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The Righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. —Psalms 37:29, 31.

An Indefensible Policy

An interesting item of news comes from Kitchener, Ontario. A citizen of that town is a member of the local bricklayers' union. The collegiate board engaged him to teach his trade to attendants in a vocational school, and he has been devoting three nights a week to that work. His union fined him $100 on the charge of "selling the trade," and ordered him to appear before it if he had any protest to make against the fine. He failed to appear and the union added $25 to the fine, making a total of $125.

The item has infinitely more interest from an economic point of view than as an instance of union labor discipline. Of course the object of the latter is to restrict the number of skilled mechanics in order to maintain a higher average wage. But suppose the same policy were adopted by all other trades—by roofers, plumbers, furnace setters and builders, window glass makers, and all the other mechanics engaged directly or indirectly in the construction of a building?

The inexorable consequences would be an increase in the cost of the building. If the latter were used, say, for a retail store, then each item of merchandise sold therein must bear its proportion of the increased cost which must be paid by the consumer. If a building were a dwelling house intended for rent, then the increased cost is included in the monthly rental. But extend the policy to garment makers, to shoemakers, to coal diggers and to producers of foodstuffs. Against the increased cost is added to the necessaries of life, which much be paid by mechanics as well as by everybody else.

If a builder cannot make a profit out of his enterprise he will not build, and that profit can only be made by adjusting the price of his service, products and rentals to the original cost of conducting his business. Prosperity consists in abundance of consumable or usable things, not in scarcity and high cost.

Will Russia Emerge?

Some years ago in the days of the czar and his enemies, the terrorists, in Russia, one of the latter conspired to assassinate the czar. The plot failed and the plotter was executed by royal edict. Among those who vowed vengeance was a brother. The World war came, there was revolution in Russia. The Russian royal family was murdered, rule by the Communists was established and that execution many years before had been avenged by the brother.

This avenger was Nikolai Lenine, who lived only long enough to see the death of his brother avenged and his dream of a communist government come true. Lenine undoubtedly was the master mind of the Russian counter-revolution which established the soviet. Russia and the rest of the world is wondering if the passing of the master mind will overthrow the soviet and restore the old rule of aristocracy.

In the eyes of the United States the Russian absolute monarchy as operative under the czar was neither more nor less a just and equitable government than the present soviet. Both are ruled by the minority. Under the czar it was dictatorship by the aristocracy. Under the soviet it is dictatorship by the proletariat. Neither the aristocracy nor the proletariat is in the majority in Russia, that divine right to govern is vested in Russia in the bourgeois or the great middle class.

When will the Russian middle classes declare themselves? When that time comes the Russian majority will no longer feel the iron heel of dictatorship and oppression of monarchy or communism.

Lo! The Rich Indian

There are worse states than being an Indian, especially if one is of the Osage tribe in Oklahoma. It wasn't an Osage of who Pope spoke in his "Essay on Man." Both the Osages closely resemble white folks in one respect—the more they have the more they want. At present each family is drawing $14,000 a year income from oil, and that is not enough, they think, to maintain their position in Indian society. A delegation is now in Washington asking increased allowances. The government does not permit them to spend their money as fast as it comes in. About two-thirds of the annual return is deposited at interest, lest a day come when the oil wells cease to yield so bountifully.

In most ways these Indians are just like white people. They have big automobiles and find that it costs much to maintain them. When they go to Washington they hire suites in the highest-priced hotels. They are able to pay, too. They are convinced that money was made to spend and thus they tally with many pale faces. Thus we discern that Indians take to the ways of civilization if that is what we are living amidst. The Indian's "untutored mind" is amenable to tutoring in certain directions not less aptly than the white man's. He may stick to his blanket as an article of apparel but he appreciates what money commands in a physical sense. The latter is the only use many white men have for money.

Editorials From Over the Nation

THINGS TO AVOID

Houston Chronicle: Man, the only thing you need fear is your own attitude toward life.

If you are the cringing sort, always there are ignoble ones to beat you down.

If you are the bragging kind, you are bound to be outdone by some one, and often in the direction you least expect.

If you are the "holier than thou" individual you may expect that your sins will find you out and let the other fellow know, because there is no "holier than thou" position which is tenable; we are all human.

If you think you can wrest victory and glory for yourself by doing another a dirty, mean, little trick to smutch the popularity another may win, and which you do not want to divide, the fact that you are capable of such a thing will eventually spoil your sought impression.

Take a few of these facts home to yourself, man or woman, boy or girl, and you will see that you are your own worst enemy in this world.

Get your heart right,
Give others their due,
Be modest.

EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW

Chattanooga News: Women have as good a right to shoot men as men have. But they have no no better right. Judge Humphreys the Atlanta jurist is eminently correct in his view of the matter. Both sexes stand in exactly similar responsibility before the law. Women have the same right in the premises as man, which is exactly no right at all to commit murder. The contemplation of our institutions is that punishment shall be meted out without discrimination as to sex.

That women should enjoy no immunity in the commission of crime, we believe, is the general an evidence of this fact, it is not necessary to note the aversion of the "sob sisters" in having other women serve on juries to try them. It is also worthy of note that women jurors are not greatly impressed with emotional demonstrations by those of their sex who are charged with murder. Let the law take its course, is a safe maxim for the upright citizen.

CO-OPERATION OFFERS A REMEDY

Ladysmith Journal: The co-operative associations of the farmers, some for production, some for marketing, some for purchasing are the most important co-operative manifestations on foot. There is little doubt that the final solution of the agricultural problem in this country, a problem concerning which a good deal is heard lately, will come through co-operation.

TIME TO REJOICE

Baker Herald: Baker owes much to Senator McNary and Congressman Sinnott for their work for the Baker irrigation project, also to the entire Oregon delegation in Washington. They were on the job all the time and it is to their untiring efforts that success can be attributed. It looks like the project is over the top and it is time to start rejoicing.

OBEY LAWS OR REPEAL THEM

Pendleton Times: A real law-abiding citizen will obey a law even if he does not like its provisions. The way to get rid of an obnoxious law is by the same route it was enacted. If there is not sufficient sentiment to bring about the repeal or the changing of the alleged obnoxious law, then it will have to stand and the citizen who is law-abiding will observe that law no matter how irksome it may be for him to do so.

Ski Caravan Attracts

HOOD RIVER, Or.—Despite inclement weather, a few strenuously-inclined folk of Hood River and valley motored over the Mount Hood Loop highway to the edge of the Oregon national forest in the upper valley to join the American Legion skiing party. But for a morning snowstorm, it is likely that more than 50 would have joined the caravan to the snow fields.

Plans are under way for the legionnaires to lead a party to Cloud Cap inn, a hike of about six miles.

The legion men declare that the the Loop highway now makes snow accessible not only to Hood River folks but those of Portland.

Astounding Prevalence

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THE OLD HOME TOWN - - By Stanley

Junius hasn't got the crust. Otherwise she would ask Richards if her future husband has—bucks, she hasn't even the nerve to tell us what she would ask him if she had the nerve to ask him anything.

When they are first married she dolls his silk suspenders up with bows of baby ribbon. Ten years later he can hold his pants up with a piece of rope for all she cares.

Some husbands are so henpecked that they would rather eat a bad egg for breakfast than take a chance on telling Friend Wife she didn't know what she was doing when she bought the egg.

KITTENS ARE LIKE BRIDES — THEY HAVE THEIR EYES OPEN IN NINE DAYS.

It is well to keep in mind the fact that a man is not necessarily contemptible merely because you happen to hate him.

A Few Trade Mottos.
(By Junius)

Campbell Soups—A Polar song.
Paris Garters—You just know she wears 'em.
Hatch One-Button Underwear—Ask the man who owns one.
Nyxated Iron — No metal can touch you.
Du Pont Explosives—Shake well before using.
Yes, We Have No Bananas—!&* blankety $!*!!!!!

Maybe the second hand automobile business isn't doing so well but there is always plenty of demand for a second-hand baby carriage, or a new one as far as that goes.

Things We Can't Forget.
The useless, yet conceited sheik.
Those shingleshobs.
Honeymoons.
The mother-in-laws.
Prohibition.

Notice—Anyone who will be so kind as to send Junius a $40 counterfeit bill will be favored by a picture of her. Junius once swore she would never give any pictures away but since then has changed her mind.

WILL EXPLORE FROZEN NORTH

Modern Day Discoverers, in Giant Air Craft, to Invade Arctic Circle.

LAKEHURST, N. J. (I.N.S.) — Folk called Columbus a "nut" in 1492.

Now they're saying the same thing about Captain Frank McCrary and his heroic crew of the wonder ship, "The Shenandoah."

It is all because Captain McCrary is going to fly over the North Pole next June.

"You bet I'll fly over—the Shenandoah will fly any place, anywhere," Captain McCrary predicts.

And in that he is backed by every officer and man from Captain Antone Heinen, the lovable little "Dutchman" who helped build her, down to the humblest machinist of the merely tolerated ground crew.

There's no use in attempting to quote any particular officer or man connected with the coming Arctic flight—all talk alike.

First they cuss—and if you think an army mule driver or a general of marines has any corner on the cuss-word market just drop in at Lakehurst.

"The blankety-blank, etc., etc., public thinks we're crazy!" the speaker, no matter who he may be, will tell you.

"'What do you want to go to the North Pole for?' We hear that every day. 'You're crazy—you'll never come back,' they tell us."

Then more blankety-blanks follow.

"We don't want to go to the Pole—we are just going to happen to pass the Pole on our trip——"

And then the discussion settles down to a logical explanation of what the polar trip means.

This generation may not see great dirigibles flying around the world—maybe the next generation will not see them either. But the day is coming. Past records prove that.

Now, between Point Barrow, Alaska, and the North Pole are land islands. Science knows that. These islands belong to no men—no man has discovered them. The first nation to set eyes on these islands will own them.

Then consider — the shortest route by air to European Russia is by way of the North Pole. You don't believe it? Get an atlas globe. Look at it. You'll find it is shorter to travel from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Moscow, than it is from New York to Moscow.

"We'll be able to fly to Russia in two days—think of that!" the airmen here will tell you.

When that day comes the nation owning the islands of the Arctic—the landing fields—will control the air and with it the commerce of the air.

The United States wants this control. Captain McCrary and the daring men under him dream of winning this ownership for their native land.

In short, the men at Lakehurst will tell you that is the object of the Shenandoah's polar flight.

"Make it? Why say, it will be an easy trip," every man at the air station declares. "They talk about the cold. Why, it isn't any colder at the Pole than it is up 20,000 feet above New Jersey—we know that. Our motors run and our instruments work in the cold 20,000 feet above the earth. Our motors will run and our instruments will work in the cold at the Pole."

And as for the Shenandoah.

Airmen here stand beside their ship and gaze at it with eyes of love. They praise it. They compare it with the giant ocean liners and with the world's works of art. Pride rings in their voices.

Then they cuss—cuss the folk who think the Shenandoah can't go to the North Pole.

Gilliam Politics Hot.

CONDON, Or. — Although it is more than three months to the primary election, the political pot is simmering in Gilliam county. T. A. Wienke, district attorney, is out for nomination to the state senate. He will be opposed by Ed McKee of Wasco, Sherman county, and Bob Carsner of Spray, Wheeler county. Mr. Carsner has been the state representative for Wheeler, Gilliam and Sherman counties for two or three terms.

Then there is keen competition for the district attorney's office. C. H. Horner, an attorney of Condon, has his announcement in the local paper for that office, it is rumored he will have opposition from J. D. Weed also an attorney of this town.

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