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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." And Swift said:

"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 poli-

ticians 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.

Brooklyn bridge represents the realization of the dreams of a 'practical idealist,' John A. Roebling, the great engineer. Without the magic strength of untold miles of wire rope, Brooklyn bridge would have remained but a dream, and the greatness of New York would never have been developed as has been the case. After forty-one years the dream that came true still stands as the monument to a man's ideal.

"A reproduction of the picture, 'The Pioneer,' adorns the 1924 calendar issued by John A. Roebling's Sons Company of New Jersey, manufacturers of wire and wire rope, the company founded by the idealist who planned and built Brooklyn bridge, and whose last days were passed in a building overlooking that bridge, so that he might behold daily with his own eyes the completion of his life's ideal. The picture is a fitting tribute to the greatness of John A. Roebling, and the bridge itself his most fitting monument."

In the forties, John A. Roebling was a young man residing 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-

And from that colony, and the same colony charter, grew the colony that founded Aurora, Oregon, and, under the leadership of Dr. Keil and its seven trustees, one of whom was a brother of the then young woman, secured about 10,000 acres of land in Marion and Clackamas counties, and conducted one of the most successful community property experiments the world has ever known; and one that again proved what had been proved so many times before, and since, that every such enterprise contains the seeds of failure-for when Dr. Keil died there was no other leader whom all members (about 1000 members then) would trust implicitly in all things, material, moral and spiritual; and so the Aurora colony was dissolved, and the property divided, and every one had a competence from what they had together worked in common to create—about a million dollars' worth of property. The young woman lived a saintly (single) life in the Aurora colony, and died there.

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!

In the early days of the Aurora colony, flax was grown on a small seale, and homespun made; spun with a distaff and woven on hand looms. What a future Aurora might have had with the full development of the linen and lace industries there, under the leadership of such a master as John A. Roebling!

Aurora would have become the Belfast of America. Aurora might have become a greater city than Portland is now. The makings were all there, in that colony.

There will be a John A. Roebling of the linen industry of Oregon. He will come to Salem. This city is waiting for him

A FARMERS PROGRAM

In the farmers program, as out- we study our markets as our great ned in Corvallis this week, there need we will be putting our finwere two outstanding points, di- gers on the one thing necessary versity and marketing. The di- to bring prosperity to the whole ty we already have, Willam- of America. ette 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 fabulous- of many words, but he is a man ly rich valley. However, on the of deep convictions. Some people other hand not so much can be are silent because they have noth-

quare deal. Until this is done we rat welfare." We can imagine are just thoughtless. will always be in danger of a glut, that that is one assertion Hiram However, there is no such thing Johnson will not controvert or

"I AM FOR ECONOMY". President Coolidge is not a man ing to say; Coolidge is silent be-

of our products could be used.

either at home of exported. When

We need markets, or rather, we cause it is the habit of his life. need ways of reaching them. There In a public address recently he are a thousand markets fairly said: "As for me, I am ready for with the easy makeshift, "I can do clamoring for Willamette valley economy. There is scarcely an products. They cannot be served economic ill anywhere in this because of freight conditions. It country that cannot be traced diis a great pity that with all the rectly or indirectly, to high taxes." place for the children out of Satalk of economical rates we get That is a statement we frequent- lem. We all want the children ond with suddenly narrowed eyes no cooperation from the railroads, by hear, but here is one that shows to have fun, but we want them to as if she realized that there was They insist upon us meeting their the president at his best, and have decent and orderly fun, and something very real behind my terms. The interstate commerce shows the determined character of the moment we show our concern,

erproduction in America. If even tackle, These heavy tax perly distributed, every pound rolls-federal, state, county, city

denial and hard work.

position.

goodwinked. 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. Mothers would welcome this nurse and she would help every mother in the county rear her children by bringing up the health standard of all of them. A county nurse investment for Marion county.

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 hyquently means the difference belife. So many years are necessarily used for preparation that unless the child has the necessary will be an economic loss.

There is room enough in the self. progress and also to lift the lifeline the next generation and push it forward more than twelve years.

FARM LOANS

President Coolidge has made a proposal for the temporary relief into sections. And articles of of the farmer. We have many Dicky's wearing apparel and his times pointed out that the farmers do not want anything given to article of furniture in the rooms, them. They do want to have the while I found one of his shoes and way open by which they can help themselves. They do need more credit for the reason that many Lillian Is Relieved. 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 opportunity to work out their own

This is no new thing. It has been done with the tariff for a hundred years and will doubtless be done for a hundred years more.

A REPUBLIC

It begins to look as though Greece is going to have a repubfic. 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 failed 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 so many children who are neglect service," she retorted. "What pared, whose parents dismiss them nothing with them." Here is where the city should step in. No one wants to make a gruesome your knowledge." commission ought to force the rail- the man. He says: "To increase that moment the children will beroads to give marketable crops a that burden is to depress the gene- have. They are not wicked, they

OPPOSING SUNDAY

and other municipality - must Oregon Statesman notes that peo- said. "I know it from the way come out of industry. They must ple who ought to be united for Dicky's acting - high and lofty be paid in hard coin of the realm, everything that will help the town purpose of shielding tender wife and the payment involves self- are not uniting for Billy Sunday. from the truth. I've seen him do it before. And he's also dying to Salem needs Billy Sunday more tell somebody the trouble, so I The president's opponents do than anything else. It has a right prophesy he'll weep on your shoul- Copyright, 1923, Associated Editors. not make a frontal attack on his to expect people to be forwardder in another hour or two. Please looking and they do not join with encourage the babbling, and then "Oh, yes," they say, "we are the critics against every thing let me know what it's all aboutof course-" I added conscientifor retrenchment; we are for a re- good. The men who are opposed ously, "if it's anything you can duction of the burden of taxa- to all religion have a right to fight Billy Sunday, but those who are tell me." She picked up a tiny pair of em-The truth is so plain that it is not opposed should not carry the broidery scissors and held them wonder that any one could be point so far as to make division aloft melodramatically. in the ranks of Christian people.

> There is a good deal of satisfaction in knowing that we have an unexcitable president. He Dicky had was anything I ought goes along in the even tenor of his to know I would in all probability way, doing his duty as he sees it.

PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 84

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 would be a wonderfully profitable 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.

There was no use taxing him with my belief, however. Except upon the occasions when his temper of thoughtlessness gets the better of him, he is chivalrous to a fault. It is his firm conviction giene, sociology and the everyday that his womenkind should be problems of life. Twelve years shielded from unpleasantness, and added to a child's life very fre- he was patently working overtime upon his present task. But while tween a loss and a profit on that Dicky is chivalrously protecting to me, he also, in the years since we were married, has confided his troubles and joys to me very freely, and I knew that he was on nettime after being equipped, its life tles at having to keep whatever knowledge he possessed to him-

Dicky hurried away from the er life means more useful life, so bungalow as soon as he had issued Oregon can produce many times we may expect the oncoming gen- his ultimatum about starting the the present tonnages, and higher eration to make more marked next morning at 7, and I looked average qualities than now-and around me with dismayed eyes. He had been packing his belongings in The short and sure and cheap road his own fashion, and the results were before me in a suitcase and a bag standing open in th middle of the floor. They were open because no one on earth could have souvenirs were strewn upon every a perfectly good hat under the

bungalow meant—permission for shown him with his mouth open. me to re-pack his things. It is a farce repeated every time we make a journey. He resents fiercely at the same time give the farmers an first any attempt of mine to see to his belongings, but after a session the field to me. Of course, that puts one in the position where if let if things go wrong that I am sence from the scene.

There were several things to be packing, and of those the most

get away from the present tense rest. Robert Savarin's jealousy was enprised at the look of relief which 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 of you it's something that's downright dishonorable."

"Short of murdering our host' children is heavy on the hearts entire family and setting fire to of the people of Salem. There are the house afterward, I am at your ticular brand of second-story work do you desire?" "Nothing so strenuous. I sim-

ply want you to gain my husband's confidence, and then bring me

Lillian regarded me for a sec 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 intentness in her eyes which told me she was waiting to hear my real mean-

To Do

The Boys and Girls Statesman

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ANOTHER ANIMAL MOVIE REEL



As soon as Papa Monkey reads the title, "The Pie-Faced swered: "E. A. for Elbert Ander-Policeman, In Four Parts," the little monkeys all scratch their son, who contracts for the supheads and begin to ask which is to be in four parts, the pie or plies, and U. S. for Uncle Sam, wh the policeman. Then Papa Monkey has to explain that it is inspects them." the picture that is in four parts, and their cousin, Pansy Chimpanzee leans across the aisle and reminds them that it is against rules to read the titles out loud.

Cut out the reel around the circle, and putting the thumb tack that is the button on the orchestra leader's coat (shown United States, heard the tale, they in the theatre on Monday) through the center dot of the used the characteristic Uncle San reel, underneath the theatre, move the reel around on the of the inspecting room, dressed in screen to show the progress of the story.

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

The great palace is 18,000 feet

motion is strenuous effort for peo-

ple who live in the low places like

most of us do. This palace is 436

feet 10 inches high and well over

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 wast

in this strange country, because

the skin will crack, and a cut fin-

ger is a serious proposition, be

The national food of Thibet is

Only a few white men, or other

-CAP'N ZYB.

strangers, have ever been in the

quarter of a mile long.

The big thing for the conferences at Corvallis to decide in

considering the agricultural survey of Oregon is marketing. The soil and sunshine and showers of in far-away Thibet-a mountain the world needs all our surplus. country nestling in the Himalaya mountains north of India. from producer to consumer is the big thing. above sea level, so high that every

"Samson's locks shall be shear-

ed!" she declared oratorically, and

I went back to my packing with

the security that if the knowledge

be in possession of it before

I attacked the packing methodi-

cally, first leaving out every ar-

icle of clothing which Junior,

Dicky and I would wear on the

homeward trip, and the toilet ar-

ticles 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 Jun-

ior'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

-I attacked the problem

(To be continued)

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

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It was St. Petersburg, then Pet-

rograd, and now Leninegrad. Mak-

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The United States will wish Eng-

land happiness in her proposed

* * *

Five million dollars is wasted

annually in steam used in whistl-

ing on American railways. That

much more noise than is neces-

sary for the purposes intended.

Almost as wasteful as the hot air

association with soviet Russia.

Spring is on the way, and the

Preparing for the garden?

seed catalogues are out.

ing the downward grade.

And then-with a long breath

morning.

Dicky's packing.

Now they are making cigarettes out of black paper for the comfort and solace of widows who mourn for departed husbands. But a wofag at a popular resort occasioned plained that she was burning incense to her deceased terrier. It was not her husband, after all.

Some one suggests that none of I knew what Dicky's leaving the the pictures of Calvin Coolidge has

They stick to their land in cause there is so little oxygen in France. The government has the air that cuts do not heal propbeen offering decorations to famwith them, he clears out and leaves acres for three centuries. Thus a sort of paste called ptsamba far 750 medals have been distribwhich is made of tea leaves ground uted. One family has been plantup with yak's blood, butter, and anything is lost or damaged he can ing the same land for more than blame my packing, but that af- 1200 years. The LaFarges of to- plenty of salt. Doesn't sound very inviting, does it? fords him such a satisfactory out- day can tract their genealogy to the days of Charlemagne. They glad to exchange it for his ab- are tilling the acres now they did settled to some extent for more seen to, however, before I finished than three centuries, but if a famaustere people, who do not wish ily clings to one farm or ranch any strangers to enter. The counimportant was telling Lillian of for a full generation it is consid- try is ruled by Buddhist monks. the plan. I hurried out, crossed to ered a marvel of patient endur- or Lamas. The head of these her bungalow, and told her the ance. The people of the Old monks is the Dalai Lama-who is World appear to be more adhesive usually not over 15 years old. I knew how anxious she was to and those of France lead all tle

> A genuine feminist is one who thinks woman's sphere this one on which we live.

FUTURE DATES

January 25, Friday-High school play. The Intimate Stranger,' high school 'The Intimate Stranger,' auditorium, 8 o'clock. January 28, Monday—Ex-service men f Marion-Polk counties guesta of 40 & 8 McCornack hall, Salem February 12, Tuesday-Annual Ladies ight, iKwanis ctub. February 16, Saturday-Hotel men of Pregon to meet in Salein. February 23, Saturday—Dedication of statue "The Circuit Sider," in state

March 13, 14 and 15—State Interscholarstic basketball tournament, Wil March 14 and 15, Friday and Satur

lay-Marion county Sunday school branch religious education meets at Stayton. May 16, Eriday-Primary election is oregon.

June 10. Tuckday-Republican nation al convention meets in Cleveland.

June 24. Tuesday—Democratic national convention meets in New York

READ OUR

Family Reunion Held at

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 24 .-

when the children, grandchildren Marquam, Mrs. John Scism and and great grandchildren met to two sons, Ray and Ellis of Silverbirthday. A family reunion was ters, Ruth and Edna, Silverton, held at the same time.

FIRST "UNCLE SAM"

Uncle Sam, of the long wh hair, striped trousers and stars waistcoat, who stands for t United States in cartoons, was iginally a real person, a citizen Troy, New York, about 100 year ago. The way the term came be applied to the United State government happened in this ma

Shortly after the war of 1811 Elbert Anderson of New York who was a contractor for the army, went to Troy to purchas some provisions. It was Ande son's habit to stamp all boxes co taining the goods with his initial and those of the United States, that on the end of each box se out were the letters E. A. an

Before each box went out it ha to be inspected, and one of the inspectors was an old man, pop lar among his associates for h wit and good humor, named San uel Wilson. Around the inspecting rooms he was known as "Unc Sam." One time a new man I the office asked an employe wha the letters on the boxes, E. A. and U. S. stood for. The man, think ing to tease Uncle Sam a bit, as

The joke spread, and before long the letters U. S. became generally applied to the name Uncle Sam. When cartoonists, looking for popular figure to impersonate the flag-like clothes.

Thurman, Silverton, Mrs. Alber Whitlock, Lebanon, Mrs. Bell Thurman Home Recently Whitlock, Klamath Falls, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Remington, McMinnville, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Thur-(Special to The Statesman) - man, Buxton, Mrs. C. M. Watson The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Silverton, Mr. and Mrs. Joh Thurman of Marquam was the Thurman, Marquam, Misses Ger scene of a pleasant event Tuesday trude and Elizabeth Thurman, celebrate Mr. Thurman's 85th ton, Mrs. E. O. Minor and daugh-Miss Mary E. Jones and Miss Mary Those present were Mrs. E. J. Jane Jones of Portland.

GOVERNMENT BY "BLOCS"

Chairman of the Republican National Committee



Although five years have elapsed ernment. since peace was declared, Europe still is in a chaotic condition, eco- nations, been divided into a nu nomically and politically. Condi- ber of small parties or "blocs" tions in the United States form a one of which could assume cont happy and striking contrast to of the government and put into those in European countries. There fect a definite program, the United is a fundamental reason for this States would have made no me

Their legislative bodies are com- system of responsible government

rope since the war has been what en are performing a great service is known as a "coalition" cabinet, to their country at this time -a cabinet made up of men from setting their faces against the different "blocs" who agree to a form of disorganization.

The United temporary patching up of the States is the differences. These cabinets have only nation been short-lived.

participat- It is different in the Un ing in the States. We have a form of gov World war ernment in which there is a that has jority and a minority party. The made sub- majority party is commissioned by s t a n tial the people to put into effect a del progress to nite program. It is held respons ward restor- ble for carrying out this manda ation of nor- of the people. The great progres mal condi- the United States has made during tions since the last three years is largely du the armisto the existence and operation of

this form of responsible party go Had this country, like Europe

progress during the last five year European nations are cursed po- than European nations have ma litically with the "bloc" system. Party government is the o posed of groups and factions, no we have. Government by "block one of which is able of its own and factions is generally dictate strength to enact a legislative pro- by group selfishness rather than gram. Their parliamentary bodies the fundamentals of political com have been deadlocked since the omy and a desire to render the greatest possible service to all the Practically every cabinet in Eu- people. Republican men and won

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