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As Ye Sow, So Shall Ye Reap

There are certain fixed laws which are immutable because they are founded upon truth. You may examine these laws, or principles as you will, turn them over in your mind, dissect, and analyze as you please, the result is always the same. These principles have much to do with the things which enter into the affairs of men and influence, or shape our environment.

It is written, "Like begets like," and again "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," hence if he sows evil he must expect to garner the fruit that grows from that variety of seed.

This train of thought was suggested by an article we read in regard to a public man who is under indictment, charged with complicity in defrauding the government, the statement being made that "whether he was found guilty or not" his friends would send him to congress.

Now we do not know whether the man is guilty or not, and we are not passing upon his guilt, but it is the principle embodied in the declaration which we wish to discuss.

Persons do not always stop to analyze conditions, nor to enquire into causes which have produced results, if they did, doubtless they would have greater care as to the trend of the course they pursue.

Probably the most widely advertised place, in the United States, for its uncanny record, is Cairo, situated in Southern Illinois, at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. Disregard for law, order, and morality has so long held sway in that city, with little or no check, that now the fruit has ripened and the place is harvesting a large crop of unmentionable crimes, coupled with murder and followed by Lynch law, which in itself is but another form of murder.

Once upon a time a great nation was called upon to make choice as to which of two prisoners should be turned loose to associate with the citizens of that nation. One of those personages represented a character which embodied love, joy, peace, intelligence, justice, equity and all desirable attributes, while it is said that the other was a robber and a murderer. Those who led that people condemned the first to death and chose to live with the murderer. They sowed to the wind, what did they reap? It is a well known fact that the Jews were scattered, their land became barren, and has been the home of little else than roving bands of lawless men for a period of some eighteen hundred years. The Jews got what they asked for but they could not abide with it after

they got it. No creature can rise above its nature, and neither can a nation rise above its leaders. If those who are chosen to formulate and execute the laws of a country are corrupt and lawless, it would be useless to expect the integrity of that commonwealth to keep ascending, but on the contrary its standard will continually lower until such government is neither useful nor ornamental, when it will pass away, there being no place for it.

When a people once get started upon the down grade, there is nothing that will stop them except that powerful leaders rise and go to the rescue, leaders who are able to infuse new life, and a desire for uprightness in those with whom they are associated, hence we should be careful as to whom we elevate to places of trust where honor and integrity are so necessary.

Sometimes scientific men remind us very much of the cat with a mouse. Pussy is a beast of prey and is not troubled very much with qualms of conscience. She takes pleasure in the chase, and after the object of her desire is in her power, unless too hungry, she toys with her victim for amusement. Scientific men have been diagnosing the conditions prospective of the visit of Halley's comet to this part of the universe, and according to the conclusions of some of them, direful conditions may result, while others maintain that there is no danger whatsoever; so there you have it; it is science against science; it is, and it isn't; it is, and it isn't. Well, don't lose any sleep over these calamitous predictions, for if we all go off on the comet's tail we will have a jolly, fine ride before we shall have a chance to return some eighty years later.

The Pioneer of Madras, a weekly newspaper published in Crook County, Oregon, made its appearance on our desk this week, having an editorial strongly commendatory of the Normal school formerly conducted at this place.

He Beat the Baker.

His name was Johnny, and he was the idol of his mother's heart in spite of what the neighbors might say to his detriment.

"You'll get my bread today before returning to school, John," remarked his mother to the boy while he indulged in his midday meal.

"Yes, mother," answered he and shortly went forth to carry out his mother's wishes.

"A quarter of bread—yesterday's, please," murmured John sweetly as he tendered fivepence halfpenny in payment of the two loaves forthcoming.

"Bread has gone up, my boy, one halfpenny," remarked Mr. Dough as he held out his hand for the needful balance.

"When?" queried John thoughtfully as the prospect of a distasteful double journey flashed across his mind.

"This morning, my lad, if that is any consolation."

Johnny's face brightened visibly. "Yes, I think it is," he remarked spasmodically, "for it was yesterday's bread I ordered."

The baker concluded he had no claim.—London Telegraph.

Out of Place.

A sentry, an Irishman, was on post duty for the first time at night, when the officer of the day approached. He called, "Who comes there?"

"Officer of the day," was the reply.

"Then what are yez doin' out at night?" asked the sentry.—London Telegraph.

Cunning.

Deemster—Whenever I have to borrow money I try to get it from a pessimist. Fieldman—Why? Deemster—A pessimist never expects to get it back.—Life.

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