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IS IT WORTH WHILE?

What is the use of bothering so much with this Christmas business; we often hear people say. People who are educated, broad minded and capable of looking at things from all standpoints, think about there being so many unattractive things connected with Christmas. They think that the hurly-burly which always precedes the day of days is useless, they can see no good in the bushting of wrapping, labeling and distributing gifts and the thought of exchanging some little token with a friend or kin is obnoxious in its very suggestion.

If you have ever worked with those who are less fortunate at this time of the year, you can not help but change your ideas if they had been adverse to giving and making others happy. To see the deep sense of gratitude which wells up into the eyes of the old, the poor and the sick. This is no time for lengthy expressions or well chosen words to frame them and it gets at you down so deep that you would not be any more than able to speak, should the occasion demand an expression from you. And then—the little children, how they shriek with delight when they see the well filled stockings or the baskets bursting with goodies, coming to their house in the hands of some good fellow. They are too little to say much, they can not tell you how they feel and if they could you wouldn't want to hear it. Just one expression from their bright little eyes and a smile as only a child can give, don't you feel it taking hold of you in the same way, don't it seem worth while to you?

Yes it is worth while to make other people happy. You can make yourself happy by making others happy, but it is the only way to get upon which human beings can live. Where is the happiness of a man who lives straight to his mark, who has no efforts by willing to do good, who has the world, who has that which might be saved. As long as the world endures, we shall keep Christmas day and we shall give to make others happy for, in his words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

TAKING THE TARIFF OUT OF POLITICS.

George W. Perkins, with the keen foresight characteristic of our leading American business men, sees with admirable clearness that so soon as the war is over Europe's millions of men now in the army will go back into industrial life, and will find that the easiest, promptest method of building up the shattered industries of Europe will be to send us manufactured goods at prices so low that our own industries cannot compete with them.

"If this threatened condition arises, and it seems to me it is very likely to arise," says Mr. Perkins, "then our laboring men, our farmers and our business men will be up against a very serious industrial situation."

In this opinion Mr. Perkins is undoubtedly correct, and the case might well be stated even more emphatically. The natural conclusion to be drawn is that every effort possible should be exerted to unite into a strong, triumphant organization all citizens who believe in safeguarding our industries against the threatened onslaught of European competition in order to insure the election of a protectionist house, senate and president.

But, instead of this practical and patriotic service, Mr. Perkins draws the futile inference that what we need is "a permanent, expert, non-partisan tariff commission," and that having accomplished this the great boon will be won of "taking the tariff out of politics."

It is an idle dream to think that the tariff can be taken out of politics. If the country was all for protection or all for free-trade such a result might be brought about. But with the democratic party standing for a tariff for revenue only, and the republican party pledged to a protective tariff, how can he question be kept out of politics? Is it so soon as a democratic nominee runs for congress he attacks the tariff as the surest way of getting public attention. Will the fact that we have a tariff commission stop an American manufacturer or wage earner from working against the election of a tariff for revenue only democrat and for his republican opponent who advocates a continuance of the protection policy? or it must be remembered that it will be a congress and not a commission that will make our tariff laws, and business and working men will be just as content after a tariff commission is appointed as they were before that a majority of congress shall represent the business point of view.

The constitution provides that revenue laws shall originate in the house of representatives. Thus only by a

The Boy Problem

What the Grown-Ups Fail to Remember in Considering This Important Question

By JUDGE WILLIS BROWN

The church of today is built up of a membership secured by abnormal births into the kingdom of heaven. Billy Sunday is the great exponent of this religious mid-wifery. "Ye must be born again" is a message that calls to men who, by sin and selfwill, have lost their original birthright. It is not a message for childhood.

Boys do not need to be saved. They are saved. The appeal, "save the boy," is the stereotyped appeal of sentimentality. It was to adults that Christ said, "Unless ye become as little children, ye cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." Christendom today, in its creedish theology, reverses the message and says to children, "Unless ye become as adults in the church, ye cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." One sure thing — not until boys become conscious that they are lost and need saving, will there be any saving of them by adults.

Every man's life, and his views of life, are tinged by experience. The possession of facts connected with unholy living may brand a man with desires which, though not yielded to, preclude him from being wholly clean in thought. All men are biased; life's experiences and struggles have so warped them. Boys are not. I would rather trust a case of mine to the judgment of a jury of boys than of men; I think more of the personal opinion of a boy.

Boys are suppressed and submerged by men and women. Most of the juvenile delinquency, whether it be in the home, in the school, or against the common laws, is the outcropping of a boy's desire to "do something on his own hook."

Boys have a lot of steam. Some go forward; others back up. It is not a question of suppressing the steam, but directing it into the right valve. Suppressing the steam with the fire box blazing results in an explosion and the destruction of the engine. Most boys have been harmed by repression; none by direction of the energy which is humanity's steam.

Work which is the most delightful function of our being, and achievement which is the satisfying reward of effort, is used by adults as a method of punishment and as illustration of the burdens of life. Idleness, aimless gossip, amusement, release from study or from effort, are employed as rewards for those children who will consent to perform some of the tasks of life and duty. Is it surprising that

constitutional amendment, which is extremely difficult to secure, could a commission "take the tariff out of politics." But even then it could not keep it out, for the tariff schedules adopted by the commission were not satisfactory to any portion of our people; those schedules would immediately become a campaign issue, and a candidate for congress or the presidency would be elected or defeated on the promise of upholding or upsetting the tariff commission responsible for the tariff. So, instead of having the tariff in politics as a fundamental question of national policy, we would have the tariff commission in politics, with the members of the commission scheming and intriguing to reelect the man who would retain them in office and fighting to defeat the man who would replace them with appointees holding a different view on the tariff. The fact is that so long as a protective tariff is necessary to national welfare and prosperity it will remain a political question, important of all political questions, whether the framing of tariff schedules remains, as at present, solely the prerogative of congress or is turned over to the arbitrary control of an autocratic commission.

Mr. Perkins says that "we need, and need quickly, a permanent, expert, nonpartisan tariff commission," and "this should be given to use this winter." What kind of an "expert, nonpartisan" tariff commission would be given to us this winter? It might be possible for Mr. Wilson to find some able men who are non-partisan in a political sense—that is, men who are "impartially and dispassionately neutral" so far as party organization is concerned, or who are willing to size up the drift of things before affiliating with any party, but he could not find any non-partisan so far as the tariff is concerned. They would either be for protection or against it, and who can doubt that the members of a tariff commission "given to us this winter" by Woodrow Wilson, though they might be "non-partisan" so far as political alignment is concerned, would be safely and certainly "partisan" so far as the tariff is concerned?

How long could the tariff be kept out of politics if we had a tariff commission composed of men who were determined to perpetuate such an "accomplishment" as the Underwood-Simmons law?

Would Mr. Perkins submit to it, or any other American business man? The fact that so many, including Mr. Perkins himself, are fighting that law and working for its overthrow shows that the tariff cannot be kept out of politics so long as the leading parties of the country hold tenaciously to such conflicting opinions as to what the American tariff policy should be.—Thomas O. Marvin, the Protectionist.

IOWA'S HORSES. The horses of Iowa exceed in value

those tasks should appear hard and disagreeable?

The great need in the boy world is to popularize work and achievement — to popularize fraternalism in its practical aspects — as men and women do. Popularize the Sunday school and boys will delight in it. Offer things to boys in a bigger way; put them in big games, that carry responsibility. I have had the direction of a thousand boys in a Boy City, and they more nearly approach perfection in morals and discipline than did the members of a near by camp of twenty boys overseen by two men who considered it their duty to guard and watch over the boys and boss them around. I am continually amazed at the small, rather than large, number of boys who "go wrong" according to our grown up standards of conduct.

Boys are really more desirous of joining the church than are men to have them join. But church membership is so weighed with gravity, it is made so solemn, it is assumed to be so much of a man's affair, that boys are apprehensive of it and once in it, find little of comfort or satisfaction in its activities. They find living a little too serious which is altogether designed as preparation for another world that they regard as pretty far distant. Yet boys are more religious than girls, as they are more charitable and basically more honest. And no girl is more sentimental than is a boy between fourteen and eighteen years old.

Boys are not miniature or junior men, any more than a caterpillar is a junior butterfly. It would be about as intelligent to glue a pair of wings on a caterpillar and call it a young butterfly as to endeavor to instill into a boy the experience and the viewpoint of manhood and treat him as a man in miniature.

I know a lot of people who are trying to solve the great Boy Problem; I didn't discover it, nor could I monopolize it. But it seems to me that those who go about declaring they have found a solution in any particular formula are men who have forgotten they ever were boys or women who never were kids.

Boys are just boys, who know about as much as men knew, who feel as men felt, who have dreams such as men dreamed when the men of today were the boys of the past. The Boy Problem only begins to unfold itself when we grown ups try to remember. (Copyright, 1915, by the National Editorial Service.)

the farm crops in any one of thirty-seven states, namely: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Nevada, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. It is also true that Iowa horses are more valuable than the cotton crop of any one state in the union.

THE BOY PROBLEM. On this page today is a special editorial by Judge Willis Brown who deals with "The Boy Problem." The author was first judge of the Utah state juvenile courts and of the parental court of Gary, Ind.; founder of "Boy City" for the advancement of moral and educational proceedings for children; chairman of the national youth achievement committee; and president of the national league for wholesome motion pictures. As such he should be considered qualified to deal with his chosen topic.

The man who drinks is finding it harder every year to get a job. And he gets more practice, too, because he doesn't hold on to one very long any more. Employers don't want drinkers around. They are unsafe.

Our people should be taught to be more thrifty and saving, and this to a large extent would solve the question of increased cost of living.—Governor Brewer of Mississippi.

If Ottumwa keeps on growing in 1916 like it did during the latter part of 1915, 1917 will find several thousands more people living here than are here now.

There are numerous laws that work injustice in isolated cases, but as long as they remain on the statute books, they are laws and should be obeyed.

Among your New Year's resolutions include one about not having any fires due to carelessness.

MORE WORK FOR BANKS.

Council Bluffs, Dec. 25.—With the closing of the saloons here January 1 it is possible that an arrangement will be made whereby Council Bluffs banks will be kept open so that workmen's weekly pay checks may be cashed. Each Saturday the twenty-nine saloons here have been in the habit of cashing thousands of dollars' worth of pay checks for laboring men.

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EVERYBODY WANTS GRAVEL ROADS NOW

HIGHWAY COMMISSION FINDS THAT WORK IS BEING DONE IN EVERY COUNTY.

Des Moines, Dec. 25.—A wave of gravel road building enthusiasm is sweeping Iowa, says the bulletin of the state highway commission. Nearly every county in the state has some project or other on for placing gravel upon main traveled roads leading to and from towns and market places.

Work on the experimental miles at Spirit Lake and Rockwell City have made good progress. There will be no more construction work at Spirit Lake until next spring. Work at Rockwell City probably will continue during good weather. The Dubuque-Dyersville post road is at the half way point and will continue there practically all winter.

Polk county has made a start on her ambitious program for graveling the 190 miles of her county road system. The work of placing gravel began the third week in October and one-quarter mile has been finished to date.

Muscatine has started work on graveling a stretch of the road to Burlington. Eagle Grove business men and farmers have already raised a good sum for graveling main roads leading into that city, totaling eight miles. "Travel on gravel" is the slogan in use there. Goldfield residents are assured of some fifteen miles of graveling this fall and winter as a result of contributions of money and hauling totaling some 3,600 loads of gravel.



JEFF SAYS

Now that Christmas is over and Ottumwa has made a good job of it, let everybody get in the game to make all kinds of business in 1916 as big as we can. We are all pullin' together here — lean up agin' the collar.

ELDON SCHOOLS IN SPEAKING CONTEST

HIGHER PUPILS TAKE PART IN EFFORT TO WIN DECLAMATORY PRIZES.

Eldon, Dec. 25.—The high school declamatory contest which was held at the opera house last evening was quite a success. The pieces were all given well and well applauded. The Eldon high school band furnished the music, which was as good as you could ask for. They had a nice sized audience but not as large as should turn out at this kind of an entertainment.

Miss Rella Kriese who gave "The Lady Across the Aisle," in a manner pleasing to all who heard her, won the first prize in the humorous class, a gold medal and the honor of representing the Eldon high school in the sub-district contest to be held in the spring. Miss Kriese is a very plain speaker, making everyone hear what she says, and certainly has a great talent, which should be trained along this line. This is the second contest she has won here.

Miss Alice Stanton in the dramatic class won the second prize in giving "The Story of Patsy." Miss Stanton is a very able and capable speaker and renders her selections so every one is capable of understanding her which is a very good asset. The other contestants gave their selections well and should be highly praised for their good work.

TRIAL DEVELOPES SENSATIONAL CASE

Newton, Dec. 25.—The trial of Lou Sherman, charged with fraudulent banking, developed sensational disclosures here in the testimony of Frank Sherman, a brother of Lou, who is also under an indictment on a similar charge. They were arrested in connection with the failure of the Sully bank which failed a few months ago and paid but 30c on the dollar to depositors. Lou owned the bank \$69,000 when it closed according to the testimony of Frank Sherman, whose testimony took up most of the afternoon yesterday. The capital of the bank was \$7,500. On the stand Sherman was reluctant to answer questions and asked he be given the right to refuse to answer on the grounds of privilege. This was denied because he had already testified before the grand jury. Sherman testified that he accepted a hundred shares of mausoleum stock from his brother in ex-

change for \$36,000 in notes. The stock proved worthless. The defense produced witnesses who testified that the money lent Lou was given in good faith and he thought the security good.

WATERLOO POOR BEING MADE HAPPY

Waterloo, Dec. 25.—Yesterday and today the Good Fellows made their 31st annual distribution of Christmas cheer to the poor children of the city. The response to the appeal for cash, clothing and provisions was unusually generous. Between \$700 and \$800 in cash was contributed, the Elks lodge giving a check for \$100. Several hundred dollars worth of clothing, shoes and provisions was given to the club by people of Waterloo and nearby towns.

Investigators found conditions among the poor vastly improved over last year, due to more general employment. The Good Fellow packages contained underwear, stockings, shoes, candy, nuts, fruit, dolls and toys. The Salvation Army furnished Christmas dinners.

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The Woman's World with a circulation of over two million copies each month, has been selected for this offer by reason of its splendid stories of interest to young and old alike. The illustrations are the best that money can buy. In its columns there is an atmosphere of high moral standard, uplifting and educational.

The Boys' Magazine has won its way into the hearts of the American Boy through stories by editors (men) who have not forgotten that they were once boys. It teaches the boys how to keep a clean and clear mind and body; coaches them in sports and athletics. You will enjoy the stories by Walter Camp, one of the editors, and whom every boy tries to emulate for his keen knowledge of football and athletics — he was the famous football player.

The Poultry Item is unquestionably the best among poultry journals. Each issue is an improvement over the preceding one. There are regular departments on rearing, feeding, mating, housing, health and disease, exhibiting, etc. Practical—sensible—helpful information. The largest poultry journal published, 84 to 200 pages monthly. Printed in the largest poultry publishing house in the United States.

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FIND KEYS TO ALL MAIL BOXES IN CITY

Sioux City, Dec. 25.—Among the stolen plunder found in the home of Leo Chase, confessed principal in more than fifty burglaries here in the last year, is a set of keys stolen from Frank Mosher, in charge of the Morningside postoffice station. The theft of the keys necessitated the changing of the lock on every street mail box in Sioux City.

Three dry loads have been hauled from the residence of Chase to the police station. The plunder exceeds in value \$10,000. It includes among other things, sixty-four jeweled rings already inventoried by the police. Twelve suitcases of plunder are yet unopened.

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LAUNDRYMAN DIES FROM AWFUL BURNS

Muscatine, Dec. 25.—Clarence Schaefer is dead, after suffering excruciating pain from the result of burns. After four days of constant battling for his life, during which the young man displayed a courage and fortitude that was remarkable, he succumbed to the terrible injuries received when he was frightfully scalded by steam in the Schaefer laundry. He was trying to remove the cap from a steam trap when the cap blew off and the young man was enveloped in a cloud of scalding steam. He called to his father, who removed his clothes and applied first aid remedies. The young man was removed to his home

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