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WE ARE A WONDERFUL PEOPLE

We are a wonderful people. We can be held down, but not for long. Our recuperative powers are astonishing.

Presidents and ex-Presidents may fight like cats and dogs, trust-busters may club our corporations, railway-smashers may seek to block the tracks of all our railroads, tariff-tinkers may try to upset the system of protection under which we have prospered so amazingly, even the wind and the weather may be against us; yet we still go on overcoming obstacles, building new cities, broadening our cultivated acres, increasing our bank deposits, raising wages and shortening hours.

No other nation in the world has such a record. Let us not be puffed up with arrogance and pride and think we do it all. Rather let us, with grateful hearts and in a reverent spirit, thank the Giver of all good gifts that He has so blessed our land with superabundant wealth of natural riches. Mountains of iron ore, great deposits of copper, silver and gold, millions of acres of fertile fields, a climate so varied that we can supply every necessity and almost every luxury that we crave—these are the foundations of our national wealth and general prosperity. Why not cease carping? Why not give thanks?

How foolish we are that we do not realize the debt we owe to an overruling Providence! How silly to fight each other, to tear down the bulwarks of prosperity and jeopardize all that has been so kindly and generously bestowed upon us!

We are an energetic, wide-awake, active people. We live in an exhilarating climate. Our blood tingles with the joy of living, of accumulating, of getting on in the world. Prosperity is in the very air we breathe. Why let demagogues and self-seekers, who are always playing on the passions, the fears and the superstitions of the people, make us unhappy?

The common people, for the most part, are going on about their business in the regular way. The howling of the calamity-shouters, the clamor of the demagogues, the onslaughts of the yellow press and the muck-raking magazines receive little attention from the sober-minded, industrious masses, who go to their daily toil, receive their weekly wage and live in an atmosphere of a happy home life.

One shouting idiot will upset a

whole street, one burning barn will throw a glare over the entire horizon; so one noisy demagogue will attract a crowd of the idle, the shiftless and the thrifless, and make the air ring with noisy disturbance.

It is too bad that this clamor is mistaken, sometimes, for an expression of public sentiment. It is nothing of the kind. But it sounds a warning to those who mind their own business and will not take an interest in politics, in the making of good laws and the prevention of bad demagogues, muck-rakers and self-seekers (mingled with grafters) largely control our municipalities and are reaching out to control our legislative bodies.

If political leaders were not so utterly misled into the belief that public clamor voices public opinion, we should have an immediate return of sanity and prosperity. We have had trust-busting enough. The railroads are beginning to have the support of the public in their demand that the constant increase in wages entitles the railroads to fairer consideration in the matter of rates from the Interstate Commerce Commission and from legislative bodies generally.

We are in the throes of a presidential election. If we can only be assured of the election of a conservative candidate on a platform promising a constructive and not a destructive policy, and if this assurance comes concurrent with a good outlook for the crops, we shall have such a revival of business this year as will make us all happier than we have ever been before.

Signs of renewed strength in the stock market, following a revival in the iron trade, are most significant. When the people recognize the significance of these signs, they will turn and rend the demagogues and the allied forces of muck-rakers and the yellow press and drive them into the oblivion which befits them so well.—Leslie's.

The best way to get a chance is to take one. Sure things are usually poor things. When you strike a certainty you strike limitations.

A CALL TO MEN

Let us be kindlier, men!

We are brutes, without meaning it, oft;

The least things displease us—they just meant to tease us—

Let's make our answering soft!

Let us remember how human

It is to be not always sweet;

Let us forgive and forget,

And be first with a kiss when we meet.

Let us be nobler, men,

In our daily habits with those

Who stand by our side whatever betide,

Who help us, whatever our foes.

Let us be kindlier, men!

Let's put the harsh word away;

Let's fill the lives of the woman with song,

The lives of the children with play.

Let us remember how soon

The storm settles down, and the ship

Goes foundering deep, with eternal sleep

Sealed upon each loved lip.

Let us be thoughtful and fair,

Considerate, earnest and true;

Let us be kindlier, men,

And that is the call unto you!

JOHN BURROUGHS' CREED

Through Long Life Has Made Nature His Companion

An article on "The Summit of the Years," from the pen of John Burroughs, is printed in the Atlantic. It is the testimony of a grand old man to the beauty and loveliness of earth and its capacity to make a man's life noble and happy. Mr. Burroughs has lived outside the tiresome turmoil of society, politics, business and reforms, and made nature his everyday companion; and this is his conclusion:

"I am in love with the world; by my constitution I have nestled lovingly in it. It has been my home. It has been my point of outlook into the universe. I have not bruised myself against it. I have tilled its soil. I have gathered its harvests. I have waited upon its seasons, and always have I reaped what I have sown. While I delved I did not lose sight of the sky overhead. While I gathered its meat and bread for my body, I did not neglect to gather its meat and bread for my soul."

"Now Harold," said the teacher, "if there were eleven sheep in a field and six jumped the fence, how many would there be left?"

"None," replied Harold.

"Why, there would," said she.

"No ma'am, there wouldn't," persisted he. "You may know arithmetic, but you don't know sheep."

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Miss Ella Kegerreis the Efficient Librarian

The Free Public Library of Hershey, situated in the Y. W. C. A. Hall is in a flourishing condition, there being two hundred and fifty volumes on the library shelves.

These volumes comprise the best works in fiction poetry, child stories, religious and miscellaneous subjects, and are by the best authors. These are good and well worth reading. The library is very fortunate in obtaining the use of the State Library Commission's traveling library for the benefit of the Hershey people.

The traveling library furnishes the latest books on all subjects and thus the Hershey Free Library can supply the same books to its patrons that libraries in larger cities furnish to their patrons.

Miss Ella Kegerreis is the efficient librarian and will be in the library every Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 and on Saturday from 2 to 5 to give out the books to persons desiring to take them to their home for a period of time not longer than two weeks. A fine of a cent a day is charged persons keeping books out longer than two weeks.

This splendid foundation of the Hershey Library is the result of the Mock Trial held in May at which time most of the books were donated by persons in attendance at the trial. Others have been added since, and any person desiring to donate books to this growing and useful library should hand them to the librarian, who will be very thankful for all contributions.



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