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GOOD TIMES COMING.

The evidences seem to multiply that the panic which surprised the nation into a holiday period, is not only over but that the country is likely to enter upon a season of prosperity even more gratifying than that of the last seven years. It is conceded that the panic was unnecessary; that it was precipitated by the edict of a few magnates; that it had the effect of drawing money out of circulation when money was less needed than food and that in order that the hoarder of cash may eat he must bring out his cash and exchange it for greater necessities. The vast cereal holdings of the Northwestern farmers must "be moved" and a dollar seems as necessary to his transportation as a car. Neither car nor dollars can be hidden much longer if eastern and alien people who need the wheat wish to live.

The magnates are now as earnestly engaged in fostering good times as they were formerly engaged in discouraging the people. Perhaps their objects have been attained. At all events some of them—like Mr. Morgan—have come out of the panic many millions richer than ever before. It may be that by squeezing the water out of the stocks they have been able to acquire both the stocks and also the money which was originally paid for the stocks. One thing is plain—people who have nibbled at railroad stocks on the theory that they were good investments will find in lands which, in this country, are sure to reach the value and are always good as long as they are improved and made to produce. It is safe to say that material industries which are based directly on the land and its products will be as prosperous as ever and that the railroads will have a good market for bonds if the purpose be legitimate.

NO ROYAL ONE-THIRD

Charles Bradlaugh was the first child of a worthy clerk married to a housemaid. His father never earned more than two guineas a week. All his parents ever did for their son was to supply him with physical life and teach him by antithesis. No trace can be found that he in any mental characteristic resembled either. Parents are evidently people who are used for a purpose by a something—Hubbard's little journeys to the Homes of Great Reformers.

David Starr Jordan has advanced against the self complacent proposition that the world would be better if two-thirds of the population were killed off "and great care taken to see that the best third, mentally, morally and physically were preserved." This is a convenient theory for those who assume that they would be the reserved one-third.

But the moment we think of it we come up to the bumping post of the parentage of Charles Bradlaugh. To take the instance at hand, Bradlaugh's parents would have been included in the two-thirds sure enough. So would Abraham Lincoln's. So, too, would Booker T. Washington's. And what would it profit the world to have eliminated Bradlaugh, or Lincoln or Washington, to save up more room for David Starr Jordan?

There is George Washington's plain and homekeeping mother, two-thirds would almost take her. And Thomas Carlyle's hardworking old Scotch farmer of a father. And so on down the list of parents of the men who have made the world as we have it. Two-thirds would take in most of the parents and greatness and leadership. All of which demonstrates that David Starr Jordan has no divining rod by which he can determine out of what soil greatness

and intellect of the next generation is coming.

It is easy to prove that a calf will show its parentage. But genius, intellect and even moral earnestness are only incidental hereditary. A stunted calf will make a small adult. But the weakling of the human family may be a giant. Carlyle declared Webster the most commanding man he ever saw, and he was a sickly child. If the human race is different from all others in this physical independence of heredity, to what extent is comparison in mental or moral attributes worth while.

Nobody knows out of what miner's hut the Booker T. Washington of the next generation will come, or in what humble cabin another Lincolnton. All we know is that it will light. All we know is that it will be some miner's home and some humble cabin. For there is no aristocracy of talent and no determining heredity of goodness. The genius of the next century may be a Filipino, a Sioux Indian, a subject of the mikado.

The first tendency which all people who get up in the world is to magnify their ancestry. They forget that the colonial dames and their consorts were shipped out of Europe as good riddance. Having thus established a family tree they begin to project the royal stream of intellect and goodness into the future and to imagine that all the world needs is the elimination of some other family strains just at the time not so worldly well circumstanced. But Providence, fortunately is not directed along lines of descent. And in the future, as in the past, genius will create its own heredity.

It is the beauty of this world that there is no prescriptive rights to the great gifts of life. There is not a boy on Coos Bay who may not look to the career of Garfield with assurance, or the career of Roosevelt. The men who rule the world are not the boys of the men who ruled it yesterday. In the lands where they have attempted to contravert the stern impartiality of nature they have made a sorry fizzle of it. The hopeless imbecility of royalty is its own condemnation.

There is no royal one-third in the United States. The future president of Stanford university may be a boy whose parents would be today selected as encumbrances to the earth. Nature has her own method of manufacturing greatness and goodness. Let nature alone.

THE GOVERNOR'S JOKE.

The people of Oregon have become habituated to the continuous proclamation of holidays. They have had nearly six weeks of financial abstinence and fasting and, from current newspaper reports supposed that there would be no intermission until the 14th of December. But one day Governor Chamberlain forgot or neglected to proclaim a holiday and it now transpires that last Friday and last Saturday were not holidays at all. The banks were theoretically open for business even if their doors were closed. Legal obligations matured and could be collected by law. The courts were legally bound to be open and legally bound to do business. Drafts which became dishonored could be protested. Notices had to be served in cases which involved important questions and large property interests. Was the Governor's joke a practical one and being practical is it not possible that somebody is hurt?

Legal rights were supposed to be in suspense during the holidays. For instance—a claim might be six years old lacking a day and that day Sunday or Christmas or a holiday. The six years provided for the out-lawing of the claim would not be complete until the day after the holiday. The claimant or creditor could commence an action the day after the holiday and save his claim by putting it into judgment. Of course the creditor would be negligent to let the six years so nearly expire without action and would deserve very little consideration, but the governor's joke reaches him nevertheless.

Attorneys, bankers, business men, farmers, and people of all descriptions will find that the Governor has implicated an already complicated situation by injecting this jocular feature into the situation, and it may not, in the end, appear so plain as the Governor thinks that "what people don't know won't hurt them." The holiday proposition was not a very pretty and pleasant feature to inject into the situation at any stage, but it was tolerated and endured mostly because of grim necessity. It never was a thing to play with and if the Governor really intended to joke it was as much out of place as a clown at a funeral. How many rights of appeal, rights of action, and property rights have been lost by this joke remains to be seen.

—Coal and wood heaters at Ekblad's.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING

For, we know, not every morrow
Can be sad;
So, forgetting all the sorrow
We have had,
Let us fold away our fears,
And put by our foolish tears,
And through all the coming
years
Just be glad. —Riley.

MY SHIP IS COMING

My ship is built of crystal:
The sails are cloth of gold,
And all the masts are silver
With jewels in the hold.
There's "love" upon the pennant,
And rubies down below.
And diamonds and emeralds,
With pearls as white as snow.
The centerboard has flacons
Of sparkling, heady wine,
And food so rich and tempting
And all of this is mine!
Dan Cupid is the captain,
And Commonsense the mate;
The sailors are my heart's desires
Who joyously await.
But sometimes in the gloaming,
When I am tired and sad,
I fear my ship has foundered:
Until again I'm glad.
For yonder at the meeting
Of crested sea and sky,
I know my ship is sailing,
I see the pennant fly!
And on some happy morning,
I'll waken with a bound
To find my ship in harbor,
At anchor, safe and sound.
—Adelaide Keen in the Nautilus.

All men are born equal but the equality ends soon after they get into the game of real life.

It is only after the girl has said "yes" that some Marshfield fellows stop to think that the girl will have to eat and wear clothes.

An experienced Marshfield man says that a man is likely to put his foot in it if he buys stockings for his wife without first consulting her.

Because you meet a man with a bulging forehead it is no sign of a great intellect. His wife may have swatted him with a broomhandle.

Some Coos Bay men depend on their gift of gab to help them along. A boy with a tin horn can blow an awful big hole in the atmosphere.

A North Bend correspondent, evidently a lady, writes the Times to say that the mills "closed down so as to give the men an opportunity to vote. I don't know when the time will come when the ladies can have a half day off to vote."

A WORD TO YOUNG MEN.

"So you have repented and are going to turn over a new leaf, have you young man? Well, it is a mighty good idea. There are several things you want to do at the outset, however, to make people think you are sincere. There are numerous little debts you owe around town. You can't become a full-fledged penitent until you step around and tell the fellows who have been holding the sack for you that you are ready to make good. If you can't pay them all of it, pay part. Or set a time to square up. Then you have been using too much bad language and missing the whole truth a whole lot of times. You also want to cut out all such things. The people may be a little slow to accept your reform talk, but they will eventually do it if you are in earnest. The restaurant keepers and the clothing store man may not rush out and grab you the first time they see you, and want you to come in and stand them off for a lot of stuff, but if you make good you will have no trouble about credit in time. You might also help the folks at home a little. There are numerous little things you can do to help your mother, and the old man would find life lots easier if you would help occasionally. You can't repent and still stand around on the street and cuss and smoke and loaf throughout the day. The first thing for a reformed boy to do is to go to work. Keep at it, and the rest will come easy.

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