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A Christmas Editorial

The Death of Death—The Life of Love

CHRISTMAS bells are near to tingling, so let us look into the stars. Like eyes of Heaven, watchful thruout the night, they seem to smile upon us from their silent places, glistening with tears of sorrow at the frailty of our poor humanity; yet look again! There is one that shines in greater grandeur, one that lights anew our hope, one that beckons us, as it beckoned the wise men of Judea, on to the manger where lay the infant Jesus, bringing the message of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men. Well nigh two thousand years have passed since those wise men marched onward to closer understanding and contact with their God, but the glory of The Light remains. Still it leads the way to harmony with nature, forever it makes martyrdom sublime and turns suffering into triumphant glory.

Jesus brot to us the all eternal gift, the Death of Death, the Life of Love. Christmas awake; Salute the happy morn! Arise from your slumbers this Christmas morn! With hearts of children; mingle with their sweet simplicity and listen to the angels singing in your heart—be one with him of Nazareth. Let us place atop that Christmas tree the Star of Bethlehem, let us wind its swaying boughs with threads of silver and of gold, and hang upon its limbs in radiant coloring, our shimmering spheres, symbols of our faith, our joy and our immortality. Again we can be one with Him who notes the sparrow's fall. Each of us can spread life as He spread life, for Life is Love for all who strive beneath that star of Bethlehem. The embers of the Christmas log may fade into dust and into ashes but that Star of Hope will always shine, ever illuminating God's golden refuge of the soul. Look into the stars and read again about the Death of Death; the Life of Love.

"Deadbeats"

ONLY fifty persons in every ten thousand are "deadbeats," if a study of two million automobile purchases made on the installment plan last year may be taken as a criterion.

The report was made by sixteen hundred finance corporations engaged in handling automobile "paper," for a convention of automobile purchase financiers.

It leaves the impression that Mr. Average Citizen is honest and then jars us with the following: "Perhaps the reason for this is not so much the innate honesty of the buyer. Usually he is maintaining some sort of a social front and will pay rather than lose his prestige. If he is in business he must be known as a cash customer."

That spoils the effect of the deductions. In other words, those who buy automobiles on the installment plan find honesty is the best policy in order to retain their social standing.

Such reasoning is about as near the mark as to reason that they met their installments in order to derive the pleasure that their automobiles afforded them.

Many different causes figured in the lives of the people who manifested honesty by paying for their cars and no doubt what the report chooses to call "innate honesty" held a high average among all the other reasons.

The average person is honest, else business could not be conducted along the lines that is in America.

Motorists' Eyesight

AUTOMOBILE accidents have been increasing at the rate of 2,000 a year and in some quarters there has been active agitation to compel by law, the examination of the vision of every driver of an automobile.

The results that might be obtained from such legislation are doubtful. Those who are sponsoring laws in each state, of this character, admit that in five states where the eyesight of applicants for drivers' licenses are tested, the methods used in enforcing and interpreting the laws make them ineffective.

If this is the result of such legislation in five states, what assurance is there that it would not be the same in every other state?

Drivers of automobiles are already surrounded with such a multiplicity of laws that they are never quite sure, when they leave home, how many statutes will be broken before they return.

Every law tacks on a few fees, all of which increases the expense of operating an automobile, and one requiring a vision test for drivers would be no exception in this respect.

Every law-abiding automobile driver welcomes laws that will curb speeding, prevent operation of machines by intoxicated people and keep down to the minimum practices that endanger the lives of others, but laws of doubtful value are harmful because they increase the disrespect for all law.

Succeeding is a matter of men and methods—not time and territory.

"Wild Cat" Stocks

A NEWSPAPER cartoon pictures an "immense" cat, representing "wild cat stocks," sniffing the "delightful" aroma coming from smoke stacks and tall buildings in the background, representing the business revival and stock market boom.

It is a warning that is worth heeding. Salesmen who peddle worthless stock thrive best when prosperity comes in and people have money. Easy money is the urge that leads people on to easier money, until they finally "bite" and are dragged under.

Penitent promoters behind prison bars and thousands upon thousands of failures are the evidence that remains of the orgy of fake stock promotion, and buying during the flush times following the war.

Some fake stock salesmen are caught, but never with the goods. Korte, the \$2,000,000 Chicago swindler, is in prison but those he duped will not get back forty per cent. of what they "invested."

Ponzi, the Boston investment faker, has served his term in the penitentiary, but the credulous who believed him lost their savings. Numbers of other stock crooks are in prison, and behind them is a trail of broken hearts, crushed ambitions and ruined lives.

People should profit from the lessons these major swindlers have taught, but all too few of them do because it is one of the weaknesses of human nature to want to get something for nothing.

The logical thing, then, is for the state to protect those who need protection against the wiles of the "wild cat stock" promoter.

Better business bureaus in forty-two states are endeavoring to protect the public against fraudulent and doubtful investment proposals. They need the backing of a good "blue sky" law that is cloudless.

War Debt Refunding

THE report that negotiations have started for the refunding of the French war debt to the United States calls attention to the fact that agreements have been entered into with four nations for the refunding of debts created during the war.

Poland was the fourth nation to agree to repay this country, the sum involved amounting to about \$179,000,000. Negotiations were conducted by the foreign debt refunding commission.

Congress must ratify the agreement before it becomes effective, but the approval of that body will be forthcoming, it is assured.

Steps are being taken to bring about a similar arrangement with other nations financed by the United States during the war, and altho it has seemed a tedious process, the business-like way in which the debt collection has been undertaken is now beginning to bring results.

With splendid prospects of Europe's stability being restored thru the Dawes plan, the next few years will undoubtedly see settlements with practically all of the debtor nations and the money of American taxpayers being returned to them in regular installments.

When Decay Sets In

ANY individual who thinks he is better than anyone else is rushing headlong into trouble.

Any social, civic or business organization that gets the idea it is superior to all others is going to come upon breakers sooner or later.

Any community that boasts of being better than its neighbors is liable to decay unless it is constantly seeking to improve itself.

Bigness consists in generosity. To prosper it is necessary to give—and this applies to communities just as it does to individuals and organizations of individuals.

No one has any corner or excellence. Those who realize their shortcomings and are constantly seeking to overcome them, will come nearer attaining their goal than those who travel the path of self-righteousness and egotistical self-satisfaction.

Having pride in the place you live and boasting of its good points is to be commended, but such an attitude is a millstone on the neck of the community unless words are backed by deeds.

Procrastination

DO it today and do it right. Those who make this a rule of life and success is not so difficult.

Most of the failures in the business world are due to short sightedness and procrastination. Putting it off until tomorrow means in many cases that it is never done, and it is the things that are not done which cause the receipts to dwindle until the business is eventually wrecked.

Doing it today is just as easy as putting it off and it is far more pleasant and produces more satisfactory results.

The world is full of physical and commercial wrecks. The man who is a physical has-been waited too long before he attempted to correct the trouble and the fellow who is down at the heels financially as a rule depended upon a tomorrow that never came.

Do it today.

There was an increase in marriages in 1923, U. S. Statistics reveal. But it was probably not due to the antiquated idea that two can live cheaper than one.

Early to bed (in the morning) and early to rise (in the afternoon) will never make folks healthy, weakly and wise.

Another way to improve your vocabulary, in addition to working cross word puzzles, is to read good literature.

Trotsky's physician has advised him to go to a warmer climate and plenty of people have been wishing he was there for some time.

A New York banker made his first after dinner speech at the age of 85. He ought to be old enough to know better.

When Nature undertakes to produce a real fool, she generally does a one hundred per cent. job.

No wife should start a quarrel with her husband until she has possession of the pay envelope.

WITH another mile post in sight and another year beckoning us with its hopes and opportunities for service, we stop a moment to reflect upon our pleasant relations of the year about to close and to take note of the good friends about us.

Among our assets we like to count most the only one that money cannot buy—your good will.

We pledge ourselves anew to continue to do the best we know how and to deliver the fullest count of honest endeavor for such recompense as we may receive.

May we at this Holiday Season extend to you, not as a customer, but as a friend, our Best of Wishes for the coming year.

James P. Cannon Company

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