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RULES FOR RIGHT LIVING:—Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4: 31, 32.

PRAYER:—Fill our hearts, O Lord, with thy love wherewith thou hast loved us, and then we will think no evil.

A MILLION PEOPLE IN SALEM

Salem will become a city of a million people; backed by a population in her patronizing territory of seven millions and more—

How soon! As soon as she fully develops her water powers; and on account of this development takes full advantage of all her natural possibilities.

The linen and hemp industries, for instance, will eventually employ here, directly and indirectly, a million people; perhaps, a great many more, because there is no boll weevil in flax or hemp, and their fibers are coming to be cheaper than cotton fiber; will eventually be a great deal cheaper. And they are much stronger and better and more enduring. Their manufactures will be preferred to cotton manufactures, on account of their cheapness, and further on account of their superior qualities.

And Salem will become a manufacturing city in many branches with the use of her available "white coal;" with the harnessing of her water powers.

Salem is already a manufacturing city; she uses more than a fourth of all the cans in the Pacific Northwest that are used in putting up fruit; has the largest and finest paper mill of its kind on the coast; big wood working plants; large packing house, etc., etc., and she is growing fast as a manufacturing center—

But nothing like as fast as is possible, with the use of her available water powers.

The foundations of a great and solid city and a permanently prosperous country—with a Gibraltar prosperity—were laid when the forces of nature fashioned this Salem district; this central Willamette valley, potentially richer than the valley of the Nile. The dream of a great population and a great prosperity will come true. It is only a matter of time. The cooperation of men with vision will make it come true soon.

The complete development and full use of our potential water power will make the dream come true—

The thing that never dies, never is consumed, never wears out, never is used to destruction or to extraction, that is the great agency that is going to be the central feature of our development, electricity. It will come from the rivers running down the defiles of the Cascades and the Coast Range.

It will come to make us great. It will come to fulfill the destiny that the Creator has marked out for this district and this city, and when we have used it, like the faith of God, we have not consumed it. We can use it and use it and use it. The world has been seeking for something that will give us power without destruction or consumption. The white coal of the nearby mountain streams will be ours and our children's and our children's children's. Neither will the fertility of our soil wear out. On the contrary it will grow more fecund as it is longer used, under the rules of good husbandry.

That is the glimpse of the future; a picture the mere outlines only of which have yet been painted, and which will develop into a perfect painting only after generations shall have added their work in the making of the accomplished conglomerate, coherent, composite masterpiece.

What are we here for? What is the meaning of life? We are here to serve, else we would as well not have been born. The wide world needs what we have to offer—our fruits and vegetables and the products of our flocks and herds and our fields and farms and gardens; the preparation and manufacturing and packing and sending of which will require the use of power; the power that is now running to waste.

Develop all our available water powers and use the energy in manufacturing the products that may be grown in the Salem district on land that is now idle—

And Salem will become a city of a million people— And the Salem district will rapidly fill up with a teeming population that will ultimately become ten millions—

For this will never be a single crop or single industry district or city. We have the greatest diversity of any section of any country—the greatest number of things we may grow and do with success and profit above the ordinary. This is the land of diversity, the country of opportunity—

And the surest way to diversify and intensify the possible diversity, and to fulfill our abounding opportunities, is to launch out into an ambitious water power development.

To put all our resources as a city or as a district behind it—

To go after it and accomplish it. This can be done. It would mark Salem as one of the coming cities of the United States; the future most prosperous city of her size in the world—

And the size might be 100,000 or 500,000, or a million, and this would still be true.

It will pay. It will be the biggest and best thing we can do, in serving ourselves, and in serving our state and country and the wide world.

If Los Angeles could become a city of over a million people, with sand dunes and climate to start with, what may not Salem become, with all her vast natural resources and possibilities?

Rapid growth here is almost a moral issue. We owe it to the world to give to the world the things we have that the world needs—the things we can grow or make of better quality or at lower cost or to greater advantage than can be done elsewhere—

We have a right to grow; and it is right that we should grow. It is our duty.

BETTER HOMES

A breeder of livestock is apt to make his barn better than his house. That is if he has thoroughbred stock. If he has scrub stock he never does. In humanity

we have thoroughbred stock always. It is every man's duty to think that his family is thoroughbred anyhow. It gives us an idea of wanting the best and getting the best for our families. Better Homes week is emphasis

izing the importance of having a good home, a better home, in fact. Yesterday we read that many of the new houses were poorly constructed. This naturally applies to the little ones, the ones that ought to be the best constructed in this day when there is so much credit in home buying. No one should ever buy a home, however small, that is not strongly constructed, warm in winter and convenient in summer.

Better Homes week is for the sole purpose of selling the people the idea of getting better homes; not necessarily new homes, but painting up their old ones, cleaning up their yards, planting trees and shrubs, caring for them after they are planted, giving everything plenty of water. In fact you can re-make the average home in this city and make it attractive.

A FAR CRY

The farthest cry from the government of our fathers which we have extolled so much is the United States senate passing upon a criminal indictment in the state of Montana. Men have gone to their death, thousands of them, for a crime less than this. The senate had no more right to try this Montana indictment than the meanest official in the old world had to take life without due process of law. The crime is so appalling that it startles us. What hope have we for our future republic when men in high places use their power automatically to destroy the courts of the country. There should be a protest so general that the senate would hereafter keep its place. Rome never committed such a crime as this in all the days of the Caesars; yet Rome fell. America will fall if justice is to be bartered about in the high places of America at the behest of the individual and the courts rendered helpless. It is an appalling situation.

MARK TWAIN

Ten statues were unveiled this week in the Hall of Fame, nine men and one woman. The list is a distinguished one, but we wish to call special attention to one name, Mark Twain, who was regarded first as a clown, then as a humorist, and about the time he died, a philosopher. His fame has continued to grow, however, until now many people pronounce him the leading literary man in American history. Mark Twain was humorous, but there was a gold mine of real thought in every article he wrote—at least a gold pocket. No other American has grown posthumously as has Mark Twain. Jack London has continued to grow, but that is another story.

CHANGING POLITICS

The attorney general has ruled that a man cannot change his politics on a moment's notice. In other words there is no deathbed repentance for a democrat. It has been the custom in Oregon for men who have registered in one party to change their faith officially before casting a ballot. This can no longer be done.

This ruling is a righteous one, one that every friend of good government will uphold. The curse of politics is men voting in opposite parties. Under the primaries they can only vote once. In the old convention system they voted in both party caucuses. It is all wrong; this policy is immoral.

THE MAN'S COURAGE

No matter what your politics, you cannot but admire the courage of Calvin Coolidge. He has made up his mind that people want tax reduction and without a thought of his political fortunes he is hewing straight to the line. The people at large appreciate this, but the senate is tantalizing him by playing cheap politics for their own supposed interests.

We have an idea that the people cannot be fooled in this way. They are reading too much, they are doing their own thinking too much, they are making their own values and Calvin Coolidge will win triumphantly.

DR. ELIOT TO THE RESCUE

We confess to a personal hurt when a man who ought to be a great educator to lead all advanced thought, stoops so low as to defend liquor and the liquor traffic. This man is a fawning, servile creature of the rich and no one respects him.

Now comes Dr. Charles Eliot, the great former college president, educator for many years, and who can look back over a useful life. He takes issue with Butler and puts the latter to shame. Thank God for a man like Dr. Eliot. He keeps our faith in higher education.

A PARADOX

A candidate for a prominent office declared his martyrdom by

saying that during the war he had been thrown in prison for opinions sake. A man who heard this remark, being of opposite political faith, repeated it, and said the man must have been an aggravating pacifist whereupon the candidate was highly insulted. The man was viciously attacked, but declared that his authority was the man himself. As he went back on it, there was nothing left but to apologize. Exactly!

ONE JUST WAR

There is one war that is entirely justified. It is the war against insects. The Willamette valley is one of the greatest fruit valleys in the world, but as our fruit multiplies, likewise do the devastating pests.

There must be increasing warfare against the pests. It is a continual fight to raise fruit, and the man who is not willing to fight day and night has no business getting in a fruit country.

BOYS' CHORUS HEARD BY 4000 PEOPLE

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and things don't go very well. And if you'd just as lief, please don't come down to dinner; we talk over the scandals, and the movies, and all those things; and maybe you wouldn't enjoy the supper either, for we are all nervous and excited getting ready to do a lot of things for the evening that you wouldn't enjoy a bit. And then in the evening we'll have cards and cocktails and gossip, and it wouldn't be pleasant for you! Fools! Do you think that the Lord is going to be a prisoner in your house? He will be master, or He will not come. If you want to have the Lord, you will say, 'Lord, if the conversation or the books or the music or the children's teachings are not as you'd have them, we'll change them all at thy bidding.' Then the Lord will come to you and your house, and bring you peace and rest."

The accursed restlessness that drives men and women and children to nervous insanity of amusements and excitement was characterized as the demon that had been cast out of the man in the parable, coming back to reoccupy "his house," the man who so self-righteously had reformed or made himself clean and perfect. The speaker told of an old colored woman who testified that once she had been the prey of a "debbil," that she had argued with and fought with, but whenever she went to the door to talk with him he got a foot inside the door and she couldn't shut it until he came inside. "But now I have Jesus Christ in my heart, and when the debbil comes I send Jesus to the door to talk to him, and I just stand behind while he drives the debbil away." The empty room, the empty mind, will be occupied by some one; if not by Jesus Christ, then by the devil—and it is up to the man or woman to

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choose who shall rule, said the evangelist.

The speaker gave a powerful dramatic representation of the unclean spirit, the demon that the self-righteous man has cast out of his own life, prowling around the house of the soul and peering, clawing, snuffing like a bloodhound for a way to get back in. "But if he looks into the house from which he has been cast, and finds the Lord Jesus Christ there, he goes away, for wherever the Master is there is no room for any devil—selfishness, hatred, Pharisaic pride, anything. 'Oh, the tragedy of the empty house, always open to assault, to danger, to ruin!'"

Mrs. Demarest spoke feelingly of the failure of so many who profess conversion in great meetings, and then fall to live up to their professions. "Souls are born one by one, as people are born into the world one at a time; not in mass movements. To come to the altar in a religious fervor incited by mass enthusiasm, does not fulfill the call of God that each soul must make it a personal matter of repentance and surrender. I do not care the snap of my finger for the converts who come merely to Mrs. Demarest; to Billy Sunday or to any leader. There is only one savior, one leader to whom they can come and receive power

over sin and temptation, and that is Jesus Christ. Hundreds are self-deceived in coming en masse to exult in their own power to save themselves. There is only one road to peace and rest and safety, and that is through surrender to God."

There will be only two more evening services this week, to-night and Friday night, and then the campaign ends on Sunday, after five weeks of service. The thank offering for the Demarests is to be taken Sunday, the envelopes having been distributed at the meetings this week.

WHY I WROTE "THE CITY OF THE SUN"

By Edwin L. Sabin.

Robert Louis Stevenson said in his writing self, in certain mood: "Let us make a story." The Master of Ballantrae" resulted.

That is not an uncommon method, given mood and the urge of an atmosphere. And so said I, summoning from the horizon the genie there astr—not a Stevenson genie, but nevertheless a genie of romance.

Let us, said I, profit by the qualities of those old-time "thrillers" issued by Peterson, Beadle, Munro, from the pens of rapid-fire writers, for fireside reading. Qualities they had: of straight action, of primitive virtue and of vice unglorified, of human motives, of closely connected but shifting plot, of suspense, and of clean vivid language. The better class, however, was rather overlaid with nobility, baseness and an exuberance of style—effective in simple days but not in these.

Now let us, said I, try to do a romance stripped of lost motion, laid in a free-hand field, put into modern language, and containing those "thriller" ingredients of action, virtue, vice, suspense and shifting plot, and characters noble or base without apology. For verisimilitude let us incorporate local-color and historical lore. Let us make the story sound in details, and clean, and rememberable.

The genie responded with Old Mexico, San Lorenzo town, Robert McClung the Kentuckian, the Dona Felisa, the wicked uncle, Don Gaspar, the picturesque beggar Santiago, the remnant of the explorer Pike's men, the Desert of Hell and The City of the Sun.

90-Foot Fish Ladder Proposed for Rapids

SEATTLE, May 14. — Several plans to enable salmon in the Columbia river passing a proposed 90-foot dam at Priest rapids, 190 miles east of here, were given at a conference in Seattle today, called by the University of Washington. Backers of the project, who are determined to solve the problem and build the dam, were also present.

An alternative method of solving the problem that immediately confronts the projected \$100,000,000 power development was proposed by Dean C. E. Magnusson of the college of engineering, University of Washington.

Construction of the fish ladder at the Long Lake dam of the Washington Power company, in eastern Washington, was suggested for experimental purposes by

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