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The Grip of Dead Hands

WHEN we get ready to leave our million we think we shall follow the advice of Julius Rosenwald, eminent figure in the commercial world, noted also for his charities. In the May number of "Atlantic Monthly" Mr. Rosenwald points out the dangers of perpetual endowments which are apt inflexible. He cites numerous cases of charities worthy in their time which became obsolete through the passing of the years. Over a century ago some farmer living near New York had Alexander Hamilton draw his will. The farm was to be devoted to supporting a haven for supernannated sailors. When the sailing vessels passed out the courts generously stretched the terms of the will to include steamship hands. But the fund grew to such proportions that "Snug Harbor" can't use up the income—because the farm happened to be located on what became Fifth Avenue, New York City.

There was the fund to provide a baked potato for each girl's meal at Bryn Mawr; and another providing for a half loaf of bread to be left daily at the door of each student in one of the colleges at Oxford. In the middle of the 19th century a philanthropist touched by the suffering of the westward bound emigrants, left a fund in perpetual endowment to care for such travelers "passing through St. Louis to settle for a home in the West." The time came when the ox teams and prairie schooners no longer made overnight stops at St. Louis; but the fund still existed and kept growing.

We read the other day of a woman who died in the middle west leaving a fortune of \$125,000. She directed that \$50,000 be spent for a family mausoleum, and that \$3000 be made a perpetual endowment so that a floral wreath should be left at her crypt on each Christmas day, Easter, Decoration day and her own birthday. Think of that for three or four centuries and one will realize the wisdom of Mr. Rosenwald's criticism of perpetual endowments.

Old Sodaville academy over in Linn county expired many years ago, but it has some endowment funds left. The courts will have to decide whether the funds should go to its geographical next-of-kin, Albany college; or to its theological next-of-kin, Willamette university. As a Presbyterian editor of a Salem paper we should have to say, Solomon-like, that the funds should be divided.

In some cities like Cleveland foundations have been established by trust companies which receive gifts in perpetuity, but the use of the incomes may be altered from time to time in the discretion of the trustees. That gets away from control by dead hands. Mr. Rosenwald concludes:

"I believe that large gifts should not be restricted to narrowly specified objects, and that under no circumstances should funds be held in perpetuity. I am not opposed to endowments for colleges or other institutions which require some continuity of support, provided permission is given to use part of the principal from time to time as need arises. This does not mean profligate spending. It is simply placing confidence in living trustees; it prevents control by the dead hand; it discourages the building up of bureaucratic groups of men, who tend to become over-conservative and timid in investment and disbursement of trust funds. I have confidence in future generations and in their ability to meet their own needs wisely and generously."

This is sound counsel from one noted for his own judicious philanthropies.

An "Unholy Alliance"

WE observe that one of the most prominent streets in the city is blockaded with the sideshows, merry-go-rounds, pop stands and other litter of a street carnival. Under the guise of being an aid to charity this organization is permitted to set up on a down town street and inveigle the public spending its pickles and dimes and dollars in cheap amusement. We don't know any other town in the country where a carnival could pull a stunt like that. The real hick towns put the carnivals on the back lots long ago and some of them have kicked them clear out of town which is the proper treatment. The local charities surely ought to find some better way of financing their work than tying up with a hurdy-gurdy outfit. A lot of the people who are attracted to its glare and blare and who will fill the coffers of the transient gentry are just the people who will be appealing to the associated charities next winter for aid to buy their provisions. We bet a lot of people who flock to this show will have to dodge their corner groceryman or butcher whom they've been owing since last fall. The charities organization ought to quit this "unholy alliance" and if it doesn't the city council ought to forbid letting the street out for private profit.

So DeKing, whose wife was shot down by a deputy sheriff in a liquor raid on their home near Aurora, Ill., was not so innocent as the yelling foes of law enforcement tried to make out. At a grand jury hearing ten surprise witnesses are understood to have told of having bought liquor at the DeKing home. One juror asked DeKing if he did not consider himself to blame for his wife's death when he met the officers demanding privilege to search his house with drawn revolvers. The deputy sheriff who fired the shot was not indicted. One true bill was voted against the informer who admitted he had sworn falsely of having bought liquor at the DeKing home. A sorry toll to be sure, but the DeKings were by no means the innocent victims of mean and lawless officials. Without condoning the perjury of the informer or the reckless shooting of the deputy, we may conclude that the DeKings were law violators whose home deserved raiding.

Early one morning last week a family was roused by some disturbance in front of the house. One member of the family went to the door and found some bully had pushed over the Statesman carrier, who is a small lad on that route, and scattered his papers. The boy, in tears, was having to stop and gather up all his papers to resume his distribution. We don't know who that bully was but we set him down as mighty mean. If he had to get up early each morning, go out in all kinds of weather and make his rounds so people could have their morning paper with their coffee, he would feel differently about hindering a carrier in his work. We are proud of our carrier boys; they are carefully selected and are very faithful. Most people appreciate their service. It stirs us up when we hear of one being molested.

No one who has experienced the rigors of a Wyoming tornado or a Texas hurricane can ignore the delights of climate which the northwest affords. That is one of the great reasons that the northwest in company with the rest of the Pacific coast, is bound to grow and to grow rapidly. Add to that climatic charm, great natural resources and the progress of the past few decades will be doubly rapid in the years ahead. Now that the people of the east are seeing what the northwest has, you can't hold them back. No earthquakes, no hurricanes, no tornadoes, no storms... what better could you ask than the northwest offers?

The Old Homestead



Editors Say:

DOESN'T WORRY US
One extremely interesting sidelight of the farm relief situation is the fear expressed by various New York financial journals that the proposed federal board to administer the half billion marketing funds and superintend the development of better crop methods will hamper the farmers as much as the railroads have been hampered by the interstate commerce commission and the banks by the federal reserve board. The Wall Street Journal is particularly excited.

The concern for the farmer on the part of the financial editors is almost touching. Here's a worry the average farmer hadn't thought of. If the farmer were to have hard times like the banks and the railroads, he would hardly know what to do. If the government should step in as it did with the railroads after the war and limit him to a guaranteed earnings, the shock would be almost worse than the blow.

However, we're not going to worry about anything like that now. Of course, the I. C. C. has never been any too popular with the gentlemen in the big street. But we are a bit surprised to hear this outburst against the federal reserve board, but no doubt that is due to the fact that the federal reserve has showed signs recently of functioning to restrain speculation. Somehow we have a feeling that the complaint is inspired more by particular grievances against these two organizations than by any intensive thought on the farm problem. — Eugene Guard.

APPRECIATE OUR BLESSINGS
Everyone knows of the man who couldn't see the forest because of the trees. For the same reason there are many people in Medford who don't appreciate how Medford has improved, because they haven't been away from it. The growth has been so gradual and they have been so immersed in it that they have failed to really sense what has been going on. This fact was brought out very clearly over the past week-end, when several former residents, attending the Shrine ceremonial, paid their first visit to Medford in several years. They were all astonished by the changes they had taken place, and marveled at the growth this community has enjoyed. One of them informed the Mail Tribune he "simply couldn't get over it," and wondered why he had not "heard more about it."

All of which emphasizes the fact that all values are comparative and that there would be less complaint with the present if more people took time to review the past. Also there would be less complaint with the weather if one took the trouble to read the weather reports elsewhere.

We hold no brief for the weather man. In fact, after his disgraceful behavior on the Sabbath, we heartily favor his impeachment. But before we decide that a wet week-end spells disaster, we should consult the laws, gardens, grain fields, et cetera, and cast an eye over other parts of this terrestrial sphere.

What do we see?—Medford Mail-Tribune.

POLETICS ISN'T WHAT IT ONCE WAS

It is a trite enough saying that politics isn't what it used to be, for it never was. The truth of it is emphasized however in the appointment the other day by Attorney General Van Winkle of W. S. Levens, our former district attorney and fellow townsman, to be his assistant.

Levens is a democrat, while Van Winkle is a staunch republican. Levens was Van Winkle's opponent in the election last year. The interesting thing about it is the way party politics is changing.

ing. Men of one party no longer attribute all the sins on the calendar to those who happen to belong to the other, as they once did. There is of course no inconsistency at all in a republican attorney general having a democrat for assistant, though a generation ago it would have been unheard of.

Yes, politics is changing and this kind of change is decidedly for the better. Incidentally Mr. Van Winkle will get a loyal and able helper in "Billy" Levens. The former prohibition commissioner has made an excellent record in public service and will make good in his new position. — Baker Democrat-Herald.

INVITING A VETO
A few unsound thinkers, added to an opposition that is playing politics, are jeopardizing the farm relief program, for the enactment of which congress has been called in special session.

Two or three middle western farm radicals, encouraged by the whole anti-administration group, committed the senate agriculture committee to including the debture plan in the farm relief bill. Economists know that the debture plan is unsound. The nation knows that President Hoover opposes it. The result will be a veto of the measure and farm relief will be as far away as ever.

Enduring prosperity cannot be given to the farmer by upturning the laws of economics. Rather will disaster come—not immediately but eventually.

True farm relief lies along more natural lines than the artificial debture method. Perhaps the senate and the house will take the wider view, an overruling the action of the agriculture committee. — Democrat Herald.

LIKES CEMENT
A protest is made because the highway commission specified Portland cement paving for its new road near New Era. The commission is right about it. In a country like this where pavements are apt to be wet from the middle of September till the first of May

no other kind of paving should be laid. Not only is there less danger of skidding, but for night driving it is easier to see. The other kind of paving wouldn't be so bad if it were winter and if something could be done to prevent it assuming the surface of a washboard. One may be driving along and be feeling perfectly safe on asphalt and suddenly strike a stretch of ocean wave which leaves the rear wheels without any traction half the time. The car then begins to do things that make a man wish that he would strike a strip of concrete and strike it mighty soon. — Corvallis Gazette Times.

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They Say...

Expressions of Opinion from Statesman Readers are Welcomed for Use in this column. All Letters Must Be Written in Plain English. Though This Need Not Be Printed.

April 29, 1929.

Editor Statesman:
I take pleasure in submitting this little poem:

The Youthful Swain
I can't figure out the trouble,
'Cause I've been just awful good to Sue,
And to have her treat me this way,
Just hurts me through and through.

At first I tried to tell her
That I was all to blame;
But you should have seen the look
I got
From that haughty little dame.

I tried to tell my Ma about it,
But she looked cross and said:
"If I hear any more about this
Pa will take you to the shed."

Then I tried my sister Kate,
And she showed the poorest taste;
Just as I got started talking
She up and laughed right in my face.

So I turned to my dog Fido,
He's been the truest pal to me;
But when I'd finished with my troubles,
Fido calmly scratched his fleas.

Aw shucks! what's the use of livin'
When your girl's gone back on you?
Believe I'll jump into the river,
And hide myself from view.

But before I do this awful thing,
Believe I'll speak to Pa.
He's had just lots of experience,
In trying to manage Ma.

Can't say he always does so well,
But he's not so much to blame;
'Cause wimmin' folks are funny,
And must defend their name.

Oh boy! there comes my little Sue,
A-lookin' all bright and gay;
Now our troubles are all bubbles,
For she has saved the day.
MRS. GEO. H. LEAVELL.

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Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Lots of farm relief—
From the sunshine days, allowing pollination and the finishing of early spring field crop seeding.

With several days more of the same kind, then an occasional shower through May, and the "usual June rains," everything is going to be hunky dory, with the goose hanging high.

Which favorable outlook for the farmers of Salem's patronizing territory reminds the Bits man of his oft repeated advocacy of farm courses in the Salem high schools, under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes act.

The big doling over the star students of the Silverton high schools, who have performed good work in the agricultural courses, and the same news coming from Woodburn and other progressive towns of this section, serve to remind one of the lack of Salem in this field—where there should be leadership; where observers and visitors have a right to expect leadership.

First of all, Salem is the marketing and manufacturing center of a great farming district, with major projects in fruit growing, but its culture and especially its agriculture adapted to our soil and climate. This is the country of diversity, and its highest development and prosperity will come from the production of the raw materials by the industries on the land that will furnish the reasons for and basis of existence of our industries in our cities and towns.

Experts and leaders are and will be needed in many lines, connected with these operations in the hinterland that backs up our urban activities. We should be developing such leadership in the ranks of our youth, and giving our young people opportunities here better than they may expect on the average at a distance.

Hence the need of agricultural training in our high schools. Without this, we are not living up to our opportunities, nor giving our young people the chances they have a right to expect.

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Three Salem banks maintain farm experts, doing the work of county agents. But these do not take, nor aim to take, the duties belonging to a county agent who could make his work worth many times the amount of his salary and expenses. And state and other help is available for a large part of the cost.

On the first of July, there will arrive in the Willamette valley, or be appointed from our own people, two experts on nut growing, provided with a stenographer, who will be under the pay of the United States department of agriculture. Their services will be of high value in promoting the growth of our nut industries, and in solving to their profit the many problems of our present producers of nuts. Marion county should have a county agent to mesh up with the work of these experts. That branch of activity alone would be worth the cost to the county of his salary and expenses.

There is no line of endeavor on our land that would not be speeded up and aided by a competent county agent—and there are more different angles to such activities here than any section of similar size in this whole country. Marion county is doing a lot of agricultural work. But she is not by any means living up to her opportunities.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

May 1, 1904

St. Louis—The Louisiana Purchase Exposition was formally opened this afternoon. Among the notable speakers of the first day were Secretary of War Taft and E. Harriman. Sousa's band played.

The following committee of the G. A. R. Sedgwick Post, is in charge of the decoration day exercises: J. Q. Barnes, T. C. Smith, B. Ormsby, J. R. Fairbanks, J. H. Smith, W. A. Byars and D. Webster.

Thirty-eight of the 106 Marion county students who took the eighth grade examinations passed all courses and will receive their diplomas.

Seventeen marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk Roland in the month of April. This is four more than was written the corresponding period a year ago.

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