

**ENVIRONMENTS—
EFFECTS AND RESULTS**

As civilization advances, greater emphasis comes to be placed on the environment of plants and animals, as well as on the human race. For reasons that we all admit, plants, animals and humans will develop traits and characteristics according to the environment by which they are surrounded, and influenced.

Burbank said: "I have taken the common daisy and trained it and cultivated it by proper selection and environment until it has been increased in size, beauty and productiveness nearly four hundred fold; surround the child with the proper or improper environment to bring out certain qualities—be they for good or for evil, the results will surely come.

Therefore, when children grow to man and womanhood in communities of idlers, drunkards, gamblers and such like for generations past, is it any wonder that they feel hurt, grieved, insulted when someone tries to tell and teach them different by pointing out their follies.

They feel, and no doubt are ac-

tually sincere in their belief that it is their privileges and God-given right to go on in the future as they have in the past; therefore, resenting every effort and influence put in their way to have them change their ways.

But don't think for a minute that the influence of environment effect only the lower classes, if there are such. The fact of the matter is, we are all made of the same clay, and all are subject to the moulding done by environment surrounding us.

When we stop to think for how many generations, yes, centuries, a certain class of men and women have been surrounded by an environment of privilege, is it any wonder that they come to believe—and no doubt many of them honestly—themselves to be of better mud? While the only difference is in the moulding. The shaping and moulding of environment put men into high places and also kicked them off again, until some ruled and held away for so long that they honestly believed it to be their God-given privilege and duty to rule. The moulding influence of environment also had its effects and consequent

results on the common class of people, insofar as it shaped them into the submissive, can't be helped, don't disturb attitude.

But it also has its effects and results with a freedom-loving class of people. Man has discovered that, although environment cannot be made over, it can be so modified within limits so as to make life easier, richer and more worth the living in a material way. But in this country more than any other, the changes and modifications have been going on in a social way also.

We may ask when was such an environment planted on this soil? We will answer when the Pilgrims made their landing on the Rock. They were moulded by an environment that led them to believe in liberty of worship, which finally paved the way for liberty of government.

They, according to history, were moulded in an environment that led them to believe that "he that did not work should not eat." But along with them came also the other bunch that was shaped by the influence of an environment of different modifications.

They had been led to believe, and

no doubt, were sincere that it was not for them to work and produce anything of intrinsic value, but it was their privilege and duty to humanity to scheme and manipulate to live off the producers' back. Be that producer a farmer and his family or only a wage earning man and woman. It was a class of people that thought it a disgrace to really EARN anything; they preferred the word "MAKE", and not ask the question, "HOW?"

That class of people came and stayed, modified their own environment in such a way so as to increase their number. Not only has it increased their number, but the environment surrounding them has, no doubt, led them to believe it to be their God-given right to so manipulate things in such a way that they need not EARN anything but MAKE a fat living just the same.

We feel that the schemer and manipulator in the Grain Pit and its paraphernalia belong to the above class, and we feel sure also that they just as sincerely and honestly believe it to be their God-given right and duty to govern the grain and food markets as Kaiser Bill ever believed it to be his special privilege



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The above mentioned chunks of mud in human form have been able to greatly hamper the Pilgrims belief of freedom and man's duty to God, but thank to the Pilgrims planting of a well-rooted environment into a fertile soil, they have not been able to smother it.

Whenever the manipulator and schemer would feel safe and secure he would see those Pilgrim notions crop out in some other corner.

A few years ago it was the wage earners that receiver their bumps and blows, and now it is the queer notions of the farmer in general, but the Wheat Growers, especially, that gets the stench of their perfume.

Oliver Wendell Holmes was once asked when to begin to train a child; he answered, "begin with it's grandparents."

From that we may readily see why it was the grandchildren of the Pilgrims thought that "taxation without representation" was tyranny. The modified freedom-loving environment of the Pilgrims so influenced their grandchildren that they declared themselves free and to a certain extent ridged themselves of such taxation.

But that peculiar bunch of clay moulded by the egotistical environment that makes schemers, manipulators, gamblers and the like, was here too, and being environed as they were from childhood on with selfishness, greed and lust for power. They sincerely believed it to be their duty and right to tax but not give representation. When they saw that they were losing control of the situation, they would concede, first, this, then that, but always scheme to hold on to the main thing until they were forced to let go—partially.

Now is it any wonder when we, as actual Wheat Growers, were refused representation or consideration on the "Committee of 17,"—of which the "U. S. Grain Growers, Inc." has been the outcome—that we feel positive the Grain Pit is the "arch ma-

nipulator?"

Simmer it down to a fine point; does it not appear to you that it is a trick to make believe but not relieve? When they refuse to let bona-fide Wheat Growers be represented, but take on bankers, capitalists and what not; shall we not call it "taxation without representation?" If not, why not?

We all know how a White-faced or Angus male put on a given free range on the open prairie for any length of time, will try and succeed in having things his own way. They will go so far as to believe themselves as owners and dictators of all the prairies. Well, it can all be laid to the influence of their environment.

Environment has a wonderful effect and consequent results. We may also notice that among certain folks in certain western cow towns, that were such in the past.

But, Brother Wheat Grower, let us not accuse and condemn them, but rather call out with Stephen, "Lord, forgive them for they know not what they do."

So let us farmers take Holmes' advice and begin to train our grandchildren so that at least they may be free from the gambler and manipulator, the parasite on the back of producer and consumer alike, and enjoy the fruits of our efforts; as the Pilgrims declared they should be represented, let us see that they are represented.

—Geo. E. Ratzlaff,
Liberal, Oklahoma.

DULY SENTENCED

J. D. Messer, the Tyrone manufacturer of liquid enthusiasm and joy water, plead guilty yesterday morning before Judge Fritzt on two charges, that of manufacturing and selling illicitly manufactured liquor. The Judge very promptly fined him \$200 in each case and embellished the situation with a jail sentence of three months for each offense.—Guymon Tribune.

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