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THE PANACEA

One of the leading secular publications of this country, recently reviewing our present intellectual and moral condition, breaks forth as follows:

"Morals are stagnant. Conduct which reveals ethical character has undergone a remarkable dissolution. From childhood to old age there has been a change in the attitude of the American people toward what we regarded a few years ago as the fundamental virtues. Indifference to everything that does not contribute in some degree to the physical and sensual pleasures is too apparent to be denied. To raise the voice against the practices of the day invites ridicule and ostracism."

"When, therefore, we see an America, unproductive of ideas and indifferent to ideals, we may well wonder into what air pocket in our progress we have come."

Every thoughtful American must admit that the above contains much of truth. The present tendency makes one wonder whether this great, free Republic is to travel the same road as old Greece and Rome; whether it is to furnish another proof of the truth of the old, familiar bit of verse—

"But the same rehearsal of the past. First freedom, then glory; and when that fails, Wealth, vice, corruption—barbarism at last."

Whether such shall be our national end depends not upon our statesmen or our laws; not upon any formula or scheme of political, governmental, industrial or social reform; not even upon our scholastic or scientific attainments; not upon anything of a general physical or intellectual character. It depends entirely upon the moral and spiritual status of the individual citizens of the Republic. If history teaches anything it makes it perfectly clear that any people without moral fiber are incapable of real courage, of patriotism, of self-sacrifice, of self-government, or even of long maintaining any kind of national existence. The sun is already set and the light of oblivion not far away for that nation whose people are lost to morality, virtue and honor. The Creator never intended those whom vice has claimed for its own to bear any part in the government of His world.

Not alone the national failures that history reveals but the individual human wrecks that greet us at every turn should make us all pause in this mad rush for sensuous enjoyment and ask ourselves to what all this physical indulgence is leading; and what is the remedy for this saturnalia of physical gratification and sin which threatens even the life of the nation.

Before adequate remedies can be found for our national or individual moral diseases the cause or causes of them must be clearly known and understood. The first step to this knowledge is the recognition that man has two elements in his life. First is his natural, physical, animal, primitive, fleshy nature, to which belong all the animal or fleshly appetites, passions, propensities and attractions which ally him to the earth and the animal kingdom. In his undisciplined, undeveloped, animal nature man is but little different from the animal, except that he is more intelligent. Sccond is his higher, his moral, his spiritual, his soul nature, to which belong his sense of moral responsibility, his feelings of compassion, sympathy and love, his sense of justice and honor and many other characteristics that, when they dominate his life, raise him above the animal kingdom, give some evidence of his divine origin and tend to make us believe that he was indeed created in the spiritual image of his Creator, even though not yet grown to the full stature of spiritual manhood.

There is nothing surer than that yielding to and gratifying this animal nature strengthens it and makes it more and more dominant in the individual life, and that it will, if not controlled and subdued, bring spiritual, moral, mental, and finally, physical death. There are no truer words in the Bible than these: "The wages of sin is death" not only dissolution of the physical body, but death to all that is pure, lovable and holy, to the higher nature and impulses, to the soul.

The cause of the troubles of the inhabitants of this old world is, then, what it always has been—the dominance of the undeveloped, physical, animal, carnal nature in the individual human life. And the remedy for these troubles—all of them—is the subduing of this carnal nature and making it subservient to the higher, finer elements in the individual nature. Anything that tends to do this will help to cure the universal disease and to solve the one great problem.

Do you say that knowledge, education, enlightenment are the great remedies? Yes, these are indispensable helps to the great end. Do you urge that the way to this solution is to be found in the training of the children and youth to pure, elevated, moral habits of thought and life and in helping them to form high, beautiful and correct ideals and to strive with might and main to be loyal to them? Yes; not much upward progress for the race is possible without these things. If the prize fighter, the gambler or the moral degenerate should be the ideal of the boys, and the selfish, pleasure-seeking woman of society or the bejeweled, highly-dressed habitue of the half world be the ideal of the girls, it would be idle to expect any great progress or uplift or moral improvement in the world until their ideals were changed. And disaster is certainly ahead for the individual young man or woman who has not high ideals and a firm and constant determination to come as near as possible to realizing these ideals.

But the one thing that the world needs is the development of the spiritual nature in the life of individuals; this is the divinely appointed ruler of man's nature. He may struggle hard and faithfully against his physical appetites and passions and never be surely free from their control until he has

within him, active, alive, dominant, that which only can un-faillingly say to the turbulent elements within him, "Peace; be still," and be obeyed. Religion, pure and undefiled is the religion of the inner life of the heart—this is the present one-ness of the world and of every man and woman in it. He who has made the great Figure of the New Testament his ideal and has struggled by prayer and resistance to evil to overcome himself until he has realized this ideal in his own life has scaled the heights of being and gained a prize beside which wealth, fame—everything else, is as dross.

It is at last officially announced that General Foch is coming to the United States. There is no other world citizen who would be more welcome.

That Nevada church metamorphosed from a saloon starts off with a ready-made spiritual atmosphere.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The Salem slogan editor is anxious to hear from all the grain men, about their yields, methods of cultivation, etc. Grain and Grain Products is the Salem slogan subject for The Statesman of next Thursday.

The American people last year spent \$5,000,000,000 for non-essential things—for commodities and amusements and excursions and what not which were not necessary for them, according to recently published figures. The sum might be doubled, trebled, quadrupled, and then some, if the American people were willing to consider everything as nonessential that is not among the necessities of the residents of the South Sea Islands.

THE BLESSING OF TOIL

(Los Angeles Times.)

The wrong mental attitude toward work has constructed the pronouncement in the Garden of Eden into a curse, when in reality it is the greatest blessing, next to the promise of immortality, that ever descended upon the human race. "In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread" came with the sentence of death, but concealed within both cryptic messages was the germ of life. Understood, they are full of sublime purpose for man's higher destiny. Idleness is the real curse, as was proven at the dawn of creation.

Before it was discovered that work was necessary to keep mankind out of mischief and promote the development of the race ir-responsible and care-free existence for the new humanity was tried out. As we are painfully aware, the results were disastrous. After exploring their world of sylvan beauty, somewhat circumscribed in area—like their mentality—time must have hung heavy on their hands. While they had none of the concomitants of modern civilization, all their needs for living the simple life were amply supplied. Everything grew for them on bushes or trees, without the slightest expenditure of thought or labor. Wandering about a paradise of beauty, sipping honey from the flowers, dreaming their idle dreams, it would seem that they might have been content, in view of their childish intelligence. But they were not. It is not in human nature to be content. Even the luxury of an Edenic life became monotonous and lacking incentive to toil, the dawning intelligence was open to suggestions of evil. The home-wrecker in the shape of an insidious serpent crept in the untrained mentality and the weak will succumbed and the beauty of Eden was lost irrevocably.

"In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread" was the decision of a kind and just Judge who knew that work alone would keep the infant race from destroying itself. The incentive to toil must be furnished, so the gates of the earthly paradise were closed for ever. Thorns and briars sprang up, the soil yielded to cultivation under protest, necessities arose on every hand taxing man's ingenuity and persistence. The urge to greater and greater skill was insistent, inventions multiplied and the arts grew apace. After the patriarchal days were over man's civil life began. Then the necessity for work augmented in direct ratio to the increasing needs of community life.

Whether the story of mankind's fall and subsequent removal from a life of idle ease be taken literally or as an allegorical myth, the fact remains that at the very dawn of creation work was inaugurated as a needful discipline. The old truism that "an idle brain is the devil's workshop" is applicable to every phase of life since the beginning. It is as true today as it was ages ago that idleness begets crime and misery. It

is a law of life that we shall work either mentally or physically. The ideal scope of activities comprises work on both planes. Disregarding this law of life results in multiplied evils. The diseased products of civilization are found chiefly among the idlers, rarely among the real workers. The criminal hordes are recruited from the parasites who live without an ideal or a purpose from day to day. The sordid details of the police courts, the criminal trials, the social scandals would be minimized had the principals in the case been obliged to work for their daily bread. Constructive labor absorbs the energies which, left to run riot, develop amazing propensities for nauseating pollution and disgusting luxury or poverty. It is most in evidence where there is no incentive or no opportunity to work. Running riot, it robs the soul of honor and virtue and incites to the blackest crimes. An unhealthy and diseased imagination or an erotic sentimentalism cannot exist hand in hand with noble and uplifting service.

One of the great men of the age—the head of a large corporation—has said that if you wish to get anything done go to a busy man. It is a pertinent fact. It is the idlers in life's vineyard who never have time to do things. Naturally time wasted, like other things, brings loss. Often it is the lash of necessity that spurs one on to greater endeavor. It is a good which depletes the ranks of criminals while adding to the community welfare.

Today, as in past ages, the workers of the world are its true defenders and protectors. A false system has delegated to the military class alone the honor which should be given to the honest toilers and producers. The constructive utilities are the keystone and framework of our vast commercial system. In the busy office, in the marts of trade, in workshop and factory, in schoolroom and community life the busy workers are the backbone of the nation—of any nation.

All honest labor is worthy of respect. Labor with an ideal and a dream behind it is ennobling. The dreamer who uses his thought force to work out and shape a splendid plan by which countless thousands may be benefited, the brainy men and women who flash their messages of hope and cheer, of counsel and warning to multitudes along the highways of life stand shoulder to shoulder with the world's noble workers. All who labor unselfishly for the good of the whole, who have caught the throbbing heartbeats of weary and buffeted humanity and seek to bring it into tune with the infinite rank with the immortals. They have turned the fancied curse of toil into a triumph.

MUST DISARM TO SAVE WORLD

Gas, the first use of which by the Germans in the World War caused such a sensation, has come to be accepted by all nations as a regular weapon of offense and defense. An American has invented a composition so deadly that it will add terror to the next conflict in which this country may be engaged. Brigadier General Amos A. Fries, formerly in charge of the United States engineer's office in Los Angeles but now chief of the chemical warfare service, declares that a quantity equal to three drops will usually cause death and that it can be manufactured at the rate of thousands of tons per month. This new agent of death is called Lewisite. Of course, steps are already being taken to devise protection against it, but even when this is achieved there will remain the fact that the next war between two great powers, or groups of powers, will be of such a devastating and horror-producing nature that civilization will be threatened.

For this reason, if for no other, the disarmament conference should be welcomed by every nation.

Yet it already has found opponents, or at least those who profess to see that it will end in failure. Moreover, America's motives are being impugned. President Harding definitely and honestly stated that he sought the conference in Washington to bring about the cessation of the constant menace to the peace of the world which extravagant arma-

ments afford. In the face of this a Paris dispatch states that some French writers see an attempt by the United States to line up the European powers on its side against Japan. Piling absurdity upon absurdity, it is also suggested that this country will go to the length of canceling the allied debt to attain this result. It seems hard to convince Europe that America has only the highest and most honorable motives in calling this conference.

ROCK HAS VARIED HISTORY.

A report on the Dome of the Rock of Jerusalem is to be published and will be of great interest to the Mohammedan world. It may not be generally known that this place is the third in sanctity of all the sanctuaries of Islam, and indeed for a short period it actually formed the Kibla toward which all Moslems prostrated themselves in prayer. Among the more important religious associations of the rock it may be mentioned that it was there David and Solomon were called to repentance, and on account of a vision David chose this site for his temple. From this same spot Mohammed ascended to the seventh heaven after his night journey from Mecca, and lastly it is to be the scene of the Great Judgment. The historical associations are not less striking and such famous names as Omar, Abdelmalek, Saladin and Suleiman are all connected with the rock.—Detroit News.

DO AS YOU PLEASE.

A prominent churchman says what he likes about France is its spirit of tolerance. It pleased him so much that he recommends it, in spite of the fact that the church in this country is an organized remonstrance. He says that he was a month in Paris without seeing a single "Don't." There are no warnings to keep off the grass, and if a man wanted to lead a chimpanzee through the national assembly nobody would stop him. Everybody smiles and wishes you well, but no one yelps: "Stop that!" In spite of this tolerance, or perhaps because of it, everybody behaves remarkably well. Everybody is polite and good-natured and even when a policeman has to make an arrest he does it in a courteous and apologetic manner. Being permitted to do as they please the French do nothing to excess and they invariably indicate good will and charity to the other fellow. It is an essentially human spirit.

MIGHT DO WORSE.

A notorious gossip one day went to Dean W. D. Wilson, burning with indignation. "Oh, doctor, have you heard the disgraceful news? The young people of your church are going to have a dance, they say. How shocking! What do you think about it?" To which the saintly scholar responded sweetly: "Madam, I had rather have them shake their legs than their tongues!"—Christian Register.

DISINTERESTED SERVICE.

When 7-year-old Barney Gates wedged his arm in a fire plug the other day firemen, policemen, water department men, plumbers, pavers, laborers, doctors, nurses and men and women of half a score of other professions and callings worked with a will to free him, without hope of reward or thought of recompense. This was a fine thing and, happily for the race, the natural thing for them to do. It is unfortunate that all the boys and girls whose moral and intellectual arms are wedged in a way that menaces their future cannot be seen and their

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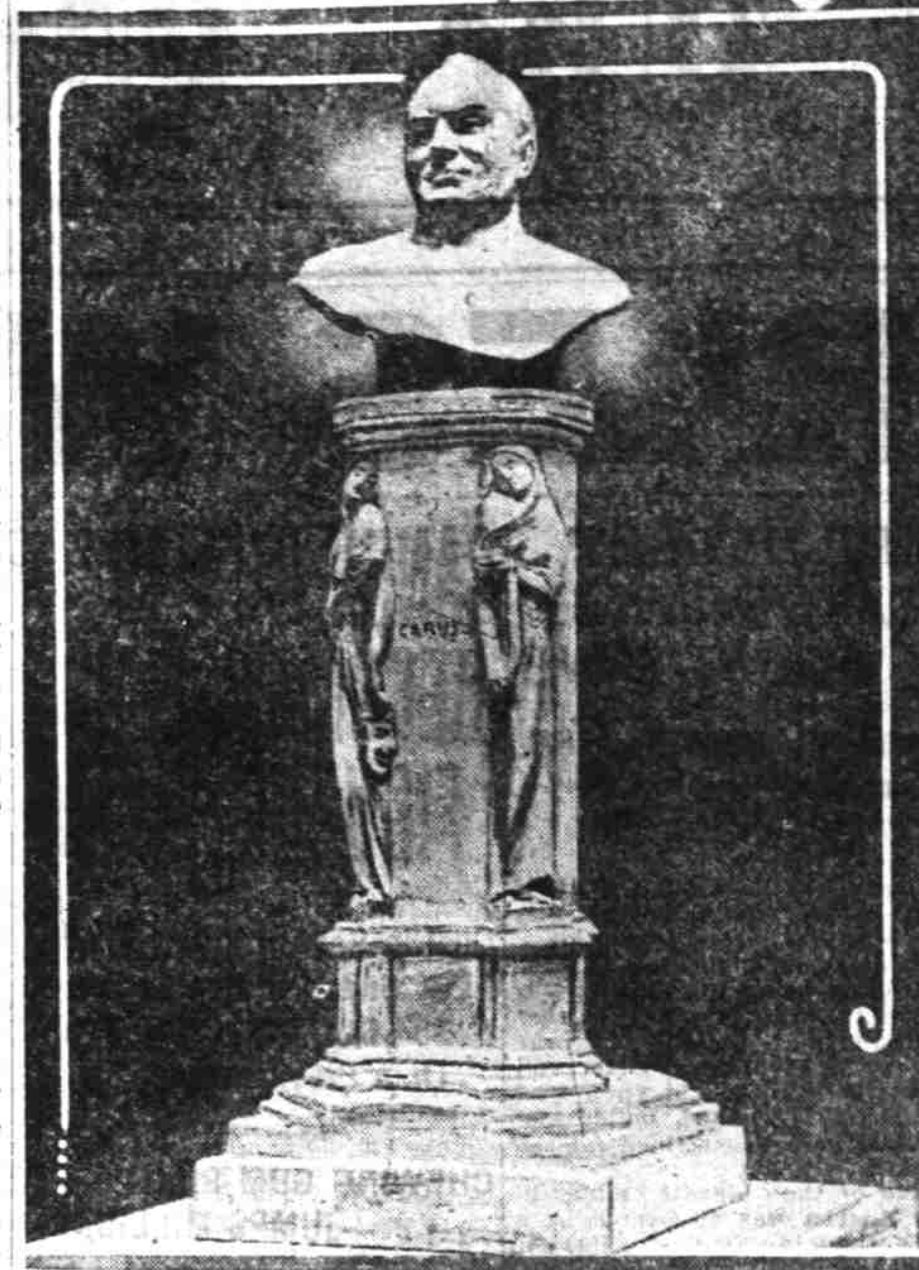
Payments from crop like usual rent. Purchaser must have sufficient funds for dwelling and necessary equipment for properly caring for the fruit. Each tract now has planted 10 acres loganberries and 5 acres strawberries. Will yield a crop next spring. Such a proposition has never before been offered.

It will be a pleasure to take this matter up further as to details.

See

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SCULPTOR COMPLETES CLAY LIKENESS OF CARUSO.



Enrico Caruso has just finished this bust of the great tenor, which will be placed in the Metropolitan Opera House as a gift from the Italian Musical League of New York. The statue is nine feet high.

peril understood to clearly? If they could be, a terrible toll of unnecessary suffering would be saved.—New York Herald.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Labor day tomorrow.

Two Sundays come together.

Nearly every one will celebrate tomorrow, excepting the poor newspaper workers.

That's right—treat 'em rough. Meaning the bootleggers. Otherwise they will own the town fair week.

Did you see the busy streets of Salem yesterday? Well, see them again next Saturday, and the following Saturday, as the schools open and the hop pickers get loose, and the state fair approaches or is on. Salem is going to be a busy old place, on up to Christmas, and then over after.

A Cleveland, Ohio, man named Brothers is the agent for the Dodge Brothers auto. When a son was born he named him Dodge. See? Full name, Dodge Brothers.

The orlon men down on Lash Meadows are in a race with the hop men for the place of plutocracy among the farmers. And going strong.

Over in Prosser, Washington, a

20-year-old deputy sheriff keeps her district absolutely clear of intoxicating liquor, moon-shine or real booze. Other districts could do the same if so many officials were not in cahoots with the boot-legal. From Lend a Hand, published by the prisoners of the Oregon penitentiary.

"The cleanest state prison I have visited," said Mr. Swendsen, of the Minnesota board of control, referring to the Oregon penitentiary, and Mr. Swendsen has visited them all.—From Lend a Hand, published by the prisoners of the Oregon penitentiary.

New Quackenbush Store Will Open Tomorrow

With one of the largest supplies of automobile accessories in Salem, the Quackenbush Auto Supplies store will open at its new location, 294 North Commercial street on Tuesday, September 6.

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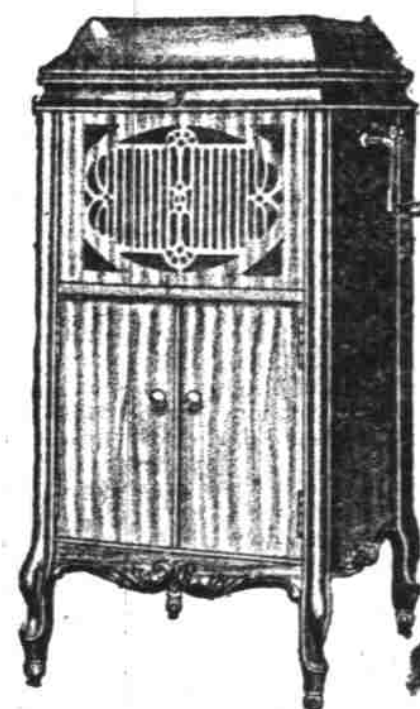
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