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THE SENSE OF DUTY (Copyrighted by the San Jose Mercury)

"A life of duty—not a life of mere ease or mere pleasure—that is the kind of life that makes the great man, as it makes the great nation." Thus upon a momentous occasion said Theodore Roosevelt, and he never spoke truer words. The man without a sense of duty is incapable of any great action or achievement, for this feeling of obligation not only prompts men to worthy effort, but it sustains them in the oft-times long struggle that stands between the conception of noble ends and their attainment. Most of the things that have enriched human life have found their inspiration in this sense of duty.

Duty is the constant watchword of the commanding general and of every officer and soldier that makes up the country's army. The call of duty, it is, that causes them to face danger and death, and without this feeling of obligation which it imposes no army worthy of the name could be maintained. And so with every function of the government, national, state or local. None of them would be possible without the sense of duty in our governmental servants. And government will be weak, inefficient and corrupt just in proportion as this sense is lacking.

No large or organized industry would be possible if this same sense of duty were wholly wanting in those who engage in it. What would be the great railroad corporations, for example, without the feeling of duty that generally pervades all classes of their employees, from general manager down to the humblest section hand? Without this sense of obligation and responsibility on the part of their employees, instead of the efficient servants of the public that they are, the public service corporations would become a public menace. It would be unsafe to ride upon their trains. A majority of the people lacking this sense of duty and organized society would be impossible, nations would go to pieces and civilization itself would dissolve.

Keep on saying it with prunes. Make all the fifty-two prune weeks. The legislators are still welcome; however much they would like to get away. A comet known as Pons Winnecke is approaching the earth at a rapid rate and will be visible in this latitude on the night of June 26. Its last appearance here was more than 5,000 years ago—possibly some of our older subscribers recall it. Instructions on how to write news will be given in a course of the University of California. We don't care to knock the game, but that is one thing that no college can teach. You can write news or you can't. If you can, you don't need a college education. If you can't, no college can help you.—Los Angeles Times. (There are two or three or more places in Oregon where the writer of the above could get up a hot argument. And it is a question that will not be settled in this generation, and probably not in any future generation.)

HOW A PRESIDENT MOVES.

By constitutional provision the president of the United States is also commander in chief of the army and navy. Customarily, this is a matter of small concern to him. He does not take the field, sword in hand, nor does he stand on the bridge with a spyglass to his eye. Certain gentlemen in uniform do that. President Wilson has been no exception to the rule in this regard. But now that he must move from the White House, he recalls to his comfort that he can properly call for military transportation of his household goods.

LADY PREACHERS.

The lady preachers have formed a union—well, not exactly that, but there is a Women's Ministerial association and it is found that no less than 13 different denominations now welcome skirts in the pulpit—to say nothing of the Salvation Army. It is doubtful if St. Paul would have complacently stood for this invasion, but both Peter and Paul would have to get used to a lot of strange things if they were knocking around the old world today. The women have been the backbone of the church ever since it was built. It wasn't fair that they should be denied the right to be its tongue—especially when they had so much of it.

CLEARING THE AIR.

The North Dakota house has passed a bill forbidding smoking in street cars, restaurants and other public places frequented by women. Looks as if the ladies would have to go home for a quiet smoke. Of course, the men don't count. They'll have to quit entirely. The law won't let 'em smoke abroad and the wife won't let 'em smoke at home.—Exchange.

THE HOLY CITY.

There will be no trolley line up the Mount of Olives and no merry-go-round for Bethlehem. Col. Ronald Storrs, the British governor of Jerusalem, told the promoters that if the cable cars went up Calvary it would be over his dead body and he would not permit Gethsemane to be exploited for sacrilegious profit. He is trying hard to keep the jazz out of the new Jerusalem. But it isn't an easy task. The Holy City is visited by many who are more

curious than reverent. They have money to spend and they like to get around in a hurry. There will be a hard time to keep the sight-seeing bus and the man with the megaphone away from the Holy Sepulcher. The natives themselves are a bit disposed to commercialism.

TO FEBRUARY.

February, stinky cuss. You are holding out on us! Hence we rise and make a fuss. You're a tightwad—we can prove it! Here's the stain; you can't remove it: Last year you gave twenty-nine Days, some wretched and some fine. This year only twenty-eight. Though we pay the self-same rate! Why the shortage, February? Are you stingy, or contrary? Why deprive us of a day. Without cutting down your pay? Can't you give a birthday, maybe. To each 29th-born baby? February, much we fear You've become a profiteer! With the cheats you now are rated And may be investigated!

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

More Light on the Vote for Circuit Judge in 1876; It Was Not a Tie

Editor Statesman: With all the rest of the Oregon pioneers, I read with great interest your historical section contained in your issue of Friday, the 18th. I well remember the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the state capitol. It was a rainy disagreeable day, so much so that the authorities, after the conclusion of the Masonic ritual, readily accepted the invitation of President T. M. Gatch, and adjourned to the chapel of Williamette university, now known as Waller hall, when Governor Chadwick, then secretary of state, delivered his historical address.

I note a slight error in your account given in regard to our present court house. Referring to the contest for circuit judge between Judge R. F. Boise and B. F. Bonham at the election of 1876, your reporter states that the contest between these two eminent jurists resulted in a tie. This is a mistake. Judge Boise was victorious by about 20 votes. Bonham, however, contested the election on some constitutional grounds, relative to the recently adopted amendment, the 15th, allowing negroes the right of suffrage. Old students of our country's history will remember that the Democratic party loudly contended that certain constitutional amendments in the years immediately succeeding the civil war were unconstitutional and void. Judge Boise, rather than defend the suit instituted by Bonham, let the case go by default, saying he could make more in private practice. Bonham ascended the bench and was judge for six years, but was defeated in the 1876 election by Boise. When Boise refused to defend the suit initiated by Judge Bonham, he was severely criticised in the columns of the Daily Statesman, then edited by S. A. Clarke.

Salem, Feb. 19, 1921. (The writer of the above says he has the speech Judge Bonham delivered at the dedication of the present Marion county court house, which he promises to supply to The Statesman for publication a future issue.—Ed.)

Woodburn Platoon Will Have Inspection Tuesday

The Woodburn platoon of Co. I will be inspected in heavy marching order at the armory, 9:30 a. m., Tuesday, by a United States army officer, and are ready to

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make a good showing for Company I. Woodburn platoon now has the following members: Platoon Sergeant, Oliver Olson, Corporals—Lloyd Kilinger, Junior Eckley. Privates, first class—Aage Anderson, Harold Berthelsen, Macwell Graves, Orville Maricle, Alva Sims, Luke Smith. Privates—Clifford Andrews, Alfred Ashland, Walter Branigar, Paul Butterfield, Herman Hauge, Marshall Hicks, Thomas Holmes, Joe Lichte, Elmer Mathieson, Alva Nehl, Olen Roberts, Harold Schaffer, LeRoy Sperry.

SENATE BILLS

The following bills were introduced in the senate yesterday: S. B. 78, Lachmund—To increase the salary of the governor from \$5000 to \$7500 a year. S. B. 379, Committee on county and state offices—Regulating hours of the county treasurer's office in Clatsop county.

SILVERTON ITEMS

SILVERTON, Ore., Feb. 15.—(Special to The Statesman)—Miss Alma Hansen has returned to her home and will remain here for a few weeks. Miss Hansen has been employed at Woodburn for several months. Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Boorty of Strathmore, Canada, are spending a few days at Silvertown as house guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Worden. Among Silvertown people who have been at Salem during the past week may be mentioned Andrew Peterson, T. Allen, Mrs. Ed Adams, Miss Jean Adams, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Madsen, Miss Lillie Madsen, Cusiter Ross, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ricks, Mrs. Emma Hicks and B. Tingstad. Miss Ruth Ombreck is confined to her home with a severe cold. L. C. Eastman was a business traveler to Devit, Ore., Wednesday

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Mrs. Anna Jensen is ill at her home west of Silvertown. Miss Clover B. Miller and her mother have taken apartments on east hill at the home of Mrs. Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Maulding,

who have been spending the winter at Silvertown, are moving to Salem where Mr. Maulding has employment at the sash and door factory. Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Loor, Mrs. G. W. Hubbs, Miss Dorothy Hubbs

and Mrs. S. E. Richardson motored to Portland to attend grand opera. Important if true—a Chinese pigtail makes an excellent soup strainer.

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