberty for its contractual rights; when a dollar is asked to expand in volume to suit the requirements of industry, it usually talks solemnly of its redeemer, but soul material has entered into the vaults of our banks and rate, time and volume have a new basis of reckoning in so far as the ability of some of the bankers permit them to co-operate in promoting the business of farming.

**God Almighty's Noblemen.**  
These bankers are God Almighty's noblemen. Heaven lent earth the spirit of these men and the angels will help them roll in place the cornerstones of empire. They are not philanthropists; they are wise bankers. The spirit of the builder has given them a new vision, and wisdom has visited upon them business foresight.

The tackle of the hen, the law of the hen and the spirit of growing crops echo in every bank vault in the nation and the alrovd banker knows that he can more effectively increase his deposits by putting blue blood in the veins of livestock; quality in the yield of the soil and value into agricultural products, than by business handshakes, overdrafts and gaudy calendars.

Taking the community into partnership with the bank, opening up a ledger account with progress, making swift and enterprise stockholders and the prosperity of the country an asset to the bank, put behind it stability far more desirable than a letterhead bearing the names of all the distinguished citizens of the community. The bank is the financial power house of the community and blessed is the locality that has an up-to-date banker.

## POLITICAL PRAYER MEETINGS

It is a sad day for Christianity when the church bells call the communicants together for a political prayer meeting. Such gatherings mark the high tide of religious political fanaticism, put bitterness into the lives of men; fan the flames of class hatred and destroy Christian influence in the community. The spirit actuating such meetings is anarchistic, un-Christian and dangerous to both church and state.

The success of the nation is in the hands of the farmer.

Work for the best and the best will rise up and reward you.

Tenant farming is just one thing after another without a pay day.

Misfit kisses are the kind women hand to women.

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## OUR PUBLIC FORUM

### I--Introductory

Through the Press Service of Agriculture and Commerce, the master minds of this nation will be invited to the public forum and asked to deliver a message to civilization. Men who achieve seldom talk, and men who talk seldom achieve. There is no such thing as a noisy thinker, and brevity is always a close companion to truth.  
It will be a great privilege to stand by the side of men who can roll in place the cornerstones of industry; to associate with men who can look at the world and see to the bottom of it; to commune with men who can hear the roar of civilization a few centuries away.  
Too often we listen to the rabble element of our day that cries out against every man who achieves. "Crucify him!" Mankind never has and probably never will produce a generation that appreciates the genius of its day. There never will be a crown without a cross, progress without sacrifice or an achievement without a challenge.  
This is an age of service, and that man is greatest who serves the largest number. The present generation has done more to improve the condition of mankind than any civilization since human motives began to appear. The Greeks gave human life inspiration, but while her orators were speaking with the tongues of angels, her farmers were plowing with forked sticks; while her philosophers were emancipating human thought from bondage, her traffic moved on two-wheeled carts driven, and oftentimes drawn, by slaves, while her artists were painting divine dreams on canvas, the streets of grand Athens were lighted by five brands dipped in tallow.  
The genius of past ages sought to arouse the intellect and stir the soul but the master minds of today are seeking to serve. Civilization has assigned to America the greatest task of the greatest age, and the greatest men that ever trod the greatest planet are solving it. Their achievements have astounded the whole world and we challenge every age and nation to name men or products that can approach in creative genius or masterful skill in organization, the marvelous achievements of the tremendous men of the present day. Edison can press a button and turn a light on multitudes of millions of homes; Vail can take down the receiver and talk with fifty millions of people; McCormick's reaper can harvest the world's crop, and Fulton's steam engine moves the commerce of land and sea.  
The greatest thing a human being can do is to serve his fellow men; Christ did it; Kings decree it, and wise men teach it. It is the glory of this practical age that Edison could find no higher calling than to become the janitor to civilization; Vail the messenger to mankind; McCormick the hired hand to agriculture, and Fulton the teamster to industry, and blessed is the age that has such masters for its servants.

## THE BEST LETTER.

You may write a thousand letters to the maiden you adore,  
And declare in every letter that you love her more and more,  
You may praise her grace and beauty in a thousand glowing lines  
And compare her eyes of azure with the brightest star that shines.  
If you had the pen of Byron you would use it every day  
In composing written worship to your sweetheart far away.  
But the letter far more welcome to an older, gentler breast  
Is the letter to your mother from the boy she loves the best.  
Youthful blood is fierce and flaming, when writing to your love  
You will rave about your passion, swearing by the stars above;  
Vowing by the moon's white splendor that the girlie you adore  
Is the one you'll ever cherish as no maid was loved before.  
You will pen full many promise on those pages white and dumb  
That you never can live up to in the married years to come.  
But a much more precious letter, bringing more and deeper bliss,  
Is the letter to your mother from the boy she cannot kiss.  
She will read it very often when the lights are soft and low,  
Sitting in the same old corner where she held you many years ago.  
And regardless of its diction or its spelling or its style,  
And although its composition would provoke a critic's smile,  
In her old and trembling fingers it becomes a work of art,  
Stained by tears of joy and sadness as she hugs it to her heart.  
Yes, the letter of all letters, look wherever you may roam,  
Is the letter to your mother from her boy away from home.

A woman is more influenced by what she suspects than by what she is told.

If you are dissatisfied with your lot, put it into hands of an auctioneer.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

## MENTAL ANGUISH LAW.

Uncle Sam Has It His Way In Many Things.

Several States in America have mental anguish laws—laws that make it possible to sue a telegraph company. You can sue a telegraph company and claim that you suffered great mental anguish because a message was not delivered. But you can't sue Uncle Sam if you fail to get a letter conveying what the telegram would have conveyed had it been sent way. You can't sue a man who promises to pay tomorrow and who holds you in suspense for a week or a year. You can't sue a young lady who promises to take your proposal under advisement and let you know sometime when she feels like it whether she will marry you or not—and yet the mental strain is great. You can't sue a mail order house for failing to deliver the chemically pure Saturday night although the mental strain over Sunday is near about the bursting point. You can't sue a milliner for exhibiting a hundred dollar bonnet in the window, although the mental anguish of the man who fears his wife might buy it and have the bill sent to him is something terrible beyond description. The mental anguish law should be universal—or not at all.—Everything.

## PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

A gigantic shipping combination, the greatest ever conceived in the history of the world, with a capital of hundreds of millions of dollars, and with all the Governments of South and Central America as well as that of the United States as owners of the controlling interests, may be the outcome of the Pan-American financial conference.  
If the United States possessed an adequate Merchant Marine this country would be enjoying the most stupendous and far-reaching business boom that was ever known. We could sell abroad at least one hundred million dollars per month more than we are selling (which is \$250,000,000) if we had the ships to carry the goods.  
It is believed that a tremendous merchant marine will be the result of this conference. South and Central America want more of our goods and we have not the ships to carry them and neither have they. Brazil and Argentina have just established a merchant marine between those countries and this but it is still inadequate.

## ROTATION.

"Are you going to have a garden this year?"  
"No," replied Mr. Growcher.  
"It isn't my turn to make a garden, I'm going to keep chickens this year and let my neighbor make the garden."

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—Mrs. C. H. GRUFFITH, 7305 Madison Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

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