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THE SUNDAY JOURNAL'S GREETING TO ITS READERS.

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TE ASK NOTHING from those into whose hands this initial edition of The Sunday Journal may fall except a careful reading and a decision on its downright merits. We have pledged ourselves to present a newspaper which would leave the beaten track of routine journalism, which would cover matters of worldwide concern in crisp and attractive guise, which would not be impervious to modern ideas and methods and which above all would come in close contact with the highest, best and dearest interests of the plain people of the newspaper field I which we are attempting to cover. This pledge we have endeavored to redeem; how well we have done so we leave to the judgment of our readers who, whatever else may be said of them, have never been lacking in appreciation of the efforts which have been put forth to serve them in the week day issues of The Journal.

To bring out an adequate first issue of such a Sunday newspaper as this proposes to be, to fully meet every requirement in all its varied lines, to expand its mechanical equipment and organize the various departments is a task ideals which have been set up for it and the public may her own. rest assured that there will be no critics, however faultfinding, who will scan its columns with keener eyes or more unbiased judgment than the men who have helped to make it and who propose to raise each succeeding issue to a higher standard than the one which preceded it.

which, like The Sunday Journal, is self sustaining, through than the days and the physical agony is not the worst. To amusements or features will be permitted to operate. On purpose, held for the entire county; nor in any case where perfectly legitimate business sources, from the very start. see my girls wearing out their youth and risking their lives the contrary, it is agreed on all hands that nothing of this prohibition has carried in any subdivision of any county Toprint daily newspapers costs money, but to print a Sunday by constant contact with the loathsome disease (cancer), sort shall be allowed. newspaper that is fully alive to all its responsibilities and is becoming more and more unbearable. I cannot afford a 2. The fair ground is not in any sense an immoral thereafter in any precinct of such subdivision until prohibifully determined to take rank with the most progressive private room at the hospital and they will not hear of my place, or one that may not be properly visited even by those tion has been defeated at a subsequent election held for papers in cities of corresponding size in the populous sec- going into a public ward, and indeed I feel that it would be who observe Sunday, but is as proper a place to visit as a such entire subdivision. tions of the country, costs even more money. To have more than 1 could endure. Our little income is steadily city park, a country meadow or a forest glade. True, art fully met every legitimate demand in this direction, to have being encroached upon by the doctor's visits and neither of as well as nature will be on display there, but both are subdivision, one or more contiguous precincts, at the option spent even more than the situation seemed to have called the girls will leave me to try and add something to it by equally innocent, and one may be reverent and worship in of those desiring prohibition. Under this law doubtless for and yet to be able truthfully to say in the very first outside work. What then is left to me, dear friend? Shall their presence quite as sincerely as in a city church. issue that the paper is self sustaining is an evidence of I drag on this miserable existence which is a misery both to 3. An open fair will not keep people out of the churches. In counties containing large towns-Portland, Salem, appreciation and a confession of existing need, which require me and to the girls who witness my sufferings, for I cannot Even if it were open Sunday forenoon, everybody inclined Astoria, Baker City and Pendleton, for instance-the no further verification.

The Journal has just passed its second birthday. It is once, my pain and their daily risking of their lives? We fair would tend to fill the saloons, gambling houses and other to succeed, to outlying or residential precincts. the first to break a monopoly that has lasted quite half a take every precaution but our means are too small to permit places where the influences are bad. It is strange that men The law thus gives the Prohibitionists a century. Throwing aside the precedents established by of doing all that could be done to prevent infection." long usage and striking out on lines that were novel to Was this woman cowardly or insane? Was her act the in effect aligned with the proprietors of bad places, and cannot be made effective, because too many and too great this community, whatever success it has gained has been act of a moral degenerate? Is there not some justification working, without designing to do so, in their interest, rather business interests are bound up with the liquor traffic. The achieved entirely on its own merits as a newspaper. What for the overdose of chloral which ended a few months earlier than in that of the churches. has served from the very first to sharply differentiate it a hopeless existence? Yet there are churches which would from its competitors is the fact that it had no axes of its have refused the last rites to her body, and would not allow workingmen and their families, cannot well afford to attend tically nothing. But under this law they can accomplish own to grind, that it was controlled by no clique or faction, her to be buried in consecrated ground. We have not the fair on any other day than Sunday. These people ought much, and do it in accordance with the broad democratic that it attacked public abuses wherever and whenever it progressed very far since the suicide was "punished" by to be accommodated. They help to pay for the fair. Does principle of local self-government. In some southern states found them, that it recognized no distinction of creed or having his body buried at midnight at the cross roads with Brother Gamble? politics when the public interests were involved, that it a wooden stake through the heart. published the news and that it provided a public forum wherein those who differed with it had the chance to air by force the mentally or physically diseased. We nurse was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." their views on an even basis. In a new paper the public back to health the condemned felon in order to hang him 6. Nobody objects, or should object, to Mr. Gamble liquor selling therein, the people, by a majority vote, ought takes nothing for granted; it must constantly prove itself when he is strong enough to stand, which is an absurdity thinking as he pleases about "the Sabbath," or doing as he to have, as under this law they will have, a right to be not by its professions but by its acts. Before it can hope as well as a refinement of cruelty worthy the barbarous chooses on Sunday; neither should he, nor his association, free from this evil. If people want to live near saloons and

moment the public is satisfied of its sincerity the way is but is also terrible to its possessor and a menace to society ple, assume to dictate to other people how they should these institutions. In a few years we will be able to judge smoothed for it and its influence grows apace. Measured is carefully preserved. Which is the greater crime against regard or spend the weekly holiday, so long as the rights, pretty accurately which communities are more prosperous by this test. The Journal has nothing of which to complain society, the death of a physically or mentally degenerate privileges and liberties of the strict Sabbath observers are and contented. and what is true of its week day issue is still more strikingly suicide or the perpetuation of his degeneracy through his respected and not unnecessarily interfered with. true of its Sunday issue which so many of its readers and children? Can there be any question? Yet the law steps Under proper restrictions the fair should be opened on money to carry on their campaign as the liquor men will in to prevent the suicide and looks carelessly on whilst Sunday. It will be a good and not an evil place. People have, but money is not always, nor indeed generally, used

reached robust proportions. It realizes that whatever it indifferently looks upon his marriage and the continuation has been able to do has been done through the good will of the curse in his children. If the children are degenerate, of the public, without which it could not exist. It there- imbecile, idiotic, deaf, blind, foully diseased, they are much fore again, in its newest and latest venture, reasserts its better cared for by society than the mentally and physically appreciation of the public good will which has followed strong and healthy child who is allowed to die through the it in its whole career and pledges itself to leave nothing poverty of his parents or the neglect of society. A tithe are two good, large reasons why this law should be passed : undone to win continued support and appreciation by de- of the money and care lavished upon the hopeless, useless First, it gives the people, on an important and constantly serving it.

IS SUICIDE EVER JUSTIFIABLE?

RECENT NUMBER of a Washington newspaper healthy, sane children for the battle of life by means of a . generates, and that under no circumstances was suicide and willingly spend money to support the utterly useless, shall order an election to be held at the time mentioned justifiable.

It is both unjust and untrue. There have been many cases ing, will be turned loose upon society to perpetuate their subdivision of a county means any precinct or two or more of suicide where the act was one of supreme self-sacrifice kind.

and proof of the highest courage. The recent suicide of a Japanese woman who killed herself in order that her son might be free to fight for her country is a case in point. The act was worthy the highest commendation, judged by TD EV. S. W. GAMBLE, described as secretary of the our standards of human conduct. If no man hath greater which those who attempt it will best appreciate. This is love than that he lay down his life for his friend, surely all we wish to say in extenuation. This issue, however, no man could have a greater love for his country or offer a the gates of the Lewis and Clark exposition tightly on Sun- peace, shall immediately make an order absolutely prois only the starting point of what we propose to do. The higher proof of his patriotism than did this woman who day, he will use all his influence, which he intimates is hibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the prefirst issue will show us how far short it may fall of the offers the life of her son to his country by first giving up extensive and powerful, to prevent eastern people from com- scribed limits. If prohibition carries, no subsequent elec-

> An aged and greatly respected, but poor woman, com- exposition will be much alarmed at Mr. Gamble's threat. second calendar year following. mitted suicide in this town a few years ago. She took the greatest care that none but her nearest friend outside her be briefly summarized as follows:

cretin would make of the bright street arab a useful, hon- agitated question, the opportunity for local home rule; and orable citizen; yet the same municipality which refuses a second, such a law would be conducive to morality, health warm midday meal to the children of decent, but unfortunate and prosperity in many communities and therefore in the parents; the same taxpayers who regard the fitting of state as a whole.

contained the statement that all suicides were either rational, wholesome education in the manual training cent of the registered voters of any county, precinct or the result of insanity or the acts of cowardly de- schools and kindergartens as an extravagance, cheerfully subdivision of a county petition the county court, said court So sweeping a condemnation should not go unchallenged. progress far enough by means of expensive care and teach- cating liquors shall be prohibited in such territory." A

THE SUNDAY OPENING QUESTION.

The views of such people as favor Sunday opening may

5. Sunday is a day for rest and reasonable, moral recre- such a law. Society does no good but much harm by keeping in life ation, as well as for religious observance. "The Sabbath

to achieve influence it must establish character. But the Turk or Tartar. Human life that is not merely worthless nor any society or combination thereof, or minority of peo- liquor stores let them move into such precincts as retain

with a red hot poker or in starving it.

wanting to harden it.

THE LOCAL OPTION LAW.

HE JOURNAL is unqualifiedly and heartily in favor of the approval and adoption, at the general election next June, of the proposed local option law. There

Section 1 of the law provides "that whenever 10 per and to prolong the lives of the defectives, who if they in such petition, to determine whether the sale of intoxicontiguous precincts desiring to join together for this purpose. No subdivision less than a precinct can hold this election, but a subdivision may embrace the whole or a part of any incorporated city or town.

Section 10 provides that if a majority of the people of National Sabbath Observance association, is re- any subdivision have voted "for prohibition," the court, ported as saying that unless it is decided to close consisting of the county clerk and two justices of the ing to the fair. It is improbable that the directors of the tion can be had before the first Monday in, June of the

Section 14 provides that when prohibition has been carried at an election held for the entire county, no election immediate family, whose sympathy and approval she was ... 1. Though the gates are opened Sunday, or perhaps on the question of prohibition shall be thereafter held in sure of, should ever know how she died. To this friend only Sunday afternoons and evenings, it does not follow any subdivision or precinct thereof until after prohibition It is a rare and pleasing experience to find a newspaper she wrote: "My life is agony to me, the nights worse that any vicious, immoral or reasonably objectionable has been defeated at a subsequent election for the same shall an election on this question of prohibition be held

Thus the petition may be for a whole county or for any always control my eyes as I can my lips, or shall I end it at to go to church would do so. On the other hand, a closed Prohibitionists might have to confine their efforts, in order

> The law thus gives the Prohibitionists a very fair who take Mr. Gamble's stand cannot perceive that they are chance and liberal terms. National or state prohibition Prohibition party has worked on its all-or-nothing theory 4. A great many people of this city and vicinity, mostly for many years and has gained nor accomplished pracmore than half the counties are completely "dry" under

> > If a county or a precinct or two or more contiguous precincts acting together, does not desire any saloon, any

The advocates of local option will not have so much

Measured by the test of time The Journal is still a the perpetuation is legalized; frowns upon the man who will be better, not worse, for visiting it, as well as for in elections on the side of right; and The Journal's voice youngster, but measured by the test of growth it has already would remove a curse from existence and complacently or attending church on Sunday. is plain and clear in favor of this law.

By MARCEL PREVOST EDUCATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL ONLY CAN ABOLISH WARS

GREAT WAR has broken out just at believe that the diplomats and governments all international differences were soon to be settled by arbitration.

Of course the militarists are jubilant and are trying to ridicule the lovers of the olive branch. And still this is very unjust to these modern Abbe Saint Plerres. They have not "The war in the future will be impossible," but simply "let us make war in the future as difficult as possible," and they purpose in view for the last 40 years. have really succeeded in putting obstacles in the way of war at least in Europe.

These obstacles are treaties and agreeof a certain age and of a certain education have-signed international papers, whereby they pledge themselves not to use melinite and powder as the first arguments.

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In this they are wrong. I am inclined to circumstances.

the time when the lovers of peace of today have more and more learned to fear I am sure all well-wishers of universal peace in doing so. were congratulating themselves that war. War has ceased to be considered a have recognized long ago: "If one wants to game of checkers played for the benefit or put an end to war, it is not enough to try to dren who have been tortured by cruel pleasure of a few, it has more and more be- influence the governments, but the individ- parents. These parents may be perfectly recome restricted to cases when a whole nation, a people want it.

> The war of today is the direct work of the Japanese people. The Japanese, head- viction that it is just and right to respect per their other children, but have selected strong and conceited by nature, are thirsting the welfare, property and lives of others, if for new empires, thirsting to become a world power and they have worked with this And this is not the only reason. Japan is

overpopulated and during the last 10 years to try to annihilate all who place obstructhe price of rice has nearly doubled. The tions in his path, or who disagree with him. ments between nations. Certain gentlemen Japanese want a place to settle down and treaties and signed agreements between they want sufficient food, and denied this governments are of no value. within the narrow limits of their island empire, their natural ferocity, which still slumbers within the heart of every human tions the old ferocity of the savage still rebeing under the thin cover of civilization, comes to the surface.

And as the vencer of civilization is thinner in Japan than it is here, they have been driven to use the arguments of brute force the character of the individual. There are cases which have come to his knowledge. more quickly than we would do under similar many people who cause their neighbors to

uals of which the nations consist must also be reached.

If the individual reaches the sincere coneverything goes well if the price of rice or grain does not go up too high, then there is no reason for fear, but if the individual is in the habit of thinking that he has a right

Unhappily, there are still plenty of proofs to show that even among old civilized namains, and that there are even those who glorify the fact that it has not become entirely extinct.

suffer, not only to save themselves from suf- us, and those who are always praising the will immediately want war and have it.

Their example illustrates the truth which fering, but simply because they take pleasure brute force, the bloody deeds committed in the disguise of patroitism, are largely re-The newspapers are full of tales of chilsponsible for this. A whole literature has grown up around

this subject and is gaining territory as the spectable otherwise, the mother may be a taste for classical literature disappears, and one can only feel sincerely sad for this. hard working washwoman and the father an

honest mechanic. They may pet and pam-It is true that classic writers praised deeds of valor and courage, but they did not one child for suffering, taking delight in openly show admiration for the brute force. Rudyard Kipling has written a book with pulling its hair out, in scorching its back the intention of arousing in college men a

bloody intoxication, in placing before them Who does not know the man posing as a philanthropist to whom the care of an orphan as ideals three heroes of different kinds of child has been confided, and who lets the hunting, including man hunting.

How far superior to Kipling is Plutarch, poor starving child look at him while he gorges himself with food, who makes the who says that one should only admire force when it is master of itself, when it is conchild walk around half naked exposed to the loy blasts of winter under the pretext of trolled by reason and amenable to pity.

As long as the savage in us is only dor-"I might go on and cite innumerable cases mant, as long as we consider the application of the most refined cruelty committed by of force permissible and justifiable, the efeducated and enlightened people, but I con- forts of the lovers of peace in causing sovsider this unnecessary, as everybody who ereigns of countries to visit one another or Ferocity has not yet disappeared from happens to' read these lines will know of to call congresses of peace-the day when something happens to deprive a people of The old ferocity is only dormant in all of its usual ration of wheat or rice, that people

The way to pave the way for universal peace is through the education and building up of characters of the individuals, and the governments will be only too willing to abolish war.

Under present conditions, when the old ferocity of the savage is slumbering in the heart of all its subjects, no government has yet dared to say: "We will submit all our quarrels with any other government to a court of arbitration." But even now most governments have acknowledged their willingness to submit certain questions to arbitration. What prevents them from going further is that they are not sure of the cooperation of their subjects. The nations, who do not sign agreements to submit to arbitration, will break the agreement made by their governments the moment their animal passions are aroused.

We have, therefore, arrived at a point where the sheperds are only too willing to come to an understanding, if it were not that their herds at times become enraged and uncontrollable. What is wanted is a serum which will make the sheep immune from these attacks.

