

Cities and Rivers.

Washington Post.

Why cannot towns and cities be built away from the rivers, seeing that recurring floods bring to them such a train of disasters? With the thousands of miles of railways, what need is there longer to hug the narrow stream line? Is it not feasible to establish large granaries in the lowland agricultural districts, and house the working population out of reach of danger? If there is apparently no possible means of preventing the floods, these questions are suggestive of a possible way out of the dangers and difficulties that are ever present as regards the greater part of our massed population.

For there is no city of importance in the country that is not situated on coast line, lake border, or river bank. And the probability is that the tendency of history to repeat itself is so pronounced in this respect that there never will be.

Civilization sprang up in the arid countries, where the people were perforce confined to the river's edge. Before that time the instincts of his thrifty soul led Lot to look with longing eye upon the well-watered plains of Jordan, and then part company with Abraham. And still further back, primitive man must have crept along the course of the turrent and lurked in the fringing willows, waiting for his prey to come down to drink. Then came the family groups, the clans, and, finally, organized society.

So it was in this country. The strings of towns and villages that have been laid waste in Ohio and Indiana are built up along the course of the old Indian trails, already long trodden when the first settlers arrived. In the history of the past there have been important towns away from the water. But the city built upon the hill was a military fortress, an outpost on watch and guard against invader. The fatlings of flock herded in the valleys below. Again it was thus with the pioneers of America. The hardier natures took to the hills, carrying with them the unyielding individualism they will always retain. The meek spirit of commerce accepted the low place, and still holds it—doubtless will continue to hold it until the end.

A practical view makes evident that it must be this way, for commerce, for transportation, for the proper disposal of sewerage where large numbers congregate together. With the great majority it may even be more than this. If, as scientists claim, sentient life first issued from the water, there may be the instinct to cling close to its source. The river gods have been many, and river worship is found in the earlier religions of every country. And even the Psalmist, in attempting to give voice to the fullness of his religious aspirations, had recourse to that incomparable simile, "As the heart panteth after the water brooks," to express the outreachings of his soul's desire.



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My Creed.

I count myself the faithful friend
Of every child of earth,
I dare not say of one who lives,
He has ignoble birth.

For on the brow of every one,
Though dark that brow may be,
I trace the light of life divine,
In low or high degree.

Christ said, "Abide ye all in love,
That mandate I revere,
And trust that it may be my
guide,
Through all my wanderings
here.

"All lovely things of good report,"
I seek, as flowers the sun,
But more I love the peace of
mind
That comes with duty done.

And when earth's children seek
my aid,
I hear love's high command,
And if within my power to bless,
I dare not stay my hand.

As wandering birds storm stayed
at night,

Oft in my home find rest,
So would I greet each weary soul
As some dear angel-guest.

And though in deeds but ill expressed,
This purpose meets your view,
Know this, Beloved, in humble
trust

That duty I pursue.
By rules the unthinking world
holds good,

I pray you, judge me not,
For, reading oft love's higher law,
Those rules I soon forgot.

But ne'er by following base desires
Do we that law fulfill;

Pure motives, wedded to pure
deeds
Bespeak th' obedient will.

I'd grant no armistice to wrong,
I'd parley not with sin;
I say to every youthful heart
Let not the tempters in.

But, Oh; I judge not men by rank,
I see the balanced scale
Of justice, in the hands of God,
And know truth will prevail.

And looking back o'er aeons past,
As through a long dark night,
I read that what was once called
wrong,
Stands now revealed as right.
—WELDON A. HARDING.

Ponder This.

"You'll be sorry some day that you didn't marry."

"Well, I'd rather not be married and sorry I wasn't than be married and sorry I was.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

SPECIAL CALL FOR

Listing Taxes

Notice is hereby given (in accordance with Section 20 of the Machinery Act,) to all persons in this Township required to list property or poll for taxation, must list their property during the month of May. I can be found at the times and places mentioned below for the purpose of receiving their list:
At Pulaski Tyler's on the 14th day of May.
At Bryanton on the 15th day of May.
At Rich Square on the 16th and 17th days of May.
And after the above dates the tax list for this township will be closed. Attention is also called to the fact that

FAILURE TO LIST WILL RESULT IN YOUR BEING DOUBLE-TAXED

as required by Section 80 of the Machinery Act 1911, and the Tax-Payer failing to list also subjects himself to a misdemeanor. (Section 80, Machinery Act 1911.)

Please do not fail to see me before expiration of above dates.

Respectfully,

E. A. HUGGINS,
List-Taker for Rich Square Township.

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