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TURNING THE OLD GANG OUT

Now and then we hear someone say that they are not going to vote for anyone now holding office. They want a change regardless of what happens. This is voting by emotion rather than reason, and is the worst thing that can happen to democracy which depends upon its success through the average high intelligence of the voters.

Any new man going into public office must be educated to the duties of that office and learn how to perform the work. It costs the government much money to teach new office holders every year and no new man can do the job as well as the present holder, at least for a while, unless that officer is very incompetent.

A change may be very desirable in some offices for the public good but it is not only unreasonable to say that every man in office is unworthy, it is downright silly, and reflects on the intelligence of the person saying it. Changes are not always for the good. We can point to many men who have been turned out of public office and been replaced with less capable persons at the public expense.

A new man coming up for office should have positive qualifications to fill the place. It is not enough to be as good as the man now holding the office but he should be better. If he is not an improvement on what we now have, we might as well wait until someone who is comes along and save the expense of educating two men for a job before we get the qualifications desired. If a voter will use the same care and thought in electing persons to office that he would use in employing help for himself then he might be said to be exercising his best intelligence.

AIR TRAVEL GETTING SAFER

We saw a report the other day on the aviation industry, which indicates that the building and operation of aircraft has suffered less from the industrial depression than any other line of business. More people are flying, more young people are growing up air-minded, airplanes are getting better, safer and swifter, and it seems a pretty safe thing to predict that by the time the children of today are grown up air travel will be as commonplace to them as automobile travel is to the grownups of now.

We haven't the figures, but we imagine that in proportion to the number of people who travel by air there are no more fatal accidents than there are among motorists. Commercial aviation is getting safer because safety is the first consideration of the designers of commercial aircraft. Only a few years ago most of the planes in the air were left-overs from the war period. Safety is not the first consideration in military airplanes; speed and maneuverability are the prime requisites there. Army and navy fliers have to take enormously greater risks than passengers in commercial airplanes should ever be called upon to take. And in fourteen years of peace the world has learned much more about making air travel safe than it had learned in the nine years between the first flights and the entry of the United States into the war.

FISHING AND BUSINESS

Fishing and business are a good deal the same. And by that we do not necessarily mean they have both gone to the same place, where the temperature is very warm.

We have watched two men fish from the same stream. One would have a basketful in a short while and the other would have none. Yet they both have their hooks in the same water. One brings forth fish while the other catches nothing. So it is with business and society. Some men labor to build up riches while others accumulate nothing. Yet they are doing business with the same people or working at the same job.

A man may catch fish because of the way he baits his hook, makes a cast or holds his mouth or by some other method not readily apparent to the laymen but easily understood by the good fisherman. Some men achieve success at the same game in which others fail, often by some small difference in methods used.

No man ever caught fish by blaming the successful fisherman or by damning the scarcity of fish. So it is in life.

VOTING AND PROSPERITY

No nation ever legislated itself rich—and it is not likely we can expect to vote ourselves back to prosperity. However, we may be able to change the rules of society so as to be more workable. But then it will be necessary for us to go to work with more determination for only by work can we be prosperous. And by work we mean service to our fellow men—physical and mental energy expended in the right direction.

Those politicians who talk public work to help the unemployed in one breath and lower taxes in another are not to be taken seriously. Anyone knows that these two propositions are directly opposed. Strict economy in government is one thing to be sought but much public work at this time can not help but increase taxes.



The FAMILY DOCTOR by JOHN JOSEPH GAINES M.D.

A WORD OF CAUTION

How often a neighbor discovers something that "broke up" his cold in record time. He at once becomes a walking apostle of that remedy. Within a week, perhaps, a half-dozen of his acquaintances are taking the same thing. It matters not whether it is a nostrum or a regular prescription—it gets into promiscuous use very quickly.

Once I prescribed for an old man who had ulcer of the stomach; he told me two weeks later, that he had furnished at least four of his neighbors with that same prescription! It is a very pernicious, not to say dangerous thing, to recommend medicines for people who have not been duly examined by a competent physician, although the motives are of a kind, helpful spirit.

You see, no two people are alike, even with the same disease. Two cases of influenza may demand entirely different remedies. What would be indicated for one, might be dangerous for another. No two hearts are exactly alike. The same medicine, if it's medicine at all, acts differently with different individuals; these are truths.

The custom of buying stock remedies for "colds" is one of the most reckless—especially those advertised to "cure a cold in one day." Anything that works that fast is most surely dangerous.

Just imagine a factory turning out suits of clothes—all the same size and length and color—and urging our people to buy them,—but it would not be dangerous like medicine.

RAPIDLY BEYOND KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT

Tenth Instalment

Fresh from a French convent, Jocelyn Harlowe returns to New York to her social life. She finds four men playing cards. The girl is hurried into an engagement with the wealthy Felix Kent. Her father, Nick Sandal, surreptitiously enters the girl's home one night. He tells her he used to call her Lynda Sandal. The girl is torn by her desire to see life in the raw and to become part of her mother's society. Her father studies her surroundings.

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Jock tells Lynda that Felix caused him to be sent to jail unjustly by fixing up his report. Felix tells Jocelyn that Jock is a worthless scamp. Later Lynda tells Jock she does not believe in his innocence but will try and find out through Felix, some letters Jock claims will clear his name.

Marcella finds her jewels stolen and hires a private detective, who uncovers the mysterious proceedings of Lynda without knowing who she is. Lynda suspects her father. Jocelyn decides to marry Felix quickly and preparations are made for the wedding. She asks him to tell her the combination of his safe, as a mark of his confidence in her. Armed with the combination and accompanied by Jock, Lynda enters Felix's office at night, abstracts the wanted papers from the safe and throws them down to Jock, who is waiting below. Then she is captured by the janitor and turned over to the police.

Felix finds Lynda in a cell and demands of her the papers she took from his safe. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

He laughed grimly to cover his furious astonishment, his growing fright. She seemed to him a changing thing you know what you've done? Do you even begin to know what you are up against? You, Jocelyn Harlowe, have been caught in the act of house-breaking and theft. You are in the hands of the law. Do you know anything about its power?

"More than I did," quoth Lynda with Nick's cool irony. Her master's spirit winced and hardened.

"You know very little as yet. Listen to me, Jocelyn, and don't dare to defy me. It is my generosity alone that can get you out of this ugly, this horrible fix. Do you want to go to prison? There's a prison here, it's still prison, believe me, where insolent women prisoners are flogged. Used up and flogged."

"You've sent other people very to prison," cried Lynda, "people very much less guilty than I am. You've narrowed my eyes probed her wide ones. Her face was a pale lamp; his, like a blue siver of steel. They glowed and glittered at each other for an instant silently.

"Who has your mind? What secret influence has been at work in your life? What has led you to deceive me, Jocelyn? To deceive your mother? Do you remember that we are to be married to-morrow at noon?"

She shook her head and moistened her lips, trying to say "No." "Yes. Nothing you can possibly do or say can prevent you now from becoming my wife to-morrow. I'll take you out of this and carry you home and when you've told me the truth of your ugly and wicked escapade, you can wash yourself and burn these horrible clothes. Where in heaven's name did you get them? And get some sleep and then you will put on your wedding dress and come to St. Peter's and . . . after you are Mrs. Felix Kent . . ."

He paused. Her brave wide eyes had filled. "After you are my wife," he said and then with a cry he gathered her up into his arms and carried her ruthlessly, at his will, until she went limp and her head dropped back.

Then Felix laid her down on the floor and as soon as her eyelids fluttered he went out, locking the door. He came, mopping his bitten lip and laughing, to the desk.

"Look here, Cracken," he said. "This isn't at all the sort of case it looks like. The girl is one of these silly debutantes. She's been put up to a wild sort of prank by some of her friends and she's had her lesson. What name did she give you?"

"First Jimmie Grant and then Lynda May."

"Well, of course neither is her real name. I want to hush this thing up and withdraw the charge and take her home with me now. The poor kid is all in. She faints."

"About them papers, Mr. Kent?"

Kent's laughter was difficult but it still came, a short hard laughter. "That's all right. I'll get them back. The little devil wanted to give me a scare. When I lay hands on the boy that helped her—"

His fist on the desk top whitened. The police officer who looked down at it whistled.

"Well, what do I have to do to get this child out of jail and to keep the whole silly business quiet?"

Cracken, with some unwillingness, explained what might be done. There was of course no accusation against Mr. Kent, the robbed man, himself. If he withdrew the charge the young lady might walk out, provided . . .

Signs of Better Business Assets of the New York Life Insurance Co., during 1931 increased more than \$100,000,000 despite the economic stress.

The Fisher index of business conditions jumped 7.8 per cent last week.

Failures of the week ending March 10 decreased 15.5 per cent from the previous week and were also considerably under the same week last year.

Rubber consumption by American manufacturers in February increased 7.3 per cent from January, the increase being contrary to a usual seasonal decline of 2.5 per cent.

Chicago & Alton Railroad, Bloomington, Ill., shops has returned 125 men to work.

Buick Motor Co. is spending \$1,000,000 in the next 60 days on an advertising campaign for its 3995 model.

Heavy engineering contracts awarded last week increased \$3,500,000 over the preceding week.

Bank clearings in New York City for the week ending March 9 increased 1.6 per cent, thereby moving opposite to the seasonal trend for the country, which shows a normal decline of 7.6 per cent, according to Bradstreet's.

Last week the Remington Typewriter Co. added 96 workers to its Middletown, Conn., plant; the Wheeling Steel Corp. put 800 men back on the payroll; the Missouri-Pacific railroad added 42 men to its Wichita division; a lumber company near New Orleans employed 250 men, and four lumber companies in the state of Washington re-employed 290 men.

Colonel Alfred E. Clark, who is seeking the Republican nomination for United States senator is the man who at the request of the governor drafted the "Power Program" measures of the Meier administration at the 1931 session of the Oregon legislature. This "Power Program" was the basis of Governor Meier's campaign for the gubernatorial chair.—(Pd. adv.—Clark for U. S. Senator committee, 820 Yeon Bldg., Portland, Ore.)



MINING

There is still money in mining for the man who has the knowledge, the strength and the courage to tackle it single-handed. For that matter, there has always been money in mining and always will be whenever the cost of labor and supplies is less than the value of the ore.

Loeffler Falmer is running the "Rube" gold mine single-handed in Utah. He bought a compressor, a tractor to run it, and some compressed air drills and started alone to operate this abandoned working. From a depth of 150 feet he got out three cars of ore in four months last year and shipped them to the smelter, netting him \$13,431.29 for his work.

There are plenty of other one-man mines in the West, too small for the big companies to bother with, but capable of earning good pay for the men who work them. "Big business hasn't gobbled all the opportunities yet!"

QUICKSILVER

The metal which everybody now calls mercury was generally spoken of in my boyhood as "quicksilver." Remembering that "quick" in old fashioned English meant "alive" and not, as it means now, "speedy," it is easy to see how this mysterious liquid metal, heavier than lead, was regarded as "live silver."

Man has used mercury for centuries for the backs of mirrors, a shorter time for the "stuffing" of thermometers and barometers, for recovering gold from its ore and for "silver" fillings in teeth. Its new use, instead of water in steam boilers, promises to create a unheard-of demand for mercury.

Experiments with a 6000-horsepower mercury vapor boiler and turbine made by W. L. R. Emmett demonstrated a saving of about \$1000 a day over the use of water. Now a plant twice as large is being built, in which 125 tons of mercury will be vaporized to produce "steam," then condensed and used over and over again.

One result has been to raise the price of mercury from \$1 a pound to \$2; another, to start a "mercury rush" in Arkansas, where beds of cinnabar, the ore from which mercury is refined, has been discovered. There may not be enough mercury in the world to enable everybody who wants to use it in engines to do so. The largest production in a single year in the whole world was in 1929 when less than 6000 tons were extracted.

Here's a chance for adventure and wealth. Hustle around the odd corners of the world and find a cinnabar mine!

MOVIES

"Thrillers," mystery plays, news-reels, travel reels, slapstick comedies and animated cartoons are preferred by the majority of a group of prominent people recently asked to express their motion picture preference. College professors, bank presidents, editors, merchants, authors and scientists were among those who expressed themselves.

There aren't enough of that sort of minds, however, to provide the audiences necessary to the success of the motion picture industry. Dr. Hendrik Willem Van Loon put his finger on the spot when he wrote: "Ninety percent of all people every . . ."

S.P. DOLLAR DAYS!

TICKETS GOOD ON ALL TRAINS LEAVING APRIL MAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY 28 29 30 1 BE BACK BY MIDNIGHT, MAY 10

"Dollar Day" roundtrips are first class tickets at about \$1 per 100 miles, good on ALL TRAINS, in coaches or in Pullmans (plus usual berth charge).

GARDEN SEEDS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

A number of packets of garden seeds to be distributed free to those needy persons who will plant a garden this year to help in producing their necessary food supplies have been received at the city hall and are being given out to those who make application for them. Each package contains a variety of garden fruit and vegetable seeds, all of which have been chosen because of their adaptation to this region.

ELMER PYNE ENTERS OAKWAY GOLF CONTEST

Elmer Pyne won his first match in the spring golf tournament now being held at the Oakway golf course by defeating H. A. Wheeler of Eugene. Pyne is entered in the sixth flight of the tournament.

Paid admissions to the Seattle Auto show exceeded 1930, the previous record year, by 27 per cent and beat last year's attendance by 191 per cent.

Southern Pacific CARL OLSON, Agent

where and at all times will never grow older, mentally speaking, than twelve years, and will never be able to appreciate what the other ten percent will like."

SUICIDE

Within the past few weeks the world has been shocked by the suicides of two outstanding figures, George Eastman and Ivor Kruger. Only two or three years ago Alfred Lowenstein, another great financier, jumped out of his airplane as it was crossing the British Channel.

Literally thousands of other men who had been more or less prominent in business and industrial affairs have killed themselves in the past few years because they were not equipped with the resources within themselves to enable them to face the world without money.

They knew no other way of life except by buying whatever they thought might contribute to their happiness.

In Mr. Eastman's case it was not lack of money but the feeling that he had finished his life's work and would be happier dead than ill, but in almost every other recent suicide the reason has been fear of poverty.

The world has largely discarded the belief on any form of punishment beyond the grave. Fear of eternal damnation has undoubtedly been a deterrent of suicide in the past. Fear of the world's opinion has become a stimulus to suicide. The happiest man is the one who lives so that he does not care what other people think about him.

SUGAR

If you want to lay up your foundations, walls and chimney in a mortar that will stand forever and get stronger with age, mix a little sugar with the lime and sand. That's what Dr. Gerald J. Cox of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research told the American Chemical Society the other day.

The secret of the durability of the old Roman walls and aqueducts, which have stood for more than two thousand years, is that they put sugar into their sand-lime mortar, making it 60 percent stronger than "unsweetened mortar, becoming harder with time. Five or six pounds of granulated cane sugar to 100 pounds of lime does the trick, and the result is a mortar that is easier to work than cement or gypsum plaster and stronger than either.

Advertisement for J. O. Bailey, State Senator and Supreme Court Judge. Includes a portrait of J. O. Bailey and text: 'Vote for J. O. BAILEY (State Senator) FOR Supreme Court Judge Position No. 3 Qualified-Vigorous-Progressive He is conscientious and has the confidence and respect of all the people.' -Paid Adv.

Advertisement for Cleanup Days, Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6. Text: 'You are hereby notified that the annual spring cleanup and free collection of rubbish will be done on the above dates. All rubbish should be in containers so as to load quickly. Place containers on curbing or in alleys where they can be easily reached by the truck. Your cooperation means a clean city. STREET COMMISSIONER.'

Advertisement for Zerolene Oils. Text: 'because . . . Motorists who have long used Zerolene continue to use it. Motorists who "try" Zerolene become regular patrons. Fleet owners and all large buyers of Zerolene prove constantly by actual test its superior efficiency and economy. In a word— "Money Cannot Buy a Better Oil." Zerolene Outsell all other "eastern" or "western" oils. AT STANDARD STATIONS, INC.—RED WHITE & BLUE DEALERS AND MOTOR CAR DEALERS'

Advertisement for Electricity. Text: 'America spends 3 TIMES AS MUCH FOR SMOKE as for ELECTRICITY. THE annual per capita expenditure for electricity in 1929 amounted to \$5.00. In the same year the American public spent \$16.50 per capita, or more than three times as much, for tobacco. We spent \$8.00 per capita for ice cream—about one and three-fifths times as much as for electricity; \$8.50 per capita for candy—\$1.50 more per person than for electricity. There is no other source of energy in any price that will light the house, refrigerate, wash and iron clothes, toast bread, run a clock, clean the rugs, cool the food, heat water and provide the world's finest music in your own home at an average cost of about three-fifths of one cent for each dollar the family spends! Electricity is the cheapest thing you buy.'