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SOME NEGLECTED FIRST PRINCIPLES

What shall a sturdy man do who has not "the price of a meal"? Clearly, he must go to work and earn it. But if none will give him work? Right here we impose the death-penalty for his failure; we sentence him to starvation.

He can escape his punishment in no way that is lawful; we have had the foresight to see to that, by laws against robbery, theft, and mendicancy. Mere vagrancy, too, is a crime; if "without visible means of support" a man may be sent to jail. If, like "the Son of Man," he "hath not where to lay his head," he will be safer from the pest of us if he pack it about with him, remaining awake or sleeping afoot. He might sleep in the park or on a wharf, or in some other unconsidered place. That would be no great hardship to society, but it would do him good, and we have provided against it.

Laws against robbery and theft are just and necessary; those against begging are necessary and unjust. What makes them unjust is that we do not assure work to those able and willing to work. To say to a penniless and hungry man, "You may ask for employment, but if it is refused you shall not ask for bread"—that is a monstrous and shameful tyranny.

There is only one way out of this moral impasse. Since the state cannot permit the individual to rob or steal, and will not permit him to beg, it should provide him with employment; there is no other way to preserve his life and his self-respect. So again is this duty of society to the individual that it is no less than astonishing that it ever could have been overlooked, or questioned when pointed out.

The employment should not, of course, carry a wage that would tempt the recipient to withdraw himself permanently from private industry, but it should be sufficient to keep the wolf outside his door—to tide him over his period of sharpest need.

This is not an anarchistic proposal; no proposal can be that if it aim to remove an imperative compulsion to lawlessness. If it is socialistic, then socialism may claim the glory of advocating an indisputable reform—the adding to the Ten Thousand Commandments thundered from the political Sinai one with a negative that is not prohibitive but benevolent, carrying not a threat but a promise: "Thou shalt not starve."

Gentlemen of the legislatures, how long do you propose indulging yourselves in the happiness of contemplating indigence as a capital offense?—Ambrose Bierce in September Cosmopolitan.

If the reports concerning Senator Fulton's attempt to induce a number of Statement No. 1 legislators-elect to violate their pledges to their constituents and refuse to vote for the people's choice for United States senator is correct, the result will be to lower the senator to a great extent in the estimation of many of his former friends. The people of Oregon, without regard to party, are firm believers in the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people, and any scheme of designing politicians to defeat that reform will be resented. Oregon is a strong republican state, but in spite of that fact the voters, by a big majority, endorsed George E. Chamberlain for U. S. senator

and they also elected a legislature pledged to abide by the people's choice. There is a day of reckoning coming for all would-be party leaders who at this time are attempting to thwart the will of the people. Senator Fulton should take warning before he goes too far into this scheme, if it is true that he has entered into it.

W. J. Bryan's speech to the notification committee last week was a strong arraignment of the Republican platform and policies. The admission by Mr. Taft that many corporate abuses exist and that they have all grown up during a period in which the Republican party had absolute control of all departments of the government is referred to and the pointed question, "Why have the republicans failed to do anything to correct these evils?" remains unanswered. Every proposition for the control of trusts and monopolies or for the correction of other admitted evils that has been proposed by President Roosevelt, backed by the rank and file of the party, has been promptly sidetracked by the Republican congress and these things make Mr. Bryan's task a rather easy one to what it would have been had the party leaders halfway stood behind the President in his fight for the people.

Queer Feeding.

"Come and watch me feed my starfish."

The curator of the aquarium led the reporter to a tank where a half dozen starfish tripped over the sandy bottom on slim brown fingers.

"Grub time, boys," he said, and he dropped into the tank six mussels. The fish ran to the mussels. Each applied his stomach to the hinge at the back of the shell. Silence and immobility ensued.

"The gastric juice of the starfish," said the curator, "is now melting the hinges of flesh that hold the mussels shells together. Ah, look, there's one melted now. There's another. It's the most powerful gastric juice in the world."

One by one, their hinges destroyed, the mussel shells opened, and into the openings the starfish thrust their stomachs. More silence, more immobility.

Then, a little plumper at the heart, the starfish went tripping daintily off, but the mussel shells lay open and empty on the sand.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Old Time Drunkenness. In reviewing "The Early Married Life of Maria Josepha, Lady Stanley," the London Spectator comments on the light in which drunkenness was regarded at the beginning of the nineteenth century. There was a christening of twins and rejoicing among the neighbors, tenants and laborers. "All the guests," says Maria, "were as drunk as I ever had the pleasure of seeing any one." Among the laborers, however, "that extent of intoxication was not reached which causes men to be swine."

Lady Sheffield, who received this account of the festivities, replies: "I would have given a great deal to be present. There is nothing I love so much as such sort of festivities, where one has the satisfaction of knowing that one makes one's friends happy as well as drunk." In London, she declares, "when you give a ball you affront many people, please a few, make many drunk and yourself miserable."

Clay and the Salary Grab. "Quinn," said an old member one day, "I heard you worrying about the mileage. Did you ever hear the story of Clay and the salary grab?" "No," I replied.

"When Clay was speaker," he continued, "during about 1816, the crowd raised their salaries to \$1,500 a year. There was a great howl all over the country, and when Clay reached home in Kentucky he found old one armed John Pope, a Federalist, out after his scalp to beat the band and all the Clay adherents ominously silent. Worried and anxious, Clay sought out his old barber, who had always been enthusiastic in his advocacy and who happened to be an Irishman. 'I trust I may count on your hearty support, as usual?' Clay asked. 'Faith, Mr. Clay,' said the Irish barber, 'I think I shall vote at this time for the man who can get but one hand into the treasury.'"

—Success Magazine.

Needed a Big Dose. The president of the Waiters' club of New York in a recent argument on tipping said to his opponent sharply:

"Your reply is altogether beside the point and irrelevant. It reminds me of a woman's reply in a German court. This woman was accused of poisoning her husband. The prosecuting attorney said to her:

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. Roseburg, Oregon, April 9, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Mrs. Glenn M. Webster of Medford, county of Jackson, State of Oregon, did on April 2, 1908, file in this office her sworn statement, No. 9597, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of Section No. 25, in Township No. 32 South, Range No. 1 East, W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before A. S. Bliton, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, in Medford, Oregon, on Monday, the 23rd day of August, 1908.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, June 12, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Clara E. Boughton, of Butte Falls, Oregon, who, on June 12, 1908, made Timber Application No. 10145, for SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 30, Township 34 South, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. S. Bliton, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on Monday, the 25th day of September, 1908.

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. Roseburg, Oregon, March 26, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Robert G. Wilson, of Morgan Hill, county of Santa Clara, State of California, filed in this office on May 15, 1907, his sworn statement, No. 9291, for the purchase of the NW 1/4, NE 1/4, SE 1/4, of Section No. 19, in Township No. 23, North of Range No. 1 East, W. M., Ore., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on Thursday, the 17th day of September, 1908.

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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. Roseburg, Oregon, March 21, 1908. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Frederick J. Lafky, of Salem, county of Marion, State of Oregon, filed in this office on April 15, 1907, his sworn statement, No. 9116, for the purchase of the W 1/2 E 1/2, of Section No. 2, in Township No. 34, South of Range No. 1 East, W. M., Ore., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office, at Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 26th day of August, 1908.

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