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ASK WHAT YE WILL.—If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.—John 15:7

What World Needs

Judge Gary's recent statement on his return from Europe that what the world needs most probably is full reliance on the Bible is a reminder that an amazingly large number of persons in similar stations in life have made like references in recent months.

This recognition of an obvious need of mankind will warm the hearts of men and women who out of honest conviction have been proclaiming that the world has been askew because Holy Writ has been gathering dust on the shelves of the chancelleries and in the market places both in this and other lands.

Like as not such statements as Judge Gary made will be discounted by the extreme radicals as so much pap to be fed to the workingman with the hope that it will make him content and less likely to protest. But such characterization will not find general acceptance, among either those who know the head of the United States or those who know his heart.

There is an undisputed significance in the statements and their emphasis in the secular press. There has been a drifting away from old standards of living. There is unrest in the world. Old Mother Earth rocks in agony at the way her children are behaving. This and that sort of remedy have been tried without effect. What is more natural, then, that thoughtful men and women should at least concede a glance backwards to the days when the Bible, the Church, the Ten Commandments and the strict moral code meant something six days during the week as well as during the service hour on the Sabbath?

Time merely emphasizes the dependability of sticking to principle, of the consequences of failure or refusal to do the right thing, of the folly of avoiding the penalty for wrong living. If the counsel of Judge Gary and others gets people to thinking of the fundamentals of life, perhaps life's problems will not seem so hopeless after all.

"Richer and Poorer"

Throughout the centuries of advancing civilization apostles of unrest have rung the changes on the assertion that "the rich are getting richer and the poor poorer." There have been alternating periods of expansion and contraction. In good times all shared in the prosperity while in bad times the poor suffered greatly. But the movement as a whole has been persistently toward improvement.

The rich have got richer, and the number of rich or moderately well-to-do has increased enormously. But that the poor have grown poorer is not true. It is impossible for wealth to increase without its benefits being distributed to every stratum of society. For proof one has but to look around him. Occasionally we hear it said, as if it were a discovery, that the world is changing. It is changing, but the change has been going on for ages, and moving in one groove all the time. Comparison of the present with times past is convincing of this.

In the seventeenth century in England the accumulation of wealth was as noticeable as has been the accumulation in the United States in the last few years. The rich got very much richer in that time, but the number of people with estates increased by leaps and bounds, these rising from the ranks of the poor, while the condition of the latter class vastly improved as was shown by their ability to gratify ambitions aforesaid wholly out of their reach.

And today the betterment of condition of all classes of society as evidenced by ability to gratify material desires is far greater than 350 years ago, or 10 years ago.

The High Cost of Styles

According to Wm. A. Durgin of the department of commerce in The Nation's Business, your morning's milk is being transported in 239 styles of cans, only to be poured into sixty-odd shapes of milk bottles, fitted with 29 different sizes of paper caps; and the pistons of your automobile motor may be equipped with any one of 11,000 different sizes and types of piston rings.

A single manufacturer of bedsteads just before the war carried 901 designs; and one manufacturer of paper, up to a year or two ago, gloried in a line of over 2,000 varieties and brands; while in such a commodity as women's shoes, no one can state the full extent of variation. For a sample estimate, consider that feminine foot gear is manufactured in widths and sizes totaling a range of 196 items, that any given style may be produced in 10 different materials, giving 1,960 varieties for one style in all leathers, fabrics, sizes and widths; then contemplate the experts' enumerations of current styles, which range from 2,000 to 20,000 designs; and you arrive at a total of from 3,000,000 to 39,000,000 different shoes. Even if the fact is a mere million, it would seem sufficiently prodigious.

Mr. Fish's Salt Lake Booklet

A. J. Fish of the Salt Lake Telegram has issued a magnificent booklet on "Salt Lake City—Center of Scenic America"—which is abundantly worthy of a place in every library. The story is told in beautiful pictures, finely printed in four colors, and it is a story of intense interest. Nothing has been spared to make this booklet worthy of the time one gives it. Mr. Fish was formerly business manager of the Portland Journal and went to Salt Lake City several years ago to take charge of the Telegram of that city. Then he has fit into the general scheme of Utah life, imbibing the loyalty to state which is right and proper, is conclusively shown by the booklet which he has just issued.

Editorials From Over the Nation

"WHY KIDS LIE"

San Francisco Bulletin: Judge Ben B. Lindsey, nationally and internationally famed as a specialist on the subject of juvenile delinquency, has been lecturing to large audiences on chief causes are misdirected loyalty, misdirected energy and misdirected imagination. Behind these he sees defects in the home and the school and even in the church and the state. The prime cause of lying is fear.

When there is no fear of consequences it is as easy to tell the truth as to tell a lie, and the truth will be told unless lying has become a habit.

Fear is a natural instinct and never can be entirely eliminated, but, like every force, it can be directed to serve a good purpose. If there were more fear of public opinion there would be less fear of the law that is its expression.

Love is a greater force than fear, but, unlike fear, it cannot be forced upon children. The child that loves his parents will be inclined to be truthful to them, and if it is trained to love for and loyalty to its country it will grow up to respect its laws.

Children want to be strong, and if lying is presented to them as a form of weakness they will want to be truthful. Develop their strength of character and they will learn to lie. But the parent must be as strong as the child; that is, as strong in character. The bullying father is apt to have an untruthful son, and if the habit of lying is checked in the home, as it can be checked by loving kindness and understanding, it is not so likely to be developed in relations with the outside world, and Judge Lindsey is right in saying that from lies it is an easy step to larceny.

LUXURIES GALORE

Associated Standard: To the query, "Where did all our money go before we had automobiles?" answer was frequently made that surplus cash was taken up in elaborate house furnishings and in the purchase of jewelry, especially diamonds. Indulgences are that recreational as is the aggregate expenditure for automobiles, there has been diminution in the costly adornment of the home and in the love for jewels. Report by a London authority is to the effect that in the last four years there have been imported into the United States from London alone precious stones worth more than \$30,000,000, and that this country absorbs 70 per cent of the world's output of diamonds.

While America is not the center of the world trade in gems, it is still for nearly half a century has been the world's best market.

Another noteworthy statement coming from the London exporters has always been notorious for the necessity of the most costly jewels, in the last few years there has been unprecedented demand here for the cheaper grade of diamonds. These have been shipped to America until the aggregate now reaches into the millions of pennawrights. They are being purchased by persons who never before had enough surplus to invest in such tangible evidences of wealth and prosperity.

Something New

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The price remains the same 5 Cents.
This is just another device to give for our customers. We strive to do all things to give you the most for your money. This machine coats the cones in chocolate, and our company has a drink or a sundae or a hot chocolate or a quart of BLUE ICE CREAM or Sherbert.

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BY JUNIUS

The annual problem of how to carry all your personal belongings when you leave off your vest is bothering an Observer employee. What makes the problem more vexing to him is the knowledge that he has solved the same problem in previous years but he can't remember how.

One means of helping bring the sugar extortioners to time is to stir the sugar in the bottom of your coffee cup.

Lullaby goes out sometimes Opheelia plays goat goat!
Violet strings up all the boys, Kismet needs some, too.

What the travelling men desire is a sash that will take the bumps out of the small-town hotel mattress.

In the old days the difference between a nobody and a somebody was in the blood. Now it's in the bank.

Two Hands For Beginners.
"Cop halted a La Grande driver: 'Why didn't you stick out your hand when you turned that corner?'"
Student: "But, I couldn't let go of the wheel, could I?"
"Cop: 'But, you have two arms.'"
"Ah, step on it," piped up the sweet young thing nestled at his side—and the car sped forward.

Radio is contributing its bit to the slang language. Amos Tash says a La Grande man is called the "vegetable set" because he never broadcasts anything. He is always receiving, but never gives anything.

If at first you don't succeed, phone and phone again.

We asked our girl to go to church Sunday night, but her mother invited herself along—so we went to church.

Another good way to get thin to music is to keep on working while the dinner bell rings.

A smile is a panacea for many ailments: If you are thin, it will make you fat; if you are fat, it will make you lean; if you are ugly, it will make you beautiful; if you are sad, it will make you happy, and so on ad infinitum.

Says the Rushford N. Y. Spectator: Mrs. Onice Eaton took dinner with the Perry family Sunday.

We suppose, of course, that the social side of her visit must have amounted to something, but the fact remains that she was Onice Eaton.

Poets' Corner

DECORATION DAY
And there's graves far away
Of loved ones long gone to their rest
There are no loving hands to place
Flowers thereon,
For those that loved them have drifted
And gone:

Drip, drip, the raindrops fall,
Soft sighs the wind in the pine
Trees tell;
And the sweet wild bird has hushed
His song,
For the sun has not shown the
Whole day long.

From the little pantry window I
Can see
A bunch of sweet violets growing
Close by a pine tree;

Oh, little wild violets, you're sweet
As can be
You seem to nod at me slyly and
beckon to me.

—Grace Rose.

Kind Menace to Crops.
PENNINGTON, Or., June 12.—Rain continued to fall today, and farmers now say that they have had sufficient for their grain crops until they are harvested. Farmers generally are beginning to worry about the continued rain, and hay men who have cut are beginning to harvest their first crop of alfalfa, are losing money by the wet weather.

For the last two nights heavy thunder and lightning storms have swept the county and last night the precipitation reached eight-tenths of an inch. All streams were running high and more rain was expected.

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Bringing the latest versions of this much favored mode, which, with those already here, make a collection of wonderful interest to every woman who has not yet selected her sandals for Summer.
The lower heel and clever cut-out designs are ever-recurring notes in these shoes.
Charming, too, are the various clever strap arrangements which often seem complicated, yet are always so easily fastened in place.
In this collection are Sandals priced at \$5.45, \$6.00 and \$6.50
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