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FEAR NOT.

Fear not when men shall speak thee ill,
And place thy faults where all may see;
But only fear lest thou fulfill
Their prophecies concerning thee.

Fear not when darkness doth prevail,
And happiness seems out of reach;
But only fear lest thou shouldst fail
To learn the lessons God would teach.

Nor shalt thou long for ceaseless praise
(Seeking to 'scape another's blame');
But only strive, through all thy days,
To faithfully deserve the same.

—Florence M. Solomon.

WE ARE NOT GOING TO THE DOGS.

Many have got an idea from the sensational announcements of measures under way, that the people of this country are engaged in a life-and-death struggle with the great financial and industrial interests, says an exchange.

The people have been pictured as being strangled in the tentacles of hideous octopi until many seriously believe that to be their real condition.

That there are wrongs in big business enterprises and in small, there can be no question.

That wise remedies might better the condition of all is not to be doubted. But that this country is going to demolition bowwows unless things are promptly turned upside down and inside out is poppycock.

The whole business structure rests and has always rested on the conviction that men will fulfill their obligations and deal fairly. This is the foundation of credit. Ninety-five per cent of the total business transactions of this country are carried on, not in cash, but in credit based on that conviction, showing how general it is and how firm.

Confidence, not suspicion, is and must be the prevailing tone of the business world. The proceedings of the bankruptcy court show strikingly that the great majority of business failures are not tainted by dishonesty or dishonesty.

We hear more about delinquencies of all sorts than we did when the facilities for gathering news were meager. And every little village and country crossroads even has its self-appointed oracle, who may not know enough to earn a dollar and a half a day, but who imagines he clearly understands the most intricate mysteries of great business enterprises involving millions of capital and employing tens of thousands of men, and noisily preaches the doctrine that great success is great fraud.

But the broader minded optimist sees that justice, honor and honesty are the normal conditions—that they rule as a matter of course in social and business relations. Millions of instances in which they are in evidence never appear under startling headlines of a newspaper. They are far too ordinary to constitute "news."

An honest man creates no sensation as he passes along the street attending to legitimate business, but the thief in custody attracts a crowd.

The common belief that the vast majority of men are honest is just as pronounced now as it ever was. It bears silent but convincing testimony to the fact that humanity is not going backwards.

The great tendency of our American

society, whether political or industrial, is toward the general welfare and the common good. We did not begin with classes in this country and we are not ending with them.

The pessimist sees in a few conspicuous railway magnates the sole owners and beneficiaries of the twelve billions of railway wealth. The optimist sees in them men of genius for organization and management and back of them something like 2,000,000 persons who, through dividends, interest and wages, divide among them the earnings of the roads.

We cannot retrograde so long as we do not cease to believe in the right education of every child and to remove as far as possible the obstacles that would interfere with the moral and intellectual as well as the industrial advancement of every workingman's family whether in town or country.

Vast as are becoming the fortunes of many individuals through their control of productive forces, the excessive centralization of wealth in a few hands is more than counterbalanced by the growth, on the other hand, of diffused comfort, and, above all, by the growth of general intelligence and capability.

A "MUNICIPAL WEEK."

Many semi-political organizations throughout the country are allying themselves with the National Municipal League in the cause of better government for towns and cities. Among the most prominent of these is the People's Institute of New York. A few months ago this institute in cooperation with the league had an interesting "Municipal Week," at which various timely subjects were taken up by those who had studied them and knew them.

One evening "Administrative Reform" was discussed by Horace E. Deming, Charles J. Bonaparte, William Dudley Foulke and Edward M. Shepard. Another evening "Municipal Improvement" was the topic, and the speakers were R. Fenton Cuttins, Homer Folks, Frederick S. Lamb and Clinton Rogers Woodruff. "Concrete Civic Achievements" was a third subject of discussion. Robert C. Ogden, Frank Miles Day, Robert W. De Forest, Elgin R. La Gould and William McAdoo were the speakers.

The result of these meetings was very gratifying. Other "Municipal Weeks" will be held when possible, and questions of the day taken up. One session of the National Municipal League's coming convention, on April 25, 26, 27 and 28, will be held in the People's Institute rooms in Cooper Union, and there may be some more valuable collaboration between the two organizations.

THE LAND CONSCIENCE.

Everybody's Magazine for May has a scathing review of the gigantic land frauds practiced in the Pacific coast. It shows that what is termed the land conscience has enabled some persons to get hold of millions of acres of public lands.

There is a great ecology of Public Prosecutor Heney and severe condemnation of Oregon officials and public men all over the coast.

What are we to say of congress for passing such laws. What are we to say of the political parties that have made wholesale land stealing possible?

Republicans and Democrats have helped to pass such laws as have enabled men like Miller, of Southern Oregon, to get hold of tracts of land as large as the state of New Jersey.

Congressman Tongue was a keen lawyer, yet while he was congressman from Oregon many of these laws were passed, and he probably voted for them.

Congressman Moody was an able congressman, but there is no doubt he helped pass some of these laws and helped create some of these forest reserves that were the base of the lie land swindles.

The passage of such laws may have been accomplished without any intention to lay the groundwork for frauds. But what shall we say of the responsibility of the men who enacted such laws?

THE TRADE UNION WAR.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor warns unions not to support the Western Federation of Miners.

The miners have called a congress to form a new national federation in opposition to the American Federation. Gompers considers the Colorado movement as an attempt to separate and divide the labor forces of the country.

The honest fact about the matter is that both Gompers and the Colorado unions have weakened the cause of labor organizations. The Gompers speeches in the West, where he said the unions would demand more and more, more and more, did the business.

The great leader of the Federated Trades sowed the dragons teeth on that

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campaign that arose as armed men to destroy his organization.

The future of labor unions must be projected along more reasonable lines—lines that are not based on bigotry and prejudice.

When you put a club in the enemy's hands do not blame him if he uses it to put you out of business.

Gompers and the Colorado leaders will be succeeded by wiser and better leadership—that promulgates a broader justice and sounder equity.

The rights of labor will in no country be more quickly recognized than in ours—but they must not make demands inconsistent with justice.

The trade union war is only the forerunner of better conditions for both labor and capital.

FOR A CLEAN CITY.

There are a great many people in this world who are more concerned about the golden streets of the New Jerusalem than about civic progress.

The goodly religious man who is concerned about the spiritual welfare of his neighbor in the next world leaves the streets uncleaned in front of his own premises in this world.

But religious enthusiasm and the missionary spirit always did precede civilization. But after a man has been civilized a while he should begin to clean up around his premises.

The mud puddle, the rubbish heap, the manure pile, the neglected woodpile on the street, are not advertisements of progress.

Let us all clean the premises before our own doors, and not expect too much of the city government.

The churches, the schools, and even the lodges should take up civic improvement as the best means of producing prosperity.

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