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A LIFE FOR A LIFE. Is the single life the only successful one?

President-elect Taft considers the old maid existence the ideal one. To Atlanta normal school pupils he said:

"I think that the secret of most domestic infelicity is in the fact that young women think that unless they are married their lives are not a success. As a matter of fact, I think the reverse is exactly true."

Mr. Taft is a good "Jollier." To pupils in a school of technology he says the world's greatest men are its engineers; to law students he says that the law is the noblest of professions; to divinity students he says that the ministry is the highest calling.

Unfortunately, his remarks on the advisability of remaining unmarried seem to be taken seriously.

And, coming from a president-elect, they involve a radical change in the policy of the government, being a complete reversal of the Roosevelt doctrine of big families.

Single blessedness, if it is blessedness at all, is the very doubtful blessedness of absolute selfishness. The general movement toward taxation of the bachelor is not without good reason.

He is a parasite upon society, contributing nothing toward the only real thing in this world—life. And the same is true of the unmarried woman.

There is no getting away from the two fundamental yearnings of all animal existence—self-preservation and procreation.

Indeed these yearnings extend beyond animal creation, and are basic laws even of the vegetable kingdom.

The person who fails to bring at least one life into the world dies in debt for his or her own birth.

He or she may perform high social service of other sorts. The bachelor wedded to science or art or mechanics may leave the world better than it was when he came into it.

But in doing these things, they do not pay their full debt. On the contrary, the higher the development of their character and the higher their capability for service, the greater is their obligations to recreate their own kind.

We have never taken any great stock in the report that there is a coldness developing between Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt, but there are suspicious circumstances, we admit.

For instance, Mr. Taft's suggestion to the woman teachers that there may be a more lofty sphere in life for them than the one reached via the matrimonial altar.

That is not precisely Rooseveltian, we think.

"Uncle Sam" is to get out of Cuba soon, but that tight little island does not want to get it into its head that the old gentleman isn't liable to drop in for another pop call of a year or more, if occasion seems to demand the same hereafter.

A New York society woman is to have her pet cat operated on for a very delicate complaint. We suppose the surgeons wouldn't have the nerve to announce that "the operation was brilliantly successful, but the patient died nine times," no matter what the result.

SHEEP ARE SIMPLE, BUT—

Following their leader more than two hundred sheep out of a band of 5,000 jumped from a high cliff in the state of Washington to their death. The rest were stopped from following only by the hardest efforts of the herders.

That's sheep-like. But what is of more importance is that it's also human-like.

We do a lot of theorizing about our individuality of thought and action, but the theorizing is just about all there is to it.

Ninety-nine hundredth of our thinking slides along in deep worn grooves. The man who lets a thought slip out of a groove is denounced or pitied as a crank.

Men who have contributed original ideas to the world are extremely few, and they are pelted with anathemas and ridicule until their ideas begin to be popular, when we all, sheep like, chase after them pell mell, whether to good or disaster.

The notion that is popularly accepted for the moment, however silly it may be, goes.

Rule of the majority needs no written constitution to make it work out in our private lives.

The heaviest burden our minds carry is memory.

Our commonest rule of action is imitation.

Our most serious contemplation of any act is an effort to recall how somebody has successfully done the same thing.

With sheep-like simplicity we follow the fashions in dress.

A milliner in Paris designs the hats for all the occidental world of womanhood.

A London tailor is the bell-wether, whose lead the men of two continents follow.

We read the book that everybody else is reading.

We all want to get into the theatre that is crowded.

Even ailments that are for the time most genteel are the most infectious.

Never jumps a sheep with a bell on over anything whatever—

Over a cliff or wall or timber—

But a second follows after, And a third upon a second

And a fourth and fifth and dozzenth—

First one sheep and then a hundred, Till they all have got clear over.

So we human beings always seem to follow one another.

When we see a signal waving—

In the air a tail uplifted

As the first one leapech over—

Then we follow, thicker, faster, Till our little world is nothing

But a blindly-led procession.

In the course of our evolution from the lower animals we must have paused a long time in the sheep period.

DON'T LET A FROCK COAT SCARE YOU.

Actions, not words, are what will determine the opinion which the great American public is to entertain of its national legislative assembly.

Representative Denby of Michigan, in defending the house of representatives from the insinuations and accusations of President Roosevelt, said:

"I know he (President Roosevelt) must have failed to realize that, in encouraging in the popular mind distrust of this body, he is striking at the very foundation of popular government."

Denby should remember that "the popular mind" is just that final intelligent common sense of the 86,000,000 people of the nation, and that this "mind" will trust or distrust its congress on the record.

If congress shows no disposition to protect the criminally disposed; if it passes legislation to expedite not to hinder prosecution of the thieves—if those who make up congress keep their "speculation" and their public acts apart; if senators will cease to practice "influence" along with "law," and members will draw fees for the unmixt activities of legal practice instead of mingled services to interests which are opposed to the general good; if congress will begin to see things from the people's point of view; if members of the house will be as eager for the passage of good laws as for drawing "mileage allowances" for miles not traveled, or increasing salaries not justly earned; if congress would have less scandals about committees like that which makes laws for our navy, and when scandals come would spend more time in seeking truth and less in punishing those who bring exposure; if congress would revise its rules; if congress would promote instead of holding back progressive legislation; if congress did not ever ride on passes, seek the appointment of a bad judiciary, grant public moneys to the railroads; misuse the frank, postal telegraph and telephone; if congress did not make buncombe speeches, nourish the fetish of the party names, job in patronage, waste the people's time and do a few more things of such like trend—then, with a better grace the public might listen when its Denbys do their solemn protest, and its Perkins take the floor to say:

"It is dangerous to the republic that a large portion of the people should have their confidence shaken in the

judges who interpret the law; it is equally dangerous that their confidence should be impaired in those who enact the laws; and it is for this reason that the duty devolves upon the lawmakers not to allow the integrity of their motives to be lightly questioned."

Pool! Mr. Chadband! We are not impressed.

A Kentucky court has decided that a husband has a right to whistle or sing while his wife is lecturing him or arguing with him. He may be within his legal rights to conduct himself in that manner, but we think few husbands will ever practice it enough to get in the habit of it.

Algernon Edgar Gascoigne Cecil has offered a bill in parliament to suppress the suffragettes. In our opinion, the rampant femininity represented in the ranks of the suffragettes isn't going to shy at the efforts of a man with a name like that!

"The Cuban congressmen will wear silk hats and frock coats in honor of the dignified office they hold," says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Surely there will be one member from Wayback to protest against any such highfalutin foolishness.

King Alfonso contemplates a trip in an air ship. We suppose his majesty wants to convince the anarchists that he may be depended upon to provide his own finish, if given sufficient latitude.

"The world cannot progress without the sacrifice of human life to science," says the Baltimore Star. That, however, is no shadow of an excuse for the pernicious activity of the reckless automobilist.

"One can buy a better auto today for \$1,500 than he could for \$3,000 a few years ago," says the Nashville American. The great majority of people can't and couldn't do anything of the kind.

Thornton J. Hains says a trial for life is like a poker game—the defendant holding deuces at the start and the prosecution having a hand full of aces. Mr. Hains seems to have made his bluff good.

We see no particular reason why Mr. Roosevelt should go to Africa for the hide of a rhinoceros when he might so much more easily skin a standpatter or so right in Washington.

The Oklahoma legislature has officially abolished the "Hon." so frequently attaching to individual members' names. Thus another pleasant little fiction goes to the land of things that were.

King Edward and Emperor William are to meet soon. Presumably, the latter will tell the former all about the latter's hay crop and the servant girl situation in the German household.

The Sultan of Turkey doubtless figured that Austria's check for \$10,000,000 in hand was a good deal better than a couple of 2x4 provinces not even in the bush any longer.

"Without a congress after March 4, Mr. Roosevelt is apt to get out of condition," says the Chicago Post. And how about congress without a Mr. Roosevelt?

A Maine man has written 11,700 words on a single postal card. We have no doubt, moreover, that he is the champion checker player of his town.

"Frenzied, capricious, self-centered, and self-exalted" are a few of the long and handsome words former Senator Towne hands Mr. Roosevelt.

The list of things Mr. Roosevelt will carry into Africa is a very long one, but, thank heaven, it doesn't include the congressional war.

Congress' recently awakened tender solicitude for the lately excreted Mr. Roosevelt's feelings is touching if not altogether convincing.

Lillian Russell's announced intention not to marry again may help Nat Goodwin to rest content and stand pat on his present record.

When the administration blows up the powder trust, we suppose it is scheduled to make a noise that will be heard around the world.

We believe the Sultan of Turkey might have been induced to part with Herzegovina and Bosnia for \$9,999,999.99.

Ohioans should consider the Lilley-George L. He appears to be successful holding on to two offices simultaneously.

And now science finds another evidence of the missing link. It is quite possible for an ape to have appendicitis.

President Roosevelt has not increased his popularity with certain portly colonels since he took that ride.

All the world loves a lover because it enjoys a joke.

DID YOUTH BUT KNOW.



The Aged Angler: "Oh, aye, the last fish I caught were a proper big 'un, an' no mistake." The Inquiring Angler: "Indeed? Why didn't you have it stuffed?" The Aged Angler: "Well, you see, I weren't more nor a lad at the time."

MR. TAFT'S SOUTHERN POLICY

From the Baltimore Sun.

It would be unjust to Mr. Taft, and it would raise false hopes in the south, to give his declaration on this vitally important matter a meaning which is not fairly deducible from his language.

But if the statement which we quote above means that in making appointments to the office in the south, Mr. Taft will not select men whose presence in official positions would be objectionable to the great majority of the white people of that section, we think it is not an unreasonable conclusion that Mr. Taft will appoint no negroes to important offices in the southern states.

He does not say this in so many words, but we believe that this is the interpretation of his language which will prevail in the south. The political advantage which Mr. Taft's party would derive from the policy of putting in office men whose presence in official positions would not create among the white residents in the southern communities a "sense of alienism in the government" might not result in a political revolution in the south but it would strengthen the confidence of the south in the practical wisdom of Mr. Taft.

URGES TEACHERS TO ORGANIZE

From the Journal of Education.

Teachers should organize in every county and state. The New York teachers and the Chicago federation of grade teachers have taught their fellow-teachers a noble lesson. The Chicago principals are strengthening their organization and making it a power.

The next great educational advance is likely to be along the line of close, protective, and promotive organization. The teachers will present a sorry spectacle in American life if they remain as individuals. The wrongs that teachers suffer individually and collectively can be righted more quickly, more completely and with less waste of time and money through a well-organized association than in any other way.

Superintendents, principals, secondary school teachers, special teachers, as a whole, and grade teachers should each have their own most efficient organizations. Have no fear of mistakes; only learn from them.

MR. TAFT AS "BE'ER POSSUM"

From the Atlanta Constitution.

It was the south, in the person of the arrogant state of Mississippi, where they grew such antipodal extremes as John Sharpe Williams and Vardaman, that gave immortality to the Roosevelt administration by sending down to history the contemplative Teddy bear.

It will be the privilege of Georgia to insure for the democratic south a similar distinction in the Taft republican administration by bestowing upon the illustrious Ohioan, now a guest in our midst, the appellation of "fast friend and international advocate of Br'er 'Possum."

Marsupial replaces ursine minor; the king is dead, long live the king!

SIMPLIFIED ADMINISTRATION

From the Ohio State Journal.

One by one the cities are adopting the centralized form of government known as the commission plan. There is one thing to be noticed about this new style of municipal government, and that is, it seems to be succeeding, for there is no return to the old complicated power-distributed plan where the commission idea has been intelligently tried.

Here is one thing that the people should agree upon and insist upon as a matter of public policy, that their government should be simple and direct. They get the best service out of such a plan. And then it must occur to all observing people that intricate and complex machinery serves to hide needless expense and various forms of graft, which would not be possible if four or five men, standing out in the daylight of publicity, would have to shoulder the blame. The commission plan in fast growing in popularity, and it will not be long when a city will be regarded as an old fogy that does not have it.

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A MURDERER'S REFUGE

From the New York Evening Post.

It remains only for Capt. Hains to escape on the ground of insanity, and New York might then just as well hang out a sign: "Murderers Welcomed and Encouraged."

Too Much Face

You feel as if you had one face too many when you have Neuralgia, don't you? Save the face, you may need it, but get rid of the Neuralgia by applying Ballard's Snow Lintment. First thing in the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, burns, cuts, scalds, lame back and all pains. Sold by Palace Pharmacy.

MATRIMONIAL COMPENSATIONS

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Not long ago a telephone girl married a millionaire. Now she receives \$700 a month alimony. Her married life may have been brief but it seems to have had its recompenses.

Every Mother

Is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by Palace Pharmacy.

IMPROVE THE ROADS

From the Richmond Journal.

The president's experience, and the wide publicity given to his ride, should have the effect of stimulating the pride and energizing the efforts of Virginia people to improve their roads.

The Meanest Man in Town

Is the one who always wears a frown, is cross and disagreeable, and is short and sharp in his answers. Nine cases out of ten it's not the poor fellow's fault, it's his liver and digestion that make him feel so miserable, he can't help feeling disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Ballard's Horebine for your liver—the safe, sure and reliable vegetable regulator. Sold by Palace Pharmacy.

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