

THE PUBLIC FORUM

OBSERVATIONS. — A gentleman of leisure is a creature rotting in laziness.

The humiliation of woman, though sanctified by tradition, is a calamity, and those are poor specimens of manhood who disfavor her exemption from subjection.

Asserting that a duck can steer an aeroplane is not more preposterous than asserting that a pastor can lead souls to heaven.

Warring against capitalism is reasonable, for capitalism has introduced the warfare of the jungle into human existence.

A nation in arms is a nation in decadence.

Men of wealth laud patriotism. Why? Because it enables these greed-obsessed hogs to swindle the labor class.

He is unfit to be at large without a guardian who believes that the liberty of a poor man is the same as the liberty of a rich man.

Politicians beat their breasts at pious gatherings and make promises with the intention of breaking them.

Abandoning the religious world is a sensible action, for those engaged in the soul-saving game do not desire the exaltation of human nature.

The opportunity to be impish is limitless under the competitive system, hence defending the latter proves the existence of a demoniacal temperament.—Jupiter.

ON MERCER.—Readers and writers of The Public Forum ought to feel elated now that no less a personage than Christ himself is a fellow contributor. I have often thought if Christ were here in the flesh he would patronize The Day Book.

Florida truly is a wonderful state. That's where this former human being went to have his true identity revealed to him. I have some land down there, and I know from experience that Florida soil will grow al-

most anything in the vegetable and fruit line and an occasional nut. Even the climate down there will cause a man's imagination to grow sadly out of proportion to the realities.

He refers to John A. Dowie as having been Elijah, etc. John surely did love to play the role of Elijah and he made a financial success of it, too.

But when he departed this life he took the usual course we poor mortals do, whereas his predecessor of bible days went straight up.

I would suggest that a Day Book reporter be appointed to investigate this man (?) who surrounds himself with the halo of divinity. If he is the real Christ this long-suffering world ought to know about it.—Lyndon M. Hall, Maywood.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS. —

Apropos the preparedness program being so valiantly foisted upon us by the newspapers, I take the liberty of calling your attention to the following from the literature of the National Security league:

"According to official government reports there are barely 30,000 mobile troops in continental United States. These are distributed among 52 widely scattered posts, which would make it impossible to mobilize quickly at any given point. This small force is short of officers, ammunition and equipment. Furthermore, it has no organized reserve.

"Our national guard, coast defenses and our navy are inadequate," etc.

It occurs to me that after reading the above, any intelligent man would naturally conclude that it is not a question of how much money, but what have you done with what we have been giving you for years? The facts as presented by the National Security league give us basis for a claim for damages against our former officials. Somebody has been guilty of incompetence when we stop-