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FATHERS' DAY TO BE KEPT ON JUNE 21ST

Spokane Woman Wants to Have Fathers' Day Observed, and Says Why

Spokane, Wash., June 12.—Sunday, June 21, has been proclaimed Fathers' day by Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, who conceived the idea and originated the plan of paying tribute to fathers in all parts of the world one day each year.

Although Mrs. Dodd has received notice that a bill designed to set aside the first Sunday in June for this purpose has passed both houses of congress, she states that until official announcement of the fact has been made by the government the third Sunday in June will be observed as Fathers' day.

"Following the custom established four years ago, ministers in hundreds of American churches, and several in foreign countries, will devote their sermons to fathers on that day," states Mrs. Dodd. "Since the practice was started in Spokane it is very fitting that the people of this city observe the day appropriately. The red rose is worn for the living, the white rose for the dead. A luncheon in honor of the day will be given by the city 'federal-

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Pinchot and the executive chairman. Before sending it Pinchot consulted with many of the principal leaders of the party throughout the country. Ex-Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, is said to have given the campaign against Perkins his unqualified endorsement, and to have gone so far as to urge that it be made at once a public issue in the party. William Allen White is said to be in entire accord with the programme, and George L. Record of New Jersey, is also backing Pinchot.

These are the three principal counts made by Pinchot against Perkins.

That Perkins is a trust magnate, born and bred, and that he has sought

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"While I am credited with starting the Fathers' day movement, I can take no credit for the thought being original with me, for does not the second greatest commandment tell us to 'honor thy father and thy mother?' One day in 365 and a Sabbath day at that, is not a gift to overwhelm, or make father feel unduly egotistic, although a Fathers' day critic has said, 'I will only wear the white rose for the father that is dead for he is the only truly good father.' Pathetic, isn't it? I would suggest that this young man specialize along the line of home missions lest the words 'like the father, like the son' reflect upon his brow."

In 1909 Mrs. John Dodd crystalized her vision of a Fathers' day and in 1910 the Spokane Y. M. C. A. indorsed the day. Mayor N. S. Pratt of Spokane and Governor M. E. Hay gave their approval also.

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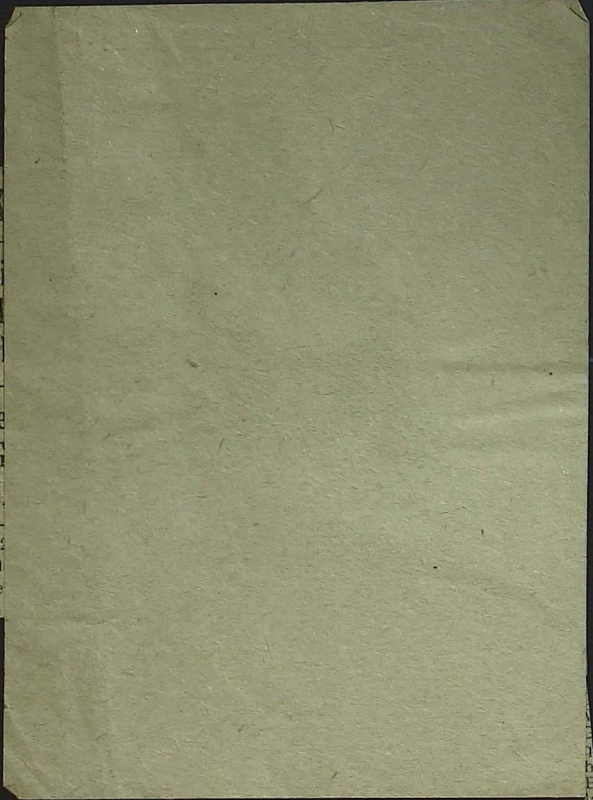
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