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**The Latest Mine Horror**

A disaster of the extent of the Cherry mine horror is much more than a state calamity. The whole nation feels the shock of a holocaust which buries hundreds of men without a moment's notice.

There will probably be no lack of sympathy and so far as present needs are concerned the poor, stricken widows and children will be taken care of. The state of Illinois is well able and quite willing to assume the entire care but some people of other states will insist upon showing their humanitarian concern for the distress which has fallen upon those poor people.

One of the redeeming features of great calamities is that they stir the hearts of all people and make us feel something of the kinship of life and death.

There will doubtless be a very searching inquiry into the causes which led to this last horror and we shall perhaps be told that there was neglect on the part of the mine owners which might have prevented the catastrophe and possibly we may learn that some of the men were not obedient to rules of the company.

And there will be new measures to provide better security for the lives of men who take all they have, and all they are, down into the depths, and darkness and danger, in the service of their employers for a pittance of a livelihood. It is an imperative duty of our governing bodies to see that this is done.

We cannot insist too strongly that the utmost care shall be insured that the lives of the people are guarded no matter what the expense may be to the employing class.

When that is done we believe workmen will be willing to be charged with their share of responsibility. If men, through personal neglect or reckless conduct, cause loss of property or life they should be held for it and usually they are. It is always easier to reach a man than a corporation. For this very reason it is imperative, not only that strong measures should be taken, but that the law holds the heads of corporations as individuals, who are personally responsible for the neglect of their managers.—W. B.

**Honor to Whom Honor is Due.**

In the First Epistle of Peter, second chapter and seventeenth verse we are commanded to "Honor All Men." (1st Peter, 2:17.) Can we do it? There goes a drunkard down the street. Do you feel like honoring him? Are you disposed to take off your hat as you pass him? Clothes ragged; hair disheveled; shoes out at the toes; hat knocked in; eyes bleared; face bloated; breath offensive. Do you feel like honoring that man? A young man answering well the description staggered along the

streets of Worcester, Mass. He was a slave to intoxicants. All the money he could earn or borrow was dropped into the saloon till. As you see him staggering along the street repulsive in appearance and unsteady in gait, do you feel inclined to honor that man? But one day a kind word brought that wreck to his senses; brought him face to face with the Son of Righteousness; and the power of God quelled the demon of appetite; "conscious ascended her throne; reason wielded its scepter; memory became healthy and vigorous; imagination became chaste and brilliant;" and John B. Gough, the great temperance orator was the result. Who that ever heard him hurl his masterly eloquence against the liquor traffic can forget him? All honor to him. All honor to the one who in God's hands was the means of bringing John B. Gough to the about face!

**Prevention of Crime**

Society through legal methods has long been trying to restrain and prevent criminality. Drastic laws have been enacted and severe penalties have been inflicted from time immemorial and still the public have been but poorly protected and crime seemingly is on the increase. It is but recently that we have awakened to the fact that if anywhere in the world "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" it is in the matter of criminality.

We quote the following from a writer in Hampton's Magazine.

**Tyrannical Police Methods.**

When I visited the Cook County jail in Chicago last winter, there were 500 prisoners, or thereabouts. Of these 425 were awaiting trial. That is to say, they were theoretically innocent men; nothing had been proved against them. But the remaining 75 were serving sentences for various offences, they had been tried and found guilty. Yet those that had been found guilty and those that were technically innocent were here on exactly the same footing, herded together, occupying the same cells, young and old indiscriminately mixed.

A bright-faced workingman charged with some slight misdemeanor, and unable to get bail, was sleeping nightly in the same cell with a vitrified old offender serving a year's sentence for breaking and entering. Friendless men whose crime against society consisted chiefly of an inability to find work when there was no work to be found were forced to associate with burglars and pickpockets.

And that is not all. There were prisoners in that jail that were no event charged with any offense, that had done no wrong, that had in no way offended society, but were only witnesses that we had locked up and forgotten. And these, too, were herded with the practiced criminals.

One was a little Greek boy, fifteen years old. He was a witness against a band of padrones accused of cruelty to children; that was all. He was not accused of anything; he had hurt nobody. But he spent months as a prisoner in that frightful place because he happened to know something useful to the state. If he emerged thence without a liberal education in crime, it was by a special interposition of Providence.

Suppose that in those months of wholly unjust and inexcusable imprisonment he assimilated the curriculum of evil and came forth to even the score by practicing what he had learned. Who in that case would be the real criminal? The boy or the County of Cook?

**An Epidemic.**

Every employe of the Bank of England is required to sign his name in a book on his arrival in the morning, and if late, must give the reason therefor. The chief cause of tardiness is usually fog, and the first man to arrive writes "fog" opposite his name, and those who follow write "ditto." The other day, however, the first late man gave as the reason, "wife had twins," and twenty other late men mechanically signed "ditto" underneath.—The Argonaut.

Heiress—Why should I marry you. I don't love you. Suitor—That's all right. I sha'n't be at home very much, you know.

**Our Outlook**

Excerpts from "Habit Cure, Mental and Physical" by John Warren Achorn in Health and Happiness.

"We are respected and loved by those about us as we grow older because we have made a winning fight. The whole question is one of character, building or becoming one's own master, of finding one's self."

"Will any one admit he hasn't character enough developed, in the course of a life time, perhaps, to conquer a habit, if it detracts from his usefulness, his happiness, or the comfort of those with whom he lives?"

"The person who wills wins; the person who tries presupposes that he is going to fail. The will to do a thing has faith for a companion, while trying to do a thing has failure for a mate."

A man suffering from insomnia will often establish this fact in his anatomy by sitting up regularly half the night; or, perhaps about sunset he begins to say, 'I can't sleep,' and then keeps on vaccinating himself with this idea until he is saturated with it. Of course he knows he can't, he has been telling himself this for ten years, and he lies awake to prove it. Let him begin by saying, 'I shall sleep;' let him say it forty times a day—say it until the memory of 'I can't sleep' fades and the affirmation 'I shall sleep' takes its place."

"The man who is clean up to his chin, who obeys the written laws, or more especially the unwritten social laws, if he has good health, something to do which he loves to do, and a hobby for the sake of recreation, usually has a good time in living, for he gets along comfortably; but these qualities do not constitute spirituality. The spiritual man is not satisfied with the peace of mind, he must be in touch with God through faith. The mind rules the body; the spirit also must have help!"

Henry Becker, superintendent of the Infirmary of Scioto county, Ohio, where no license is now in force, says: "If Scioto county remains in the 'dry' column for five years there will be no worthy poor and there will be a poor farm for sale in this county."

**Express Companies and Their Rates.**

There has been for many years past a dangerous community of interest between the managers of the railways and the managers of express companies that has not worked to the advantage of stockholders in those corporations nor to the advantage of the public. The express companies have exerted a powerful and malign influence in preventing wholesome legislation for the improvement of the parcels post system of the country. Under the provisions of the Hepburn act they are designated as common carriers. They should be so treated by the states. By refusing to compete with one another and by arbitrary division of the states and territories into zones of noncompetitive ravage they have made it an imperative duty of state legislatures to exercise such needed control of their operations as will limit extortion and compel reasonable rates. The movement contemplated in Illinois should be followed up with enthusiasm in other states. Pennsylvania should not be behind.—Philadelphia Record.

**Friend That Never Fails**

The following tribute to a faithful dog is paid by its appreciative owner, the editor of the Hickory, North Carolina, Democrat:

The man who has never owned and loved a good dog has missed one of the best things of life. When luck goes against him and things look blue, when men look at him askance and it seems that nothing is good on earth, the man who owns a dog has one friend who will always remain the same, through evil and through good report, who is always glad to greet him and who, believes in him thoroughly. He is the one friend who never questions your actions or your wisdom and who believes that, like a king, you can do no wrong. When a man loses a friend like that he feels that something has gone from his life which it will be hard to replace.

Byron voiced this sentiment when he wrote, although in a somewhat misanthropical mood, these lines over the grave of his favorite dog, "Boatswain": "To mark a friend's remains these stones arise, I never had but one, and here he lies."

Telling a man not to worry is about as effective as telling a small boy not to eat too much.

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