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ROAD TO SUCCESS:—Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass. . . Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him.—Psalm 37:5, 7.

PRAYER:—O Lord, Thou knowest us, and also the end from the beginning, and we are nothing apart from Thee. Therefore now we commit ourselves and our way to Thee.

"DIVERSIFYING WITH SUGAR BEETS"

"As an example of agricultural resourcefulness, in the face of prospective soil impoverishment due to the one-crop system of farming, the recent experience of Cache county, Utah, stands out among several. The Salt Lake Tribune notes that the Cache valley has five sugar factories and that a scheme of cooperation has been perfected by which there will be assurance of beets enough to keep them occupied in season. But the most interesting and significant phase of the matter is that the industry is to be carried on in connection with dairying, creating an altogether desirable balance which leads the Tribune to say:

"Cows and beets! What a wonderful combination! The beets feed the cows, the cows feed the beets. There cannot be any wearing out in any such scheme, for there is a rotation which includes beets and feed for the cows already established in Utah by the agricultural college, that builds the soil and prevents its deterioration. A man cannot fail with such a scheme. Sugar beets and cows will make for prosperity in the Cache valley and in Utah."

"The obvious need for a better permanent system than that which puts the grower at the mercy of alternate gluts and famines, that leaves him in the unfortunate position of the one who puts all his eggs in one basket and then dropped the basket, is complete justification—if justification were required—of the experimental efforts that have been made to get away from the conventional processes of the recent past. The counsel of practical men no less than of theorists who have studied the scientific aspects of the problem has all been for the adoption of some system of diversification, adapted to each particular locality. The reason is not only that reliance on one crop unduly fosters the gambling spirit in an industry that above everything else cries for stabilization, but that failing to diversify we shall eventually be thrown back on one of two alternatives—abandonment of the overcropped land or resort to the use of commercial fertilizers, the cost of which must be added to the already mounting agricultural overhead.

"There is a further interesting comparison between the region in question, which is successfully trying out the sugar beet, and a typical county in Wisconsin which some time ago went in heavily for dairying as a means both of adding to its direct income and of maintaining soil fertility. We are told that the Wisconsin county has some 6000 silos, notwithstanding which it buys considerable feed, some of which comes from a distance in the form of dried beet pulp. The inference, as to particular situations favorable to the growth of sugar beets, is of course plain. Both sugar and dairy products bear the cost of transportation well, bulk and value considered, and there is always the fact that livestock are practically indispensable to any well ordered programme of mixed farming."

The above is from the Portland Oregonian of the 12th— And it shows additional excellent arguments in favor of beet sugar factories for the Salem district, and all over the Willamette valley, and throughout Oregon, wherever labor may be had for weeding and thinning and harvesting the beets. Many districts in the eastern states, and in the inter-mountain regions, have more possible growers that they have factory facilities. This shows what the growers think of the profits of sugar beet production.

The tide of sugar consumption the world over is rising. From 1900 to 1914 the world's output of sugar increased from 8,500,000 tons annually to 18,500,000 tons. It receded during the World war and was only 15,750,000 tons in 1920.

For 1924 the world production of refined sugar or that on the way to the refineries has been about 18,250,000 long tons, or approximately 1,400,000 tons more than last year, and it will be about 20,000,000 tons next year, from present indications. Of the increase last year, 50,000 tons was in Cuba.

But consumption has overtaken supply; the stocks are not as large now as at this time last year. Consumption in Europe is still below the pre-war level, that of the Oriental countries shows an increasing power of absorption, and American requirements are growing constantly and largely.

Our people in the Salem district must grow and make their own sugar. They are going to do so. And the matter is worthy of hurrying along to a consummation. It will be of vast benefit, directly and indirectly, to our country and our city. It will help in making for us a balanced and a Gibraltar prosperity.

THE BIG POLL

The Literary Digest poll has now reached 1,303,004. Of this number Coolidge received 1,066,314 votes; Davis, 381,205, and La Follette 432,660. Of course there is some scattering. Of the republicans in this poll 1,076,905 had voted the republican ticket in 1920, which shows that the republican strength is less than 10-400 of what it was then. The democrats polled 441,251, which shows that the democratic strength is about 50,000 less than it was in 1920. There are reported 365,733 votes not cast in the 1920 presidential election. This makes stand total as outlined above.

Of course so one expects Coolidge to make such a tremendous lead over the other candidates in the actual voting, but it does show that the drift is all in his direction. It further shows that he is holding the Harding vote which was 7,000,000 majority four years ago. A surprising thing about

Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina Oklahoma, South Carolina Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. Outside of the solid democratic states it will be seen that Davis lags. While he will receive more popular votes than La Follette, he will not be a strenuous contender in many debatable states. It may also be said that Coolidge bids fair to receive as many electoral votes as did Harding, and Davis will run about with Jimmy Cox.

THE GERMAN LOAN

There has been a good deal of speculation about the German loan being snapped up so quickly. In the first place the German nation is in good condition. It never was despoiled by war as was France. True, it has lost its most paying mines, but it has a good substantial country back of it yet. Our more recent experience in buying German marks has been less satisfactory.

Why were Americans so keen to buy these German bonds in the face of their tragic experience a year or two ago in speculating in the now worthless German marks? The marks were bought for the most part by "suckers" who knew nothing about finance, particularly the international variety, and they were merely taking a wild flyer and lost.

The German bonds, on the other hand, are secured by the German government revenues. Big changes have come over Germany within a year. The republic now has a stable currency, the depreciation of the paper mark has been retarded and the country's trade has swung from an import surplus to an export surplus, and safer hands are at the financial helm. American confidence in the issue, of course, was enhanced by the knowledge that the Dawes plan under which the new bonds were issued goes to guarantee stability of normal economic conditions in Europe.

Uncle Sam is rapidly becoming an international banker, not through the government, but through the ability and willingness of the American investor to absorb these foreign issues of merit. Since the war they have purchased large issues of Japan, France, Belgium and Austria, the latter guaranteed by the league of nations.

ALWAYS CALAMITY

There are those who believe that calamity howling and muck-raking is a new thing. It is not. It is as old as the government. In a speech Daniel Webster delivered himself as follows:

"There are persons who constantly clamor. They complain of oppression, speculation and pernicious influence of accumulated wealth. They cry out loudly against all banks and corporations and all means by which small capitalists become united in order to produce important and beneficial results. They carry on mad hostility against country of unbounded liberty, they would choke the fountain of industry and dry all streams. In a country of unbounded liberty they clamor against oppression. In a country of perfect equality they would move heaven and earth against privilege and monopoly. In a country where property is more evenly divided than anywhere else they rend the air, shouting about agrarian doctrines. In a country where wages of labor are high beyond parallel they would teach the laborer that he is but an oppressed slave."

THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

It is an old story about sonny's pig and daddy's hog, but fortunately we are getting over it considerably. There is one thing that we do not quite appreciate, and that is that toys are the property of children. They belong to them in fee simple. The children have a right to have their property respected. They have a right to resent any roughness toward it, any throwing around of dolls or wagons or railroad trains. Some mothers make the mistake of not being sufficiently tender and careful with their children's playthings. They do not recognize their property rights. It makes many heartbreaks, and the suffering of these little ones for an injury done to their property is very acute and sometimes leaves a dark spot on their lives.

A FAR-REACHING ATTACK

An attack on T. B. Kay on account of the school loans is far-reaching. In the first place he has not been a member of the land board for six years and since then 70 per cent of the loans have either been paid or renewed. Second, he was but one member of three on the board. Third, the law provided for an attorney and

appraiser in each county of the state, and it was principally on their appraisal and recommendation that the loans were made. The board, which has many duties, has no opportunity of inspecting the land. If the losses are greater at times than they should be, it is the fault of the system. As proof of this there are 70 loans made in 1923 while Governor Pierce was chairman of the board, which are now delinquent.

GOOD OUTLOOK

The publication called Oregon Business is not affected very much apparently with the information that the state is being ruined. It doesn't seem to sense it. The October issue says that 500 families settled in Oregon during the month of September. It publishes a table which is interesting. Take Salem for instance. The bank deposits increased 11 per cent over September of last year; the postal receipts increased 10 per cent; the retail sales increased 10 per cent; 15 new families settled in this city, and there was a 20 per cent increase in the buying power of farmers.

THE WORLD OF AIR

It is apparent that the activities in the air will monopolize the activities on the earth. Water is not receiving much attention on the inland. There is not a boat of any consequence plying on any stream in the United States. The air traffic will make this even less so. The dirigible promises to be a freight boat. The airplanes can carry mail and a few passengers.

GAME RESERVE CREATED

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Oct. 15.—One of the largest game refuges in the state of Washington was created today when the Clallam county game commission complied with a request of Mrs. Agnes Anderson, Seattle, and ordered the Anderson estate of 750 acres, between Jamestown and Port Williams, closed to hunting and shooting.

GIANTS WIN 6-2

QUEBEC, Canada, Oct. 15.—The Giants defeated the White Sox 6 to 2 in the last game of an exhibition series here today. Joined by John McGraw and Charles Comiskey, who reached here this afternoon, the teams sailed aboard the liner Montroyal for an exhibition tour of Europe.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

A SUGGESTION

I have a suggestion to make. We have to support certain parasites and it is expensive. For instance this income tax referendum is made for the purpose of letting some parasites suck their livelihood out of rich men. I would suggest that we pension these parasites or send them to the poor farm. It is cheaper than being everlasting torn up in order to give them a living. I have no doubt but what the people who are profiting so greatly by the income tax, I mean the great common people, will see that this law is sustained.

The big stick may cause people to do certain things, but it is notoriously impotent when it comes to the ballot box. People vote as they please.

Sincerely,
 BILL SINCALLER.
 Waldo Hills.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 291

THE CONVERSATION MADE HEARD IN HER HIDING PLACE

At the first sound of the stealthy footsteps in the front hall I rose noiselessly from the chair my father had placed for me, took a soundless step forward, and put my hand upon the door leading from the library to the tiny side hall where I was stationed.

The baited trap had worked! Smith was actually in the house, and the sound of Katie's sibilant whispering coming nearer, told me that in another minute he would enter the library.

I have always flattered myself that I possessed as much bravery as the average woman, but the knowledge that the man creeping like a treacherous animal through the corridor would count the chance to kill or maim me a welcome addition to his sinister record made me cower against the

door I was holding as if the inanimate object could protect me.

A Mysterious Presence.

We had purposely left ajar the door from the front hall to the library, and when the door closed with so slight a noise that I could hardly distinguish it, I knew that Katie had successfully guided Smith into the room.

For a second or two they stood motionless, then there was a tiny gleam of light at the bottom of the draperies separating the library from the alcove. It was smothered as quickly as it appeared, however, and I heard a whispered guttural protest from the man Smith.

"Dot all right," Katie's whisper would have awakened the most persistent sleeper in the county. "Everybody sound sleep in house, —"

"Shut up," the man growled so fiercely that I almost jumped at the sound, and Katie promptly subsided. From my previous knowledge of Smith's arrogant egotism I guessed, however, it was not from caution that he silenced Katie, but from his reluctance to permit any one else to occupy the centre of the stage for an instant.

There was another silence—longer this time—a silence broken only by the rather heavy but calm breathing of Smith, and Katie's shorter, uneven respirations, betraying the tense nervous strain under which she was laboring. I could hear them plainly through the draperies, and then I wondered if my own nerve strain was giving me hallucinations, for it seemed to me that I could hear

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

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THE recent appearance in California of the great American apostle of Fundamentalism, Hon. W. J. Bryan, has brought to some of our people a more intimate knowledge of the divergent views of modern Christians about many things religious. Mr. Bryan not only does not believe in evolution as applied to the creation and development of the universe and the world, but he evidently does not believe in evolution or progress in religion. He would answer the quest of both the scientist and the modernist Christian for larger and more perfect knowledge with his final scriptural dictum, "Thus saith the Lord."

It is to be regretted that Mr. Bryan is not a profound student of science, of the Bible or of the history of religion and Christianity any more than he was of our financial problems in 1896. Then as now his views are inspired not by broad and accurate knowledge, but rather by prejudice, bigotry and sectarianism. Otherwise he would recognize that the Bible itself is an evolution; he would see that the hardness, cruelty and narrowness of the earlier books of the Old Testament are greatly modified in the later prophets only to be entirely superseded by the breadth, tenderness and universal love of the New Testament. Christ himself is an evolution of the religion that preceded Him. He is not recorded as having settled any of the questionings of His day by the terse words of finality, "Thus saith the Lord." But He is recorded as saying, "Ye have heard that it hath been said,—," "But I say unto you," thus specifically displacing the old, sanctioned cruelties and crudities by His own blessed commands of love, gentleness and peace.

He evidently meant His religion not to be regarded as a finished system, incapable of change, growth or development, for in His farewell words to His disciples He says, "I have many things to say unto you, but ye can not hear them now. Howbeit, when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He shall guide you into all truth.

It would seem that some evolution must have come about between the religion of the 15th chapter of I Samuel and that of the Sermon on the Mount: In this 15th chapter of I Samuel we read, "Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, I have marked that which Amalek did to Israel, how he set himself against him in the way, when he came up out of Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek and utterly destroy all that they have and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and sucking, ox and sheep, camel and ass." And these are the words of Christ in the Sermon on the Mount, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." Such a religious development took place between the religion of Samuel and that of Christ that a great and impassable gulf separates them.

The truth is that the Bible is a mirror, as it were, of the spiritual development of man from the beginnings of his spiritual nature in the garden of innocence or ignorance, when he partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and learned that he was spiritually naked, up through the brutality and the fighting and warring of the Old Testament and the purer and more spiritual later prophets, to the birth of the Christ. From the directions for the building of the temple, for the physical sacrifices of blood, for the Old Testament ceremonies and rituals evolved the beautiful precepts of Christ. In place of "Thus saith the Lord," we have His words, "When He, the Spirit of truth is come He shall guide you into all truth." "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The conception of the teachings of the New Testament have also been and still are a matter of development. Men at first understood the message of Jesus in their own language, not in the language of the spirit in which He gave it. Their paganism distorted and colored it. All through the centuries the selfishness and ignorance of men have prevented their understanding that His message has really not come to them until it is spoken to their individual spirits. His religion is not a force, a series of commands from outside attempting to control and coerce their physical natures, but is a life, a spirit from within which is to control them and say to their brutal, sinful, turbulent natures—"Peace, be still."

One of the greatest American preachers, asks these very pertinent and beautiful questions: "Where everything else in man's life in its origin and growth is conceived not in terms of static and final creation or revelation but in terms of development, can religion be left out? Instead of being a pond around which one for all a man can walk and take its measure, a final and completed whole, is not Christianity a river which, maintaining still reliance upon the historic springs from which it flows, gathers in new tributaries on its course and is itself a changing, growing and progressive movement?" This preacher rightly answers these questions by declaring that "our prayer should be that the thought of God, the meaning of God, the glory of God, the plans and purposes of God may expand in our comprehension until we, who now see in a mirror darkly, may see face to face."

What Fundamentalists or Modernists or Sectarians or bigots may think of Christianity can not change in the least the fundamentals of the New Testament or mar or destroy the beautiful figure of Christ as the Gospels have created it for us. But our conceptions of both the New Testament and of Christ must and will change with our development until we come to understand that Christ is not a figure of history to be adored, but that He is a present, living spirit to be incorporated in the individual life; that Christianity is not a creed or a theology or a ritual, or a ceremonial or anything less than a life, a life inspired, vitalized, and animated and wholly dominated by the very spirit of Christ.

some one else breathing upon the other side of me in the little side hall. A door from that hall led into the dining room, but it had been closed when the lights went out, and I had heard no sound of its opening. Yet I kept hearing that other breathing, even though I was sure that my ears were playing me false.

"Well, Open It Then!"

"Now," Smith said at last, and it was no whisper this time, but a low guttural growl which sent little shivers along my spine, so reminiscent was the sound of that night in the grounds of the big reservoir when I had seen the face of the wounded state trooper, and had been warned to lie still by this same guttural voice coming out of the darkness.

"Take your light," he went on, "and go to this desk you speak of. Let your light play upon it. Then I come."

There was the lofty condensation of a godling to an earthworm in his tone. Katie to him was a

FUTURE DATES

October 8 to 16—YMCA campaign for \$200,000 building. 1767 M. 4-915
 October 25, Saturday—Annual Homecoming. Willamette university.
 October 28, Sunday—Father's Day for Lions at Unitarian church.
 November 10, Monday—Annual meeting and election of officers for Associated Charities. Red Cross rooms.
 November 11, Tuesday—Armistice Day. November 20-22, Third Annual Corn Show and Industrial Exhibit, auspices Chamber of Commerce.
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menial and a woman, therefore touching the lowest point of the social scale in his estimation.

That my little maid, despite the stress of the situation, recognized the tone and resented it, I knew by the switch of her skirts and the click of her heels as she crossed the room to the antique desk in which Lillian had hidden the eyeglass case for Smith to find I could see nothing of her movements through the heavy draperies curtaining off the alcove, but I visualized to myself most satisfactorily the play of her flash light over the polished surface of the old desk.

Smith gave a grunt of something as near commendation as he evidently permitted himself to utter, and then his footsteps followed Katie's to the desk.

"Is it locked?" he snapped.

"Yes, eet locked, but I got key," Katie whispered.

"You didn't say that before. Where did you get a key to this?" There was distinct suspicion on the guttural tones.

Dot easy—"Katie was elaborating on the "acting stuff" she so loved. "Dot old womans, she always keep key in her work-basket. My missis she take set out yun time ven old womans no care, hide dis ting in eet, slip back key. I see hoy she do eet den tonight I get key same ways."

I knew that Lillian had drilled her in the story she was to tell, but she told it so naturally that for a second I was distinctly resentful of the doubtful role she had given me. That it satisfied back key. I see how she do eet, growled with a relaxation of suspicion in his tone:

"Well, open it then and be cursed quick about it!"

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