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### WHY MILLIONAIRES?

We have received a copy of an address to the young business men of New York City, by Otto H. Kahn, in which he attempts to explain why the material rewards of big business success are so disproportionately large in comparison with those in other lines of human endeavor. We are glad to see what he has to say in the way of excuse for the millionaire—and we remember in one such case to have been personally acquainted with a multi-millionaire, who didn't want to die rich but gave away all his accumulations during his life time.

Mr. Kahn says:  
To those of you who may attain conspicuous success, I would particularly address an admonitory word. The material reward which the world accords to business success is very large. It is disproportionately large as compared to the material rewards bestowed upon work and achievement in other lines of activity. The reasons why this is so, and more or less has been so for many centuries, and why, on the whole, probably, it pays the world to stimulate by liberal compensation the intense utilization of business capacities, it would take too long to enter into and seek to elucidate, on the present occasion.

Suffice to say that the scale of that compensation presupposes value returned in commensurate service. If the so-called capitalistic system of society is to continue—as I believe it will and should—because on the whole it has done and is likely to do more for the progress and prosperity of humanity and for the greatest good of the greatest number than any other system I know of—it is particularly incumbent upon those whom it places in positions of business leadership to exercise self-restraint and consideration for others in the use of their opportunities, to prove themselves imbued with a due sense of public duty and to exert their abilities not merely for their own advantage but also—and increasingly so as their potency increases—for the benefit of their fellow-men. Success is not a free gift. Like everything else really worth having in life, it has got to be paid for. If you do not assume and discharge responsibilities and duties in a measure commensurate with your success, you are, from the civic point of view, a defaulter.

Take heed to remember, those of you who, by eminent success, may raise yourselves beyond your peers, that it behooves you to do all you can to make your position as little "jarring" as possible to that immense majority whom fate has not singled out for its favors. Try always to understand and appreciate, and give due heed to, their points of view and feelings. Be patient, helpful, courteous, conciliatory. Avoid ostentation. Abhor pique, pride and arrogance.

Beware especially of that insidious tendency of wealth to chill and isolate. Be careful not to let your feelings, aspirations and sympathies become hardened or narrowed, lest you get estranged, and grow apart, from your fellow-men. Make it a point not only to be approachable, but to seek and welcome contact with the workaday world so as to remain part and parcel of it and to maintain your fellowship in it.

### STANFIELD'S MESSAGE

Senator Stanfield of Oregon introduced in the United States Senate today, Friday, February 13, a bill to establish a system of National Home-Loan Banks to be organized and operated under federal supervision for the purpose of making loans at low interest rates and upon favorable terms of payment to the people in securing and paying for homes of their own.

The Senator says: "The biggest thing our Government can do in building American citizenship and combating the destructive forces of Bolshevism, Socialism, extravagance, unemployment and unrest is to aid men and women to secure homes of their own."

Everybody wants a home of his own.  
Everybody wants everybody to have a home of his own.  
Everybody knows that everybody having a home of his own is a better American citizen.

The men and women that perform the world's work are entitled to the best chance to secure a home this government can give them.

This is not paternalism, it is just the spirit of practical brotherhood woven into the fabric of better citizenship and better government. The milk of human kindness to sweeten the cup of hard labor.

The bill is fully as constructive as the Federal Reserve System and the Farm Loan System have proved to be.

If this bill will do for the city dweller, the working man and woman, what the Federal Reserve System has done for the nation's banks and industry, or the Farm Loan System has done for the nation's farmers, it will be one of the most constructive pieces of legislation this congress has considered.

The bill follows closely the Farm Loan System.

It provides for a National Home-Loan Board consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury and four Commissioners.

This board is empowered to charter, regulate and supervise National Home-Loan Banks to be organized anywhere in the United States with a paid in capital not less than required of National Banks under the National Banking Act.

These Home-Loan Banks are empowered to make loans on improved residential real estate up to sixty per cent of its value; not to exceed \$10,000, in any one loan; payable in monthly installments over a period of five to fifteen years; at a rate of interest not more than two per cent above the rate paid by the bank on its bonds.

It provides for the deposit of securities with a Registrar and the issue of tax exempt bonds similar to the Farm Loan System through Joint Stock Land Banks, and proceeds to be loaned to home owners.

### TO EXPURGATE THE BIBLE

The Garland bill providing for the reading of portions of the Bible in the public schools of the state was passed by the senate at Salem Monday with only five votes opposed.

The bill provides for the appointment of a commission of nine members by the governor to include the state superintendent of public instruction, a Catholic, a Jew, a Christian Scientist and five Protestants, no two of whom shall be of the same denomination. The commission is to select the portions of the Bible suitable for reading in the schools with a view to avoiding sectarian teachings and the passages so selected are to be read by the teachers without any comment whatsoever.

### RELIGION AND SCIENCE

Religion has discovered that, like itself, science is honestly searching for the truth, and science is awakening to the discovery that the Christian religion has a scientific basis. Although the anti-evolutionists have not silenced their war-cries, religion has joined with science in the common search for truth. Man's world has broadened until his earth is left a dust-spot in an inconceivably vast universe; again, man's world has become introspective to the point that an atom contains a solar system. Such discoveries compel changes in religious thought; to the thinking man a bodily resurrection difficulties, sion offer unsurmountable difficulties, but consider the new grandeur of the familiar phrase, "There is the power and the glory."—Outlook.

In Wisconsin alone there are 458 dams which serve to retain water for hydro-electric generating stations. These stations, it is estimated, produced, during 1924, a total of 650,000,000 kilowatt hours of electrical energy.

The people of the United States, during 1922, made 18,250,000,000 telephone calls. This was an approximate average of 53,000,000 local calls and 1,700,000 long distance calls a day.

### Over 1,000,000 Boxes

Exports of apples at the port of Portland for the 1924-25 season up to January 31, 1925, show 1,008,391 boxes placed aboard ship for delivery to foreign countries. This is nearly 100 per cent increase over the entire 1923-24 season when the figures were 541,947 boxes. The largest season previous to this time was the 1922-23 season when 690,267 boxes were exported from Portland. Many new contracts have been made by the growers and brokers this past year and it is expected that a considerable portion of this new business will continue and greater exports can be expected for the season to come.

### Brewster Valley

Walter Laird made a business trip to Coquille Monday. Ivan Laird went with him to get some parts for J. D. Laird's car. They came back the next day.

Elwin Alford has his Ford bug in running order again. He and Ivan Laird gave it a thorough overhauling this winter.

Theodore Parks is working for Cecil Dugger in his logging camp up Steel Creek. He is able to be home every week end.

Howard English went down on the lower river and got four yearling heifer calves. He brought them down with Mr. Brown Saturday.

Christina Christensen is staying out of school these past two weeks because she was exposed to the whooping cough and they did not want it scattered in the school.

Miss Lelah Parks went down to Marshfield Saturday to see Mrs. J. R. Benham. She came back to Walter Lawhorn's Saturday night and came from there up to school Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilson made a business trip to Myrtle Point Friday. They went up to Mrs. Wilson's folks at Bridge, W. A. Lett's, that night and went to Coquille the next day. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Keller Saturday night and Sunday.

The Myrtle Leaf club met with Mrs. Ivan Laird Thursday. Those present were Polly Nickason, Verna Laird, Stella Crowley, Flossie Wilson, Myrtle Christensen, Fanny Alford, Grandma Laird, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. D. A. Moore and the hostess, Dairy Laird. Everyone spent a very enjoyable afternoon. They decided hereafter to meet at the community hall.

J. R. Benham went down to see his wife at the Kaiser hospital Thursday. He went with Mr. Brown, coming back with him Friday. Sunday he and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Krewson, M. and Mrs. Ernest Krewson all went down again to Marshfield.

Julius and Mildred Benham came up Sunday and are staying for a day or go here in the valley.

Phyllis Laird and Alice Jenkins are getting along fine with their arms since they were to the doctor.

### EAST FORK NOTES

Monday Ed Abernethy and Theodore Easton made a trip to Marshfield via Sumner. Ed had a dentist take out one of his teeth.

It is reported that Cecil Dugger is intending to put another donkey on Steel Creek.

Daffodils, daisies, violets have been in bloom for a week or more. Crocus are in bloom, hyacinths are showing color.

Ex-senator Albert J. Beveridge in his address to the Lawyers' Club of New York, handed out hot shot against food laws. What would he have said if he had known about Oregon's "Bull law"?

It seems that much of this fool law-making is done by cliques. It makes no difference whether the fellow who wants a law to hit somebody else is a professional patriot, a cow man, a bull man or a labor unioner, he gets a few to holler with him for a new law to furnish grease for his skids. And when the supreme court, state or United States, turns down the robbers' game, then they yell for an amendment to the Supreme Court.

People do get their feet into traps for the reason the rotten bait smells tasty to some folks. Matching dollars when both dollars have been taken out of your own pocket is a great scheme to fatten the other fellow's pocket.

Coolidge said, "It is an ominous fact that only the federal government is reducing its debt. Others (that is, local, state, county and city governments), are increasing theirs at about \$1,000,000,000 each year."

"Federal aid held burden to states," Oregonian, Jan. 12, page 2, gives the reader something to think about. Coolidge hands out big medicine.

"Understood Betsy," by Mrs. Fisher is a book which might make those who think the city school is the only thing and the one room country school a back number, do a little thinking.

The world did not go fluey, Feb. 6, according to the prophesying blah of the prophesiers. The universe did not pay any attention to the prediction. It is still on the job.

I would rather be in hell with people of brains, than be in the best heaven a fool could make with fools. R. A. Easton.

### Coquille High School Invited

The Coquille high school has been invited to send delegates to the second annual Educational exposition to be held this year during the Washington birthday, February 21 to 23. More than 600 high school student delegates and faculty members attended the exposition last year and indications are that more will be there this year.

## LIVING BY FAITH

Wm. Lyon Phelps Writes Thus About "The Christian Adventure" in the January Ladies Home Journal.

Voting is always done on faith. Because a man cannot know whether the ticket he prefers is the right one, does he decide to abstain from voting? By no means. He not only votes enthusiastically, positively, dogmatically, he is usually so cocksure that he endeavors to induce others to follow him. There are many who would gladly cast the ballot for the whole nation.

My faith in God may not always be as strong and unclouded as I wish it were, but I have more faith in Jesus Christ than I have in the Republican Party or in the Democratic Party or in any party or in any candidate. It seems to me singular that so many people should have no faith in God, and exhibit such touching, childlike faith in a political leader.

Matters of knowledge quickly lose interest, their power to appeal. They become commonplace. So long as there was doubt whether a machine heavier than air could fly, the proposition and the experiment were both amazingly interesting. Now airplanes fly over golf courses and even the caddies do not raise their heads, but continue their over-animating conversation.

Men will not fight on matters of knowledge. But they will fight for their family, their friends, their college, their country, and their religion. Now as the chance of failure makes every adventure attractive, so the possibility of delusion makes Christianity enormously appealing. To be absolutely honest, we must admit that the Christian religion may be a myth, our hopes in it dust, our destiny annihilation. But my whole life is staked on the belief that it is true.

I have more faith in Christ than in any other person or thing. I have directed all my life's activities with the faith that he was divine.

To use a vulgar phrase, if a man bets all he has, the shirt on his back, you cannot demand more of him than that. The most reasonable explanation of the person of Christ and of his history is that he revealed God. With that basis, I go ahead on faith.

Therefore if you ask me, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" I answer firmly, "Yes." "Do you believe in the future life?" "Yes." "Do you believe that you will see again your father and mother?" "Yes." "How sure are you of this?" "Well, I am surer of this than anything that cannot be proved." "Are you as sure of the future life as that two and two make four?" And without hesitation, I reply, "No; not so sure as that." However, it seems to me more reasonable than not to believe it. I am not afraid. I am going ahead.

I did not enlist in the service as Christ as a camp follower, but as a soldier. Be it glory or be it death, I am glad I enlisted.

John Quincy Adams, who of all our Presidents was the greatest scholar, and who in addition was so austere that it is impossible to imagine him in a light-hearted mood, this stern and learned man every night in the White House kneeled down and said the prayer his mother taught him as a child:

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

Although the prayer has been sanctified by thousands of innocent lips, and although the iron-sided Adams found it good enough for him, I heard a version whose author I know not, which I like much better, because it expresses exactly my own attitude:

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;  
And wake I soon or wake I never,  
I give my soul to Christ forever!

In addition to the important fact that there can be no real interest in religion without uncertainty, there can also be no virtue. Uncertainty makes the Christian adventure exciting; and is the only basis of conduct. If the fruth of religion were demonstrable, and the way to win heaven were plainly charted, there could be no goodness at all. If we knew that by abstaining from certain things—which is still some persons' notion of morality—if we knew that by not smoking, drinking, dancing, kissing, lying, cheating we could win immortal life, then there would be no virtue at all. There would simply be calculation. Heaven would be exclusively occupied by hard-headed, prudent business men; they would get it all. The charming, gracious, lovely men and women of impulse would be in hell.

Christianity is the adventure, the supreme adventure. We do not know the outcome. But we know we are following the only Person in history who seems like God. If he is living,



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But as all his words were words of courage and hope and triumph, as his way of life can be tried and tested and is always found good and productive, we follow him not in fear and doubt, but in faith. Let the future take care of itself. That is what he particularly advised.

Cooms Bay shipped 15,415,484 feet of lumber and lumber products to other Pacific coast ports during the month of January. A partial record of the month's domestic shipping from the Port of Bandon amounts to 996,666 feet while Reedsport shipped 678,105 feet.—Times.

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