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## The Oil King's Plea.

BY LEO.

The Standard Oil Company has been convicted of law breaking and assessed a huge fine of nearly thirty millions of dollars, which has made the nominal head of the concern to be a little talkative. At first he simply said that Judge Landis would be gathered to his fathers long before the fine would be paid, which means that the company will try to keep the matter in litigation as long as possible on any sort of technicality. This is likely to prove true, but in the long run Uncle Sam may prove mightier than even the oil king. It was in bad taste to make such a threat, and it goes to prove that Ida Tarbell is not far from the truth when she says that the Standard Oil Company has become stupid.

In addition to the above threat the oil king has been moved to plead in defense of himself and company the benevolent nature of his operations in the oil business. He does not now deny the violating of law by rebating, as he did formerly, but puts in the plea that while making money for himself he is also making money for other people, for the hundreds of comparatively poor people who have invested their earnings in the stock of the Standard Oil Company. As the president of the concern, and as a philanthropist, he must think of his poor associates, he must see to it that they have good returns on their investment.

That is the plea, a very flimsy one, as any one may know by a little thinking. There can be no denial of the fact that while the oil king is making money for himself he is also making lesser amounts for his poorer associates in business, and giving employment to many good people. No one denies that; no one blames him for that; but all other large corporations, of necessity, do the same. No man, no matter what may be his ability and tact, can operate a big concern without employing laborers. Some do this with more benevolence than others, but necessity compels the employment of labor.

Let us concede to this man, the oil king, the benevolent disposition he asserts; let us admit that he keeps his millions in business enterprises for the sake of poor people—a large admission—yet the question forces itself upon us, to-wit: Has the oil king, or any other man, the right to violate the law for the benefit of himself or his fellow-stockholders, rich or poor?

Congress made a law against rebating; it has been in existence for years, and the oil king must have known the force of it. And he must have known that his company had been violating that law continuously for years. Was he above the law of the land? Judge Landis of Chicago thought otherwise. In his court the Standard was found guilty on hundreds of counts, and the judge very properly assessed the maximum fine for each transgression, amounting in all to nearly thirty millions of dollars.

Now the plea of benevolence is put in.—The Standard Oil Company is paying wages to an army of employees, and paying dividends to hundreds of frugal investors. Well, what of it? Is it right to violate law in order to do these good things? Is the oil king going to do evil that good

A New Orleans woman was thin. Because she did not extract sufficient nourishment from her food. She took **Scott's Emulsion**. Result: She gained a pound a day in weight.

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may come?

A poor man with a large family would hardly claim the right to rob hen roosts and granaries because the stolen property was for a good purpose, the support of his family. And yet the oil king stupidly makes that sort of a plea.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Feltz*

Otterbein.

The Benson reunion was held at the home of Wm. Victor last Saturday, that being the old homestead of James Benson.

The silver medal contest which was held at the Township House last Saturday night was very well attended, and the medal was awarded to Crescent Gingry. The judges were A. V. Rumbaugh, Mr. Potts of near Camden, O., and T. L. Howell.

Harry and Hazel Howell of Dayton, Ohio, were visiting relatives in this vicinity the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Joseph Shumaker, who had been ill for some time, died Monday morning about 9 o'clock. Funeral services from the U. B. church at Castine Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Huddle.

### Neighbors Got Fooled.

"I was literally coughing myself to death, and had become too weak to leave my bed; and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for thanks be to God, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It took just four one dollar bottles to completely cure the cough and restore me to good sound health," writes Mrs. Eva Uncapher, of Grovertown, Stark Co., Ind. This King of cough and cold cures, and healer of throat and lungs, is guaranteed by Wm. Kipp's Sons, druggists, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

### Fort Jefferson.

D. C. Shiverdecker and family were Greenville visitors Sunday. John Hathaway and family spent Sunday with Will Shields, east of Greenville.

O. D. Viets and wife and Mrs. E. Schlechty of Savona were the guests of J. W. Viets and S. Victor's one day last week.

Daniel Sheffer is spending a few days with his mother at Richmond, Ind. Mrs. Martha Combs of Ithaca was calling on old friends here last week.

Viets and Victor had a little trotting race between here and Greenville Saturday.

Chris Baum, of whose sickness we made mention last week, is convalescing.

Frank Stewart and wife called at James Stewart's Sunday evening.

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VENUS.

Notice to Land Buyers—I have for sale a large list of good farms in Randolph county, Ind. See us before buying. C. B. COURTNEY, front room over Postoffice, Winchester, Ind. 3m3\*

Ninevah.

Quite warm again and everybody is hunting a cool place.

Rev. Kissel preached his last sermon here Sunday before conference. It will be known in a couple of weeks who our next minister will be. Rev. Sechrist, also, was present in the interest of church erection. The former and family were the guests of George Delk, and the latter of B. E. Delk.

James Hapner and family of Oakland were guests of J. B. Long Sunday.

Silas Ludy and wife and daughter Mabel of near Ft. Jefferson and Mrs. Nathaniel Ludy of Arkansas were the guests of Wm. Ludy's Sunday.

J. C. Reck and family of near Fry's Corner attended the festival here Saturday night.

The festival, by the way, was a very successful venture.

Oats threshing has begun and the yield is reported to be very discouraging.

A large number from this vicinity are in Greenville today to see the John Robinson circus.

Corn is shooting and tasseling and if we have favorable weather conditions will doubtless realize a good yield.

Peter Unger and family, Pearl Delk and family and Isaac Unger and family were the guests of W. G. Ludy and family Sunday.

Mrs. Daisy Swabb continues to improve.

Two more weeks, then the Great Darke County Fair and the air ship.

Aug. 12.

GAIL.

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### Obituary.

William Henry Harrison, son of Gideon and Susan Martin, was born in Richmond, Wayne county, Indiana, May 1, 1839, and departed this life at his home near Hillgrove, O., July 17, 1907, aged 68 years, 2 months and 16 days. While in infancy, he moved with his parents, to a farm three miles northwest of Greenville, Darke county, Ohio, from which place the family moved to the vicinity of Coletown, where he resided until twentythree years of age.

He was one of a family of ten children—six girls and four boys—three sisters and one brother having gone to the better land.

On November 25, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Louise Keister of near Hillgrove. To this union were born six children—four sons and two daughters—Christian William, Henry Harrison and an infant daughter having preceded him to the great beyond; while Sylvester Evi, Millie Viola and Alva Ulysses still survive him.

At the age of twentythree, when the destruction of the Union was threatened, and those who loved it were ready and willing to lay down their lives in its defense, he answered the Nation's call for volunteers by enlisting at Greenville in the 94th regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry of the First Brigade of the

First Division of the 14th Army Corps of Company I. After enlisting his patriotic spirit did not wane, for he remained a true and gallant soldier until the close of the war, when he received an honorable discharge. While in the ranks he participated in twenty-six different engagements—the most important of which were the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Dug Gap, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, sieges of Atlanta and Savannah, and at Raleigh, where the final engagement took place. His noble and exalted work as a private now being over, he returned to his old home, where anxious parents were waiting to welcome their most honored and beloved son.

When twentyone years of age he united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Coletown and remained a true follower of Christ. After his marriage he, with his wife, united with the Reformed church at Bethel. Later they cast their lot with the Reformed church at Hillgrove, of which he remained a faithful and valued member until summoned to the realms above where there are no hardships, pains and sorrows, but where joy, peace and never-ending bliss reign supreme.

That death cometh as a thief in the night was again verified, when the Grim Reaper clasped him in his icy fingers and revealed to us that in the midst of life there is death. He leaves a wife, two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, three sisters, two brothers, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. At his death the community loses a valued neighbor, the home a loving husband and father, and the Nation an honored and respected citizen.

So live, that when thy summons come to the innumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his turn, thou go not like the quary slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed by an ever-answering trust, approach thy grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

### Hunting for Trouble.

"I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Alleghany, Sierra Co. No use hunting, Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed at Wm. Kipp's Sons' drug store. 25c.

### The American Boy for August.

The first of a series of "Hiawatha" pictures adorns the cover page of the August American Boy. The contents may well be called the vacation issue on account of the numerous excellent stories it contains. The Tomlinson, Sprague, and Ellis serials are continued with increasing interest; in addition there are two shorter serials, and a number of shorter stories. The sketch of Robert Fulton, the inventor of steam for propelling boats, will be of interest, at this time, on account of the celebration of a century of steamboat traveling. Chats With Big Americans this month is an interesting interview with William A. Pinkerton, head of the famous detective agency. The usual departments are filled with matters of interest. In addition there are over 45 fine illustrations. Subscription \$1.00 a year. The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

50c Summer Caps reduced to 35c during our Clearance Sale that closes August 17.

THE PROGRESS.

### Mayor Maher Vetoes the Bridge Ordinance.

Greenville, O., Aug. 10, 1907. To the Honorable, the City Council of the City of Greenville, Ohio,—

I herewith return to your honorable body without my approval an ordinance to issue bonds in the sum of \$26,500.00 to pay the city's portion of the cost of construction of Broadway bridge for the following reasons, viz:

First—Persistent rumors have been circulated in this city, and have reached my ears, that reflect on the good faith, fairness and honesty of the proposal you are about to accept. While I do not believe, and wholly discredit, any rumor or suggestion reflecting on the honor, integrity, or uprightness of any city official, and regard them all as honest men, yet in the light of recent exposures in this state of dishonest understandings by and between contractors on bridge work, I deem it wise and prudent to veto this ordinance in the interest of the good name and welfare of this city and her citizens.

Second—The best engineers in the country are divided in opinion as to the advisability of building a single span, flat arch concrete bridge, of the length of this span, saying, it would be an experiment, and we cannot afford to experiment with the people's money at such enormous cost.

Third—The tax rate in this city is high at present and the people are groaning under the burden, and I am in favor of adding only such additional burden as will secure to the people as good a bridge as can be built at the best price obtainable, and the aim of all officials should be to reduce this rate, if possible, without permitting the interests of the city to suffer.

Fourth—The bonded indebtedness of the city at present is \$202,247.37, which, added to the special assessment for streets, etc., makes the indebtedness on the people at this time approximately \$303,000.00, and if in the construction of this bridge we can save to the people of the city \$7000.00 or \$8000.00 I regard it as our sworn duty to do so, if, in so doing, we can attain, as I believe we can, the same end, and have erected a bridge that will be just as ornamental, just as strong, and good in every respect, as the one proposed to be built by the contractors whose bid it is proposed to accept.

Fifth—For the reason that the City Council and the Board of Public Service have not arrived at an agreement on the said bridge with the Traction Company, and the building of the bridge by the city, or attempt to build it, would result in endless litigation and expense to the taxpayers of the city.

Sixth—I am further convinced and have no hesitancy in asserting that the bid of \$43,443.00 which the Board of Public Service has approved and propose to accept and for which said bond issue is requested to enable them to enter into a contract with such bidder, is excessive and extravagant, and I am convinced the bridge proposed can be built for \$10,000 or \$12,000 less than said bid; I am officially informed that the Main street bridge in the city of Dayton, 668 feet long, 57 feet wide, was built at a cost of \$123,000.00. The Third street bridge in said city, 798 feet long, 66 feet wide, was built at a cost of \$180,000. That the Washington street bridge in said city, 660 feet long, 57 feet wide, was built at a cost of \$117,000, said last named bridge being built within the last two years. In view of the fact that all of the Dayton bridges are

from four to five times as long as the proposed bridge, and 6 to 12 feet wider, I see no reason why this bridge should not be constructed for \$25,000 to \$30,000, and net the contractors a fair profit. I am satisfied from what the Traction Company stated to your honorable body, that there would be no trouble in arriving at a fair and legitimate arrangement with it, if this set of bids were rejected and new bids asked for the construction of said bridge. Seventh—The Traction Company refusing to join with the city in the erection of this proposed bridge would necessitate the issuing of over \$16,000.00 additional bonds to those proposed by this ordinance before the contract could be awarded, and in the meantime the bonds here proposed would be bearing interest and for that reason alone this legislation should not have been passed.

Eighth—The people of Greenville want a bridge, they want a good bridge, one that would be an ornament as well as a safe bridge for use of the public, but they do not want an experimental bridge.

In conclusion, I desire to say that I have no feeling in this matter personally, only that we get a good bridge for the least money and at the lowest expense to the people of this city. I do not think the bid you propose to accept is such a bid, nor do I think the proposal as I have considered it in this ordinance, is one I care to approve, and I therefore veto this ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. C. MAHER,  
Mayor of City of Greenville, O.

### Rising From the Grave.

A prominent manufacturer, Wm. A. Fertwell, of Lucama, N. C., relates a most remarkable experience. He says: "After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Bright's disease, in the Diabetic stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure me permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and kidney complications which have troubled me for years." Guaranteed at Wm. Kipp's Sons' drug store. Price only 50c.

### Harter Reunion.

The third annual reunion of the Harter family was held at the Darke county fair grounds on Saturday, August 10, 1907, and about two hundred and fifty were present to participate in the exercises, which opened with piano music. Blessings were invoked by Mrs. Sallie Stock of Union City, Ind. Then came the committees; which were gone over and community for nomination were called to proceed to nominate, when a motion was made to partake of dinner; all accepted the call and all were sumptuously provided for with the very best of refreshments. Then all returned to that good old fashion way of calling up old-time events, discussing them with a full sway of chit-chat. Order was called for afternoon exercises, which were opened, completing committee work and calling the finance committee to take up a collection and report same. Then a speech was delivered by David Putman of Palestine, O., giving a full history of the early settling of the various Harter families in and about New Madison, Ohio. Many others gave short addresses and Alexander Harter of Dayton, Ohio, read an essay on the hardships of the early settling of the Harters, their battle to rise with the country. Then speech making closed, all committee

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work was reported giving for the last a memorial report of five of our members gone to that great beyond. All the old committees were retained, also all old officers for the ensuing year. The next annual reunion will be held on the first Thursday in August, 1908, at the Greenville fair grounds. SECRETARY.

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### FOR THE CHILDREN

In Praise of the Dog. An arctic explorer pays the following tribute to the dog that draws the sleds:

Nowhere does the dog show himself so much the friend of man as in the regions of ice and snow.

When the rivers are frozen and the way is blocked to every other beast of draft, the dog is put in harness and goes where none but man can follow. He faces the trackless solitudes with assurance, for none know better than he how to surmount their perils. His keen instinct tells him of the coming storm while it is yet distant. He knows how to break through the ice for his food and how to make his bed in the snow.

He is full of courage and endurance, resourceful as his cousin, the fox, and with sufficient of the wolf nature to feel at home in the blindest solitudes. He is the only animal that man can count on as a comrade in the far north.

The Dikes of Holland. Many young folks do not understand how it is that the land of Holland lies below the level of the sea, though surrounded by it, and how the rivers flowing through the land find an outlet. All of Holland does not lie below sea level, but much of it does, having been reclaimed from the water by the building of dunes and dikes, and it is these that now protect it. The land so protected is intersected by canals in every direction, which drain it into either the German ocean on the west or the Zuyder Zee on the east. What was once Haarlem lake, covering an area of 60,000 acres, is now rich, productive land, with a population of 12,000 to 15,000. It was drained more than fifty years ago, and the dikes referred to prevent the sea from encroaching on it. The lowlands on each side of the Mississippi river in our southern states are protected in a similar way by what are there called levees.—Chicago News.

Compound Words. There is a growing tendency to disregard the use of compound words—that is, words connected by a hyphen—but the tendency is not to be commended in the interest of direct expression. There is a principle involved that the boy and girl should understand. Take, for example, the word "walking-stick." Written in the form here given—with the hyphen—the word is passive; that is to say, it is a stick with which or by the aid of which one walks, but if written as two words, "walking stick," the expression signifies a stick that walks. This difference in meaning is not an arbitrary one, but is strictly in accordance with the rules of our language. The hyphenated word, therefore, is always to be preferred in cases of this kind. The subject is worth study, and those who are interested would find of great value a book called "English Compound Words and Phrases," by Teall.—Chicago News.

Conundrums. Why is a man who has nothing to boast of but his ancestors like a potato plant? The best thing belonging to him is under ground. Why didn't the dog want to get into the ark? Because he has a bark of his own. What was it that was only four weeks old when Adam was a boy and not five weeks old when he was a man? The moon.

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