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THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR—Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever commiteth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house forever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.—John 8:34, 35, 36.

It is possible to be too hard on lobbyists. A lobbyist would be a washout without a listener.

The campaign to make the head of the house Christmas-conscious has already been launched in most homes.

A man in Holland has invented a doorbell that doesn't ring until a penny is put in a slot. That man is a genius but the invention will be tough on small boys.

A new fruit, said to be 30 inches long and shaped like a pear, has been discovered by explorers in the wilderness of Yucatan. This would be served, we imagine, like a grape-fruit, not like cherries.

THE "OVERPRODUCTION" MYTH

Those who are not in accord with the president's "confidence" construction program make the criticism that the remedy proposed in the interest of saving business from real reaction is a dose of what it is suffering from. In short, the view they hold is that overproduction cannot be cured by more production.

On first thought this opinion seems to meet the situation neatly and to be based on sound logic. And yet it fails to take into account various important phases of the question.

Take the case of building construction, for instance. It can scarcely be questioned that surplus of housing now exists. Considering housing accommodations as a whole, however, who will say that there is a surplus of modern shelter while there are still unsanitary tenements and ramshackle homes, flimsy factories and other out-of-date edifices? Apply such a test and there is no surplus of good housing—there is a definite shortage. In no industry that comes to mind is there such discrepancy between the best and the worst. A variation so wide must sooner or later be reduced.

Should the new operations be carried along on a scale at all commensurate with the potential task, little indeed would be heard of overproduction in any line now afflicted with the problem. Building workers would supply the demand for all present surpluses. Purchasing power would grow and business expand.

It must also be remembered that the president's program contemplates public works along with other forms of construction. And the total indicates that 1930 will be one of the biggest business years on record.

SPEECH AS A SAFETY VALVE

Although bristling with practical difficulties, the question of free speech is one concerning which the citizen must have well-defined opinions. Books by the hundred and platform utterances by the thousand cover the subject theoretically. The rub comes in its everyday application.

History as well as common sense teaches the simple lesson that severe repression often proves its own undoing. Impeach as we may the motives or character of the adventurous spirits responsible for the French and Russian revolutions, yet there is more than a suspicion that their bloody and tyrannous struggle holds came about partly because of preceding regimes of suppression as well as corruption. One extreme leads to another; if the pendulum swings too far one way, it does not come to rest until it has gone to the opposite extreme.

Blest is the country in which the natural steam of youth is allowed to escape through a million harmless and unnoticed vents, rather than being spent up for an inevitable eruption. There is no sadder spectacle than the middle-aged alumnus who suddenly becomes shocked because a small group of sophomores or juniors in his dear old alma mater have decided to form a club of purple souls, or socialists, or what have you.

People who favor unbounded freedom of speech and those who are thinking chiefly of the danger of destructive propaganda, both overlook the fact that these matters are pretty well governed by definite law. Usually it is better to let the pink say his speech without protest, and then hold him responsible for what he says under the law as it exists.

After all, a sound citizenship must be exposed now and then to more or less silly extravagances of ideas. For the most part people recognize buncomb when they hear or read it. It evaporates when it strikes the air, and the citizen, half amused and half indifferent, pauses for only a fraction of a minute, and goes about his own affairs.

Abe Martin



Alcoholic psychosis is nothing more or less than D. T.'s in a dinner suit. An other thing to consider before becoming a democrat when you do sit an office you're swept in.

Four Teams Tied For First Place In Western Race

Four Pacific Coast conference teams were today in an actual tie for leadership with the season at an actual tie for leadership with the season at an end. Southern California gained a mathematical lead in the conference race Saturday by romping to a 27 to 7 score over Washington State college, but the conference holds that teams that have played five or more games, with a like number of defeats, shall be considered tied.

The conference standings follow:

Team	W.	L.	T.	Per.
Southern California	6	1	0	.857
Stanford	5	1	0	.833
Oregon	4	1	0	.800
California	4	1	0	.800
Washington State	4	2	0	.667
U. C. L. A.	1	3	0	.250
Oregon State	1	4	0	.200
Idaho	1	4	0	.200
Montana	0	4	1	.200
Washington	0	5	1	.000

Another all-star football team made its appearance over the weekend, when "Pop" Warner, of Stanford, announced his 1929 all-coast selections, which follow:

First Team	Name of school	Pos.
	Tappan, U. of S. Cal.	L. E.
	Schweigler, Wash.	L. T.
	Barrager, U. S. Cal.	L. G.
	Heinrich, Stanford	R. G.
	Schwartz, California	R. T.
	Ackerman, St. Mary's	R. E.
	Muller, Stanford	R. E.
	Blean, California	Q.
	Loom, California	L. H.
	Huffman, Washington	R. H.
	Smalling, Stanford	P. B.
Second Team		
	Norton, California	L. E.
	Colbert, Oregon	L. T.
	Shields, Oregon	L. G.
	Riegels, California	C.
	Herbin, St. Mary's	R. T.
	Diehl, Idaho	R. T.
	Striff, Oregon State	R. E.
	Stammers, U. of S. Cal.	Q. B.
	Stannett, St. Mary's	L. H.
	Stannett, Oregon	R. H.
	Fleishackee, Stanford	P. B.
Third Team		
	Edling, St. Mary's	L. E.
	Brown, Ucla	L. T.
	Gregor, Washington	L. G.
	Hein, Wash. State	C.
	Philo, California	R. G.
	Tomby, Stanford	R. T.
	Huntley, St. Ignace	R. E.
	Hartman, Pomona	Q. B.
	Franklin, Stanford	L. H.

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Union Pacific Wins Award For Operating Safety

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2—Award of the Harriman medal for achievement in operating safety to the Union Pacific Railroad company was announced in a communication received in the Portland office of the system yesterday. Formal presentation will be made in New York December 5 to Carl H. Gray, president of the system.

This is the fourth year the Union Pacific company has received the medal, given by Mrs. E. H. Harriman in memory of her husband, ex-chairman of the Harriman lines. The Union Pacific had the best safety record in 1924, 1925, 1927 and 1928.

In figuring the rating of the 159 companies competing in the three groups of class 1 railroads, the judges considered passenger casualties and all other accidents to non-travelers at grade crossings and elsewhere. The committee of award reported after its study that encouraging progress had been shown toward safety.

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