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**OUR GREATEST PRESIDENT:**

One trait is notable in the characters of all three of the men whose names stand highest in American history. That trait is patience, a subtle and imperturbable patience.

In a serial story soon to begin in the Enterprise, entitled: "In the Days of Poor Richard" will be narrated a number of instances of the workings of that patience which carried the father of his country through the day at Valley Forge which would have broken down the persistence of any ordinary man.

The characters of our presidents have varied all the way from the placid calmness of Washington, Lincoln and Wilson to the hair-trigger energy of Andrew Jackson and Theodore Roosevelt. But the brightest lights have been the most patient. Washington, Lincoln and Wilson planned deliberately, carefully, patiently and when they struck there was gigantic power in their blow. "Beware the anger of a patient man."

Each of these men lived up to the opportunities of his day in his field of action.

Washington served 13 colonies with a population of three millions largely immigrants. Lincoln served the multiplied population of a multi-pilled territory. Wilson was recognized, at his zenith, as the greatest man not only in the most powerful of nations but in all the world, and oppressed peoples of all countries were looking to him as to a Moses when his almost superhuman efforts for mankind overtaxed his physical powers and laid him low.

Impartially all three of them were abused, vilified and lampooned by little-souled, wrangling, snarling critics, whom they patiently ignored. In coming ages their names will occupy the highest pedestals of fame.

**EXPLODED CASTLE THEORY.**

Prohibition enforcement officers made search for illicit liquor on the strength of warrants sworn out on information and belief.

They found what they were after and arrested the law violator, a wealthy Portland man named Labbe.

On the strength of a claim that the warrant had been issued on insufficient grounds the case was dismissed.

There had been developed evidence on the strength of which the law-breaking Labbe could have been convicted, but no more was done about it.

Governor Pierce, in a public speech, said that the age-old doctrine that "a man's house is his castle" is so far obsolete that no one may violate law, by making or using illicit liquors, in that castle with impunity.

Then a report was circulated that the governor had said unwarranted search of private premises would be continued. The statement was false, but it had its effect. Sensational newspapers got up on their hind legs and howled that the governor favored violating the law to enforce the law. He didn't.

There was a time in England when there were many castles closed against the king and much lawbreaking both in and out of them. In course of time the stoutest of these castles was subdued.

The theory that you may make moonshine or do murder in your house and defy the law because it is your castle is obsolete. If the courts get sufficient evidence of such crimes to convict you you are as liable to the law's penalties as though you had operated in the public plaza, the laxity shown in Labbe's favor notwithstanding.

If the farmer ever get an equitable reward for their service to the world it will be through co-operation. Every other industry is organized and opposed to the farmer, for it is to the interest of the union laborer to keep his wages high, which increases the cost of his product to the farmer, and to keep the farmer's product, which feeds and clothes him, low in price. Much has been accomplished in co-operation by farmers in recent years, but not a little of what must come to bring about justice. Glenn C. Hayes has made a study of the achievements in co-operation and has written a series of articles which every farmer should consider carefully. They are being published in the Enterprise.

Teapot Dome is politically impartial in distributing its odorous distinctions. No sooner had the democratic leaders settled themselves comfortably to watch the dance of the elephant over the fall of Fall than the donkey's heels began to cavort to the same tune, as if a bumblebee had prodded him. It developed that Doheney, who furnished the greater part of the "loan" to Fall, is a democrat, that he has paid McAdoo, the democratic hope for the presidential campaign, a quarter of a million dollars, and that Gregory, also a democrat, named by Coolidge to prosecute oil frauds, is on the Doheney pay roll too. Coolidge has substituted Pomerene of Ohio for Gregory.

W. B. Davis is a dairyman near Shedd. He and his wife and five children constitute a fine orchestra which furnished music for the school play in that town Friday night. Asked if his boys used tobacco, Mr. Davis replied: "No, they don't hang around own evenings. They are interested in music and other attractions at home." There is the whole secret of keeping growing boys and girls from going wrong. Make home the most attractive place for them. If Portland's curfew ordinance could be enforced in every town much future woe would be forestalled.

The fact that the Quakers are handing the relief funds sent to save the lives of German children, promising to bear all expense of administration, even including transportation, building kitchens, etc., guarantees that every cent contributed will go direct to the soup line, where children are being brought and fed daily. "Food," says an authentic report, "is not dispatched to homes excepting in extreme cases, and then only under strict supervision."

Last week ex-Secretary Fall declared that he was ready, as soon as physically able, to tell the investigating committee all he knew about Teapot Dome and his acquisition of wealth. Having recovered, he says he will not say a word. If he had come to that conclusion earlier he would not be facing as many of his own conflicting statements as he is. Sometimes a lie is a help in trouble, but more often it is an awful trap.

The wets in Washington state have been making charges against the dry enforcement officers and seeking their discharge. Pretty good evidence that the officers were accomplishing something. An investigation was held and the sleuths who have offended the bootleggers remain on the job.

Under "Mary Succeeds on Main Street" the fact is emphasized that success does not mean the accumulation of wealth, but the performance of worth-while deeds. Some poor men in the world have been greater successes than the richest. Christ was a greater success than Croesus, Lincoln than Alexander the Great, Edison than Jay Gould.

Developments to date lead Milton A. Miller to expect the democratic senatorial nomination in the May primaries. He's an old warhorse and knows the ropes.

We have printed some rhymes recently that was not even distantly related to poetry. A contrast to it is a couple of stanzas this week under the caption: "February."

Mr. Fall refuses to open his mouth on the subject of Teapot Dome. Perhaps he has a glimmering idea that when he did open it he put his foot in it.

Every time there is a good fall of rain the Harrisburg ferry is shut down on account of high water, as it was the last of last week. We need that bridge.

**February**  
(S.)

Drifting clouds of misty gray,  
Then a patch of blue;  
A dazzling glimpse of sunshine,  
Then a shower or two.

Oftentimes your moods are gay,  
Yet oftener contrary,  
But spite of snow or wind and rain,  
I love you, February.

**In the Senate Room**

(G. R. Walker)  
The Enterprise rhyme machine  
Flashes a picture on the screen  
Of a scandal that was seen  
In the senate room in Washington.

The subject is the Teapot Dome,  
And scores poor Fall, and Fall alone.

At once our minds begin to roam  
To the senate room in Washington.

Perhaps there're others just as bad,  
Who'll roll their eyes and look so sad,  
And some, perhaps, will get quite mad  
In the senate room in Washington.

Perchance one's caught—then  
b—l's to pay,  
The others then their one will flay—  
This poor, misguided piece of clay  
In the senate room in Washington.

But when, in time, this one they crush,  
And all their faces lose their blush,  
They settle down and stir the mush  
In the senate room at Washington.

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**FARM CO-OPERATIVE SELLING**

By **GLENN G. HAYES**  
(G. 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)  
**More Than Million Farmers Are Interested**

A LECTURER fresh from an eastern city was telling a group of Middle Western farmers how to manage the business of farming.

"Boys," he said, "I have always found that if a fellow has a hard time keeping his head above water it's time for him to learn to keep out of the deep places."

A tall, gray-haired farmer rose from his seat. "Just a minute, Mr. Speaker—you have us farmers all wrong. We aren't afraid of the deep water. That's where we do our best swimming. We all belong to co-operative marketing associations. Perhaps you didn't know that they furnish life preservers for the fellows that can't swim alone."

"A million farmers kept afloat that way during 1923."

The farmer was right. More than a million American farmers have learned to keep up in deep water. They are the men who are making co-operative marketing the greatest farm organization in the world.

Last year 85 per cent of the citrus fruit produced in the United States, 80 per cent of the dried fruit, nearly three-fourths of the tobacco, one-half of the milk and butter, 10 per cent of the live stock, 15 per cent of the cotton, 60 per cent of the nuts and large amounts of such products as fruits, eggs, wool and vegetables traveled the co-operative road to market.

California Leads.  
There are now eight great national co-operative exchanges and 175 state federations. Territorial groups number over 112, while local marketing associations total over 12,000. California leads all other states in the volume of co-operatively marketed products, last year sending half of her \$500,000,000 crop to market through co-operative channels.

The dried fruit industries have the largest percentage of their groups completely organized. Ninety per cent of the raisins, 85 per cent of the prunes and 80 per cent of the dried figs, peaches and apricots are marketed co-operatively.

Second best among the farmers' organized industries are the tobacco groups of the South and East. Taking the association as a whole, they represent 227,800 growers. Seventy per cent of all the tobacco used in the United States was handled through these associations during 1923. All this great work of tobacco organization has been done in a period of less than two years.

Perhaps the third best organized American commodity is the nut industry. Over 90 per cent of the American almonds, 95 per cent of the walnuts and 50 per cent of the Jumbo white peanuts are handled through the farmers' marketing associations.

Interstate and state dairy groups are now marketing one-fourth of the nation's milk and butter supply. During 1923 there were nearly 200 co-operative milk marketing associations, 1,610 co-operative creameries and over 2,800 co-operative cheese factories. Plans are now under way for the forming of a national co-operative dairy sales agency to handle the business of all the co-operative associations.

The wheat marketing machine has barely made its start. Yet, between four and five per cent of the nation's wheat was handled by co-operatives during the past season. Today there are two national organizations and twelve state units. Plans are now under way for the consolidation of all the wheat organizations into one unit under the direction of the National Wheat Growers' Advisory committee.

In every grain section of the country are the local farmers' elevator companies, some 5,216 of them in all. These elevators have a membership of over 550,000 and a capital of \$90,000,000. The annual value of the grain handled averages over \$625,000,000.

In 1922 the California Fruit Growers' exchange marketed 68 per cent of the citrus fruit of the state and a group of other co-operatives handled between 10 and 15 per cent of the crop. In Florida 40 per cent of the citrus crop was marketed through an association of growers. Fully 65 per cent of the citrus crop in the United States goes to market through a pool.

Fruit Also Handled.  
Fresh fruit associations include more than 400 separate local units and about a dozen larger organizations. More than 25 per cent of California's deciduous fruits are sold by the California Fruit exchange alone. Sixty-five per cent of the peach crop in the state of Georgia travels the co-operative road to market. Sixty per cent of the pears and berries of western Oregon, one-fourth of New York's grapes, 35 per cent of California's pears and a good share of its berries are handled co-operatively.

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