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SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

Selfishness and the desire to obtain something for nothing is responsible for about all the ills that afflict the human family. To curb and controll this propensity, volumes of statute laws have been written and to which our legislatures are continually adding. If all men were willing to render a just equivalent for what they obtain, there would be small use for jails and penitentiaries The police and constabulary would have nothing or very little to do and about all the armies of the world would have to do would be to add pomp and show to the various governments.

This propensity, however, is coexistent with the human family. When the Ten Commandments were given to men as a rule of action, the main central theme was to prohibit stealing and covetuousness, and in order to enforce the principle of justice and right encorporated in this brief portion of Holy Writ, governments have been instituted by and among men.

Think, if you will, of any evil or wrong; of any act of oppression; of crime in any of its devious and tortuous ways and you will find selfishness and an effort to obtain something for nothing, the basic cause. But for this propensity our courts would be useless, our state and national governments almost wholly unnecessary If all men were controlled by a spirit of fairness and justice; if all men were willing to rend a fair and just equivalent for what they obtain and all lived in accordance with the principles of the golden rule, progress would be at an end, for if such conditions prevailed, perfection would be obtained and progress necessarily, would be impossible.

Reasoning from the viewpoint of perfection, it is probably best that men are not wholly unselfish, nor absolutely honest, for the reason that there is room for progress—something better to strive for. To take away all incentive to progress and all desire to do better and be better, which a condition of perfection would do, and you would destroy human happiness.

Therefore, it is probably best that there should be some evil in the world. Why, if evil did not exist it would be imposaible for us to see or know of the good. We can only know of the good, by having the evil with which to make the comparison. Yet evil exists in most too large chunks in many places in the world—in fact, in most places. In all of our large cities evil so predominates, that almost continuous reformation is necessary and occasionally a sort of revival in reformation is required in order to restore equilibruim. Such a revival of reformation is now in progress in San Francisco. And when you sift the evil of the Bay City to the bottom, you find the effort to obtain something for nothing the underlying cause. But for this propensity Mayor Smitz and Boss Reuf would not now be entangled in the meshes of the law. But for the effort to obtain something for nothing, many of our Oregon citizens would not now be doing time in prisons or who are resting under indictment with a fair prospect of having to serve terms in prison.

While evil seems a necessary element in our moral economy, (for without evil there would be no need of a system of moral ethics) it is wisdom to hold it in subserviency—in the condition of a servant rather than a master. When evil becomes the master, as in the case of San Francisco, no end of trouble is caused, yet, in the end, right must and always does prevail.

If all men were taught that if they commit evil acts that they must pay the penalty, either in this world or in the next and that there was no possibility of shifting the burden of guilt upon some one else's shoulders, they would think a great many times before doing a wrong knowingly. As selfishness and a desire to obtain something for nothing are the basic causes of human evil and wrong doing, it should be the duty of every parent and teacher, so far as possible to surpress and hold in check these propensities, in forming and buiding up the character of the child. While a certain amount of selfishness and a desire to accumulate, are necessary, if one would get on in the world, they should not be allowed to cause one to injure or wrong another. Neither, is the extreme of selfishness—profligacy desirable. The good citizen, as between these extremes, occupies a medium position. He may be a good man, yet lean toward selfishness, or he may be a good man and is most always called "A good fellow" if he is somewhat profligate; but he is never rated a good man if he practices obtaining something for nothingr Obtaining something for nothing, is countenanced by society and law, if the operation is conducted under the guise of trade or high financeering; yet the man who is robbed or who receives less than a just equivalent, is wronged as badly as if he had met up with a highway robber. Therefore, it should be the aim of all men to deal with fairness and equity with each other. Every man, while he insists that he should be justly dealt with, should be no less willing to deal justly with others. If we, one and all, would live up to something near the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you," happiness and contentment would, in a great measure, displace misery and discontent.

THE PASSING OF THE POLITICAL BOSS

In almost every city and state in the nation, the political bosses are, at the present time, engaged in a struggle to maintain their positions of political power and prestige. So long as the old methods of primary election, to be followed by the city, county and state conventions maintained, all was smooth sailing. But with the coming of the direct primary, or the improvement of the primary election methods, the power of the political boss has been materially reduced and in some instances, as in Oregon, entirely obliterated.

It has taken the people a long time to find out in political matters, that they do not necessarily need to be lead about as if they were "Dumb driven cattle." At last, they are ascertaining their power and are asserting their independence in every city and state. Of course the political boss "pooh pooh," at all independent action while it effects but a minority; but when the majority seem to be involved, the bosses sing altogether a different song. They are ready to fall in with any idea or ism that the majority seems to favor.

As a rule, however, the people seem to be inclined to let the old time bosses severely alone. They no longer listen to his dictations a little bit. Having learned the sweets of political emancipation, the people have no notion of alowing themselves to become involved in the meshes of the political tricksters again. A very forcable illustration of this modern political independence on the part of the voter was exhibited in Portland, a few days ago. Mayor Lane would not submit to the Democratic political bosses and, therefore, withdrew his name as a candidate for the nomination at the primary election. George H. Thomas was the only candidate for mayor, whose name appeared upon the Democratic primary ticket. When the vote was counted, it was found that Mayor Lane's name had been written upon more than twice the number of ballots that had the "X" before George H. Thomas' name.

There is a well, though secretly, organized plan on foot by the Republican political bosses to defeat the renomination of President Roosevelt, or the nomination of a candidate representing his progressive ideas. Likewise is there an effort in progress, by the Democratic bosses, to shelve William J Bryan, who is the probable nominee of that party for president. All of these efforts are destined to be flat failures. Any candidate who does not subscribe to the progressive ideas of the president, or of Mr. Bryan, on governmental affairs, will march down to sure defeat, no matter what political party colar he wears.

The days of the political boss of the type of "To the victor belongs the spoils," are numbered. He will soon disappear from the political horizon, let us hope, for all time, As before stated, the people have learned the sweets of political emancipation and, in the end will rule in city, state, and national affairs. The people seem to be determined that our nation shall be of a truth, "A government of the people, by the people, for the people." The days of political serfdom are apparently, at the finish to be replaced by political independence.

That must be a brilliant, energetic reporter the Oregonian has over in Albany. Last week the NEWS published an item concerning a California $20 piece, that was plowed up on a farm in Richardson's Gap. The NEWS reaches Albany on Fridays at 6 p. m. Saturday's Oregonian published a "special" dispatch from its Albany correspondent, giving a rehash of the NEWS item. As that portion of the special describing the coin was worded exactly as it appeared in the NEWS, the proof is positive that the item was purloined. The NEWS editor could have furnished the Oregonian with a "special" relative to the find, several days sooner than the date it appeared, but, as we posessed the first information and had the coin in our pocket, we felt very certain the item would keep until it could be first given to the public by the NEWS. Brother M——you should have the courtesy to give the source of your information.

Probably no other criminal trial has attracted such wide spread national interest as the one now in progress at the Idaho capitol. There is far more at stake than the mere fact of the guilt or innocence of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. The right of organized labor to exist as an organized body is on trial. If it shall develop that these labor officials are guilty of complicity in the murder of exGovernor Steunenberg, organized labor will receive a body blow that will place it beneath the respect and countenance of law abiding citizens. On the contrary, if it shall develop that they are innocent and that the mine owners and the governments of Idaho and Colorado have conspired together to convict and punish innocent men, simply because they represent organized labor, such a storm of indignation will result that a political revolution (peaceful of course) will follow. If the men are guilty the people will, perhaps, condone the kidnapping; if innocent McParland and all others responsible for the crime, will deserve the displeasure and loathing of all good men, and richly merit terms in prison.

The People Will Control.

That men experienced and prominent in public life should be so ignorant of the scope, volume and force of public sentiment as those who talk seriously of the Democrats nominating a Parkerish candidate for president is astonishing. That men whose eyes and ears are almost solely occupied with Wall street, who know no more than they care about the common people, considering them only as dumb, driven cattle to be worked for the trusts, should entertain the idea of the nomination of a "conservative" or reactionary candidate, by one of both parties, is not strange. Outside of their sphere of thought and action such men are as ignorant of this country as Hottentots. But that men who have been in contact with the people and attained high public position and are supposed to have had their ears to the ground should suppose that the Democrats are going to nominate a colorless man whom the trusts would approve is not easily explained.

But, they may say, what can be said against Judge Gray, or Woodrow Wilson, or Richard Olney, or—they may even venture to suggest—Grover Cleveland? Nothing, except that neither of them would do at all. They are not in sympathy or touch with the great heart of the common people. Gray is an honorable figure—as in their spheres they all are—but he is old and technical and fossilized. Nor will the masses of voters have any candidate that is approved by such pretended Democrats as McCarren and Belmont and Baer and J. P. Morgan. The part, tried such a man in 1904. That lesson should suffice for a long time.

We apprehend that if he is willing to accept the nomination again, William J. Bryan will be the nominee. The Republican leaders expect this to be the case, and are in trouble, lest if their candidate be not assuredly a Bryanic man he will be defeated. And the further trouble is that aside from Roosevelt and LaFollette the masses of Republican voters may not be willing to trust to any Republican rather than to Bryan.—Oregon Journal.

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