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THE SIMPLER LIFE ADVOCATE.

Such a Life Only Requires the Common Things of Life.

The Rev. Charles Wagner, a British clergyman, recently published a work on "The Simple Life." He is now in America upon the lecture platform, emphasizing his printed utterances. The Simple Life—what does it mean? A life lived from within. A mind and will that receives live impulses from inner promptings to right living, and are not swayed and tossed about by things from without. Such a life requires only the common things and does not harbor envy, the curse of most of the race. The doctrine of simple living has been advocated from earliest times. Philosophers, down to the present year of grace, have sought to inculcate its beauty and the happiness in store for those who practiced their theories. Some, in attempting its practice, have secluded themselves in monastic institutions, as if to shut out the influence of exterior objects and have by so doing proceeded to the rigors of bodily humiliation and hunger. Others have become hermits in the wilds. These have chosen to flee the sight of dangers rather than with a calm mind face the worst that an evil world could produce. There is a rational, a sane simple life. The person who cultivates the simple life need not take up a course of scholastic training therefor. Conditions are always at hand and it needs only a resolute mind to enter its practice. This hour, this moment, you can begin it, if your life has been other than simple. Has your conduct in the past been unnatural, begin to act natural by searching your own heart for the truth. Are you individually fond of displaying your talents or person, resolve to avoid such. Do you think your neighbor is more favored than you, closely examine your situation and learn that you have all requirements to make you comfortable and happy. Are you emotional and do you find yourself possessing an uncontrolled temper. Think before you speak, and if the word shaft you are about to hurl is pointed with poison, replace it in your quiver, or better still, break it. The faculty of forgetfulness has its uses, and when allowed to work, its perfect labor blots out the acerbities of

life and unloosen man, eventually, from the tyranny of undue emotions. There is a calmness of mind which can be built up by practice of the homely virtues. But, first "know thyself." Knowing yourself, your limitations and environment, practice faith, hope, charity. Emulate these virtues for the love of them and avoid ostentation. Poverty has its uses as well as has riches. But the vulgar displays of our rags is to be deprecated as much as the gaudy parade of fashionable garments. What the world may say of one deters many a good man from acting his true self. A decent regard for the opinions of one's neighbors should always be had, but the ear that is alert for gossip affecting its owner hears no good thing to bring real happiness.

The boy or girl from the farm who goes to school in the city and who on returning to his or her rural home attempts to pattern or ape, if you please, the manners of affected city snobs has gotten into the wrong road. The beauty of naturalness outshines affection even as the sun overwhelms the tallow candle. This does not mean, however, that in seeking to be cultivated one should not emulate the virtues possessed by others.

A panacea for the evil of unnatural living is a study of nature's forms. There is no need to tell you that all her ways are orderly. Each tree, plant and stone is true to its own class. Silently and without ostentation each performs the function assigned to it by the Creator.

Live, if possible, the simple life for the love of it. There is no other avenue by which to reach a state so much desired by men whose hearts ring true.

The Live Stock Industry.

Very few people have any idea of the magnitude of the live stock industry of the United States. If shown, by official government count, that the horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep and goats in the United States number more than 220,000,000 head, and that their value is according to the same authority, more than \$3,200,000,000 (see twelfth census of the United States), the figures would have very little attraction or meaning to the majority of readers. But when told, in addition thereto, that these animals would make a solid column of more than eighty-nine abreast reaching from San Francisco to Boston, or,

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if placed in single file, a solid procession that would reach nearly ten times around the earth; and, further, that their value exceeds the total combined value of all the corn, wheat and other cereals, potatoes, hay, cotton, sugar, molasses, tobacco, lumber, wool, coal, petroleum, silver, gold and precious stones, iron, copper, lead, zinc and other metals produced annually in the whole country, then perhaps some adequate conception may be formed concerning the magnitude and importance of the live stock industry of the United States.

No Place For Idiots.

A circular has been distributed among the members of the house of representatives urging the expulsion of Congressman Hefflin of Alabama. He is accused of having alluded in a speech delivered at Tuskegee to President Roosevelt's entertainment of Booker Washington at the White House, in the following language: "There they sat, Roosevelt and Washington, and if some Czolgoz or one of his kind had thrown a bomb under the table no great harm would have been done the country." And he is further charged with having said in the same speech when referring to the lynching of negroes at Statesville, Ga., that it was "the sending off of a few more Republicans singing 'Nearer, My God to Thee.'"

The circular charges that the first remark was calculated to incite attempts on the life of the president, and that the second was a brutal endorsement of the assassination of McKinley. Hefflin claims that these remarks were intended to be taken as a joke. But if congress will expel him for it, that will be a good deal better joke. The house should not be made an asylum for idiots.

A Hard-Headed Farmer.

"Miss Minnie Bertha Learned will now give us some very interesting experiments in chemistry, showing the carboniferous character of many ordinary substances, after which she will entertain us with a short treatise on astronomy, and an illustration of certain substances, and close with a brief essay entitled, 'Philosophy vs. Rationalism.'" Thus spoke the president of a young ladies' seminary on the class-show day.

A hard-headed, old-fashioned farmer happened to be among the examining board, and he electrified the faculty, and paralyzed Miss Minnie by asking:

"Kin Miss Minnie tell me how much sixteen and three-fourths pounds of beef would come to if fifteen and a half cents a pound?"

"Why, really, I—I—", gasped Miss Minnie.

"Kin you tell me who is the Vice-President of the United States?"

"Why—I—I—Mr. B—, isn't he? Or is it—"

"Kin you tell me where the Mississippi River rises and sets?"

"I—I—don't just know."

"I reckoned ye didn't. Gimme the good old days when gals and boys went to school to learn sense."

Fewer Soldiers in Parade.

Washington, D. C., 14.—Lieutenant General Chaffee, who will be grand marshal of the inaugural parade, has announced that the parade will be much shorter than in previous years:

"My idea is the people will enjoy the affair a great deal more if the parade is shorter and composed of organizations of prominence or distinction," said General Chaffee. "Four years ago, I believe, the state of Pennsylvania alone sent something like fifteen thousand troops. This is all very well, but some worthy little organization has to wait until the great mass of troops has passed in review before it gets an opportunity to show itself. The inaugural ball will be held on the evening of Saturday, March 4, in the pension office. The orchestra will play 'Home Sweet Home' at midnight, and there will be no dancing after that hour.

—Make Holiday purchases early, thus avoiding rush, and obtaining better selections. See our nice line Neckwear and Suspenders. G. J. Wolfinger.

TWO PICTURES.

I.
An old farmhouse with meadows wide,
And sweet with clover on each side;

A bright-eyed boy, who looks from out
The door with woodbine wreathed about.

And wishes this one thought all day:
"O! If I could but fly away
From this dull spot the world to see,

How happy, happy, happy,
How happy I should be."

II.

Amid the city's constant din,
A man who round the world has been,
Who, 'mid tumult and the throng,
Is thinking, thinking all day long;

"O! could I only tread once more
The field path to the farmhouse door,
The old green meadow could I see,

How happy, happy, happy,
How happy I should be."

More About The Bill.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Beveridge, Dillingham, Nelson, Dick, Burnham and Kean, republicans reported the statehood bill. Bate, Newlands and Patterson, democrats, will make a minority report. Clark, Arkansas, democratic, favors two states of the four territories. Bate moved to recommit. The minority will report after the holidays. Five million dollars is given to the schools of New Mexico and Arizona, besides large increase of the public lands; prohibits liquor traffic in Indian Territory for ten years. The new states shall never restrict suffrage on account of race, color or previous conditions. The government decided to review the Dr. Boyd appeal case in the supreme court. Childers will remain attorney till this case is passed on by the supreme court, otherwise he would step out on march 14th.

Andrews was given a warm reception on the floor of the house by the Pennsylvania delegation, who jokingly said that Pennsylvania has a thirty-third member and that New Mexico has thirty-three votes and with New York's thirty-seven, makes seventy votes for anything New Mexico wants.

FROM RODEY

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Beveridge has just reported the joint statehood bill and gave notice to take it up this afternoon. It gives us \$5,000,000 cash and 24,000,000 acres of land for schools.

Increased appropriation for the convention, and to the election expense \$150,000. Only two representatives. All the state officers must speak English. There are minor verbal changes in the house bill. I congratulate the people of both territories for I consider the bill a great blessing and think it will pass. Senator Bard moved to leave out New Mexico and Arizona.

B. S. RODEY.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1905 Almanac.

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Van Valkenburgh-Bailey.

Married—At the Methodist parsonage in Raton, New Mexico, November 15, 1904, by Rev. A. P. Morrison, Rev. Henry Van Valkenburgh of Raton, and Miss Myrtle Bailey of Mesilla, New Mexico. The marriage ceremony

was performed in the presence of a few friends and the talented young pastor and his fair bride quietly took possession of their new home, which by many kind hands had been put in the most inviting condition. The new occupants of the parsonage will be at home to their congregation and friends at any time, and the church anticipates for this splendid young couple a successful record in their chosen work.

Raton is to be congratulated on the accession to its numbers of two such well trained and competent Christian workers, who no doubt will find willing minds and concentrated hearts on every hand.—Raton Range.

POPULAR VOTE IS ANNOUNCED

New York Paper Arrived at the Final Result.

New York, Dec. 13.—The Times says:

A canvass by the Times of the popular vote of the last election is complete, except as to one county in Tennessee and four counties in Michigan, for which estimates are given, showing that president Roosevelt defeated judge Parker by 2,346,169. He polled the largest vote ever given for a president of the United States, 7,640,590. This is more than 400,000 in excess of the vote cast for McKinley in 1900. The official figures for Missouri show that Roosevelt carried that state by 25,000 votes.

A comparison with the vote table of 1900 shows a marked change in the Socialist vote. Debs, the candidate of the party that year, was also the candidate this year and his vote shows an increase of more than 300,000. Watson, the Populist candidate, ran strongest in his own state, Georgia, where he received 22,635 votes.

The total vote is given as 13,534,119, and that for each of the presidential candidates is given as follows:

Roosevelt, Republican, 7,640,590.

Parker, Democrat, 5,094,391.

Debs, Socialist, 392,858.

Swallow, Prohibition, 248,411.

Watson, Populist, 124,381.

Corigan, Socialist-Labor, 33,519.

The electoral vote will be 236 for Roosevelt and 140 for Parker.

"Don't be a Tenderfoot."

"What is the use of putting up with a very ineffective and very expensive kind of 'ad,' when you can get better results for less money and get quicker action on your investment by putting your 'ad' in a good newspaper? 'Don't be a tenderfoot! Don't be a Mr. E. Z. Mark! Figure the whole thing out on the basis of the cost per thousand families reached. If you don't know how to figure, take a vacation until you learn how."

"The man who can't figure closely has no business to be in business. He will succeed better as a 'quitter.'"

The Optic has long advocated a law requiring the county treasurers to give trust-company bonds instead of personal bonds and to deposit the funds in their care in designated banks which shall pay interest on the same. The consequent revenue could be used in part to meet the expense of the officials' bonds. Such a system would provide proper protection for the public funds.—Las Vegas Optic.

The newly elected officials of Otero county will all furnish trust company bonds.

The Year's Corn Crops.

The year's production of corn breaks all records, the official report of the government experts showing that the total yield will be 2,453,000,000 bushels. And every bushel of this will be needed to supply our enormous domestic demand, with some left over for export to less fortunate countries. Corn is indeed king and never did its cereal crown set so firmly as at this very time.

Judge Baker's Successor.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The president has sent the following nominations to the senate:

Associate justice of the supreme court for the territory of New Mexico, Ira A. Abbott of Massachusetts.

The nominee for the position of justice of the supreme court of New Mexico is named to succeed judge Baker, who was removed for alleged carelessness in enforcing the Sunday law and in the drawing of juries.



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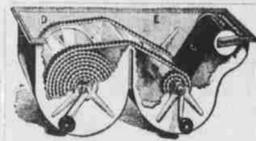
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