

What Would Jesus Do?

BY DR. A. W. VINCENT
(Continued from last week.)

Business life to-day is a battle of wits against wits, energies directed not against nature to make her yield more abundantly of her substance, but against fellow-men to secure that which they have already brought forth. A battle as wasteful of energies, as cruel and inconsiderate, and more far-reaching in its effects than any savage battle of muscle against muscle. Using in these days the sheer force of accumulated capital, which is more brutal than brute force, for the brute is satisfied when its mast is filled.

But this battle we are told must continue, and for what? As an incentive, forsooth! To stimulate our energies. What sort of energies? To allow the savage to reap a reward for overpowering an enemy, stimulates not his productive energies but his fighting energies. The mere producer is robbed and despised. To allow a man to reap a reward for speculative business gambling is an incentive to develop only speculative gambling instincts. The mere producer is still despised and robbed, only far more systematically by this method.

What greater incentive to useful effort, physical or mental, can be given than to guarantee to each his full product, that is, a full share with his fellows of their joint product? For production is no longer by individual but by joint effort. Once provide that he may by shrewdness, scheming and speculative manipulations obtain more than a just share, part of what others produce, and that this once obtained by whatever means, may be used as capital to utterly control the labor of others, and you have not only destroyed the guarantee, destroyed the incentive for useful production, but have given the greatest possible incentive to scheming, trickery and oppression; aye, to stealing, murder, bribery and corruption of a thousand different forms. An incentive, Ah God, how great! the present age bears eloquent testimony.

Individual self-interest is never the best incentive to effort. It takes the enthusiasm of numbers having a joint interest to bring forth the best effort. A man will do far more for "our side," "our college," "our foot ball team," or "our country," than for merely individual interest.

Does the soldier who fights side by side with his comrades fight less valiantly because he knows that his success is their success? Is it necessary to allow each soldier to fight independently and keep all the loot he can gain in order to furnish him a necessary incentive? But to carry out the analogy to our present day business life he must also fight his comrades and take from them if possible any loot they may have gained. And this is individualism—Savagery.

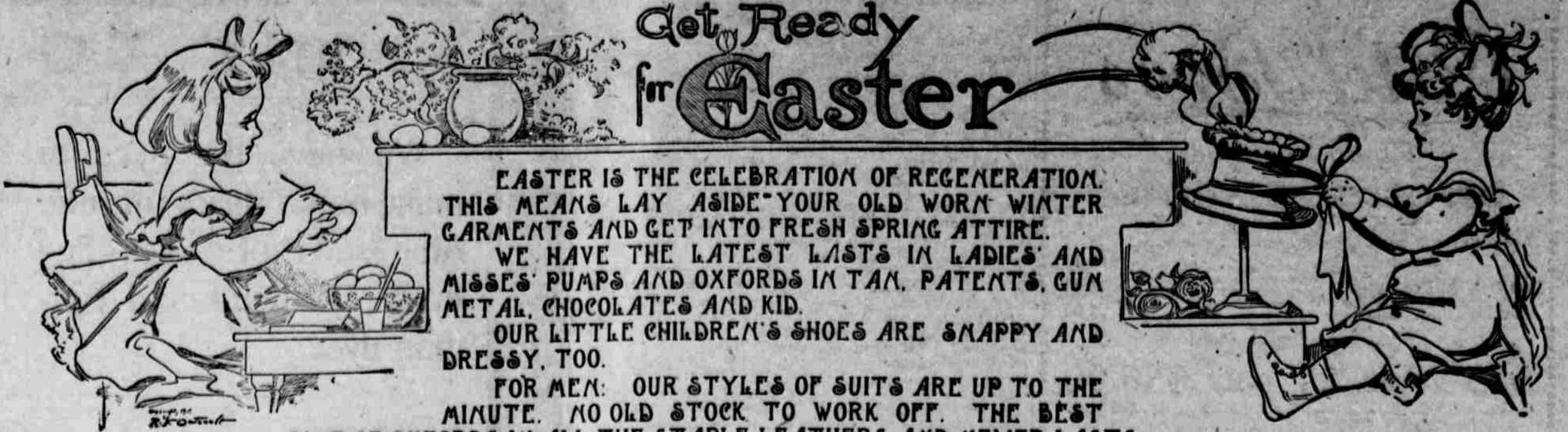
The soldier of to-day is not entirely unselfish, but he is sufficiently enlightened to perceive that in such individualism there is no success worthy the name of any. He might overpower the weaker ones and hold authority over them for a time, but he cannot rise from the depths of savagery until they cease fighting each other and hold that physical force in a common fund for the protection of each. Then there is developed within his breast a feeling of patriotism, of comradeship, of brotherhood. An incentive far deeper, more intense, and more effective than any selfish motive within the savage breast. He will die willingly and proudly for his comrades, for his country.

Oh, that we might, in the great battle of life, the battle against the elements, fight as a great united army and so develop something akin to that feeling of comradeship, that patriotism! Now we struggle among ourselves, the strong maintaining a position of safety in the rear, forcing the weak into the front ranks to meet the grim enemies, Hunger and Cold, to whom full many a one falls a victim. And yet these enemies were so easily conquered did each but do his share and meet them with discipline and a united front.

Oh, barbarous Christian civilization, not to perceive that to overpower a brother man by means of mental superiority, is the same in principle, the same in effect, as to overpower him by means of physical superiority; not to perceive that mental competition for the essentials of life make true Christianity as impossible as does physical competition!

Oh, honorably may the Christian kill where the rule is kill or be killed; by honorable methods may he reduce his brother man to poverty, where the rule is impoverish or be impoverished! But what of him who makes no effort or even opposes any efforts to change that rule, who would preach love and unselfishness and honorable methods of killing each other to savages, but oppose the organization of their political life from individualism up to Democracy; who preaches righteousness and peace and honorable methods of getting something for nothing in business, and opposes that same organization of business affairs from individualism up to Democracy?

The mere preaching of Christian principles, without the teaching of



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RESOLUTION

It is resolved by the city of St. Johns. That it deems it expedient and necessary to improve Kellogg street from the southerly line of New York street to the northerly line of Chicago street in the city of St. Johns in the following manner, to-wit: By grading same to established grade or grade to be established by cut and fill and sidewalk same on either side full length with six-foot cement walk 12-foot curb, and by placing a strip of macadam 16 feet wide, eight inches deep in the center, six inches on either side, said walk and curb to have expansion joints as directed by the city engineer, curb to have four-inch tile drains every 30 feet. All work to be according to the plans and specifications of the city engineer on file in the office of the city recorder relative thereto, which plans and specifications are and are hereby approved. Said improvements to be made in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns, and under the supervision and direction of the city engineer. That the cost of said improvement to be assessed as provided by the city charter upon the property especially and particularly benefited thereby, and which is hereby declared to be all of lots, parts of lots, blocks and parcels of land between the terminal of such improvements abutting upon, adjacent or proximate to said Kellogg street from the marginal lines of said street back to the center of the block or blocks or tracts of land abutting thereon or proximate thereto. That all the property included in said improvement district aforesaid is hereby declared to be "Local Improvement District No. 33." That the city engineer's assessment of the probable total cost of said improvement of said Kellogg street is \$1714.13. That the cost of said Kellogg street to be assessed against the property in said local assessment district as provided by the city charter of the city of St. Johns. Adopted the 15th day of March 1910. A. M. ESSON, Recorder. Published in the St. Johns Review, March 18 and 25, 1910. a means of applying them, not only an organized political government to prevent individual struggles, but an organized business government in place of the present day anarchy and despotism, is but crying "peace, peace, when there is no peace," for God himself could not keep peace in Heaven and permit competition in any form for the essentials of existence in that abode.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah. Amanda F. White, Elizabeth M. Cadwell, Parker F. Morey, Lettie Lyons and Mary Norton, Plaintiffs. Frederic Probstel and Media Probstel, his wife; Marie B. Snodgrass, Joseph H. Snodgrass and Bell Snodgrass, his wife; William F. Snodgrass and Grace Snodgrass, his wife; Margaret Abbott and Frank T. Abbott, her husband; Jessie M. Bartlett and E. W. Bartlett, her husband; Sarah E. VanBuren and J. VanBuren, her husband; James G. Snodgrass and Lola M. Snodgrass, his wife; Judith N. Snodgrass, Lot L. Snodgrass, Maude M. Snodgrass, John Francis Snodgrass, James G. Snodgrass, administrator of the estate of W. J. Snodgrass, deceased, Defendants. To Margaret Abbott, Frank T. Abbott, William F. Snodgrass, Grace Snodgrass and Judith N. Snodgrass, of the defendant above named, and each of you. In the name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you, are hereby summoned and required to appear and make answer to the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before Saturday, the 16th day of April, 1910, which date is subsequent to the expiration of six months after the 4th day of March, 1910, the 4th day of March, 1910, being the date of the first publication of this summons, and it is prescribed by the order for publication that the same shall be published once a week in the St. Johns Review, for six consecutive weeks. If you fail to so appear, the plaintiffs will apply to the above entitled court for relief prayed for in their complaint, to-wit: First.—That the claim, or pretended claim of each of said defendants to the real property of the plaintiffs, to-wit: Lots numbered four and five in block numbered eleven, in the Griswold tract, in city of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, owned by Amanda F. White. Lots numbered six and seven in the aforesaid block, owned by Elizabeth M. Cadwell. Lot numbered two, in block thirteen, of the aforesaid tract, owned by Parker F. Morey. Lot numbered one in block numbered one, of the aforesaid tract, owned by Lettie Lyons. Lots numbered 8 in blocks eleven and thirteen of the aforesaid tract, owned by Mary Norton, be adjudged null and void and that the title to their respective lot or lots, be removed, and that the title of the plaintiffs to their respective lot or lots, be forever quieted against each of the defendants. Second.—That a deed from Frederick Probstel to Wendell Probstel, dated Sept. 24, 1857, recorded in book A, at page 488, Multnomah county, Oregon, deed records, on Sept. 26, 1857, be reformed, so to appear clear to the property therein conveyed, or attempted to be conveyed as follows, to-wit: "All of river lot number one (1) in section 20, and lots numbered one, two, three and five, and the east half of the north-west quarter of section 21, all in township one north, range one east of Willamette meridian, in Multnomah county, Oregon, containing 159.29 acres, more or less. Third.—That the deed from Frederick Probstel and Media Probstel, his wife, to J. W. Snodgrass, dated Oct. 8, 1908, recorded at page 138, in book 435, Multnomah county, Oregon, deed records, on October 9, 1908, covering the lots herein first described, and other property, and the deed from J. W. Snodgrass and M. B. Snodgrass dated Nov. 4, 1908, recorded Oct. 18, 1909 in book 466, at pages 395, and 396, to F. Probstel covering an undivided one-half interest in the lots herein first described, with other property, both be cancelled and held for naught, as to the real property of these plaintiffs. Fourth.—That each of the defendants herein be required to give a conformity deed to each of the plaintiffs herein for their respective lot or lots as here-in described, or in lieu thereof, the decree of this court stand as and for such deed. Fifth.—For a temporary restraining order, restraining each of defendants from making or attempting to make any conveyances of the aforesaid property or encumbering the same while this suit is pending. Sixth.—That each of the defendants be forever enjoined and restrained from interfering with or asserting any right or claim to, any part of the lots or real property herein first described. Seventh.—For such other, further or additional relief as the court may deem meet and equitable in the premises. Eighth.—For judgment against each of defendants for costs and disbursements incurred by plaintiffs in this suit. This summons is published pursuant to an order of the presiding judge of the above entitled court, made and entered the 3d day of March, 1910. GEORGE J. PERKINS, Attorney for plaintiff. March 4, 1910, date of first publication. April 15, 1910, date of last publication. Subscribe for the St. Johns Review and keep posted on the doings of the city.

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