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Edison's Solution

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, has outlined a plan to stabilize business, lower living costs, revolutionize modern business methods, squelch the dishonest speculator, reduce the prices of coal and other commodities and furnish the small producer ready capital by establishing the government as the nation's great middleman and making common commodities as well as gold the basis of currency.

At the suggestion of Henry Ford and others, Edison sometimes since devoted himself to a study of economic conditions and the cause of economic unrest. His solution has been turned over to economic and business experts for criticism and suggestion.

Briefly outlined, Edison's plan is to have the government list some forty basic commodities, such as cotton, corn, copper, coal, wheat, flax, iron, and then taking the prices of the last twenty years as a basis, establish an average price for each. This price he would have determined in terms of gold and called a unit or a dollar.

Edison would have the government take over or establish great warehouses and storage plants. When the producer is ready to market his product he brings it to the agent at the government warehouse, who gives him a certificate covering his whole deposit and at the same time pays him half of the value of the deposit, as computed on the 25-year average basis, in cash. The government then stores the product.

When a dealer wants wheat, coal, cotton, or any other commodity he buys the producer's certificate on the market; he presents it at a warehouse, pays the government back the money advanced, and takes the product away.

The government-fixed average price safeguards the producer from the ravages of dishonest speculation. The half-value payment he receives from the government affords him a ready capital. The certificate he receives is put on the market subject to the ordinary laws of supply and demand. But the certificate does not depend on the gold in Treasury vaults but on the commodity in the warehouse.

Unit money in the Edison plan is not money in the popular conception—that is, metal money or money with a metal basis. The day when metal furnished the most exclusively practical basis for a medium of exchange as well as a measure of value has, according to Edison, gone by. Money would still be determined in terms of gold. But instead of gold in Treasury vaults being its only basis, you would have wheat in government bins, coal in government pits, rice in storage, cotton in the warehouses, etc.

It is of interest to note that when Edison first began to work out this problem he said:

"It seems absurd to me that all our values should be based on boxes of metal in the treasury. They are put into vaults, the vaults are locked, and immediately everyone believes that all is well. They are taken out and their contents distributed and everyone believes that all is wrong.

"Sometimes a ton or so of the gold which has been locked up in the Treasury vaults is put on a steamer and sent Europe, immediately re-shipped back to New York and business stability is brought to pass, this shuttle-cock business being kept up because no one comes out with a plan to stop such childish actions. In reality, civilization has become too complicated for the continuance of such a system.

"What is gold's real usefulness? It makes pretty jewelry and picture frames, and is used effectively for filling teeth. Otherwise it is almost a wholly useless substance. Yet, we hold it the standard of all values!"

All that is necessary to put the Edison plan into operation is a government ruling which would name the standard prices over the 25 year period, for all basic commodities and set up the necessary machinery to receive and store the commodities. Whatever its defects, it would greatly simplify and stabilize the employment for the majority of workers who now suffer from seasonal trends. And it would in large measure reduce the high cost of living.

Edison's plan is worth studying for we are in all probability to hear a lot about it in the next few years. One thing is certain, gold has broken down as a standard of value and world affairs are in chaos in consequence. Edison offers a substitute which will undoubtedly be championed by Henry Ford in his presidential campaign, and which is likely to receive serious consideration from the people because neither of the old parties, and none of their leaders, has presented any constructive plan for solving economic problems.

Along State Street

A man about town is seldom about anything else.
This year's fruit crop is either in jars or bottles.
Every bride promises to obey rather than make a scene.
Health hint: Never try to beat a taxi to a crossing.
At the present price of hooch, it takes an awful lot of jack to buy a jill.
The man who takes marriage as a joke is often a victim of the practical side of it.
This must be the age of the uprising generation, judging from conditions all over the world.
No one knows less than a young mother bringing up a first baby, and no one wants to hear less about it.

Why Advertise It?

(From the Medford Mail-Tribune.) Oregon needs more settlers. In a full page advertisement the Portland Oregonian advocates an extensive advertising campaign to get them. A few days ago this would have been a step in the right direction. But in fairness to the prospective settlers, it would seem only proper to inform them that none of the 17 odd million Catholics in this country need apply. Oregon, by the passage of the school bill, has served notice that only citizens of certain religious beliefs are wanted. There are about two million Lutherans, about a million Seventh Day Adventists, several million Episcopalians and Christian Scientists. Many of these people send their children to private schools in the east. They better not come to Oregon unless they want to give up what they supposed was an inalienable American right. The Oregon law is augin" them. A few years ago an invitation was sent Teddy Roosevelt Jr., to settle in Oregon. He would, in our opinion, be a great addition. But before he sends out his household furniture might it not be wise to inform him that he can't send his children to the school he or his father attended. Colonel Roosevelt, it seems, was not a "100 per cent American." He graduated at a private school. Much as we need settlers, no self-respecting Oregonian wishes to misrepresent things in order to get them. Until the present school bill is declared unconstitutional or is modified materially, better go slow on an advertising campaign. It might prove to be spending money in the wrong direction.

PANTOMIME—By J. H. Striebel



What Happened When Sheila Elliston Refused Love

By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

The Passing of Walter Jones

"With my dying breath I shall curse my own sister who wrote this letter." The fragments of it floated from Walter's nerveless hand upon the floor.

"Oh, she knew how to write a love letter," he added bitterly. "I thought it was the sweetest missive I had ever read and I started home, as I supposed, to love and Sheila.

"In the meantime, as you have told me, Susanne had done something she had not intended to do, for by her insinuations she had sent you straight to marriage with Sheila instead of taking you from her. Then, of course, Susanne did not know what to do with me. I had become her problem.

"She began hoping that I would die and I would have done so, had it not been for this woman here. Sarah, dear, hold up your head. Like the woman in the Bible all your sins are forgiven for you have loved me much. I want you to know, dear, that only two women have ever entered my heart and one of them was you."

"With those words Walter Jones took all the hate and animosity from Sarah Hartwell's heart. In that moment, I am sure, Kay, she was recompensed for the terrible grief that life had brought to her.

"I tried to make Walter stop there," said Phil, "but he insisted upon telling me the whole story, although his voice was growing weaker every minute.

"On the night I was brought here," he continued, "I suppose I must have taken another dose of morphine. I do not remember about it except a confusion of tear-laden voices and a feeling of being carried out and dumped into a motor."

"That night," interrupted Sarah, "the officers were searching the house for bootleg whiskey. I expect that some of the men thought you were dead, Walter, and they were afraid to have you found on the premises. Don't talk anymore, dear," she pleaded. "I am sure that Mr. Spencer knows the truth now."

"Yes, he knows all the truth, now, whispered Walter Jones weakly. "Will you go down stairs, dear heart, and tell my nurse that she can take her hour now. Then you can come back and stay with me. Mr. Spencer will stay until you come."

"As soon as she was gone he said, 'You will see that she is comfortable. Spencer, will you not, after I am gone. I am sure my stepmother and sister can be made to give you some of the money for her that should have been mine.'

"As long as she lives, Walter, I promise, not only for your sake, but because she saved Sheila's life, I will see that she lives in comfort if not happiness."

"Sarah is a good woman," he began again plainly relieved by my assurance regarding Sarah, "the best except Sheila, that I have ever known." With this he stirred a little and then with the names of the two women he had loved upon his lips, he was dead."

Phil paused, shaken with his memory of the scene. Presently he began:

"I brought Sarah back with me, Kay. And think of the tragedy of it all! Even before I left the hospital I heard one of the nurses say that the body of young Jones was to be taken to his grand home."

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INDEPENDENCE CORN SHOW SET TO OPEN FRIDAY

Independence, Or., Nov. 16.—The Independence Corn show, which opens tomorrow (Friday) morning in the McBeth building in this city, bids fair to eclipse all other events of similar nature ever attempted in the Willamette valley. While the show has shown a most steady and consistent growth since its organization four years ago the 1922 display promises to carry fully double the number of entries of last season.

The addition of potatoes is proving quite popular with the growers and a large section will be devoted to this crop. The potato business the country over is said to be seriously menaced by several diseases and by lack of uniformity of variety and type. It is expected that the show will call attention to these conditions and have no inconsiderable effect on improvements. The statement of authorities that the potato industry must get a better grip on the situation seems to be borne out by buyers who state that good table stock is exceedingly scarce and certified seed potatoes scarcely existent in the Willamette valley.

The potato classes in the show are most liberally supported by cash and merchandise awards and growers will be well repaid for making entry, not to mention the high publicity value of showing quality products under such favorable circumstances. Among the varieties recognized are Earliest of All, American Wonder, Burbank, White Rose and "any other variety." Sweepstakes include best half bushel of certified and best half bushel in the show.

While every class of corn and corn products is well backed up with premiums the boys and girls are especially well provided for in this respect. The junior department is divided into two divisions, one for all those under 19 years, and the other for boys and girls regularly enrolled in club work and who have filed their reports with the county superintendent of schools. Superintendent Josiah Willis reports that everyone of his corn club members is expected to show at Independence. It will be recalled that the sweepstakes, best 10 ears in the show, was carried off by a junior last year, Charles Wilson, a boy of 13 years. It will not surprise close observers if some of the "dads" be humiliated in this manner again this season.

The club youngsters know corn and their selections are made with a high degree of intelligence. Prizes for the boys and girls are of cash only and run out to five places in each lot. The offerings for corn cookery includes corn bread, Boston brown, corn meal cookies and gems, hominy and canned corn, constitute a challenge to the famous cooks of the county. The culinary department was included for the first time last season and it is expected by the management that 50 or more entries of corn cookery will be entered. Awards in every case are more than substantial.

A. E. Horton, chairman of the managing committee, has reported that music will be provided for the show.

"I expect, Mrs. Wilmington, that both you and Sheila are rejoicing today that my plans miscarried—that I was not able to take your precious Phillip from you."

"Keep him and be as happy as you can, for I'm not sure that I really wanted him after all. I thought he was a man who would appreciate a great sacrifice for love. I find I was mistaken. I do not regret it, for after all it is the battle that gives the thrill. Victory or defeat is only the aftermath."

"My father left me the heritage of hate for the woman who destroyed his ambitious plans. The only thing I cannot forgive is that Pato has made me hate a useless appendage to my future life and yet I must carry it to the grave of Susanne Jones."

Tomorrow—The Dawn.

NAVY YARDS TO WORK SIX DAYS PER WEEK

Washington, Nov. 16.—All navy yards will be placed on a six-day working basis December 1, instead of the present five day-a week basis, it was announced today at the navy department. For the past year and a half the yards have been on a five-day basis for the period of industrial depression in order to obviate the necessity for laying off civilian employees at a time when they were least likely to find other employment. Decision to return to the six-day basis was made when indications were that the employment situation had improved so that while few discharges will become necessary, the men will be absorbed by private industry, it was explained.

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SAY WESTERN GIRLS NOT GIVEN FAIR DEAL

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 16.—University of Washington co-eds are represented by Dorothy Durrant, one of the fastest girl sprinters on the campus; Katherine O'Swan, champion girl swimmer of the Pacific northwest; Jephorene Miller, Julia Boone and Katherine Bailey, are asking why women of the far west are not chosen to represent the United States in the Olympic games.

"On the recent Olympic games team practically every woman was from east of Chicago," complains Miss Durrant. "Yet I have accurate figures to show that the girls of our own locality made better marks than they."

For the purpose of identification keep an accurate record of the car and engine number, numbers of all component parts and accessories as well as make and record secret marks.

SUGGESTS RELEASE OF MARY MACSWINEY

Dublin, Nov. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland, suggests the release of Miss Mary MacSwiney from the Mount Joy prison, where she has been on hunger strike for eleven days. His suggestion was contained in a telegram to Kevin O'Higgins, free state minister of home affairs. The message said that more harm would be caused by detaining the women prisoners in Ireland than by liberating them.

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You can feel this take hold instantly, soothing and healing the membranes in all the air passages. It promptly loosens a dry, tight cough, and soon you will notice the phlegm thin out and disappear. A day's use will usually break up an ordinary throat or chest cold, and it is also splendid for bronchitis, croup, hoarseness, and bronchial asthma.

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\$550 SPENT TO ELECT HOFF AS TREASURER

A statement of campaign expenditures filed with Secretary of State Koser by James W. Crawford shows a total of \$550.51 spent in behalf of O. P. Hoff, republican candidate, for state treasurer.

Other expenditures in the recent campaign have been accounted for as follows: W. J. Sinnott, republican candidate for congress from the second district, \$549.03. A. K. McMahan, democratic candidate for state representative from the second district, \$22.70. Claude Buchanan, republican candidate for representative from the tenth district, \$25. Johnston Wilson, democratic candidate for representative from the eighteenth district, \$33.30. John A. Miller, republican candidate for representative from the twenty-eighth district, \$22.50.

THREATS KEEP CAMPUS FREE OF PEON PANTS

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 16.—A Seattle store advertised tendor trousers in the University of Washington daily. Next afternoon the editor cooperated in a pronouncement that the first student to wear them would achieve eternal fame and a broken neck. The various censors of campus customs stood by with their barrel staves. Two days have elapsed.

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