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WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

Who is a great man? Milton said: "He alone is worthy of the appellation who either does great things, or teaches how they may be done, or describes them with a suitable majesty when they have been done; but those only are great things which tend to render life more happy, which increase the innocent enjoyments and comforts of existence, or which pave the way to a state of future bliss more permanent and more pure."

Whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass grow on a spot of ground where only one grew before would deserve better of mankind and do more essential service than the whole race of politicians put together.

There was printed in the American Economist of last week the following tribute: "THE PIONEER" "The Pioneer" is the title of a painting by Peter Marcus of New York. It represents a portion of New York's picturesque skyline and includes such skyscrapers as the Singer building, the Woolworth building, the Municipal building near the New York terminal of Brooklyn bridge, as well as the terminal of that bridge, the pioneer bridge of its class.

In the forties, John A. Roebling was a young man residing in Pennsylvania, near what is now the great city of Pittsburgh. He was engaged to be married to a young woman who was a member of the company of people who were on the point of going to Bethel, Missouri, where they were to have their property in common. The young woman persisted. John A. Roebling hesitated, and finally drew back. He remained in Pennsylvania and she went to Missouri and joined the colony.

What might have been? Had such a genius, such a "practical genius" as John A. Roebling chosen a different course in his youth in Pennsylvania, and had he become a member of the Aurora colony, and had he with his vision made an industrial colony there, instead of an agricultural, what a different history might not this part of Oregon have had!

A FARMERS PROGRAM In the farmers program, as outlined in Corvallis this week, there were two outstanding points, diversity and marketing. The diversity we already have. Willamette valley is developing every crop the soil is capable of producing. We have 50 outstanding crops and they are showing to the world what can be done in this fabulously rich valley. However, on the other hand not so much can be said.

"I AM FOR ECONOMY" President Coolidge is not a man of many words, but he is a man of deep convictions. Some people are silent because they have nothing to say; Coolidge is silent because it is the habit of his life. In a public address recently he said: "As for me, I am ready for economy. There is scarcely an economic ill anywhere in this country that cannot be traced directly or indirectly, to high taxes."

and other municipality — must come out of industry. They must be paid in hard coin of the realm, and the payment involves self-denial and hard work. The president's opponents do not make a frontal attack on his position. "Oh, yes," they say, "we are for retrenchment; we are for a reduction of the burden of taxation."

The truth is so plain that it is a wonder that any one could be hoodwinked. The president is for retrenchment—real retrenchment. The president is for tax reduction—real tax reduction. His opponents, most of them, are talking deception.

A GREAT INVESTMENT The Oregon Statesman wants to emphasize the position of Mrs. Carson as to a country nurse. It is a great thing for the county that a woman of her forcible character and determination is holding the position she does. She will get the nurse all right. But there is another side and that is the reason we want her to get one. A nurse would be the best investment Marion county could make. She would belong to all the people and would serve all the people. She would prevent epidemics. She would see that a lot of children who are now underprivileged would have a fair chance in the world and in life.

LONGER LIVES It is good news that every child born today will have expectations of living twelve years longer than his father. That is a tremendous stride forward for one generation and it comes because of the progress that has been made in hygiene, sociology and the everyday problems of life. Twelve years added to a child's life very frequently means the difference between a loss and a profit on that life. So many years are necessarily used for preparation that unless the child has the necessary time after being equipped, its life will be an economic loss.

FARM LOANS President Coolidge has made a proposal for the temporary relief of the farmer. We have many times pointed out that the farmers do not want anything given to them. They do want to have the way open by which they can help themselves. They do need more credit for the reason that many banks of the country find themselves in such serious dilemma because they cannot collect from the farmers. The present proposal will give these banks relief and at the same time give the farmers an opportunity to work out their own salvation.

A REPUBLIC It begins to look as though Greece is going to have a republic. At any rate, the people are going to have a say and it stands to reason that they will say a republic. The people of Greece are long-suffering and they have suffered much. They are citizens who deserve better conditions, and their recent plight is entirely chargeable to the monarchy. There was a fair way to get out entirely until the foolish king declared war on Turkey, and in consequence lost his throne, his dynasty has fallen and more than 100,000 of his people have been killed. It is a terrible indictment against monarchy in general.

LET US REVISE Certainly the problem of our children is heavy on the hearts of the people of Salem. There are so many children who are neglected, whose parents dismiss them with the easy makeshift, "I can do nothing with them." Here is where the city should step in. No one wants to make a gruesome place for the children out of Salem. We all want the children to have fun, but we want them to have decent and orderly fun, and the moment we show our concern, that moment the children will behave. They are not wicked, they are just thoughtless.

OPPOSING SUNDAY It is with genuine grief that the Oregon Statesman notes that people who ought to be united for everything that will help the town are not uniting for Billy Sunday. Salem needs Billy Sunday more than anything else. It has a right to expect people to be forward-looking and they do not join with the critics against every thing good. The men who are opposed to all religion have a right to fight Billy Sunday, but those who are not opposed should not carry the point so far as to make division in the ranks of Christian people.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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THE STRANGE REQUEST THAT MADGE MADE OF LILLIAN. That Dicky was concealing something important from me, something concerning affairs at home, I was sure, not from his insistence that we start home at so early a morning hour—for we both like as early a start as possible when we are taking a long motor trip—but from his general uneasy demeanor. He is a most transparent person, is my Peter Pan, and I could see very plainly that he was worried.

Lillian Is Relieved. I knew what Dicky's leaving the bungalow meant—permission for me to re-pack his things. It is a rare repeated every time we make a journey. He resents fiercely at first any attempt of mine to see to his belongings, but after a session with them, he clears out and leaves the field to me. Of course, that puts one in the position where if anything is lost or damaged he can blame my packing, but that affords him such a satisfactory outlet if things go wrong that I am glad to exchange it for his absence from the scene.

There were several things to be seen to, however, before I finished packing, and of those the most important was telling Lillian of the plan. I hurried out, crossed to her bungalow, and told her the news. I knew how anxious she was to get away from the present tense emotional atmosphere with which Robert Savarin's jealousy was enveloping her, so I was not surprised at the look of relief which swept her face, nor at the vigor with which she began to move around her rooms, characteristically beginning to work even before I had finished my errand.

Madge Packs. "I wish you'd do something for me," I said, smiling, "but I warn you it's something that's downright dishonorable." "Short of murdering our host's entire family and setting fire to the house afterward, I am at your service," she retorted. "What particular brand of second-story work do you desire?" "Nothing so strenuous. I simply want you to gain my husband's confidence, and then bring me your knowledge." Lillian regarded me for a second with suddenly narrowed eyes as if she realized that there was something very real behind my jesting. But her speech carried on my conceit.

"I'll turn his soul inside out and show you the lining," she promised carelessly, but there was an intensity in her eyes which told me she was waiting to hear my real moaning. "Something wrong at home," I said. "I know it from the way Dicky's acting—high and lofty purpose of shielding tender wife from the truth. I've seen him do it before. And he's also dying to tell somebody the trouble, so I prophesy he'll weep on your shoulder in another hour or two. Please encourage the babbling, and then let me know what it's all about—of course—" I added conscientiously, "if it's anything you can tell me."

She picked up a tiny pair of embroidery scissors and held them aloft melodramatically. "Samson's locks shall be sheared!" she declared oratorically, and I went back to my packing with the security that if the knowledge Dicky had was anything I ought to know I would in all probability be in possession of it before I slept. I attacked the packing methodically, first leaving out every article of clothing which Junior, Dicky and I would wear on the homeward trip, and the toilet articles we would require the next morning. Then, with a sigh of thankfulness for the forethought which had made me arrange the parcel-post packages, I succeeded in getting all my things and Junior's into my own suitcases and bags, even leaving a space in one of them for any overflow of Dicky's. A stout linen bag for the soiled clothing, another for the miscellany which the last minute brings, I left open, ready for the final winding-up of things the next morning. And then—with a long breath—I attacked the problem of Dicky's packing. (To be continued)

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Cap'n Zyb POTALA? LHASA? THIBET? This is a picture of the largest building in the world. It is not in New York or in a place which most of you fellows have even heard of. It is the Potala palace in far-away Thibet—a mountain country nestling in the Himalaya mountains north of India. The great palace is 18,000 feet above sea level, so high that every motion is strenuous effort for people who live in the low places like most of us do. This palace is 436 feet 10 inches high and well over a quarter of a mile long. Outside this great building is a wonderful thing to see, but it is very unattractive inside. There are miles of halls and hundreds of rooms—all terribly dirty and sooty. They get sooty from the smoke of lamps which burn butter. It is almost impossible to wash in this strange country, because the skin will crack, and a cut finger is a serious proposition, because there is so little oxygen in the air that cuts do not heal properly. The national food of Thibet is a sort of paste called pismaba which is made of tea leaves ground up with yak's blood, butter, and plenty of salt. Doesn't sound very inviting, does it? Only a few white men, or other strangers, have ever been in the sacred Thibetan City of Lhasa because the Thibetans are a very austere people, who do not wish any strangers to enter. The country is ruled by Buddhist monks, or Lamas. The head of these monks is the Dalai Lama—who is usually not over 15 years old. —CAP'N ZYB.

Family Reunion Held at Thurman Home Recently SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special to The Statesman)—The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Thurman of Marquam was the scene of a pleasant event Tuesday when the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren met to celebrate Mr. Thurman's 85th birthday. A family reunion was held at the same time. Those present were Mrs. E. J. Thurman, Silverton, Mrs. Albert Whitlock, Lebanon, Mrs. Belle Whitlock, Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Remington, McMinville, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Thurman, Buxton, Mrs. C. M. Watson, Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. John Thurman, Marquam, Misses Gertrude and Elizabeth Thurman, Marquam, Mrs. John Scism and two sons, Ray and Ellis of Silverton, Mrs. E. O. Minor and daughters, Ruth and Edna, Silverton, Miss Mary E. Jones and Miss Mary Jane Jones of Portland.

GOVERNMENT BY "BLOCS" By JOHN T. ADAMS, Chairman of the Republican National Committee

The United States is the only nation participating in the World war that has made substantial progress toward restoration of normal conditions since the armistice. Although five years have elapsed since peace was declared, Europe still is in a chaotic condition, economically and politically. Conditions in the United States form a happy and striking contrast to those in European countries. There is a fundamental reason for this difference. European nations are cursed politically with the "bloc" system. Their legislative bodies are composed of groups and factions, no one of which is able of its own strength to enact a legislative program. Their parliamentary bodies have been deadlocked since the war. Practically every cabinet in Europe since the war has been what is known as a "coalition" cabinet, —a cabinet made up of men from different "blocs" who agree to a temporary patching up of their differences. These cabinets have been short-lived. It is different in the United States. We have a form of government in which there is a majority and a minority party. The majority party is commissioned by the people to put into effect a definite program. It is held responsible for carrying out this mandate of the people. The great progress of the United States has made during the last three years is largely due to the existence and operation of this form of responsible party government. Had this country, like European nations, been divided into a number of small parties or "blocs" no one of which could assume control of the government and put into effect a definite program, the United States would have made no more progress during the last five years than European nations have made. Party government is the only system of responsible government we have. Government by "blocs" and factions is generally dictated by group selfishness rather than by the fundamentals of political economy and a desire to render the greatest possible service to all the people. Republican men and women are performing a great service to their country at this time by setting their faces against this form of disorganization.

FUTURE DATES

January 25, Friday—High school play. "The Intimate Stranger," high school auditorium, 8 o'clock. January 28, Monday—Ex-service men of Marion-Polk counties guests of 40 & 8 McCormack hall, Salem. February 12, Tuesday—Annual Ladies night, Ikwaniis club. February 16, Saturday—Hotel men of Oregon to meet in Salem. February 23, Saturday—Dedication of statue "The Circuit Rider," in state house grounds. March 14 and 15, Friday and Saturday—Marion county Sunday school branch of religious education meets at Stayton. May 16, Friday—Primary election in Oregon. June 10, Tuesday—Republican national convention meets in Cleveland. June 24, Tuesday—Democratic national convention meets in New York.

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