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THE FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT IS TO GOVERN

Experimentalists in government are the bane of modern life. We are repeatedly asked not to condemn certain so-called remedies "before they have been tried." People who resort to that plea seem oblivious of the fact that man has progressed from an indefinite antiquity and that during his eons of progress he has accumulated some valuable knowledge gained by experience.

One of the fruits of man's experience is the knowledge that the business of government is to govern and that when it passes from that function into the realm of business, confusion must follow. Under the best and most favorable circumstances, government is an expensive institution. Were economy alone to be considered it were better to fall back upon autocracy as the more efficient form of government.

But liberty is a thousand times more precious than any economic considerations can ever be.

This is the everlasting answer to the silly dreams of the Socialist.

Socialists seem oblivious to the lessons of history. They have forgotten, if they ever knew, that their full program was in actual practice and in perfect working order under the Incas of ancient Peru. The only distinction between what they had in Peru and the plan of the Socialists was that under the Incas full authority and control lay in the will of the emperor, who not only enjoyed temporal but spiritual dominion over his people. They had no will of their own, either relative to this world or the next. The will of the emperor was also the will of God.

In an economic sense that sway of the Incas was perfect. No subject ever went hungry to his rest, nor felt otherwise than to greet the new day with a song. Yet in all the realm of the Incas the idea of liberty had no abiding place. Not even the emperor himself enjoyed the freedom known to the poorest citizen of America. Though he was the head of a theocratic despotism, he himself was a slave to the "spirit of the hive."

The inevitable result of this system was to utterly destroy every initiative among the people and to reduce the last person, from the emperor down, to the position of a mere cog in a vast machine. So completely was this the fact that a mere handful of Spanish brigands—only about forty men not possessed of even the authority of their own government—marched into the heart of the empire, captured the emperor before the eyes of his army of 50,000 warriors, put him to death and brought an end to the reign of the Incas in Peru. Such has been, and always will be throughout history, the fate of any people who relied, or who rely, upon the favors of government. "This doing for the citizen what he ought to do for himself," says Emerson, "is the thing that stands out in colossal ugliness in all the governments of the world."

The sole function of government is to govern; to guard and protect the individual in his natural rights; to preserve the Spirit of Liberty for all, that "civilization on luminous wings may soar phoenix-like to Jove." If it performs well this task it will have no time nor inclination to undertake any line of business. Its activities will be confined to such functions as experience has shown can be performed only by the people as a whole—such as the control of the monetary system, the police power and the public health and protection. This principle has made every community settlement in America, no matter how successful for a time from the standpoint of mass prosperity, finally a failure.

And many of them have been very successful from the standpoint named.

The old Aurora colony in Marion county among the most successful of them all.

Future civilization shall rest alone upon the virility, the initiative and the sturdy, self-reliant individualism of the citizen. To meet this test he must stand erect upon his own feet and not depend upon the crutch of governmental favors.

The past one-month's record of the duel's revival in Hungary—6000 challenges, 350 combats and three deaths—indicates that the institution's bark is considerably worse than its bite. Still it is in the mad dog class.

The Colonial Council of the Virgin islands protests against the imposition upon the islands by the United States Congress of income and other taxes without giving the council a hearing. Congress hasn't committed the offense yet but it does no harm to remind it that taxation without representation is just as much tyranny now as it was in 1776.—Springfield Republican.

It looks as if Japan wanted the other nations to wait until she spits on her hands.

Simply being a Democrat does not necessarily qualify a man to be postmaster for life.—Los Angeles Times.

An American engineer has been employed to rebuild China's famous Grand canal that was first constructed in 486 B. C. China ought to sue the original contractors for failing to construct a substantial piece of work.

It has been figured out that President Harding has posed for the photographers 500 times since he became the chief executive of the nation. Being an Ohio man, he is very bashful.

If you will read the Salem slogan pages tomorrow you will learn some of the reasons why the Salem district is a great sheep country, and ought to have a million more sheep—and then some. If you can help prove this is a good sheep country, please let the Salem slogan editor know; today. Tomorrow will be too late.

It is said four houses would be going up where there is now but one if carpenters would cease profiteering. The whole country is a million houses short. The men who manufacture the lumber are willing to stand a reduction in wages, but the men who build the houses are stubbornly refusing to forget that the war is over.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

Our national interests now run from sun to sun, girding the round earth with tentacles of trade and commerce. This matter of disarmament involves many questions of superior development of the nation. It may be well enough to discuss the matter in international council, but the American people will demand fullest publicity in that connection and the sovereign right to exercise its will with reference to the determinations of any such council.—Cincinnati Inquirer.

In summer all moral standards seem to sag. We have to accept the statements of the most upright persons with reservations. As when they tell you what they are paying at their summer hotel. As when they tell you how much mileage they get out of a gallon. As when they tell you they shot 18 holes in 70. They will tell you that in summer, knowing that you know their form is 120. It shows how hot weather undermines the character. In hot weather woman washes her hair and dries it on the front porch in full sight of the whole block. She takes off her hat in the street car. She goes to the park and drinks soda pop out of the bottle. She rolls her sleeves up and her stockings down and doesn't care a rap. She'd rather let it go than sew it up.—Kansas City Star. (This refers, of course, to the region east of the Rockies, where they have the real thing in hot weather.)

THE HEATED TERM.

The weather sharps are having no trouble at all in convincing the sufferers in the east that this is the hottest summer they have known for 50 years. Of course, this happens every year or two, but this time there is no mistake about it. The vote is unanimous. For a sustained spell of high temperatures the record is now being reached. It is much the same all over the world. In Europe they are burning up. The most comfortable quarter in the universe is Oregon, and more especially western Oregon.

THE DOCTOR IS HANDY

Over 200 doctors and nurses are connected with the conduct and operation of the public schools in Chicago. When a child leaves its mother in the morning it never knows whether it is going to the multiplication or operating table. Many a pupil goes blithely forth only to return without any tonsils. It is a fine thing to have the doctor around, but where there are a couple of hundred doctors and nurses in the schools, what chance has a pupil to have the nosebleed?

FUTURE DATES

August 31, Wednesday—Joint picnic of Salem and McConville Rotarians at Woodland Ferry.

PLACING THE BLAME.

One of the magazines is trying to figure out whether the man or the woman is to blame in the case of a triangle. So far the girl seems to have the worst of it—if the triangle consists of man and wife and single woman. Generally each triangle is a case by itself and will have to be determined upon its own merits. Fixing the blame in a three-cornered love affair is harder than determining the responsibility for the war.

FOR MAILS ONLY.

It might be a good idea for thrifty people to get their correspondence out of the way. The government has seriously in mind the idea of raising the rate on letter postage to three cents. The administration may show its mailed fist.

HELLO, CENTRAL!

The courts have decided that a man is entitled to telephone service, even if he has forgotten to pay on old bill. The company refused to install service for a subscriber who had once been delinquent, but the judge holds that the man is entitled to his "hello" just as if he were paid two years ahead. It is a public service not to be lightly denied.—Los Angeles Times.

GIRAFFES ARE HIGH.

Among other things to worry about is the high cost of wild animals. A cargo of elephants and things that recently arrived at San Francisco was snapped up by purchasers before some of the eastern zoos had a chance to bid. An upstanding giraffe is now said to be worth almost \$1000 a foot. Elephants went begging during the war, but now they are worth half a dollar a pound on the hoof. Leopards are worth more than their weight in silver, and even a many, shop-worn lion is worth as much as a set of parlor furniture. Unless the price of wild animals goes down, even a poor blind tiger will be at a prohibitive price by winter. Do your Christmas shopping early.

AMERICAN WELCOME.

The sight of high wireless towers pointing skyward from above groves of green waving palms in Uncle Sam's far away island possessions of Guam brought joy to storm-tossed Russian seamen who for seven months had been battling against wind and water. A sea yara which deserves the pen of a Conrad to do it justice has just come across the Pacific. It concerns the Russian schooner Diana of only 200 tons which sailed from Vladivostok for the whaling and fishing grounds of Bering sea. First of all the auxiliary engine gave up the ghost, then a storm carried away the rudder and the rigging became a tangled mass. Next, during a heavy gale, deckhouses and galley were washed away and the cargo shifted. No sooner was the Diana placed on an even keel again when another storm struck it and the master was carried overboard and drowned. Perhaps the unfortunate man was a Jonah, for from this time on the weather began to moderate and, although food was so low that the crew had to be placed on a ration of flour porridge and pulverized tea, the chances of reaching port again became more favorable. Without navigation instruments save one compass known to be incorrect, the ship was guided to Guam and there the grateful crew was cared for by the American authorities. The few details of the voyage sent across the sea are sufficient to recall to one the great novels of the gifted Pole who wrote "Typhoon" and "Lord Jim." He thoroughly knows the men who go down to the sea in ships, for he was one of them, and he could immortalize these Russians who showed all the old-time spirit of the American whalers who used to rendezvous at Honolulu and the memory of whom will never fade while the Pacific rolls between the beaches along the Oregon coast and the precipitous slopes of Japan.

TEETH ARE STOLEN

HAVANA, July 30.—Manuel Diaz Morado is convinced that all freeco slumber, especially with the mouth open, is a bad habit. Morado took a nap yesterday in Central Park. Upon awakening he discovered that a thief had stolen his \$40 set of false teeth.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

The Taylor Address

Editor Statesman—I note in yesterday's Statesman that M. S. Taylor, manager of the Chautauque, gave a lecture on "The Psychology of Sex" recently.

Well, Well! The idea that the ground so well swamped by Havelock Ellis, "the godly" and pioneered by Margaret Sanger, hounded by New York's un-pure purity squad, has become a "fashionable" subject to have been in federal employ, according to the report, in some capacity, akin to diagnostician in sex matters. Strange I have never heard of or from him in print or person before. Can it be that he ever came to the States?

It is not why not give credit for the scheme of sex education so long expounded in so-called "radical" gatherings by Ellis and Sanger. They couldn't get a hearing in "decent" circles; but Taylor years after, expatriates their knowledge and comments freely to the mental kind, professional to a mixed nobby-pamby audience, and any sex psychologist of note or worth so admits by restricting his love to proper channels.

It shows that sex indigestion means perversion, and he is too much aware of his sacred duty to humanity to discuss such matters before audiences of persons not prepared in the a-b-ab of sociologic development.

Scientists don't try to lift them selves by their boot-straps. —S. E. F.

Salem Water System.

Editor Statesman: At the fire which occurred recently at the DeLong residence, corner of Rural and South Commercial streets, the fire department found a grossly inadequate water supply in the Salem water company's mains, which shortage caused a long delay in getting water to the fire. An upstanding giraffe is now said to be worth almost \$1000 a foot. Elephants went begging during the war, but now they are worth half a dollar a pound on the hoof. Leopards are worth more than their weight in silver, and even a many, shop-worn lion is worth as much as a set of parlor furniture. Unless the price of wild animals goes down, even a poor blind tiger will be at a prohibitive price by winter. Do your Christmas shopping early.

Even if Salem needs irrigation, there is small reason for using the inadequate domestic supply for this purpose. If the present fire is seldom sufficient for either fire protection or for domestic use. During the summer time, when irrigation is being carried on throughout the city, there is practically no water to be had in these higher portions of the city.

I submit that there is small incentive to anyone to come here to Salem to make a home, when there is a fire protection or for domestic use. No city can fairly strike its stride until it provides water for every reasonable need of all its people.

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I believe it should be the first and fundamental duty of the Commercial club and of the city council and of every civic organization and every private individual, to secure a proper water supply. There never can be such service until the city owns and operates its own water system, charging every citizen his proportion of the cost whatever it is, as a matter of health, safety, convenience.

In my plant, at Hoyt and South Commercial, I have at times during the summer, no water, even from a 2-inch supply pipe, and this within the city limits, and is entitled to the protection and service for which I pay. The trust one has in these public utilities is one of the city privileges for which men come to a city. If we do not get them, Salem has no city advantages worth paying for, and deserves to be branded as a slacker. The Commercial club that does not first busy itself with these vital things that make life safe has small excuse for its existence.

—J. C. Jones, Proprietor Capital Monument Works, Salem.

NO "WHITE SLAVES"

GENEVA, Switzerland, July 30. The reply of Haiti to the list of questions regarding the white slave traffic sent to all members of the League was to the effect that such a thing as "white slavery" had never existed there and consequently Haitian officials had nothing to offer in reply to the questions.

PRINCE IS SAILOR

COPENHAGEN, July 30. Prince Axel of Denmark, who is a captain in the Danish navy, and a nephew of Queen Alexandra of England, has joined the mercantile marine for the next three years and has tssauzy years and has just sailed as captain of the big motor ship Asia, of the East Asiatic company, for San Francisco.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Warm days. But delightfully cool nights. So our weather is normal; the finest summer climate in the world.

The Salem bricklayers have reduced their scale of wages from \$10 to \$9 a day. That may seem high to the man who does not reflect that the work of the bricklayer is seasonal; and that he gets many lay-offs even in the busiest part of the season. So the \$9 a day he receives when he works must do him for many days when he must necessarily be idle, or find employment in some other line.

Good morning, old Yamhill. The motorcycle service of The Statesman is now extended to the farmers of the Oregon county that is the mother of great men.

The Salem Odd Fellows are to build immediately a \$33,900 addition to their temple, on the south side. This project is being financed by Elmo S. White, and he is getting all the money in Salem. That speaks well for Salem.

It would pay the leading people of Salem to get behind the local building and loan association, and to get three times as many shares taken as are now being paid on. This would make some \$4000 a month available for new homes. That would not be enough. But it would help a lot. It can be done. The shares make a splendid investment.

GOOD OLD TIMES NOW PAST IN N.Y.

Writers Recall Passing of Famous Old Restaurants And Chop Houses

NEW YORK, July 30.—The ubiquitous soul who does his bit toward the settlement of world problems by writing letters to newspapers has been regaling New York editors with observations on changes recent years have wrought with Broadway and life along that thoroughfare.

Regard, he says, how the movie shows have shoved articulate actors into the side streets. See what has become of the famous old restaurants. They have gone, and uninteresting shoe shops and drug stores have taken their places. The tables, d'hot resorts, where dinner and laughter and liquor kept patrons happily seceded around the tables until bedtime are now closing at 10 o'clock, and even earlier. The good old crowds have vanished, he writes. Diners seem to regard eating as a duty. And it used to be an experience not without an occasional thrill.

One hotel has done away with its jolly hunting room where the boys used to get together, and the space has been rented to bougie merchants. And those girly chop houses where banqueters robed themselves in huge white aprons and fraternized over juicy beef steaks are now admitting women to their tables. The midnight shows have closed, and the electric signs lure one only to a white goods' sale, cosmetics or a movie show or chewing gum.

And the clubs, oh, how they have changed! The cafe is deserted, the wags have forgotten how to jest and make merry. The stewards say they have as many diners as before, but only because men want company at dinner. Even the new night time traffic regulations in the theater district have kept the crowds away.

Meanwhile the men who conduct business in this great hotel, shopping and theatrical district, have banded together "to help bring about a fair and proper municipal regulation of the district which will not be detrimental to business interests, the life and happiness of the New Yorker and the visitor, and to perpetuate the name and fame of the world's greatest money-spending center." Their organization was incorporated as the Heart of New York Business Men's Association, and includes those whose interests are

Peter Clark MacFarlane Tells of His Work and Makes Interesting Comment on Conditions in World

Of all the incredible jewels whom the news interviewers ever found, Peter Clark MacFarlane is the brightest and most delectable. He himself has cracked some of the hardest nuts in the world when it comes to getting a story, but he didn't do it with a hammer—he fairly loved it out of them. He interviewed himself for the Statesman's readers while here with the Chautauque, in a way that would be worth paying money for the privilege of receiving it.

New Story Coming. "Much of my stuff has been handled by news syndicates," said Mr. MacFarlane, "but I have done much work for the Saturday Evening Post, Collier's and The Red Book. My last book, 'Held to Answer,' was published as a serial in Collier's. 'The Crack in the Bell,' a political story, is the story of a ward in Philadelphia where the old Liberty Bell is preserved, that is believed to be the very worst governed ward in the United States. 'The Hell Pavers,' a story of good intentions that do not always end well, is to appear in Hearst's."

Mr. MacFarlane reported the World war for several American papers, spending almost two years in this semi-military service. His stories during the war are among the most wonderful of the whole struggle. He has become an internationally famous student of military problems.

Japanese Activity Noted. "Japan is building the largest battleships in the world," he said. "Japan is sending officers to special military schools in Italy. Japan has contracted for cruisers from England, and submarines from Germany. The Japanese imperial council recently issued an edict that all general army and navy expenses be cut in order that the program of eight capital cruisers and eight battleships may be realized.

"Why is this warlike preparation? Is it for Korea, already crushed by Jap domination? Is it for Siberia, paralyzed by political apathy? Is it for China, not yet awakened from the slumber of centuries? Only the future can answer. But this is known—that Japan knows that her armies could occupy the Pacific coast in short order and could hold on for at least two or three years under present conditions.

U. S. Naval Policy Hit. "The Jap realizes our policy is suicidal on the point of dividing our capital fleet, a policy against which Theodore Roosevelt made the strongest plea up to the time of his death.

"But we will have no war with Japan as long as America maintains its present policy."

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tains its poise and strength. America learned its bloody lesson in the recent war, that it is best always to be right, but wise to be able to maintain that position. The real reason why we should be strong is that no one can tell just when some other nation may become insane with egotism. Japan is at that unfortunate stage at the present time.

Disarmament Favored. "The hope for the prevention of war lies in disarmament. I wish to call attention to Japan's tardiness in entering into the disarmament conference. If she is sincere, as she claims, she should have been the first and most willing.

"There is the hope that the nation may return to sanity by taking up its own economic problems. That this is possible, is indicated by the recent formation of trades unions in that country, a public protest against the military program, and more humorous but just as vital, the widespread Japanese interest in the American game of baseball.

EXCHANGE RATES HALT SWISS TRADE

France and Italy Take Tourists from Switzerland, Season is Slow

GENEVA, Switzerland, July 30. Switzerland has reached the acute stage of economic stringency resulting from a too favorable rate of exchange. The tourist season, upon which she depends to such a great extent, opened with little prospect of an improvement in the situation.

Tourists who usually visit Switzerland during the summer are going to France and Italian resorts.

The Swiss themselves, to a certain extent, are abandoning their own country to spend their outings in France where Swiss money counts for twice its value at home or in Italy, where it counts five times the normal value.

The crisis shows not only in the absence of tourist trade, but in industrial stagnation, a good many workers being already out of employment.

A few weeks ago it looked as if the delegations to the second assembly of the League of Nations, Sept. 5, would find difficulty in getting apartments here, hotel-keepers hesitating to re-arrange apartments for them because it would require them to refuse tourists at the height of the season.

It now appears that the hotels will welcome the League delegations unless there is an unexpectedly radical change in the travel situation.

MANY CUBAN SUICIDES

HAVANA, Cuba, July 30.—Hard times and hot weather have combined with love tragedies to bring about a veritable epidemic of suicides here.

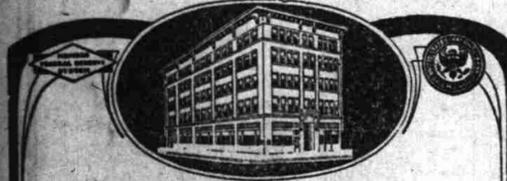
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