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EQUABLE ADJUSTMENT IS NECESSARY

The Salem Commercial Club at a meeting a few days ago put out resolutions condemning the proposed parcels post as a detriment and menace to the small merchant in general and those of Salem in particular.

While the club may be right in its views and the proposed measure may be detrimental to some persons, yet, there is no doubt but that it will prove beneficial to a greater number, and the benefits being on the majority side the losses will fall to the minority who will soon adjust themselves to the changed conditions.

The slogan all along the line is progress. Advance is the order and profit is the object.

Time passes and conditions change and the person, or combination of persons, who fail to mark time with the advancing host get left. Take individuals or nations and it is the same; the wide-awake, active and alert person moves forward, while the go-to-sleep I-don't-care fellow is left behind. In national life it is the same. Those who have been most active and alert to their interests and welfare have forged ahead, while big, old China, with its teeming millions of humanity, has been asleep, dead to the outside world, and not half awake to conditions within her own territory.

The panorama of life is a big proposition. Something great, grand and magnificent is to be wrought out of the whole, and man, the highest of all created creatures, is the chief thing to be wrought upon, educated, trained, brought into submission to the higher laws and fitted for his place in eternity. Man is not only to be wrought upon but he is to operate upon other material and bring into use and shape the course of things with regard to the best conditions possible of attainment, having the highest intelligence as a goal and equity as a means to its attainment.

Progress is the order, greater intelligence brings it to pass, and from the millions of active, thinking humanity comes the multiplicity of inventions and the changes necessary to adaptation to the new environment, and thus we are forced to new alignment because of the changed conditions. The old method of transportation is past, steam takes the place of the sail except where the commodity to be transported is not needed for immediate use. The wagon train and stage are things of the past, except on some new frontier or out-of-the-way place, and residents of these places are clamoring for the change. We live in an age of bustle and work and there are but two courses to

pursue—either forge ahead or fall behind the procession.

Many of the changes which have come destroyed the old order and many a person who was doing a good business had to move on or change to something else, and when we compare the inconveniences of the past with the better facilities of the present, who would be willing to forego the new environment for the one which has been left behind.

The parcels post will probably come, and other methods of business will supercede many of those now in use, new inventions will come upon the scene and men must adjust themselves to the continuous changing conditions.

It is true, that in the new order, equity has not been attained and we have burdens hard to bear in many instances, and there are combinations which work ill to a great extent, but nevertheless each institution that springs into existence brings its lesson to the populace and shows up something desirable, the task being to turn its influence in the right direction.

The Falls of Niagara, while mighty in their power, are useless in an unconquered scope except for grand scenery, but placed under control and far-reaching is the benefit. It is so in all things else.

RENDER AN EQUIVALENT.

A thought of the responsibilities which come as a result of achievement, or of exaltation, presents itself forcefully and might not be unprofitable if displayed for consideration.

The question arises, Do men always render the service they should when given places of prominence and trust?

The electorate places a man in a prominent position; it sends him to a remunerative place in the county, the state, or the nation. He comes in touch with the business appertaining to his office, his mind opens up, he begins to perceive conditions of which he had no knowledge before, a new world, as it were, has opened to him, and now the question presents itself thus: Shall he give to his constituents the benefit of the knowledge he has received or shall he use that knowledge for his own advancement? The world knows the result; there are too few Tolstoi's and too many like Judas; those who made the opportunity possible are only remembered for the use they can be put to while the creature fattens because of the intelligence which came to him as a result of his elevation. Too often the person thus awakened to higher business qualifications forgets his constituents and as a result we have what is generally termed rings—the Court House ring, the State House ring and all the other numerous concerns whereby this class help each other to retain their positions and fatten at the people's expense.

When the county, the state or the nation qualifies a man for higher usefulness he owes it to his constituents to give back the best he has in payment for what he has received.

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