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WAY TO LIFE:—He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8

The Rich Man's Duty

National affairs have taken that turn where they imperatively argue against the retention of our system of bestowing government honors upon those wealthy citizens who have contributed generously to the campaign fund of the party in power. Had there been no contributions to the last presidential campaign funds above the line of suspicion the nation would have been spared the disgrace of the Teapot Dome and Daugherty episodes.

Presidential campaigns are necessarily expensive and because of this the political parties have held no scruples against accepting, and perhaps even courting, large gifts from big business and the rich. It is very doubtful if national campaigns could be continued on the extravagant scale of the past should the "special" contributions be forbidden. It has not been shown, however, that it would be impossible to elect a president at less cost than heretofore.

Most of those who contribute freely disclaim unworthy motives, and probably are without them. But it is not within their power to make their disinterestedness as clear as daylight to everybody. They can do it by absolutely refusing to subscribe such large sums for use in politics as too many of them have been in the habit of giving in past years. They have doubtless thought that they were recognizing an obligation to their party, but there is in reality a higher obligation which rests upon them. It is to the public.

Men of large wealth ought to feel that they have a special duty to do all that they can to maintain confidence in the purity of our public life and in the intergrity of our government. If anybody suspects a mercenary taint upon either, much can be done to remove it by lessening the apparent influence of rich men in political parties. Let those in possession of great fortunes pass a self-denying ordinance; let them refuse to turn over money to a politician just because they have it in plenty and wish to be known as good-natured. They have their hands to a large extent upon the sources of corruption in public life, and should resolutely do their part in drying them up.

Civilization Advances

Comparisons are said to be odious, but if we would know ourselves as a nation we must reflect ourselves in the searching mirror provided by past civilizations and our foreign neighbors. The leader can always learn something from his followers.

Modernity is especially interested in the recent archaeological discoveries in Egypt, China, our own southwest and Central and South America, not so much through empty curiosity as through a desire to learn what the past can teach and to gauge the advance of civilization. We are unconsciously reflecting ourselves in the mummy of King Tut and our institutions in the palace and tomb of the boy Pharaoh.

An American correspondent in Russia writes that the villlages in interior Russia are just awakening to the demands of modern life. He cites instances where electricity has just been "discovered" to the villagers and where the theater is only now being brought to the Russian Towns.

It is hard for those in urban America to believe that electricity and the theater have been unknown to vast areas of Russia because one forgets or does not know that the same condition exists in many parts of this country. Few persons, to be sure, in the United States do not come in contact with electricity in some of its many forms, but even in thickly-populated states there are still towns which still light their streets and houses with gas. As for the theater, in this country it was first brought to the small American town by the moving picture. Before the introduction of the moving picture there were structures which purported to be theaters in many of the smaller towns, but the show troupes which played in them were of little worth and far apart. It is to the motion picture that rural America is turning for the panorama of American life, for the American drama and our own peculiar American comedy.

Boys who don't cut their feet and have stone bruises every summer will never amount to very much.

Dr. Jagger is predicting some very large earthquakes for this Pacific coast. Come, Doc, stand on the other foot.

THE OLD HOME TOWN . . . By Stanley

THE FIFE AND DRUM CORPS PRACTICED TILL A LATE HOUR IN THE BAND STAND LAST NIGHT

OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK

BY JUNIUS

THE BRIDGE DIDN'T BURN.

Doctor—"With care you husband will recover in a week. You don't seem very well pleased."

Wife—"You told me he would die a week ago—so I sold all his clothes."

"What would you call a man who hid behind a woman's skirts?" is a question played up by one newspaper. Junius says she'd call him "damn skinny."

SOME MEN HAVE INSOMNIA AND SOME HAVE TALKATIVE WIVES.

Talk about laws. Read this one. The high court ruled that "although he can walk straight, although he may attend to his business and may not give any outward or visual signs to the casual observer that he is drunk, yet if he is under the influence so as not to be himself, so as to be excited from it and not to possess the clearness of intellect and the control of himself, that he otherwise would have, he is intoxicated."

What this country needs is fewer schools for the deaf and dumb and more for the strictly dumb.

Professor (entering room)—"You are drunk. I saw you running around here in a circle."

Freshman—"No sir, I'm not drunk. I was just trying to read the name of a Victrola record while it was playing."

If a woman doesn't get the man she wants, God help the man she gets.

Talking about chickens Junius happens to remember this one.

The Vicar—"So you like the country? Are your hens good layers?"

Housewife (fresh from New York)—"Topping! They haven't laid a bad egg yet."

Paying for the Home

"Up to two years ago my money all went to doctors and medicine for my stomach trouble. I was constantly filled with gas and no medicine helped me permanently until I tried a bottle of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy at that time with excellent results. Now I am using my money in paying for a home." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. At all druggists.—Adv.

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Lectures By Stoddard

By J. B. STODDARD

To the editor of the Observer, the boys and girls of Union county and of the world:

The center of consciousness is in every person's mind. Everything radiates from and reacts on the mind of each person.

When you asked me to write a series of lectures for people who read I had no idea of the magnitude of the task you set me. I wanted to balk before I had even started.

I address you as boys and girls, for all people are grown-up children. Most people have the prejudices they are born with. For two thousand years the nations have stood ready to blow each other's brains to eternal froth. The leaders formulate some wise saws and hand out as the proper dope the traditions that have been handed down to us. Some bothead takes up the cry and the whole human race become savages. The only thing we can suggest is intelligent, properly directed. First we will have to apply a sufficient coat of justice. It may make the people sick on account of the reaction and because justice has never been given a fair trial. The law of action and reaction may give a little relief when the strain is too heavy at the weakest point. We must not forget that the universe is governed by nature's eternally balancing forces.

I have seen you boys and girls in action on election day and you have not changed much from methods of your ancestors. You must return to the charter of our liberty. I am not blaming anyone—you are all actually guilty of political trickery if you work at it.

When your forefathers made this government of the United States of America they looked over the list and decided the principle upon which men could agree and they barred all controvertible questions and religion was one of them. So they agreed to leave out of politics all religious belief. It may take a matter of several centuries for us to become sufficiently civilized or advanced in our thinking so that we can run the election without the barring the issue of religion.

I stated the other day that all knowledge is relative, that there is such a thing as the oneness of the faith. Until we acquire the oneness of the faith we will have to try to get along with the constitution of the United States and bar religion from politics.

Remember that all true knowledge does not admit of argument—it is demonstrated truth. It is only because of ignorance that men disagree on demonstrated laws of nature. We do not disagree on the right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

When I started to write this article I was supposed to confine myself to the subject, "Whither Are We Drifting?" I went back to the time of Christ and Julius Caesar to make some comparisons.

I found that President Coolidge had recommended the doctrine of freedom of speech and the press from a mistaken idea that the spirit of the times demanded it.

Every expedient has been tried in government from the tortures of the Inquisition to the love Christ taught and practiced. They crucified Jesus after they found him to be innocent. And as the Roman soldier pierced his side with cruel steel they put a crown of thorns upon his head and mocked him and with the blood streaming down his face he cried out from the anguish in his heart, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Then with a last gasp he said, "If it is possible, Father, let this cup pass." No wonder our fathers worshiped him as a god and when we take into consideration the characters of most of the gods that have been handed down to us this worship belittles the character of Jesus Christ.

The lapse in the growth of civilization during the dark or middle ages is nature's own way of recuperating from death and decay. Civilization is a tender plant, artificially produced. It is often run over with weeds of superstition and ignorance. It has to be protected from the storms of winter and the scorching heat of the desert winds. It has more deadly enemies than any other thing in existence.

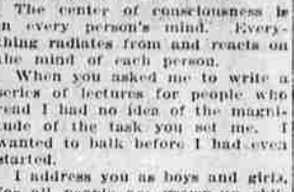
The poet says, "We shall know each other better when the mists have cleared away."

The lose of a firm national character or the degredation of a nation's honor is an inevitable prelude to its destruction. All truth is one from the tiniest electron to the distant star.

NEW LOCATION FOR ROAD

ST. HELENS, Ore.—At a special session the Columbia county court approved the location of the Fall creek route of the Clatskanie-Mist market road and ordered a call made for bids for clearing, grubbing and grading of about 13 miles of the seven-mile road. The location of the road has bothered the court for several months, residents in the section affected having been unable to agree.

READ THE CLASSIFIED ADS



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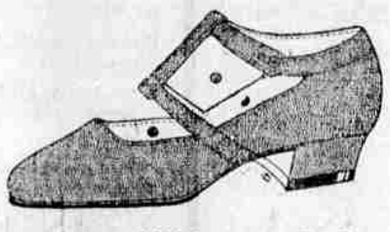

Footwear Whose Colors Accord With Summer's Colorful Sportswear

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