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## WHAT WE ARE AND WHAT WE MIGHT BE

Often we hear persons complain that things do not suit them. "There is nothing doing, no amusement, nothing to go to, etc." Well the trouble very often is that the parties themselves are to blame; they make no effort to supply the things they wish to enjoy; they merely await the action of other persons to afford amusement or pleasure for them, forgetting that they are part and parcel of their own environment and that they can find amusement if they are inclined to do so. The persons who seem to enjoy themselves best are those who busy themselves helping make the enjoyment. Most of us have talents that are asleep. We do not know what we can do until occasion arises to bring those forces into action.

Great men arise as occasion demands, a Caesar, a Napoleon, a Washington, a Lincoln comes forth as necessity requires. Why? Because there are those forces lying dormant in the human being which when stirred into action produce the person for the occasion.

The members of the human family are mostly asleep; they are like Esau; they have sold their future for a mess of pottage and too often the other fellow gets the feed. But we are anchored; we want to run in the same old groove and an earthquake would hardly force us from our alignment.

In the creation of man he was given attributes that, if awakened and brought into requisition, are far-reaching in this life and farther in the life to come.

These are facts, which every person who will give them a moment's thought, know to be true for it is but an idiot that cannot learn and advance, and each step gained but leads to another with the goal placed at the end of the probationary period, advancement to be taken up in the life to come with accelerated speed limited only by the intelligence of the Creator.

The jewel is held out to us and the invitation given, but we are accustomed to the old environment, and won't move out. Far too many of us wait to be moved along just as circumstances dictate and while we might reach out and gain eminence, we let the lassitude of our natures hold us back and cheat us out of our God-given birth-right.

## SHOULD REACH OUT

There are some things a town ought to have, and if its citizens expect it to grow they should reach out and provide for its necessities. Monmouth has no sample room, hence, her busi-

ness men have to go to Independence when they wish to order goods, instead of the commercial men coming here. This should not be. Whatever of benefit accrues by reason of such visits should accrue to our own city because it rightfully belongs here. Someone interested in the welfare of the city should provide for such necessities, and not wait for a greater opportunity.

"Save the cents and the dollars will take care of themselves" is an old adage, but a true one, and it is just as true in town building as it is in a business sense. If we provide for the small wants of our city the larger demands will always be cared for because of our having cared for them in their incipiency, and as the demand becomes greater so will also the preparation necessary to supply that demand.

Town building is a business which must be cared for just the same as any other proposition if we expect to prosper, and we should not wait for some other fellow to come along and do what we can and should do for ourselves.

According to press dispatches Ex-President Roosevelt has announced that he will make no public speeches for a year. Strenuous Teddy may find that such silence will require the greatest effort of his life; however the public can stand it if Roosevelt can.

## How It Happens

Roosevelt says that the development of Alaska is retarded through the operations of big syndicates and through members of congress who "either under the influence or through fear of the hostility of the corporations, decline to permit the passage of legislation, enabling the people to work honestly and develop the coal fields with a fair profit to themselves while doing justice to others."

That is the situation exactly and the colonel presents the facts clearly and without fear as is customary with him. Corporation influence in legislation—whether it be municipal, state or national, is the bane of the country.

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