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I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. — Psalm 34: 4.

AN HEROIC EXAMPLE

In recent months we have read a good many news stories which have a tendency to weaken our faith in human nature.

But, on the other hand, we have also read a good many stories which help to balance the scales and assure us that the upward struggle of humanity is not entirely hopeless after all.

We are reminded of that story from Canyon City, Colorado, which appeared in the papers recently; a story of an utterly unknown, perfectly ordinary human being who proved himself capable of real bravery and the highest nobility.

Tom and George Embleton, brothers, were digging a well with their father. They had dug the shaft to a depth of sixty feet, and then it was necessary to lower George in a bucket and place a dynamite charge.

George fell to the bottom, was knocked unconscious, and lay there right on top of a charge of dynamite that was certain to explode very shortly.

Tom, without a moment's hesitation, clutched the rope and ordered his father to lower him into the well, knowing that the explosion would occur in a few seconds, but hoping to be able to reach the bottom before the fuse burned away.

Unfortunately he was unable to save his brother. The charge went off when Tom was only half way down the shaft. He went on down to the bottom, picked up his brother's broken body and sent it quickly to the surface, but it was too late.

But you will live a long time before you will find a finer example of real bravery than Tom displayed in this incident. Stories like this are heartening. To see a man who is ready to act on the belief that there is something immensely more important than saving his own skin restores our faith in the entire race.

That spark of nobility is present in every one of us, but it is frequently buried so deep in selfishness that it never appears on the surface.

CHEWING GUM AND VERACITY

Many have been the schemes devised to dissuade witnesses from falsifying their testimony, and to ascertain when they are telling the truth and when not. Sensitive instruments have been evolved to measure the heart beat, which is supposed to quicken when a lie is formed in the witness' mind.

During a trial in which one of the two disputants — a man and a woman — was obviously indulging in falsehoods, the presiding judge observed that both were chewing gum. Without their knowledge he took an accurate count of their "chews" per minute. The results were an average of 69 beats per minute with a maximum 72 for the woman, while the man averaged 84, with a peak speed of 110.

The scientific assumption is that the man was the most excited of the two, which lends some light as to their relative veracity. If it is true those who are telling the truth display the greatest composure under fire from counsel, then fast gum chewing on the witness stand is a dead give-away.

It has never been featured in chewing gum advertisements, but the fact remains that what the gum chewer seeks most from his favorite pastime is neither an aid to digestion nor a substitute for dentifrice but a salve for his nerves. He chews that he may relax or, in more scientific language, that he may express in outer rhythm the pulsations of his inner being. It follows from this that the faster the chewer kneads his wad the greater, in all likelihood, is the perturbation or excitement that he seeks thus to still.

So let all gum-chewers take heed and park their cuds under the bench before they ascend the witness stand.

Other Papers Say:

OUTLAWING CONQUESTS

Secretary Stimson's recent declaration that America would abide by the policy of refusing to recognize territorial or economic gains which any nation may make by force of arms

represents a change in international relations far greater than is generally realized. This policy, affirmed last winter, adopted by the League of Nations and repeated last June by the nations of South America in connection with the row between Bolivia and Paraguay, can be made an extremely effective force for world peace — if the nations of the world give it more than lip service.

OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.

of conquest—a right as old as civilization. Never before has the world ever tried to commit itself to the doctrine that force is not, after all, the final arbiter in international relations.

CHEATING OURSELVES
The story is told of a dishonest worker. He and his family were roofless when upon a certain good Samaritan decided to surprise this poor man with a comfortable home.

When the good Samaritan returned the builder said: "That's a fine house I built on the hill." "Good," was the reply. "Go move your folks into it at once for the house is yours. Here is the deed." The builder was thunder-struck. He realized that, instead of cheating his friend, he had been instantly cheating himself when he did not know it was his own house he was building.

That illustration reminds us vividly of the predicament our voters and taxpayers find themselves in today. They suffer under a burden that has become almost unbearable. They wait and long about the burdens of taxation, war, and other things, but they are not criticizing the house they built themselves.

Now we are reaping the rewards. Of course the House we built leaks and cracks and threatens to collapse. But we can't blame it on the other fellow. We built it ourselves.

BISHOP CRANSTON, M. E. LEADER, DIES
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had, unfortunately, too long believed. Through the bishop deplored what he termed the low state to which politics had fallen, he bitterly fought against church participation as such in electoral campaigns.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK
CHICAGO, Aug. 19 (U. S. D. A.)—Hogs 14,000, active, 10 1/2 cents higher, 180-220 lbs. \$4.80 to \$4.90. Cattle 1,000, fairly active, steady to strong on most killing classes.

LA GRANDE RETAIL MARKETS

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Vegetables, Fruit, Dairy, Eggs, Flour, Meat, Fish, and Poultry.

Forest Service To Spend \$3,000,000
SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 18 (U. S. D. A.)—The U. S. Forest Service will spend \$3,000,000 on highways and other developments in Western Montana, North Idaho and East Washington in the next 10 months.

DR. MOUNT TO ATTEND OREGON CITY, Aug. 19 (U. S. D. A.)—Dr. Albert Mount, member of the state board of health, left here Thursday evening for Pendleton to attend state board session there today.

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By J. R. Williams

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We are paying the highest market prices for gold bridgework, crowns, watch cases, chains, rings, bracelets, brooches, native gold or anything with a gold content. Phone Main 740 or call at the Sommer hotel for appointment. Sunday included. Gold Products Co. 8-19-1 pm

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR UNION COUNTY, OREGON
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