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SOCIAL PROGRESS IN AMERICA

"The cure of sickness, and poverty, and the reform of criminals, has been found to be, as a rule, uncertain, incomplete, temporary, expensive, and long. The prevention of these evils has been proven to be relatively certain, complete, permanent, cheap, and quick."

In these words, Homer Folks, of New York, summed up his estimate of social progress in America in the last two decades, in his presidential address at the opening session of the fiftieth anniversary meeting of the National Council of Social Work.

"Two decades ago," said Mr. Folks, "the best citizens and the leading public officials were highly pleased with their hospitals, orphanages, reformatories and rescue missions. They had no misgivings as to the success of such agencies. At that time the prevention of sickness, distress, and crime, was a theory, an article of faith. To substantial citizens, it was in the nature of a speculation,—worth trying, probably,—people spoke well of it, but at best highly uncertain in its results, probably very expensive, and to be realized only in the distant future. Twenty years has seen a complete reversal in the positions of cure and prevention in these respects. We are not nearly so sure of the complete success of curative agencies as we were. We find that tuberculous patients cured in sanatoria have a bad habit of relapsing. Reformatories reform only occasionally. Not all patients leaving hospitals by the front door are cured, and the morgue is an important factor in every hospital. How often we find that some disease in middle life, which diminishes usefulness and shortens life, dates back to an acute illness decades before. To say that a man may be 'down' but is never 'out,' is true only in a theological or philosophical sense; practically, the great majority of those who reach the level of the 'down and out' do not come back. As to jails and prisons, I have reached the conclusion that we shall never learn how to manage them. The demoralizing effect upon human beings of being placed in charge of other human beings, deprived of their liberty and civil rights, is too great a strain. I do not think we shall ever reform our prisons, but I have every confidence that we shall outgrow them. Meantime, prevention, instead of being simply a pious hope, or a tolerated speculation, has become a recognized success. The biggest fact of all is that in 50 years the average lifetime in this country has increased from 41 years to 56 years, a gain of 15 years. This means the saving of half a million lives each year; a reduction in mortality of 40 per cent. The average number of sick people in the U. S. is probably a million less than it would be at the sickness rate of fifty years ago. Tuberculosis has been cut in half; formerly at the head of the class, it has fallen to fifth place, and falls steadily toward the bottom of the list. We now know how to wipe out diphtheria at once, and it has already dropped to a small percentage. In the last few years, infant mortality has fallen as much as we have thought it would do in as many decades.

"Recreation is the best antidote for wrong doing; probation is better than prisons, but it gets into action too late when much damage has been done. The twelve hour day and the seven day week must pass away, before industry will be safe for democracy. Our knowledge is woefully incomplete in the field of mental disturbance. We must devote our best efforts and all the resources needed, to find out the facts. We don't know enough about the causes and conditions which are bringing huge numbers of people to the hospitals for the insane. We do not straighten the bent legs in the mental hygiene field, because we do not see that they straighten until they are half grown. We are only at the threshold of constructive achievements in human welfare. By applying what we now know, by using tried and tested methods, by doing on a larger scale what we are now doing successfully in a small way, and by shifting our chief devotion from agencies of cure to those of prevention, the average human life can be made not only longer, but better, and community life, as well as individual, will realize benefits which it is now beyond our power to express."

Clean up day having passed into history we can now all take a day off and go fishing.

Dear Folks:— Joe Jackson's now a blacksmith, shoeing horses is his trade, and since the day he started, many iron shoes he's made. His hammer strikes the anvil with a mighty sounding blow, and the his march to progress may appear as hard and slow, his work is surely ennobling in the building of a man, from one who tramped the railroads with a rusty frying pan.

And just a bit of romance has at last come in his life. At times he starts a dreaming of a home, perhaps a wife. It's then the widow Dudley seems to hang around his mind, and when he builds his castles it is there he's sure to find she's part of all his planning so he gives a lengthy sigh and keeps on a shoeing horses saying "Maybe, by and by."

His arms are growing brawny and his muscles hard as steel. His flesh is growing solid and his actions make you feel he's not the same Joe Jackson who came tramping into town, and spent his few dollar fortune like a simple minded clown.

His story is a true one and it simply goes to show, that work and trust and confidence are things we ought to know. They strengthen up the weakling and they make him well and strong. They keep him full of courage as he goes a marching on.

Yest'iddy we found a check for \$150 on the main stem and owing to the fact that we couldn't cash it we turned it in to the bank. Honesty is the best policy when the check is non-negotiable.

When a father does out cash in an endless stream to a son who has never earned a nickel is a deplorable case. Sooner or later that softsame lad will say, "Well, Dad never taught me to work."

The chautauqua will soon be in our midst and we'd better stick to the overfuffed chairs as long as we can until that time.

"Beyond the Alps lies Italy," said a h. a. student to us today in giving us a bit of the knowledge he has picked up during the past four years. He must have been specializing in geography.

Guy Cardon was out fishing yesterday and was successful in bringing in a fine mess of catfishes.

We wonder if Doc Coug got through school on his own method.

"You can count on me," said the adding machine.

We are now only buying our flivver one quart of gasoline at a time. We're trying to wear it.

"Two Gun" Hopkins was in the metropolis today carving his initials in telephone posts.

A little girl of five was entertaining the callers while her mother was getting ready. One of the ladies remarked with a significant look, "Not very pretty" spelling the last word.

"No," said the child quickly, "but awful smart."

PRUNE PICKIN'S BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS— Adj. Gen. Gawge White And a couple other Officers were in The Village last eve Giving the local National Guard the Double O and Passing out salutes.

DUMBELL DORA THINKS— A golf masher is a fresh sportsman. Looks like rain agin, folks, but somehow or other we can't take the prophet's word for it.

The Elks will stub the light fantastic tonight with the usual alertness and so forth. Have you a little refrigerator in your home?

"Don't bring us posies its straw berries that we want." A lot of the clodhoppers will get a chance to knock 'em dead at the Legion Hayseed Festival and Barn dance next Wednesday night.

Here's five recipes "for successful mothering" that "hit home" with a wallop: 1. Mix a little old-fashioned watchfulness with an allowance of new fangled freedom.

2. Take careful stock of your materials. Don't try to make a fadon pie of potatoes, or a priest of a boy who wants to be a policeman. 3. Make your children always proud of you. Smoke your cigarettes and wear your knee-length skirts in strict seclusion.

4. Try to comprehend new viewpoints; don't have your children say: "Don't tell Mother, she wouldn't understand." 5. The "easiest way" mother spoils her children in babyhood then wonders why they are so willful in later years.

An army travels on its stomach said Napoleon. That was all right during the war but nowadays many a young business man gets there on his gall.

It used to be "tripping the light fantastic" but now its "fanatic" since the bobbed-hair flappers have been making dance endurance records.

A New York hunter is going to Africa to hunt rare pink ducks. The dispatch says he'll use 20 elephants in the hunt. Wonder if they'll be pink elephants?

We often wonder where the artists get those tall flagpole women to pose for the Paris style drawings.

If we had our choice of neighbors we'd rather live in the district where pajamas are still considered rather effeminate. Those high falutin' fellers who are full o' high brow ideas ain't so much on neighborin'.

O where O where have Our cluster lamps gone O where O where can they be? With their lights turned low And the wicks trimmed short O where O where can they be?

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HAYSEED FESTIVAL IS OPEN TO ALL

"The public is cordially invited," and that means everyone, to attend the Hayseed Festival and Barn Dance to be sponsored by Umpqua Post of the American Legion at the armory on next Wednesday night.

Starting at about 8 o'clock a whirling vaudeville program will be presented and immediately following that the big barn dance and hayseed festival will start. Until the roosters crow the jazz band will harmonize and more pep will be injected into Wednesday night's affair than has been in evidence at any dance ever staged in this city.

The public is urged to wear overalls and gingham to the dance "just so they can cut loose and have a heck of a time." The Million Dollar Beauty Chorus and jazz singers will rehearse at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the armory.

Don't miss a single number! Be on time and enjoy every minute of it. The High School and Band benefit entertainment Thursday May 17, 8 p. m.

MOVIES MARY CARR IN "MOTHER" ROLE

William Fox's super-production, "Silver Wings" featuring Mary Carr will be shown for the first time in Roseburg at the Antlers theatre starting tonight. According to advice from the William Fox office in New York City, this feature production shows Mary Carr in a far better characterization than in the famous "Over the Hill."

Mary Carr's role is that of a mother and a devoted wife who assumes upon the death of her husband the care of a profitable business that he had built as well as the care of two boys and a daughter. One son is a quiet unassuming chap and the other a lazy lad who permits himself to become the victim of social parasites and bogus business men. After the mother has drunken deep the drugs of poverty the family is brought together by curious twists of fate and once again happiness enters into the portals of their lives.

RICHARD DIX IN "QUICKSANDS" Admirers of Richard Dix, will share his enthusiasm for the role he plays in "Quicksands," the Howard Hawks picture which comes to the Liberty theatre today and tomorrow.

He is first lieutenant of a military post near the Mexican border and is in love with the right girl. One day of his duties of inspection to a "cantina" across the boundary in Mexico—a resort frequented by drug smugglers—he sees a Mexican belle mingling with the strolling crowd and is struck by her beauty and her curious resemblance to the girl who has promised to marry him.

Subsequent events in that hotbed of vice and villainy test his physical courage to the utmost. The lieutenant plunges into a series of adventures. Richard Dix's acting makes them real rather than part of a carefully planned scenario and at all times he makes you feel what the character must undergo when in the midst of experiences calculated to test the endurance of any man.

DRAMATIC PROHIBITION LAWS PREVAIL IN MINNESOTA ST. PAUL, Minn., May 17.—(A.P.)—With the passage of amendments by the 1922 legislature to prohibition laws in effect, Minnesota stands prominently in having the most drastic prohibition laws of any state in the Union.

Under the provisions of the new laws it is illegal to possess a formula, recipe or directions which are designed for use, or used for, or in connection with the manufacture of intoxicating liquor. The law explains that it is also illegal to possess any apparatus, machine, or device, tool, and other contrivances used in the manufacture or storing of liquor.

It further provides that the destruction of any apparatus, implement or machine, or recipe, formula or directions, or any container, in which such articles that those listed for use in connection with the manufacture or possession of liquor, and that any holding wherein liquor is sold is subject to abatement proceedings and closing for any kind of use for one year.

COMMENTS STATE PRESS

The World's Richest. Wall street admits that Henry Ford, who has long successfully defied it, is now the richest man in the world. His financial statement filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations shows assets of \$338,251,923, as compared with \$490,548,246 the previous year. It shows cash on hand of \$129,566,657 against \$109,232,732 the year before. This report is for the year ending December 31 last, and Mr. Ford last recently stated that his cash balance now exceeds \$200,000,000.

Ford's profits for last year were \$118,000,000 and his stock, with par value of \$100, paid dividends of \$690 on every share, all of them owned by Ford and his son. In addition, Ford purchased railways, coal mines, water power sites, branch plants and other property for cash, paying for them out of earnings, proving conclusively that Henry Ford is the world's greatest profiteer.

Ford's wealth is estimated by Wall street at a minimum of \$750,000,000. It may even exceed this figure. How this compares with the wealth of other Croesus is shown as follows: John D. Rockefeller was estimated worth \$1,000,000,000 but as he has given away a large portion, he has about \$300,000,000 left; George F. Baker is rated as worth \$400,000,000; Andrew Carnegie, when he retired, had \$300,000,000; The John Jacob Astor estate totalled \$70,000,000; the Marshall Field estate reached \$120,000,000; the J. P. Morgan estate \$75,000,000 and the Cornelius Vanderbilt estate \$50,000,000. So there is little question but that Henry Ford, who started his company 29 years ago with a capital of \$100,000, mostly borrowed, and a factory floor space of 25 acres is now the richest of men.

Ford is now in a class with the United Steel Corporation, and the General Electric company, the three leading in cash and security holdings. The three combined holding about \$600,000,000 cash—almost as much as the aggregate cash reserves of the New York Federal Reserve District.

Ford's profits last year undoubtedly exceeded the combined profits of all the farmers and stock-towners in the United States, probably exceeded them many times. Such results are only possible through the most skillful and scientific managements, the realization of a dollar's worth of labor for every dollar expended, a ruthless exploitation of agencies and an excess profit upon all products.—Salem Capital Journal.

Issue Denials Regularly. Governor Pierce's written denial that he had Oregon municipal bonds was worthless as attested by three witnesses, whose signed statements circulated. This will make it difficult for him to deny the statement. Besides, it sets an expensive precedent.

If our governor is expected to deny in writing, with witnesses everything he is misunderstood as having said, he will have little time left for official duties. His employees and appointees, so, will be overworked writing, signing and circulating disclaimers.

It may be necessary to print denial blanks, with fac-simile signatures of the governor and his loyal witnesses processed thereon. Such blanks would be a great convenience. They could be handed out every five minutes during the governor's talking hours (from 5 a. m. to 10 p. m.) to those who later would fill in what they understood him to have said, knowing well that he will desire to deny it for the excellent reason that he didn't understand that he said it. Equipped with the governor's unceremonious and certified denial of having made the promise the office-seeker, especially, would be relieved of that false sense of security which recently has betrayed him into sour disappointment when somebody else got the job.—Oregon Voter.

Biblical Practice. Fourteen men of the Eden Sunday School Bible class at Subury, Pa., have varied their scriptural studies by going out and doing the spring plowing for Joseph and Jane Bennett, both of whom are past 80. Their culture arm of 120 acres has been prepared for planting, five of charge.

This was due the Bennett, the Bible student fears, because of their lifelong record for Christian kindness. Thus the bread cast upon the waters comes back after many days. And in the process, the Biblical benefactors don't do themselves any harm.

Often religious theory is one thing and religious practice quite another thing. Here both so admirably together. If there were more practical Christianity of this sort, there would be heard less often the bitter charges that "Christianity has failed."—Albany Democrat.

Intrusive Politics. Dr. C. J. Smith, chairman of the Democratic state committee, feels, as we are informed, that his organization should have the opportunity to say what man should be recommended for appointment to the place on the shipping board made vacant by the resignation of Senator Chamberlain. Even under submission that the new member from the Northwest must be a democrat, we shall not risk the democratic chairman to say why the democratic organization should pick him out. No, no. The task we shall set for Dr. Smith is a much harder one than that. It is: Reckle the circumstance when President Woodrow Wilson, having had to appoint a republican to important office, consulted in any way the wishes of any republican organization.

Of course he never did. The fact that law requires that a board shall not be non-partisan, or at least bi-partisan, reveals a plain intent to remove that government agency from the influence of partisan ambitions. It is not a place with which to reward men for services to party, nor one upon which party organizations are to build up their prestige, with party members. It is plain enough that if democratic chiefs put themselves forward as the primary sponsors for an Oregon Democrat, Oregon's chance of having a member on the shipping board will be greatly weakened.

But it is not wholly certain that objection to democratic party members will be a necessary qualification of the member from the Northwest. The Oregonian points with the suggestion that it will be well to find out before a unanimous endorsement is attempted.—Oregonian.

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PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Table with league standings: San Francisco, Vernon, Salt Lake, Portland, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Seattle, Oakland.

OAKLAND, Cal., May 16.—Oakland defeated Portland here today 6 to 2. Although the Beavers out hit the Oaks nearly two to one, they also made many errors when errors meant runs. Mails, Oats' twister, held the Beavers whenever any men were on bases.

Los Angeles Beats Seattle. LOS ANGELES, May 16.—Los Angeles made a two straight against Seattle today, winning the second game of the series 3 to 2. Oie Cranial pitched good ball, holding the Indians to six scattered hits while Twombly, Ansel right fielder, poked out three singles and a double in four times at bat, and Baldwin, Los Angeles catcher, hit two doubles and a single in his four times up.

Senators Loss to Vernon. SACRAMENTO, May 16.—Vernon defeated the Senators 3 to 2 in the second game of the series, making it two straight. Schellbach was leader on the mound than Penner who lasted eight innings.

Salt Lake San Francisco postponed, wet grounds. E. R. Robb, local violin instructor, will leave the first of the month with his family for San Diego, where they expect to spend the summer. Mr. Robb expects to return to Roseburg about the first of August at which time he will resume his classes in violin instruction.

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