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"CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY."

By J. E. HOSMER

GET AND HOLD.

Get the pennies, get the dollars, get the millions, get the earth;
Learn to love "the root of evil" from the very day of birth.
Rent and interest, toll and profit—think, maneuver, study, fight,
Till your health and hopes have perished in old Mammon's hellish
night.

LOVE AND WORK.

Love your neighbor, love the nation, love them all—your fellow
men;
Learn to love the truth—defend it, with your voice and with your
pen;
Righ and progress, law and justice—talk and argue, study, plan;
Let your life work shine efulgent, and in dying, die a man.

THE UPRISING.

AN EXCHANGE, in a long article that is a long ways from
any solution of the problem under discussion, starts out
with: "The uprising, as in a night, of an army like the
Kelly army in California, is a serious thing, for it carries
with it a direct menace to free institutions." How would it do to
say this in just a little different way and see how it looks? The
uprising, of the billionaires, the money power in America, while
the producers have toiled, is a serious thing, for it carries with it
a direct, a powerful and a continuous menace to the people, and
is the prime cause of the trouble in California and every other
state in the Union. The enemies of the people are getting to-
gether because the people are getting wise to their schemes of
exploitations, and these enemies must unite in order to crush out
the independent spirit that means liberty for the masses and
death to the wholesale robbery of the workers. The great
triumverate of the evil band of glutton parasites is composed of
the so-called great Captains of Industry, the Catholic Hierarchy and
the Organized Liquor Traffic. These powers are making poverty,
crime, misery, and the armies of the unemployed, and they will
crush "The Silvertown Journal" for telling you about it if you let
them do it.

They are the worst enemies any man or any business ever had.
They are enemies of the people because they are enemies to a
government based on equality of opportunity. Every one of these
powers want to use the people for their own enrichment and they
have become so gluttoned, bigoted and overbearing that scarcely any-
one dare say a word against them. Then they have thousands
and millions of their victims buncoed to such an extent that even
the brains of many of the working people work in favor of these,
their worst enemies.

The exchange mentioned, speaks of the abuse of free speech,
and thinks that a certain well known speaker's mouth should be
quarantined. But free speech can not be abused, and this same
quarantine business is only another way of opposing free speech.
The enemies of the people, the enemies of justice and equality will
all applaud and patronize our capitalistic exchange for working
for his rich advertisers, but it's a long road that has no turn in it,
and thinking people are beginning to see that this system of ex-
ploitation contains within itself the seeds of its own destruction.
Do as this plutocratic exchange advocates—"teach the boys to be
industrious, honest and progressive," and with such enemies as
the great powers controlling our industries, and our government,
they will join the hobo crowd by the thousands. The more
workers there are the less the wages, so, when the wages get so
low and the cost of living so high that the workers can not live
without stealing or vagging, then many of them will stop trying
to work. It is impossible for every one in the United States to be
industrious and saving to the point of having even a thousand
dollars ahead, for there is not that much money or wealth left from
what the workers produce after the millionaires and billionaires
take what they claim as their share. There must be hobos and
unemployed as long as there are a few families who have the
power, through theft, inheritance or manipulation to own the
earth and the fullness thereof.

Yes, indeed the uprising of the Money Power of this country
and their work of crushing the workers to the point of despair,
ruin and hoboism is a serious thing and unless this uprising begins
to subside the mob will crush our much boasted civilization and
we will follow in the footsteps of our illustrious predecessors, the
ancient nations that fell when a few smart (?) Captains of Industry
owned nearly all the wealth.

THE COMING EMANCIPATION.

A MAN OVER SEVENTY YEARS OLD who fought in the
Civil war to save this country from dissolution, is charged a
dollar a day as taxes on his little home and a small piece of
property he fought for after the war. He now says that a
man would be a fool to go to Mexico and stand up to be shot at to
protect "big business."

But some claim that big business pays a much larger tax than
this old soldier and if big business didn't the old soldier's taxes
would be still higher. But if a man has a million dollars and even
pays half of it for the privilege of staying in a country saved by
the old soldiers he would then have half a million left which would
be more than the old soldier has left after his risk of being killed
to save the country and his hard work of getting his little home.
In fact a half million is a monstrous amount for one man to
possess when many of the old soldiers haven't even a home of their
own. The unpatriotic citizen who stayed at home and laid the
foundation for a million dollar fortune, while the patriotic soldier
volunteered to go and fight for the Union, can now easily pay a big
tax and still ride in his taxicab, while the old soldier can go afoot,
meditate on the rewards of patriotism and worry about raising
enough in some way to pay his taxes after keeping the wolf from
the door another year. But the soldier in actual war is not the
only one who suffers from an unjust system. The men and women
who in the industrial war make way for our country's progress can
pay all the surplus they are able to save in a year for the privilege
of owning a home, while those, who, through speculation theft,
accident or inheritance have secured a thousand times more than
any one man could possibly earn in a whole life time, can pay a
much larger rate and still own money power enough to create, in
one year, more wealth than a thousand workers possess. Is there
anything just in the present system of taxation?

After the Civil war was over, Abraham Lincoln expressed fear
of this very thing that has come upon us. He was one man in ten
thousand that could have helped the country from falling into this
pit which the love of money has dug for us, but the Catholic
Hierarchy put him out of the way and who will now lead us out of
this last and worst slavery? We evidently must lead ourselves out
this time, and it will need many united on the intellectual plane
in this war, for as great as was the emancipation from black

slavery and as great as was the preservation of our Union, yet
greater will be the international victory when the millions of both
white and black toiling soldier slaves have the shackles of economic
slavery, which is the basis of all other slavery, stricken from their
limbs, and all over the world those in bondage are really set free.

THE OLD DOCTOR IS COMING.

WE HAVE NO PERSONAL ENMITY against any Catholic
on earth, but we are fighting with all the power we have,
under present limitations, against Catholicism, because
we believe it is not only a fake and a monstrous graft,
but because we are thoroughly convinced that those in control of
the organization are planning to get control and Catholicize the
United States. Each human being has a perfect right to believe
as he or she chooses but when a belief, pretended or otherwise, is
commercialized and organized into a systematic robbery of inno-
cent victims, that is another thing. Right here in Oregon old fat
priests are selling prayers, indulgences, escapes from purgatory,
magic charms and public publications to save people from diseases
and other calamities.

A gambling house is no worse, and in some respects it is more
fair. Common fortune telling is not as bad. But add to this
grafting business the detention and ruin of young girls, the murder
of infants and the hierarchy's traitorous attitude toward our free
government and we have a social cancer that may take an operation
to get rid of. But we have a very powerful, able and skilled sur-
geon on the job by the name of Vox Populi, and when he has fully
diagnosed the case the abnormal growth will be removed in one
way or in another. Of course the dear old doctor has been over
worked lately and is a little sleepy, but if we all help him get at the
facts he will certainly show us the remedy to apply.

But the thing for us to do, while the doctor is getting ready, is
to set our house in order; throw up the curtains; let in the light;
throw away the morphia dope with the dollar mark on the label
and back up our prayers with the kind of work that shows that our
faith is not yet dead. Uncle Sam must be saved from this Roman
disease at any cost. If you see the doctor tell him to hurry.

REJOICE AND WORK

THINGS ARE PRETTY BAD, and when you get wise as to
how bad they are, it will shock you; but wisdom will also
give you the ability to rejoice over the fact that you now
know how bad they are and that you thus have the know-
ledge necessary to help make them better. Nobody but a weak-
ling will give up just because he finds, conditions worse than he
before thought they were.

A person with character will double his or her energy, unite
with others and with a smile forward march to better things.

Spend no time in vain regretting.
Cease this hour all useless fretting.
Fill your heart with hope and gladness,
Shut and lock the door on sadness—
Forward, march!

That's the key note to success, and if there are enough sturdy
plants in this great garden of humanity to save the world from
the horrible conditions that superstition, stimulants and
narcotics and exploitation has brought us to, we'll be saved to the
utmost. Be strong therefore. Rejoice in your work for
righteousness, no matter what happens. Forward march!

WAR NO MORE POPULAR.

WHAT SENSE is there for any country to declare war with
out soldiers? And do you know that the thinking people
of all the civilized countries are against all kinds of war,
excepting in actual self defense in case of invasion. There
is no danger however of any invasion whatever, either of the
United States or of England or of France, Germany, Russia or of
Scandinavia. Therefore war is a dead issue. To be sure in case
big business precipitates war with Mexico our regular soldiers will
be forced to go, but even then, with no patriotic citizen soldiers
to back up the movement, it will be a tame affair like going out to
butcher a few of our neighbors cattle that have destroyed some of
our rich relatives grain. It wouldn't last long and would only be
another lesson in true political economy which will finally result
in no wars at all.

But what will the smart rich do when the fool workers won't
fight any longer? In the first place they will have more respect
for the workers. In the second place they will begin to be a little
more careful how they exploit the workers, and in the third place
they will, voluntarily or by necessity, join the real industrial work-
ers of the world and because good, productive, useful citizens, and
rejoice in the great reward of "a more perfect Union."

THE FORWARD LOOKERS.

"Concluding remarks in an address
by Dr. John Emerson Roberts on
"The Jews" delivered at Howards
Theatre, Chicago."

"And the world has learned the best
lesson of all, I think, from the Jew
in this: The Jew has shown how a
man can be intensely loyal to his re-
ligion and keep that religion to him-
self. The world has been reddened
with blood because of the wretched
egotism of religions which have said,
"We have the universal faith, the
gospel that must predominate," and
it doesn't make any difference
whether the saying is "The world for
Mahomet" or "The world for Christ,"
it is the same thing in effect.

"A great majority of the people in
this world haven't any more use for
Christ than they have for Mahomet
or for Zoroaster. If the nations of
the world have any right at all, that
right is to make a religion that suits
themselves. There is nothing more
grotesque, more ludicrous, more in-
defensible, than our Christian egotism
which says that we must take our
Bible, our God, our Christ, and our
plan of salvation around the whole
world. The Jew has been modest.
His religion has been good enough for
him. He has not tried to proselyte.
The man who advocates a plan to take
America for Christ, or the world for
Christ, and receive thousands and
thousands of dollars in advance pay-
ment for the job are simply capitaliz-
ing the ignorance and prejudice of
God's elect. A man has not great
faith in his religion unless he is
satisfied it will stand the strain though
it stand alone in all the world. If he
has confidence in his religion, he does
not ask to have it substantiated by the
crowd, or by numbers, or by the en-
dorsement of high heads or low heads.
The Jew stands apart and alone. He
asks simply to be let alone in his re-
ligion. He does not walk in the
street garbed and gowned in such a
way as to proclaim his faith. He
does not ask for political preferment

or favor in order to make his religion
powerful or popular. He does not
seek to supplant the governor with
the priest or the president with the
pope. He is self-centered, satisfied,
sincere. With dignified exclusiveness
and proud independence, he main-
tains his faith and cherishes his ideals
and asks no favor but to be let alone.
He is the world's forward looker; in
that at least let us join him, let us
believe that the time is yet coming,
that the years are on the way, when
we shall outgrow our dogmas and
overpeer our religions; when we shall
have no religion but justice, no God
but liberty and no service but that
of man of man.—Contributed

DRUNKARD FACTORY

Saloons can no more run without
boys than a flour mill can run without
wheat, or a lumber mill without logs.
As drunkards die off, boys must take
their places. Drunkards are the nat-
ural product of the licensed saloon,
and some man's daughter must be
the wife of a drunkard. If a man
could realize that he had to furnish
th- boy to make the drunkard and the
girl to make the drunkard's wife, he
would not be a true father if he in
any way encouraged the liquor traffic.
I believe that every man who, in
any way, encourages the continuation
of the liquor saloon deserves that his
boy die a drunkard and his daughter
live and die in the embrace of a
drunken husband.

If not, why not? He knows that
some father has to furnish them.
Does he hope it will be your son or
daughter? If so, he is as mean as the
devil, for the devil himself couldn't
do worse. J. G. ADAMS.

FEARS DEATH.

Hans Schmidt, convicted of the
murder of Anna Aumuller, and sen-
tenced to die in the electric chair,
has abandoned the sham that he want-
ed to die, and was not in favor of the
effort of his attorney to free him of

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the criminal charge. The pretense
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illegal operation. On this appeal,
Hans Schmidt has been granted a
stay of execution, and will no doubt
be given a new trial.—Ex.