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DARE THE IMPOSSIBLE.

By RICHARD LLOYD JONES

IN ONE of Maeterlinck's stories he tells of a powerful man of the Middle Ages who conceived great plans and executed them, but always with difficulty. Frequently he almost failed, and succeeded only by superhuman effort. Finally he found that a secret enemy was always working against his most careful plans, neutralizing his most strenuous exertions.

As the years passed he determined to find and destroy this enemy. Life was not worth living with this hidden foe forever encircling him with difficulties. One evening he went out for a walk. He saw another man approaching him. By that strange instinct which warns us of danger he knew that this man was his lifelong enemy. He resolved to kill him.

As he approached, he observed that this man wore a mask. But, conscious that this was the antagonist of his life, he said as they met: "You are the man who from my youth till now has been pursuing me, thwarting me, almost defeating me. I mean to kill you, but I will give you a chance for your life. Draw and defend yourself."

The stranger said as he drew his sword, "I am at your service, but first see who it is that you would fight." He removed his mask and the man stood—before himself.

This fable is true of every one of us. Where you think an enemy has injured you, look closely and nine times out of ten you will find yourself in the form of your habits.

It is a common practice to blame the world and not ourselves for our failings. Look deep enough and you will usually find that it is not the world that stands in your way, but you yourself.

If there is any evil in us, bad habits will develop it. And there is evil in all of us. Put your strength to the test, but never your weakness. Dare to try the apparently impossible tasks if they are tasks for good; never fear failure—all the world loves a good loser; and when you fail in the right, your defeat is only the beginning of final victory.

Day by day civilization is demanding more of each one of us—more that is pure and strong. Twentieth century society tolerates no weakness, no taint in individual workers. Today every man must be above suspicion. Each one of us must be proof against calumny. Everybody is lied about—sometimes by envy, sometimes by ignorance. Never resent a falsehood about yourself—after all it is a test of your reputation. Let your life, not your words, be your rebuke to slander. You defeat yourself when you stoop to the slanderer's low level.

Noble living is all the armor you need to wear. Silence is the most eloquent answer that can be made to the slanderer and it is the sure searchlight that will reveal the slanderer's shame and put him in complete disrepute.

Be so true to yourself that you never need to fear yourself and you will never need to fear the world.

THE FARMER IS SEEING THE LIGHT.

SENATOR ARTHUR CAPPER OF Kansas, Chairman of the farm bloc, says: "The legislation which must be enacted in the near future to help cure the agricultural situation is in no sense class legislation. Agriculture is the only foundation upon which the state and nation can securely rest."

Capper also insists that Congress must put through the complete rural credit plan and it must pass a constitutional amendment prohibiting tax-exempt securities.

The programme is ambitious, but in the main sound and constructive. Evidently the farmer, however, has come to see the evil effect of inequitable and unscientific taxation.

In our hunger for money we created the tax-exempt security and urged the rich to absorb it. When we discovered that the wealth from which business and farmers must draw their loans was withdrawn from its productive function and thrown enmasse into tax-exempt securities we realized the fault.

The tax-exempt security is an expedient makeshift appeal that this country does not and never has needed. Had Secretary McAdoo advertised the several Liberty Bond issues in a business-like way instead of depending on a spurious patriotic press agent free advertising exploitation of United States securities, our finances would be in a different condition today.

Abolishing tax-exempt securities is a wise thought, but getting down to equitable taxation is a just thought and justice must prevail.

MASSES OF AMERICA NOT ENSLAVED

THE reports on life insurance and bank savings are at once astonishing and pleasing. They indicate more than prosperity and wealth in the nation. They show that, with all the extravagance that exists among the foolish, there is growing thrift among the wise.

The savings figures, which come from the American Bankers' Association, show an increase of a billion and a half dollars in the savings accounts of the banks of this country. The American people have salted away eighteen billions, not including what they have deposited in the postal savings system and the building and loan associations. What is equally encouraging, the individual accounts have grown more than two millions in number and now total about twenty-nine millions.

The statistics on life insurance, which in recent years has come to be regarded more and more as a medium for savings as well as for the protection of dependents, are even more impressive than the bank figures. Forty large companies which are members of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents and which write three-quarters of the life insurance business of this country, report that they wrote last year policies totaling more than six and a third billions.

The sensible American evidently is getting down to hard pan. Such savings and insurance figures as these can mean nothing else. The period of inflation which had its peak in 1920 is followed by sober thought about the future. Wages are still high. The saloon is happily eliminated. There is money in the worker's pocket. He finds rents swollen and starts saving in order to buy a home. Meanwhile he wishes to protect his family. Hence the savings bank account and the insurance policy. He may wish that he had saved more in the years of the largest inflation, but he can be comforted by the thought that so to do is not human nature. The banks and the insurance companies have learned from experience that the savings period follows inflation, instead of paralleling it.

When we remember that in 1890, a generation ago, the deposits in all the savings banks of this country were only a billion and a half of dollars, it is astounding to find now that each year the people are putting away that amount and paying an equal amount on their life insurance. The total of all bank deposits, savings and otherwise, was only four billions in 1890; now it is nearly forty billions! In 1890 there were scarcely more than a million life insurance policy holders; now there are twenty-three million policy holders.

A country in which eleven million of its twenty-two million families own their homes, in which there are twenty-nine million savings accounts, in which there is an average of one life insurance policy for every home, is surely a country to be envied. And it is refreshing to see, from statistics which spell thrift, that the extravagance so prevalent in some places and among some classes has not penetrated the flesh and bone of the nation.

It is a particularly good sign of the national drift toward provident foresight and an encouraging promise of prosperity and the conservation of the people's wealth when it is seen that now, in spite of high costs, in spite of the example of the wasteful, in spite of the many luxuries that tempt human nature, the majority of Americans, and particularly the wage earners, are saving a good portion of their incomes.

The American people are not only the most fortunate on earth; they have discovered that good fortune can be kept.—New York Herald.

THE STATE INCOME TAX.

THE state income tax measure is framed, and in the last days of the legislaltive assembly it will probably pass, as it is one of the pet measures of Governor Pierce, a companion piece to the proposed consolidation measure. The bill proposed seems to be a puzzle to both legislators and lawyers, and just how some of its provisions will work out is something left for the future to determine. It is quite freely predicted, however, that the particular class expected to be reached—those of wealth and large incomes—will escape, and the farmer and wage earner or salaried class will have to bear the burden of additional taxes, and it will become a case of "more taxes vs. economy," as stated in the following from The Manufacturer:

"That Oregon will be made the goat of a state income tax is a foregone conclusion. It will take a new department with state and county officials.

"The federal income tax on top of high state and local taxes, and a state income tax, will make Oregon a state where capital will vanish.

"As the only state in the west with a state income tax, investments of money will decline both by residents and by intending home-seekers.

"All real property and all personal property will still be exposed to high levies for roads and schools and money will go into hiding.

"Where California and Washington and other western states are putting on the screws to cut their overhead Oregon is raising a new tax.

"The five million dollars to be raised by a state income tax, if it reduced other taxes that much, will benefit the farmers but little.

"Three-fourths of the real estate is owned in cities and by big corporations and timber land corporations that will get the benefit."

If these predictions should prove true in regard to the proposed state income tax, the more equitable distribution of the burden of taxation that its advocates are looking for will not materialize, but instead we shall have an additional burden of taxation placed upon those whom it is desired to relieve. A referendum on this measure, should it pass, will no doubt be called, but there appears to be strong opposition in the legislature and the bill may fail there.

ONE MAN'S TRIBUTE TO LINCOLN.

"NEXT to the destruction of the Confederacy, the death of Abraham Lincoln was the darkest day the South has known."

That quotation perpetuates one opinion of the greatest American—an opinion which loses none of its force from the fact that the man who uttered it was Jefferson Davis.—American Legion Weekly.

THE FIRST LABOR CORPORATION.

Labor banks have ceased to be a novelty, but there is only a single labor corporation—the Beech Grove Union Corporation. This shows that Amercian labor is thinking along capitalistic lines. Some are proposing the compulsory incorporation of unions and their statutory regulation. But the path of permission is the path of least resistance. The inducement of profit for labor by incorporation remains to be demonstrated, but at least a beginning is made by the first labor corporation, says the New York Times.

The corporation undertakes by its charter, constitution and by-laws:

To promote a greater efficiency of the individual workman.

To increase the daily output of the individual.

To increase the total production of the shop.

To increase the profits of the employer.

To establish a flexible plan for determining wages, on a basis which adjusts the earnings of both the employes and employer to the number of units of output rather than length of time worked.

To increase the individual earnings of employes by first raising the efficiency of the whole organization and reducing the production cost per unit of output.

Capital could not propose that program to labor, but may welcome it from labor. This is the first admission by labor that wages do not come from profits. If wages come from capital there is a limit to their increase, and they cease altogether when capital is expropriated.

Labor can increase its share in the universal dividends of goods through quantity production by working with capital better than by fighting capital. The benefit lies not merely in incorporation but in the principles avowed. There are particular benefits to labor through incorporation. Trade unions now accumulate funds by millions, which are used without the responsibility and safety afforded by corporation methods. This pioneer corporation has realized for its members better wages than the Railroad Labor Board could allow to unions, and has done so by increasing shop efficiency 25 per cent, and thus reducing unit costs.

A PRACTICAL MEASURE.

THE reader of Senator Lenroot's arguments in favor of his farm credit bill can not fail to be impressed with the difference between that sensible, constructive measure and the windy ideas advanced for agricultural relief by those whose chief interest in the industry centers in the size of the farmer vote that may be attracted by a general appeal to discontent.

The Lenroot measure, as its author pointed out, aims to provide for the farmer a credit system equivalent to that enjoyed by other business men, that is, a credit sufficiently extensive to carry him through the period between the starting of a crop and its marketing. The farmer's turn-over differs from that of the business man in other lines in that it is not completed in a period of a few months, but may require a year, or even two or three years for completion.

The Lenroot bill provides for a business like credit arrangement that will enable the farmer to finance himself by loans which he can be assured will run until crop maturity, instead of, as now, being required to take his chances on obtaining numerous extensions of short time loans.

The measure aims to put the farmer on a plane of equality with other business men as regards his finances and to enable him to carry on his business in a businesslike way.

There is no socialistic Utopia planned by it through which the farmer may in some miraculous way be assisted without doing his part. There is no plan to make the farmer an object of charity or a government pap sucker.

Under the Lenroot plan the farmer merely is given his proper place as a business man, provided with credit facilities adequate for his needs, and afforded the opportunity of going ahead with his business on business lines.

It is a safe guess that the average American farmer wants just that and not government coddling or public charity. It is what he has a right to expect.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Poem by Uncle John

OUR HUMBLE FRIEND.

JES' a clumsy sort of feller, more or less inclined to fat; allers been a ready seller—never matters where he's at. . . . Eats his grub without a question—sleeps accordin' as he feels. Never has no indigestion, allers hearty at his meals. . . . Plumb contented as they make 'em, all regyardless of his fate,—has his habits—can't forsake 'em—yet, he's allers up to date. Never saw a porker jealous of his neighbor's face or fame, though he might, with safety, tell us, two-legged hogs has swiped his game! Call him razor-back or Chester. Call him Duroc-red or swine. . . . Ain't no name that seems to pester this old friend of your'n and mine.

Truly, we had ort to pander to the hog, in classic verse,—I would fain resent the slander which the roadhog renders worse! Bacon, spareribs, ham an' sausage, shoulder, backbone, chops galore. Let the medal grace his corsage—angels couldn't do no more!

From Uncle John

Punchettes

SLOT MACHINE CHARITY.

FAITH, Hope and Charity are the only permanent virtues. All the other virtues and all the othr graces are temporary.

Charity dominated and controlled by love is personal.

The greatest dynamic that has ever moved any one is the dynamic of love.

Whenever you reduce love to a mechanical basis or you reduce charity to a slot machine method of administering, you have blown out the light of love and you have chilled the personal touch, and have robbed virtue of its heart.

Whenever you administer charity by proxy or by an organization, which is more interested in investigation, registration, tabulation and confiscation of the domestic skeleton than it is of administering charity, you have turned the sweetest sentiment on earth into a mockery, a curse, and an object of contempt.

Let each family in each church be responsible—personally responsible—for some unfortunate family. Let them administer to that family, personally, visit it, clean its house, clothe its children, feed its hungry, nurse its sick, educate its ignorant, and sing the songs of cheer and happiness and thus dispel its dullness and gloom.

Then, and only then will you eradicate suffering and put real charity back on its throne.

Cursed—thrice cursed be the slot machine charity.

HOMEY PHILOSOPHY for 1923

THREE hundred and fifteen married men killed themselves in New York City in 1922, and 141 married women committed suicide in the same period of time. Only 151 single men and 56 single women killed themselves. The conclusion seems to be that the married folks are unhappier than the single folks, but that isn't so. It's all a question of percentage.

The married couples are in the majority, so more of them sought the great adventure. It's a great thing in a metropolis of 5,000,000 people to find only 350 fools that want to get out of it. Such a preponderance of men and women from the very rich to the very poor, who are content to remain with us, is pretty good proof that the old world is rather satisfactory sort of place after all. The best way to decide if the world is worth living in is to give it a trial for seventy-five or eighty years and then sum up.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County Administrator of the estate of Ruth E. French, deceased, and that all persons having claims against the said estate must present the same, duly verified according to law, to me at my office in Heppner, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice, said date being February 8, 1923.

L. W. BRIGGS, Administrator.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, dated the 22nd day of January, 1923, in a certain action in the Circuit Court for said County and State wherein Tilman Hogue, Plaintiff, recovered judgment against R. J. Vaughan and Edith W. Vaughan, Defendants, for the sum of Twenty-nine Hundred Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum from the ninth day of June, 1921, and the further sum of Three Hundred Dollars attorney's fees, and costs and disbursements taxed at Twenty Dollars, on the 18th day of January, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that I will on Saturday, the 24th day of February, 1923, at 10 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the front door of the Court House in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described property, to-wit: The south half of the south half of Section 23 and the north half of Section 26, all in Township 3 South, Range 23 E. W. W., being the real property mortgaged by R. J. Vaughan and Edith W. Vaughan, his wife, to plaintiff to secure payment of the foregoing amount and ordered sold by the court for that purpose, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the said judgment in favor of plaintiff and against said defendants, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue. This sale is subject to a first mortgage of Ada M. Ayers for $3,500.00.

GEORGE McDUFFEE, Sheriff.

Dated at Heppner, Oregon, January 24, 1923.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Notice is hereby given that Margaret Wright, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administratrix of the estate of Harley Wright, deceased, has filed her final account with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, and that said Court has set as the time and place for the final settlement of said account, Saturday, February 10, 1923, at the hour of two o'clock P. M., in the Court room of the County Court for Morrow County, Oregon. All persons having objections to said account must appear and file them on or before said date of settlement.

MARGARET WRIGHT, Administratrix.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Jan. 6, 1923. Notice is hereby given that Clarence Reid, of Heppner, Oregon, who, on July 21, 1920, made Additional Homestead Entry No. 017546, for NW¼ SW¼, Section 4, NE¼ SE¼, Section 5, Township 5 South, Range 27 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 27th day of February, 1923.

Claimant names as witnesses:

R. W. Owens, J. L. Carter, Chas. Osten, A. T. Harris, all of Heppner, Oregon.

CARL G. HELM, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Frank C. Adkins, deceased, has filed her final account as administratrix of said estate and that the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County has fixed Monday, the 5th day of March, 1923, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the court house at Heppner, Oregon, as the place, of hearing and settlement of said final account. Objections to said final account must be filed on or before said date.

MATTIE W. ADKINS, Administratrix.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, January 27, 1923. Notice is hereby given that Willilam Cunningham, of Lena, Oregon, who, on August 14, 1920, made Additional Homestead Entry No. 017377, for W½SW¼, SE¼ SW¼, Section 20, N½ NW¼, SE¼ NW¼, Section 29, NE¼NE¼, Section 30, Township 3 South, Range 29 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before United States Commissioner at Heppner, Oregon, on the 20th day of March, 1923.

Claimant names as witnesses:

Paul Hisler, of Heppner, Oregon; Percy Cox, of Heppner, Oregon, Frank T. Peery, of Lena, Oregon; L. L. Hiatt of Lena, Oregon.

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