

TRUE STORY WITH A MORAL.

They Are Not Scarce, But This One Is Well Worth Learning.

"There are thousands and thousands of drummers in the country," said the man from Boston, "and while only two of them are known to be prevaricators, their conduct is a smirch on the whole body of men. I am going to relate a curious circumstance, and while I know that I shall not be believed I yet feel it my duty to give the story to my fellow men on account of the moral connected with it."

Everybody put on a grave face and prepared to listen, and after clearing his throat the Bostonian continued:

"Five years ago I was eating dinner at a Chicago restaurant. Just as I rose up I put a \$10 gold piece in my mouth to hand to the waiter. At that minute a drummer for a New York leather house came up and slapped me on the back and I swallowed the gold. I consulted a physician and he said nothing could be done. In fact, he advised me not to do anything, as it would turn me into a sort of gold-cure in case I ever took to drink."

There were winks and nods and knowing looks, but the relator had truth on his side and there wasn't a tremor in his voice as he went on:

"Last week I was in New York. I entered a restaurant for a good meal, but before sitting down I felt for my boodle. It was missing. I had been robbed on a subway train. Gentlemen, I was hungry, homeless and penniless. Just as the situation dawned on me and my blood began to run cold, that same leather house man, now connected with a hymnbook establishment, come up and slapped me on the back as before. That \$10 gold piece flew from my mouth and struck the wall and I was saved. That's all."

"But the moral to it?" was asked. "Yes, it is the moral. Gentlemen, the moral is, never despair. No matter how dark the situation or with what troubles you are surrounded, you cannot tell at what moment you may cough up \$10 and walk in sunshine again. Try it and take no other."

An Island of Massacres.

Hayti, the West Indian island, to which public attention has just recently been directed, has been the scene of more massacres than any other place on earth.

They began with the coming of Columbus and the rabble rout that followed him. In a few years its 3,000,000 of gentle, brown-skinned inhabitants had perished utterly, exterminated by fire and sword and by forced labor in the mines.

Next the buccaneers seized the unhappy island and wreaked vengeance on the Spaniards. Presently came the French, and for a brief space there was some semblance of peace. But in 1793 the negroes revolted and murdered practically all the whites.

On account of these atrocities, frightful reprisals took place when France, in due course, reconquered the island. But the negroes bided their time, and presently rose again under a ruffian named Dessalines. This time they did the thing thoroughly. Not only were all the Europeans put to death, but all having any admixture of white blood in their veins suffered a like fate. In all it is computed that 5,000,000 men, women and children have met with violent deaths on this island of massacres since the intruding white man first set foot on its palm-fringed strand.

Ready to Open an Account.

"Please write your name on that line," said the bank teller, pushing a book and a pen toward the old woman. "Do yez want me to sign me first name?" she asked, as she took the pen.

"Yes, your full name and middle initial, if you have any."

"Do yez want me husband's name?" "Yes, his last name, but your own first name."

"Oh, me name before I was married?"

"No, your given name—Ellen, or Bridget—"

"Sure, but me name is naythur wan o' thim!"

"Well, what is it, then?"

"Sure, it's Mary."

"Very well. There are others waiting in the line, so please hurry and write your name."

"Wan minute. Do yez want the 'Mrs.'?"

"No, never mind that. Now, go ahead."

"Sure, I'd do that, honest, I would; but, you see, sor, I can't write!"—Success.

At Commencement Time.

A small sectarian university in the south had finally succeeded in obtaining the presence of a well-known bishop to grace its commencement exercises.

"Now that we have you here, bishop," announced the president of the institution as he greeted the honored guest, "we are going to give you a degree. What will you have?"

"What have you got?" inquired the bishop, with a sly twinkle.

"We have D. D., S. T. D., LL. D. and D. C. L. You may take your choice."

"Well," answered the bishop, "I think you may make it D. C. L. I have fewer of those than I have of the others."—Harper's Weekly.

Blessing Fies.

"And will you give us your blessing?" asked the eloping bride, returning to the parental roof.

"Freely," replied the old man. "No trouble about the blessing, but board and lodging will be at regular rates."—The United Presbyterian.

THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL.

Centralization of Wealth Threatens the Nation's Integrity.

The capitalist system of private ownership has resulted in practically abolishing the possibility of private ownership for the great majority of the people.

One-tenth of our population already owns nine-tenths of the wealth. The centralization of the control of property is increasing with a rapidity that threatens the integrity of the nation. The average of wages, the certainty of employment, the social privileges and independence of the wage earning and agricultural population, when compared with the increase of the wealth and social production, are steadily and rapidly decreasing.

With every increase of power and concentration of wealth the educated and professional class is forced more and more into dependence upon the capitalist. Our teachers, professors, speakers, newspaper editors and writers and all professional men are more and more at the mercy of the capitalist system and brought into abject dependence. Thus the educated proletariat ever increases.

Money making is not a matter of education.

And wealth, usually expressed by money, is now god. It is by the distribution of part of this wealth that the rich man gets his dangerous powers. It is the monopoly of that which all want—some of which all must have—that makes his power so fearful.

The big grafter (or his heir) writes his check and he gets all the good or bad things his heart desires. He gets adulation, professional skill, wine and women, paragraphs in the newspapers and the disposal of political places.

Under such conditions it is only natural that money has become the root of all evil. Wealth being the greatest social power, it naturally is the worst of all social temptations. Our present economic system creates grafters, criminals, thieves and prostitutes.

A CLEARER LINEUP.

Near Future Will See Capitalism Arayed Against Socialism.

Most people probably who have given the matter any thought expect that the political lineup in this country in the near future will be capitalism against Socialism. The late Senator Hanna predicted as much, and he was regarded as a wise political forecaster. But as to whether the Democratic party will succeed the Socialist party as the party of Socialism or not belongs to the realm of speculation, and each one is entitled to his guess. As for us, it is a matter of some indifference as to how Socialism is brought about, providing the way is the most direct that social evolution will permit of. But if it comes through the Democratic party, then all we can say is that the Socialists will have to clean up that party as they have cleaned up the organized labor movement.

The idea of two parties, one Socialist and the other capitalistic, is abroad also in England. Only recently the Tory leader, Mr. Balfour, made an address in which he said: "The old patriotic liberalism of former days is vanishing. Only two parties will remain, the party of Unionism (this is the name of the party composed of Conservatives and former Liberals who broke away from their old party) and social reform and the party of social change."

Wealth For the Few.

A careful analysis of the census of 1900 shows that 256,251 persons possessed at that time \$67,000,000,000 out of a total of \$95,000,000,000, given as our then national wealth. Reduced to percentages, this would show three-tenths of 1 per cent of our population as possessing 71 per cent of the nation's wealth in 1900. The same causes which brought about this continued increase of wealth concentration have, moreover, been operating with ever increasing velocity during recent years, and it would be only fair to presume that the increase in wealth concentration since 1900 has been as great as during the ten years preceding, which would, then, give 1 per cent or less than 1 per cent of our population as now possessing 90 per cent of our entire national wealth of some \$106,000,000,000.—Henry Laurens Call.

Equal Opportunity.

In regard to the political form Socialists demand the rule of the people—i. e., democracy. In regard to the economic sphere and the spirit which shall manifest itself in this form and give life to it they demand Socialism—that is, the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution.

Thus we shall have Social-Democracy—a democracy which is founded on economic independence, upon the political and industrial equality of opportunity for all.

Socialism.

Socialism implies that the individuals who make up society should in their collective capacity possess all the instruments of production and thus prevent the evils arising from the present industrial system. It requires that the process of production and distribution should be regulated not by competition, with self interest for the moving principle, but by society as a whole for the good of society.—Palgrave's "Dictionary of Political Economy."

Do Your Part.

Say, really, now, neighbor, if you believe in Socialism, wouldn't you like to have that comfortable feeling that comes to him who knows he is doing his part, however small it may be, contributing his small mite to make easier the attainment of the Socialist aims? Join the party.

OFFICIAL CALL

At a meeting of the democratic state central committee held in the city of Helena on the 11th day of April, 1908, it was ordered that a democratic state convention be called to meet in the city of Anaconda, Montana, at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, September 8, 1908, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

Three electors of president and vice president of the United States.

A representative in congress.

A governor.

A lieutenant governor.

An associate justice of the supreme court.

A secretary of state.

A state treasurer.

A state auditor.

An attorney general.

A superintendent of public instruction.

Three railroad commissioners, one for two, four and six years.

Also to elect a democratic state central committee and chairman thereof.

The representation for the convention has been apportioned among the several counties as follows: The basis being one delegate for each 50 votes or major fraction thereof cast for Hon. T. J. Walsh for candidate for congress in 1906. Also six additional delegates at large from each county, irrespective of the vote cast.

The several county central committees of the democratic party in the various counties of the state will take such steps as may be necessary to hold the primaries and conventions at such times and places as may be convenient in order to comply with the above.

MEMBERSHIP OF CONVENTION

Beaverhead.....	19
Broadwater.....	15
Carbon.....	18
Cascade.....	35
Custer.....	12
Chouteau.....	14
Dawson.....	11
Deer Lodge.....	34
Fergus.....	26
Flathead.....	31
Gallatin.....	30
Granite.....	14
Jefferson.....	19
Lewis and Clark.....	39
Madison.....	25
Meagher.....	10
Missoula.....	29
Park.....	24
Powell.....	15
Ravalli.....	21
Rosebud.....	9
Silver Bow.....	107
Sweet Grass.....	9
Sanders.....	11
Teton.....	12
Valley.....	12
Yellowstone.....	18
Total.....	619

The state central committee has adopted the following standing rules for the government of the convention:

First—Delegates and alternate delegates shall be democratic residents of the county they represent.

Second—In the absence of a delegate his alternate shall cast his vote.

Third—In the absence of a delegate and his alternate, a majority of the delegation of that county shall be entitled to cast the vote of the absentee.

Fourth—In case any county shall be without representation, either by delegate or alternate, such county shall not be entitled to vote.

Fifth—In the preliminary organization of the convention the unit rule shall not prevail, but the vote of each delegate shall be counted in accordance with his views.

By order of the democratic state central committee.

DAVID G. BROWNE,
Chairman.

HARVEY BLISS,
Secretary.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Glendive Gun Club offers a reward of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person violating in Dawson County, the game laws of the state of Montana. (Signed.) Glendive Gun Club.

Tickets for the various attractions at the Opera House during the present season may be obtained at Burk's Postoffice Confectionery, where the plat of the Opera House will be kept, previous to performances.

Wonderland Itinerary

Following is the itinerary of this splendid trip from Gardiner, the entrance to the Park:

FIRST DAY. Leave Gardiner at 12 M. arrive at Swan Lake (formerly Willow Park) at 3:30 P. M. Tourists arriving in Gardiner on the afternoon special about 5 P. M. are taken to Swan Lake the same evening if they desire.

SECOND DAY. Leave Swan Lake at 7:00 A. M. arrive at Gibbon Lunch Station at 12 M. Leave Gibbon Lunch Station at 1:30 P. M. arrive at Upper Geyser Basin at 5:30 P. M.

THIRD DAY. Spent in viewing geysers with guide.

FOURTH DAY. Leave Upper Geyser Basin 7 A. M., arrive at Thumb Lunch Station 12 M. Leave Thumb Lunch Station 1:30 P. M., arrive at Lake Camp 4:30 P. M.

FIFTH DAY. Leave Lake Camp 7:30 A. M., arrive at Canyon Camp, 11:45 A. M. View Yellowstone Canyon balance of the day.

SIXTH DAY. Leave Canyon Camp 7:30 A. M., arrive at Swan Lake for lunch at 12 M. Leave Swan Lake Camp at 3:45 P. M., arrive at Gardiner at 5:30 P. M. Leave Gardiner on train 7:15 P. M.

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