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Consider the Ant

It has been said that only the insects remain to contest man's mastery of the world and that the great struggle of the future lies against these tiny creatures who for untold millions of years have held their own and still dominate large portions of the globe. The animals that have not been enslaved by man face extermination. Even the song birds seem marked for slaughter. And we have weeks designated as "exterminate the insects week" in which we are urged to spray and poison and otherwise murder the only living creatures that successfully assert their independence. And the government spends tens of millions of dollars employing an army of men in organized insect slaughter, without seriously diminishing their ranks.

Many of these insects are fragile and wonderful creatures, playing an important part in keeping our earth a flower garden. Take the butterflies, which flit about aimlessly and lazily, adding color and charm to the summer landscape of a world full of curious beauty—had we but leisure to observe it. But of course the delight the butterfly inspires is quite immoral in this day and age when only industry and efficiency count. So we will limit our discussion to the humble but utilitarian ant, which alone seems, by superior civilization, to be able to hold her own—and therefore is proper subject for discussion in this industrial age.

Millions of years ago, long before the first primates evolved, the ant was functioning numerously and efficiently, as proved by remains in Baltic amber. As workers, organizers, fighters, and builders, even our captains of industry are not the ant's equal, for the ants have perfected a civilization that has stood the test of time and held their own while human civilizations have evolved, crumbled and passed away. And is this not proof of superior intelligence in the mastery of the problems of existence?

Somewhat like the human family, the ants have not all progressed equally. Some species are still in what corresponds to the stone age of humanity. They live by hunting and fighting. Others are in the pastoral stage, tending, pasturing and "milking" herds of other insects. Still others are in the agricultural era, planting, fertilizing and harvesting their gardens of fungi. Wiser than men, they have never invented machinery for the making of useless things, hence there is work for all and they practise a cooperation in industry humanity has never attained. They seem to have tried every form of government and settled upon a combination of monarchy, democracy and communism.

Entomologists have noted three of the types of human temperament among insects—the phlegmatic, the sanguine and the choleric, and among the ants the latter two, often intermediate. The ant is active, intense and dogmatic, though examples of the phlegmatic are found. Whole genera or even families conform to these types. Like humans also, the ants indulge in play or sport occasionally, staging sham fights without doing each other harm.

Some of the more primitive species of ants still practise slavery, just as savage man still does. They raid other species, kill the conquered and enslave the young as toilers. And they suffer much the same penalty that overtakes human slave holders, they become parasitic, and like feudal lords, good for nothing but fighting. Dependent upon slaves for food and drink, decadence and extinction eventually follow.

In some species however, a parasitic queen is adopted by the host workers, and a mixed colony results. As the hosts die off a pure colony of the parasitic species is left behind and may grow to be very populous and aggressive without showing any sign of parasitic origin—an analogue of some human institutions, which after starting in humble and cringing parasitism, come to acquire insolent domination.

Ants like men are gregarious and build cities and communities whose population runs into the millions. They construct highways, subways and tunnels. Their habits change with their environment as our own do. Moreover no two species are identical in habits and even individuals of the same species have their individual characteristics as well as those of the species. They even keep certain insects "cows" as guests for their secretions, "in quantity infinitesimal, but in quality highly excitatory, comparable with alcoholism among men and known to lead to similar degenerative social results." Whether they have an 18th amendment is not known.

Structurally the ants have many advantages over man. In the first place there is their size, a vital factor in an overcrowded world, in which bulk is a handicap. They successfully defy the laws of gravity, can fall off the highest tree without injury, scale perpendicular walls or travel upside down. Their vision is probably superior, for they are sensitive to ultra-violet and other rays the human eye is blind to. Their senses of smell and taste are infinitely superior, for man's has atrophied. Their hearing is confined to useful things, such as their own signals and conversations—they escape loud speakers and other unnecessary noises forced upon human ears. Their audition is confined to their own world, just as ours is to our own. They probably hear subtle harmonies we cannot, but escape discords thrust upon human ears.

Students of the ants, while admitting that many of their activities are reflexes are confident that they give unmistakable evidences of memory, appetites, emotion, imitation and intelligence, or ability to modify their reactions in conformity with previous experiences and environmental changes. Yet as Forel observes "the majority of people regard insects as mere machines, whereas they consider themselves to be created in the image of God." Yet the God who fashioned man, fashioned also the ant and endowed her with superior intelligence. Among the "four things which are little upon the earth, but exceeding wise" Solomon listed the ant, with the admonition: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise."

LINDBERGH INAUGURATES NEW AIR-MAIL ROUTE



Col. Charles A. Lindbergh opened the new passenger service of the Transcontinental Air Transport company out of Los Angeles on a 48 hour schedule from ocean to ocean. He piloted the first plane to New Mexico. Upper left, passengers, Lindbergh and bride, (right) the colonel in the cockpit. Lower left: Mary Pickford christening the "City of Los Angeles," and (right) the take off.

COUNTY NURSE PROJECT GETS START AT CLUB

Dallas—The regular luncheon of the Kiwanis club was held in the basement of the Presbyterian church with the president, E. J. Page in the chair.

After the lunch the meeting was turned over to Dr. V. C. Staats who had charge of the program. He introduced Sadie Orr Dunbar, who gave a fine talk on better health and how through education it was being brought about. She introduced the subject by quoting the statistics furnished by the government in the selection of men for the world war, stating that one out of three were deficient to the extent that they were unfit for service. She said that it had been decided by organizations devoted to better health that this condition could be helped by a change brought about by education, with this end in view teachers in our schools were now compelled to take training so that they could assist in trying to turn out more nearly perfect specimens of humanity. A report on the youth of today, that present or in the recent past, the only education on health was gotten when a boy or a girl wanted to compete in some game where clean living and health was a factor in their success. First then it was necessary to see that the teacher was prepared, and this is being done in the normal schools of this state.

Mrs. Dunbar outlined four purposes or objectives to be attained: first, to teach facts concerning hygiene and the mode of better living; second, to teach habits of health, to cause the child to form healthful habits; third, to influence the child through the home and its surroundings to better living; fourth, to the building of a program to be carried out through the future generations. She stated that through concerted effort of those interested in the youth of today, that courses have been installed in the normal schools and now teachers come away from them prepared to at least look after the minor defects in children and advise what is best for their welfare. A law was passed so that each teacher must make a health inspection of the pupils under his or her care. The expense of health nurse in some places is born by the school district and she is placed in the same category as other teachers of the regular staff.

Mrs. Dunbar said, where the county bore the nurse expense she had six objectives which started in with birth and was carried on through the years that the child was in school. She referred to the cost of carrying children through the grades where they repeated the same grade, when possibly if some

CHURCHES

JASON LEE—N. Winter and Jefferson streets, Harry E. Gardner, pastor. Church school session at 9:45 by department, H. B. Carpenter, Supt. Morning worship at 11 a. m. Special music directed by Mrs. Shelton Sackett. Morning theme, "Forgive Us." Another of the series based on the 100th psalm. The suggestion for at Wilson park at 9:30. Church forum at 7 p. m. The session of the three leagues at 7 p. m. Evening worship at 8 p. m. in the community sing special music and a discussion of Nine Miracles and an over-ruling province. Mid-week services are wonderfully well attended, Thursday at 7:30.

FIRST EVANGELICAL—Corner of Center and Liberty, A. P. Layton, minister. Bible school at 9:45, L. I. Thornton, Supt. Morning worship at 11 o'clock, subject, "The Longing of the Soul after God." Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock. Evening worship at 8 o'clock, subject, "Like a Tree." Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

FIRST GERMAN BAPTIST—North Cottage and D streets, G. W. Rutsch, pastor. Church school at 9:45 a. m. Sam Schirmer, Supt. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Evening worship at 8 o'clock. Women's missionary society meets at the church at 2:30 p. m. Vice-president, Mrs. Herrman Schirmer have charge and will give report on the annual convention held in Portland June 26-30. Topic for the evening, "The People of Nineveh and the Queen of the South." Good singing with orchestra music. Regular mid-week prayer service at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

FIRST CHRISTIAN—Cor. High and Center streets, D. J. Howe, pastor. Rec. 1029 N. Winter, Phone 1933, 11 a. m. commencing at 10:30. Sermon by the pastor, "Moving Forward Together." Mrs. Gladys L. Collins, soprano, will sing at the morning service. Young people's hour at 7 p. m. Four societies of C. E. in their respective rooms. 8 p. m. praise service led by Inez Wood. Sermon, "The Necessity of Restoring the Church." There will be several numbers of special music. Midweek service of prayer and Bible study Thursday 8 p. m.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN—Church St. between Chemsaketa and Center, Rev. P. W. Erickson, pastor. At 10:30 a. m. commencing at 10:30. D. D. will deliver the sermon on topic: "The Power of the Gospel, or The Making of Man." Dr. Kraushaar, D. D. who for many years was pastor of the Zion Lutheran church at Aberdeen, S. D. Sunday school at 9:30. Max Gehlar, Supt. C. A. Arvin in charge of adult Bible class and Mrs. C. M. Byrd of primary dept. Arnold Krueger in charge of the Y. Y. department. The Luther League at 7 p. m. Siviter Horn leader. Special music for the morning service anthem by the choir and a solo by Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hingee.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL—Center and Liberty streets, 9:45 Sunday school, P. E. Neer, Supt. 11 a. m. the religious drama, "Peter, the Rock," will be presented by a group of California players with Rev. Charles E. Evans, pastor of the Congregational church in charge of the play. Slight correction could have been made for them they would have been able to pass the grade each year as the more fortunate were. She closed her talk by stating that her object here was to create a sentiment in Polk county favorable to putting in a county nurse.

church of Corona, Calif., taking the leading role. With Rev. Mr. Evans in the leading part is also Dr. Bunnell who has had a role on several tours with the Wright California Players, Charles E. Ward, minister.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN—Corner of N. Winter and Chemsaketa streets, Norman E. Tully, D. D., pastor. Church school 9:30 a. m. L. M. Hamage, acting Supt. Morning worship 11 o'clock. This Sabbath we have the great pleasure of welcoming Dr. Cleland B. McAfee to our pulpit. There will be music by the choir, and Mr. William Wright will sing an offertory solo. Our church is cooperating in the Union park services held each

IMMANUEL BAPTIST—Corner Fessenden and Academy, Corner of the pure gospel preached. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday evening meeting Tuesday at 7:45. Prayer meeting 7:45 p. m. Thursday.

CHRIST LUTHERAN—19th and State streets. Morning services 9:45. Sermon "The Shadow of the Cross" 11 a. m. Sermon "American Gods" This is the second of a

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Church Head



Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, of Chicago, moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly, who will occupy the pulpit at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning. He will address a union service at the chalet on the Willamette campus, Sunday evening.

at this service. Mr. Klen and his sister, Miss Grace, will sing a duet. Sermon 7 p. m. Our League exchanges leaders with the Mill Street League, so a leader from there will have charge of the evening. Evening services 8 p. m. T. S. Mackenzie of Salem will lead the singing and sing a vocal solo or two. The pastor will preach on the subject: "The Faith of Moses." Prayer meeting and Bible study 9 p. m. Thursday. The pastor will preach at the Summit church Sunday at 11 a. m.

COURT ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST—Court and 17th streets. B. P. Shoenberger, pastor. 8 a. m. Bible school. Mrs. Frank Marshall, Supt. 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 11. Report of state convention. Christian Endeavor and juniors. 7 p. m. Song service and sermon at 8. Aid society meeting Wed. p. m. Mid-week meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN—N. 18th & A. Sts. H. W. Gross, pastor. St. John's congregation will celebrate a joint session festival with Mt. Angel congregation at Kootenai Falls. German service in the forenoon begins at 10:30. Rev. Schaus of Corvallis, pastor. 8 a. m. Morning worship. The afternoon service in English will have its speaker, Rev. E. T. Otto of Omaha, Neb. There will be service of St. Johns at 10th and A. Sts.

TRICE METHODIST—Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Herbert Hansen, superintendent by the pastor, W. N. Coffey, at 11 a. m. There will be no evening service on account of the camp meeting at Quinsay park. The pastor will have mid-week prayer service.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL—Cor. Chemsaketa and Church Sts. Rev. George H. Swift, rector. Sunday services during July and August, 7:30 a. m. Holy communion 11 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon.

EVANGELISTIC TABERNACLE—The Full Gospel church, Corner 18th and Ferry streets. Sat. 2:30 p. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Morning prayer meeting, Sunday 1:45 p. m. Sunday school 9:40 a. m. Mrs. Martha Batterman, Supt. Luther League 7:30. Miss Batterman, leader.

KNIGHT MEMORIAL—19th and Ferry streets. H. C. Stover, minister. The church school meets at 10 a. m. C. C. Harris, superintendent. Morning worship at 11. "Money and Character" will be the sermon subject. Jay Teed will sing "My Task." Christian Endeavor at 7:15 p. m. The evening sermon at 8. "In the Shadow," a nature sermon. "The Shadow of the Evening Hour" will be sung by Mrs. Gleason and Harriet Adams. Chorus choir will sing "Unto God Give the Glory" Ashford.

SOUTH SALEM FRIENDS—Cor. S. Commercial and Washington Sts. Sunday services: 10 a. m. Sunday school, Mrs. Marjorie P. Elliott, Supt. 11. Morning sermon, "Sabbath." Thursday 8 p. m. prayer meeting and Bible study led by the pastor, Chas. C. Haworth, pastor, 1565 S. Liberty.

Amity—Postmaster A. B. Watt and Mrs. Watt left Tuesday for an automobile trip to Klamath Falls and Crater Lake. They expect to be out of town for a week.

Calvary Baptist Church
GRAND THEATER—COURT & HIGH STREETS
Graded 8, 9:45 a. m., W. T. Jenks, Supt. Preaching services 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. B. Y. P. U.'s 7 p. m.
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Solo: "Beside Still Waters," by Hamblin; Miss Grace Fawk.
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