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**BEGINNING AT THE CRADLE**

It must be evident to a great number of people that the attempt to regulate vice and crime by law is not producing the desired results. From the time and ever since the first known law was promulgated, crime has flourished and increased as the population increased, until at the present time we have what almost may be called a saturnalia of horrible crimes that almost stagger belief or comprehension. Governing bodies meet and take heed of this and add still more man-made laws to our statute books, and yet there is no diminution in the number of offenses against society. Courts established for the adjudication of these cases only partially fulfill their mission, officers sworn to enforce the laws in many instances are derelict, and if not actively engaged in crime themselves are passive through the use of bribe money toward others who are, and things have arrived at a stage where law abiding citizens have but small respect for the whole machinery of the law. This is a humiliating confession of affairs to make after some two thousand years of following, or a pretense of following, the teachings of the man who came to earth to show us the way to a better and nobler manner of life conduct.

In view of our present state of civilization, in the fact that our laws do not seem to correct our conditions, the apparent remaining truth must stare us in the face that our methods are wrong. Unable to curb the criminal instinct in men after they have grown up by sending them to prison and other means of punishment, we must consider either method or sink into utter ruin. We shall say that men are not born criminals but enter this sphere pure and undefiled. No one can look into the eyes of a babe and discover there any evidence that it was sent into the world other than a perfect image of its creator.

From this standpoint we must argue that its future welfare and usefulness must begin in the cradle and its education directed along the lines of religious instruction. Brought up to observe the fundamentals of the Bible, a thought many of the present day will sneer at, by parents god-fearing themselves, guided through childhood to honor and obey wise parents, taught to respect the rights of others while demanding its own, instructed in the folly of all vices and temptations that beset the young, there is no reason for believing otherwise than that such children will grow to useful manhood or womanhood and, we may expectantly hope, with no taint of a vicious or criminal nature. And, it may be added, the parents who cannot see it in this light or are neglectful of thus rearing their children must and will be held responsible here as well as by a higher power that will demand on that great day an accounting of their guardianship. The man of Nazareth left us this: "Suffer (allow) little children to come unto me and forbid them not," and the parent who is heedless of this admonition in relation to his children has much to be laid at his door when they go wrong.

**HISTORY IN THE MAKING**

The Oregonian prints what it calls a dead-lock in the Mexican situation. The dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church say in substance that if the government of Mexico will stultify itself and grant absolutism to the Roman Catholic hierarchy there would be no trouble in Mexico. In other words, the hierarchy demands that it should be absolved from obedience to the laws of the country in which its officiating priests may be. The hierarchy claims that governments should be amenable to the mandates of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The government of Mexico merely asserts that the Roman Catholic hierarchy and its emissaries or representatives must obey the constitution and laws of Mexico the same as any corporation or citizen of Mexico; and that it will not and does not recognize any pretended right

of any religious organization to interfere in matters of state. Therefore, when the Roman Catholic hierarchy is willing to obey the laws of Mexico, there will be no trouble in Mexico. As a corollary of the above, it is readily seen that the whole controversy is merely a tempest in a teapot, boiled down into defiance of the civil law of governments by the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Histories of the future will record this struggle for ascendancy by these two powers, one seeking to release its people from the thrall that has enslaved them through enforced ignorance for three hundred years; the other seeking to maintain that hold through defiance of law, and threatened disaster to the government.

**COOLIDGE PROSPERITY**

Glaring headlines tell of the wonderful prosperity which the Coolidge administration has given the country during the past three years. Have you received your share? Will the laboring men out of work endorse these attempts to bolster up what everybody knows have been slack years? Oregon papers are houting from the housetops that Oregon banks have \$2,000,000 more in deposits than a year ago. They do not attempt to offer any explanation for this; the depression in general business may account for it. Men who have money to loan, deeming the times inauspicious, or the security declining in value, are calling in their loans and increasing their bank deposits. Two or three Portland real estate deals might increase the deposits. The sale of Portland school bonds and the deposit of the proceeds might materially increase such deposits, and so with other municipal securities. Such deposits are deposits of borrowed money and do not always indicate prosperity. Increase in taxation might materially increase the deposits in the banks when taxes are collected, yet show no increase in general business prosperity. Inheritance taxes collected from large estates and deposited in the banks would increase bank deposits.

The Oregonian lends its pages, or maybe sells them, to those directly interested in keeping the real facts from the public. With hundreds of idle men who need work, who want

to work, and who are looking for work, right in Portland, this demagogic sheet proclaims to the northwest that work is plentiful. Hundreds, aye, thousands borrow enough money to reach Portland, only to find work as scarce as in the section from whence they came. The injury, the loss, caused these thousands, which such printed reports are responsible for, should be borne by those whose false representations induced them to act to their injury and loss. Prosperity needs no bolstering by an administration press, subsidized and fed by administration news agencies.

If the lesson of what befell the man who interfered in a fight between the Irishman and his wife had been properly observed, probabilities are that the United States would not now have all Europe hating and calling us everything but friends. When they needed our help and money we were good fellows, but when we want our money back we are "Shylocks" and numerous other things.

Out of the Democratic camp comes Senator Caraway of Arkansas, who unblushingly says Al Smith will never be elected president, "because he is a wet and a Roman Catholic." But these two facts may not deny him the nomination by his party.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, July 28, 1926.

Notice is hereby given that Byron Mark Johnson, of Welches, Oregon, who, on June 12th, 1923, made Homestead Entry No. 07411, for SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 24; N 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/2 S 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4, and N 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 25, Township 2 S., Range 7 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register United States Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 8th day of September, 1926.

Claimant names as witnesses: Carl M. Raithel, of Welches, Oregon; Edward Epton, of Welches, Oregon; Ed Peterson, of Welches, Oregon; Henry Larsen, of Brightwood, Oregon.

WALTER L. TOOZE, SR., Register.  
July 29-Sept. 3.

Among the free attractions at the county fair this year will be a herd of trained elephants.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of James Smith, deceased, and any and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present said claims duly verified as by law required at the office of my attorney, W. W. Smith, within six months after the date of this notice.

Dated, July 28, 1926.  
INA SMITH,  
Administratrix of the estate of James Smith, deceased.  
W. W. SMITH,  
Attorney for administratrix, Estacada, Oregon.  
Date of first publication, July 29, 1926. Date of last publication Aug. 26, 1926.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of S. M. Ramsby, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator, in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clackamas, and the Court has appointed and set Monday, the 30th day of August, 1926, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the County Court Room of said County in Oregon City, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of the same.

C. E. RAMSBY,  
Administrator of the Estate of S. M. Ramsby, deceased.  
Jos. E. Hedges, Attorney,  
Bank of Commerce Bldg.,  
Oregon City, Oregon.  
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