

SOME HORSE SENSE

John Stark's Little Sermons on Some of Our Big Topics

Hereafter there will be no room for anyone to complain because of failure. I have seen a positive illustration that it is all in the effort of the individual.

Every man can have an auto and a "shofer;" employ an individual barber and bootblack. Every man over twenty-five years old can go to Congress and have his speeches on schedule K printed, by leave, in the record. All he needs to do is to have the ability to get a hump on himself.

Every woman can employ a half dozen dressing maids and go encased in one of those beauty corsets, which squeezes her gastronomic organs clear up to her chin. All anyone needs is get up and get there!

The illustration is convincing. A four-horse team was left standing on Ninth street. The off side nearest the curb. You may all have noticed what fine grass and clover is now growing in the parkings. What would be more natural than that the horses should help themselves to such tempting fodder. Strange as it may seem, only one of the four availed itself of the opportunity, the other three very much like the two-footed brother of the ox, permitted this splendid chance of luscious morsel to go to waste. This one horse was the leader; mark that, leaders are always in front, because they possess the quality to lead and by some means, was not checked up.

The high horse, the horse just spoken of, was checked up, as was the off horse on the wheel, while the high horse was unchecked. Be sure you get the picture correctly, then you will understand the quality that makes for success in human affairs as well as this four horse team.

The high leader made pretense of wanting the feed but did not get any. No, it is not true to say, because he was checked up, for the horse just behind him was not checked up, and he did not eat. Neither is it true that being on the high side was the cause for the off horse on the wheel failed to help himself altho these three pretended to want the feed, only one had the gumption to get it.

Seeing the impatience of the three and no driver about, I proceeded to lecture these creatures on the unreasonableness of their attitude by telling them that they were unjustly envious of the successful one, that it was wrong to find fault with the one eating his fill. They each would do the same if they were in his place and that they could be in his place, if they only kept their eyes open to the opportunities about them; if they had only managed correctly they could not only have been on the right side, but it was quite evident they need not have been checked up.

It all depended upon looking ahead, besides it was very wicked to find fault with the sphere with which it had pleased God to put them in, if they would only be content to look on the bright side of things, after which perhaps, they would see it was all for their own good. A lot more of that philosophy which I learned out of the newspapers and college professors, I put to them, but it did not seem to impress the stubborn, unreasoning brutes who kept pawing in impatient manner.

Presently I observed two of the number had been "sterilized" so a bright idea struck me. I proceeded to show them that they had perhaps transgressed some law, human or divine, or both, that they were or had been, a menace to society; that they had only got what was coming to them or they would not be in present condition; that they were of a low order and were unfit for full citizenship; that no doubt but their inheriting traits of character were bad, and such traits must be eradicated by all means—to prove the theory of the survival of the fittest, and also, above all things, it might be a punishment inflicted upon them for the acts of some remote ancestor, eating the grass that had been reserved for Angus Die, which was growing in the shade of the old apple tree. About this time the driver came up and I heard him say some people lacked horse sense and as he drove away he muttered something about the need of more asylums and wondered why in Texas there should not have been one on every corner.

I see that an aggregation of heretic hunters, in a recent meeting, by a majority vote, decided that hell was no place for infants. Men and women have been tortured and burned at the stake in times gone by, for disputing the idea of infant damnation, but our men of God and avowed Christians persisted in preaching that rubbish up to this late day. A change is surely on the Calvinists are being jarred loose.

The world does move, but the propelling force is the dissenter; the persons who dispute that all topics are closed questions upon being announced by solemn faces.

The sneaking trick the English ministry played upon the women, has intensified the fight for equal suffrage rights. What power is it that refuses the vote to women? Is it the breweries? What ever it is, I say bravo, my English sisters. Keep up a hammering and lay the island in waste. Make it a barren wilderness, if those human wretches refuse to give to you your just rights.

There is a gentleman by the name of Goff who represents the coal companies of West Virginia in the upper house of lords. He is drawing a salary as a retired Federal judge, also as senator \$14500 and perquisites of office. At the same time men and women are jailed and illegally held prisoners; newspapers are suppressed for asking for a living wage for coal mines in that state. It's a snap

governing the most enlightened people on earth.

The press informs us that Epsom salts are being used by working into leather to add to the weight. A government estimate has it at twelve million pounds per year. A neighbor informs me that marble dust was worked into the leather at the tannery where he worked. Hist! don't say a word, or you will start the "infant industry" a cryin'. Besides that you will be an enemy of prosperity, protection, patriotism and the grand old flag of the smartest people on earth.

JOHN F. STARK

A SOCIALISTIC VIEW

Some Matters for Thinkers to Think of and Act On

The inability of the average educator to get a clear view of the modern labor movement makes itself so apparent when one makes a critical study of literature emanating from this class. It seems a rare occasion when one out of touch with every day industrial life, is able to get the proper perspective of this important subject. It is amazing what superficial views the average college professor takes of the labor problem. In the Labor Journal of May 5th, appears an article entitled "Dangers of the minimum wage," written by Professor Saeger of Columbia University. The professor herein points out very graphically the necessary interrelation, and interdependence of society.

He states the majority of employers in this country pay living wages. I think if the professor would interview our government statisticians he would find it a little difficult to be compelled to live on what the average industrial worker receives. He notes these necessary workers in society equally entitled to the good things of life as our professor? And is society not as much indebted to this portion of workers as to our educators?

He attributes wages paid below the minimum to an over supply, or congestion of labor in particular places, and, inefficiency, or lack of practical training. He says "these inefficient are swollen every year by those leaving the public schools, and that they are the cannon food for of our industrial army."

He pictures the fierce struggles between the masses and the hopelessness of their struggles. He says the important thing to do is to stop the production of these, and make all efficient by training in school; He further says "The necessity of putting this into practice is one of the most urgent tasks now confronting society." We heartily agree with the professor that all should be educated and trained for an equal opportunity in life's struggles.

It is a crime against society to permit children to enter life's struggles handicapped for want of training as they must face in our present inhuman social system; The struggle is certainly fierce enough for the best trained who have nothing but their labor power to sell. However, if it were possible to train every child to its utmost capacity in productive ability, it would fall short of solving the problem so long as we adhere to the present system whereby the great mass of humanity are the servants of those who own and control the machinery of production and distribution of life's necessities. Where would these efficient workers find remunerative employment under an employing system that must necessarily look for the cheapest? Would not these trained workers meet the same condition of an over supply of workers? A matter of efficiency could not make positions where none existed, and it logically follows that if the inefficient were made more efficient thereby increasing their productive power they would but intensify the struggle for the better positions which would tend to bring down the wages of those who were receiving more than the untrained. The fact that the efficient are better paid than the inefficient, is not so much due to their inefficiency as it is to the advantage they have over the inefficient by being smaller in numbers.

So long as we retain the profit system in our social arrangement, try as we may, we cannot escape the result. Our learned professors may theorize as to how practical education is going to solve our economic problem, but so long as they ignore the social co-operative plan, their efforts will prove of little value. This tendency to an increasing number of unemployed, is inherent in our economic system, and you cannot escape by education, until you educate the people to change the system. When Society is forced (as soon it must be) to recognize this fact, then will we have begun a rational and practical method of solving these problems. It seems to me that it should be apparent to even a superficial observer, that the producing of a greater number of efficient workers, as well as the production of a larger amount of products than society can consume, only aggravate the condition under the present system, and if this be true, why insist on dealing with an effect without going to the cause, as the average professor is wont to do.

F. CRABTREE, Chairman Press Comm. Socialist Party of Portland, Ore.

REDLAND

Mr. Bradley gave a social and entertainment, from which there was realized \$22.80. Mr. Bradley certainly taught a successful school, ever one of the 7th grade pupils graduating, with the highest per cent of any of the schools in the county.

Everygreen school closed with a pie social, the highest pie sold brought \$2.50, possibly because some one stepped onto it.

Mr. Ripley has purchased an auto. Mrs. Howard has moved to live with her folks.

Mrs. Powers entertained a truck load of people from Portland Sunday. L. Frick has been treating poles for the C. C. M. Tel. Co. and will rebuild line out from Oregon City.

Shearing is about completed and the fleeces are generally good. Vaughn Chadwick has purchased a trotting horse from Emery Powers.

Quite a crowd turned out at the cemetery and helped clean up the grounds. Among those present were: Mrs. Stone, of Oregon City, Mrs. Session of Portland; Mr. Chase of Silverton.

Mr. Babler is fixing the Fischer mill road, patching up all but one-half mile which will be planed anew.

The Redland band recently gave two fine band concerts, one at the Grand picnic and one at Evergreen. This band has been engaged to play at Logan the Fourth.

Autoes are so thick on the road now that there is almost a continual cloud of dust on the road, especially on Sundays.

ELMER E. MILLER

Died—at the Oregon City Hospital Saturday May 31, Elmer E. Miller,

Give Half the Road, Whether Driving Horse or Auto

Drivers of automobiles and of horses will both find that it pays to be courteous and gentlemanly on the road. Those who show no consideration

LOGAN

The Children's Day Picnic on May 24th was very successful considering that so many older ones were too busy to come. The Redland band furnished music for the occasion and there was a good programme. The proceeds from the stand were \$38 and the work of the women's committee of the Grange deserves much credit.

Logan should get bottom prices on groceries with three stores in the field, two of them delivering. Mr. Riehoff delivers once a week now.

Mr. Gronlund went on an auto excursion down the Columbia last Sunday.

Frank Whiteman had his family and Uncle Sam's load in his new auto last Saturday. We will have to hustle to catch him when he comes that way.

Logan has been badly plagued with rats, and guns, traps and poison have been thinning them out. They killed many little chickens.

Henry Kohl has a motorcycle and is breaking it in to ride fans.

The Logan team defeated Damascus on the 25th, 14 to 2, but last Sunday seemed to be an off day for the team for lost to Clackamas 10 to 0.

Hurrah for the Logan Fourth of July celebration! There will be music by the Redland band, a ball game, and an address by G. B. Dimick and other attractions too numerous to mention.

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ABOLISH THE BEATINGGS

No Person has Moral or Legal Right to Strike a Child

Should parents and teachers be allowed to exercise unlimited control over children? We have but little law on the subject.

I believe the courts have decided that toleration is the rule to go by in such cases. But who is to judge? Certainly not the courts, for lack of jurisdiction, not having passed examination in the nursery grades. Certainly not the teachers, and to some extent for the same reasons. Eager to have their pupils pass examinations prematurely, they sometimes resort to cruel punishments for that purpose.

Certainly not the parents on the plain of today's unfolding, who sometimes deal cruelly with their children. We need a law to close the door directly against punishment of children for if the door for punishment of children is left ajar ever so slightly someone will abuse it.

I have known parents to beat their children and make the blood flow thru their tender skin with from 30 to 100 strokes of a green hazel rod. I saw a teacher with a green maple rod in his hand give 100 counted strokes on the shoulders of a 12-year old girl.

These are but samples of many other such acts of cruelty which I have seen and have evidence of. Yet the cruel practice continues to the shame of this enlightened age. But I over-hear the question: "Have I not the right to make my children obey?" My answer No! No right to make or drive into obedience. But rather restrain and educate your children in way they should go. Lead them both by precept and example in the the

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results, some of which I could mention here. But parents and teachers ought to know that a sense of injustice lingers in the child's make-up, often for years and sometimes for life. The results of which it to corrupt the finer sensibilities of the human make-up. From whence came the custom of corporal punishment in the training of children? Such a custom isn't law, but is assumed as a right on the part of superior manhood. Every child is entitled to a fair trial for every wrong it is accused of. But in 9 times out of 10 there is no trial in the case "but walk up here and take your medicine" when the poor child, knowing its innocence perhaps, or could give strong mitigating circumstances in his favor, is cruelly beaten and feels thereafter the degradation of such treatment. It is claimed by some philosophers that punishment is a vengeful instinct inherited from our forefathers when on the more animal plain of life. Be that as it may, we should have fully outgrown the instinct long ago and instead should have established the custom of fair dealing with our children. It is not man's province to punish but to educate. WM. PHILLIPS West Texas Style. From an exchange down on the Rio Grande, we clip the wind-up of a flaring notice; and then wonder why editors live as long as they do down there: "The minister kept his head all through the performance, and he was about the only one who did and he said she was ninety-nine hundredths of the best looking couple he had ever married. And we ourselves, without either minister or groom, will admit that most of her good looks are natural, and she doesn't have to rub on lots of Mm. Somebody-or-other's face cream in order to make herself appear less than forty years old. "The groom wore the conventional black, that is, he wore a dark rig-out and a frightened expression. The expression was his own property. In addition to the aforesaid and above-mentioned, he had on a white tie, and a pair of patent leather shoes on which the patent was about to expire. For this one great day he was dressed up within a quarter of an inch of his life, and during the ceremony he shrank so much that he looked like a boy wearing papa's clothes." Should Convince Every Oregon City Reader The frank statement of a neighbor telling the merits of a remedy, Bids you pause and believe. The same endorsement by some stranger far away Commands no belief at all. Here's an Oregon City case. An Oregon City citizen testifies. 2 Read and be convinced. A. G. Woodard, prop. cigar & confectionery store, 412 Main St., Oregon City, Oregon, says: "I suffered a great deal from kidneys and my back. My back was weak and painful and often my rest was broken. I kept getting better steady after I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and I was soon well. You may continue publishing the endorsement I have given Doan's Kidney Pills before. I still have great confidence in them." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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