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WHAT THE WORLD OWES

To say "the world owes every man a living" and stop is falling far short of a full statement of what the world really owes.

The world owes more than a mere living to the energetic and deserving, and absolutely nothing to the indolent and undeserving.

To the workers of the world, whether with hands or heads or hearts; to the just and sincere; to the honest and trustworthy; to the unselfish and the charitable; to the strong and the brave; to the law-abiding and the public spirited; to the humble and the true; to the daring and the virtuous; to the cheerful and the kind, to these the world owes heaping measures in return. These may expect their portions of world homage and tribute. These give without asking—receive without demanding.

To these the world owes more than a living, that is, more than sustenance, raiment and shelter. It owes them wages of love as well as of gold. It owes them honor, honest dealing, and debts paid. It owes them confidence and truth, strength and encouragement, justice, praise, sympathy, protection and happiness.

Every one of us thinks he is in the right class. He believes he is one who deserves a living and more from all or a part of the rest. Even the parasite always seeks to justify himself. The criminal always puts forward an excuse for his act, an alibi out of it. To criticize others is but to invite contention and argument.

If each one in his own mind asserts his necessity to the program of human development, to the cause of society, how may the sluggard be made to act and the wrong-doer to see the error of his ways? Who is wrong, or how can anyone be in error when his own judgment is supreme within its own realm?

To continue the theme would be repetition, but there is a correct answer to every question. Occasionally some genius makes a statement of truth. We can arrive at the solution of all problems by right thinking. It would be a bold, but logical, thing to do, if each one of us would ask ourselves these questions; Do I contribute anything to the cause of mankind, to health, prosperity, happiness, peace, comfort, orderly government, ambition, art, science, economy, education, religion, adventure, romance or contentment? Again, in whatever humble position my lot may be cast, could the world go on as well without the things I produce or the service which I render? Am I even a fractional part of my community's progress or my nation's welfare?

Only by such measuring sticks can one arrive at a satisfactory answer. If, after a silent contemplation of our worth to those about us,—to family, home, community, state, nation and the world at large, we find that we but live off of others without adding materially to the sum total of human welfare, and there is any good in us, we will get out of what we are doing or failing to do, and do something worthwhile. Then, and only then, does the world owe us anything.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Rupert Hughes' impressions of Washington stirred up a little excitement, but he hasn't seemed to "get very far." Despite the sensationalism of modern books, George Washington still stands out as the great leader of early days in the history of America.

Suppose George Washington did tell a lie? Who doesn't sometimes stretch the truth if not flatly contradict it? Suppose Washington did drink intoxicants. It was the custom of the times. Liquor wasn't so much of a sin in those days, much less the partaking of it a crime. Suppose Washington was a little loose in his personal habits. One does not need to justify his personal faults to respect his greatness in larger achievements.

There are quite a number of people who for various reasons try to use whatever innuendo and intimation they can muster to discredit men who have done things that had never been done before. Whatever Hughes or any other novelist may write or say they can't quite put Washington's fame out of business nor his leadership out of memory. His faults only serve to intensify his virtues.

Speaking of the Americas, Lindbergh's most popular speech while on his recent trip south must have been "Hello, Central!"

They say that after you get your first million the second comes easily. But who in thunder wants a second who hasn't had his first.

METZGER.

The American citizen is one of the School Committee and the Cooking and Sewing club leaders acting as a committee will give a Colonial tea at the club house on February 24, for the purpose of financing boys and girls who attend the summer school at Corvallis.

At the February meeting of the Metzger Woman's club, Mrs. Kane representing the National Motion Picture League of New York gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the subject of regulating the kind of pictures shown. Mrs. Joe Gross represents this club in the League.

Miss Bess Chappell, State Supervisor of Home Economics education spoke on Home Economics—emphasizing sewing with the object of forming a class in dress making.

Mrs. J. H. Ray and Mrs. Scott Shierk represented the club at the Health Institute held in the Public Library in Portland. The next institute—"American Homes" will be held in the Story Room of the Library, February 23, and the president asks anyone who can to attend.

The next picture to be shown at the school house the evening of February 10, will be "Daniel Boone." The girls of the clubs will sell candy. The proceeds of this also will go toward financing the club members who attend the summer school.

At the card party given for the benefit of the Doernbecher Children's hospital; Tigard, Multnomah and Garden Home were well represented. Twenty-four tables of bridge and "500" were played. Including the auction of a cake, \$37. were received. The committee in charge was: Mrs. Andrew McCarl, chairman; Mrs. L. R. Miner, Miss Rebecca Ream. The door prizes and card prizes were donated by merchants of neighboring localities.

At the last meeting of the Club a letter from Geo. Johnson, secretary of the Park board, stating that by the sale of wood and the cooperation of the Woman's club the last payment on the club house annex has been paid. The property now being free from debt.

The first of a series of pen and ink sketches of business and professional men of this district appears in this issue. We have arranged with Mr. R. C. Edwards, an artist of very unusual ability to do this work for us, believing that if a thing is worth doing it is worth doing well.

We are glad we can offer our readers such an interesting feature and proud to have secured the services of an artist of Mr. Edwards' renown. Another pen and ink sketch will appear on this page next week.—Watch for it.

TUALATIN

Eddie Geiberger is a patient in a Portland hospital for an operation on his foot.

A crew of telephone men have been employed in this vicinity for some time and have been boarding with Mrs. Mary Robinson.

Wednesday evening a large card party was held at the Odd Fellow's hall. Twelve tables of "500" were played and the prizes won by Mrs. Ernest Kruse of Frog Pond and Arthur Casteel of Tualatin. The evening closed with refreshments. A nominal fee was charged and a very successful affair resulted.

Richard Kraus has been reported on the sick list.

The local Boy Scouts under the leadership of Rev. Rex Pickering enjoyed a hike Saturday about two miles south of town where they ate their lunch and experienced their tenderfoot test. They also made a good start on their scout cabin.

Fred Wourms was visited by thieves last week who took a sack of feed wheat from his barn. It chanced to be the last sack and Mr. Wourms had to rush to the store before he could feed.

This vicinity is much inconvenienced by the Stafford telephone line being out of commission. The entire line is being rebuilt and the work will consume a month. The January storm put the line out.

Miss Nancy Howard is again making her home with her parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are both in poor health.

Mrs. James W. Harkness has gone to Pocatello, Idaho, called by the critical illness of her mother Mrs. J. C. Elliot. The boys, Clyde and Glenn are staying at the Arata home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Meyer who have a Radiola 28 heard programs last Saturday night from Schenectady, N. Y., Des Moines, Iowa and Fort Worth, Texas. They declare it was an unusually good night for radio reception.

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