

## WANT AND LUXURY.

### SAM JONES DISSENTS ON THE TWO STATES OF MANKIND.

Neither contentment in Happiness or Misery—Greed and Avarice beset the Character—Indigence and Prodigality Equally Harmful—The Golden Mean.

Sam F. Jones in Gastonia Leader.

These are relative terms, and the difference between the two is very small when properly estimated. A man feels as uncomfortable who has eaten too much as the fellow who is hungry. I had rather go ragged than over-dressed. I had rather have no money than to have a barrel of money on top of me. I had rather live in a cabin than to live in a mansion where oars were thicker than comforts. God has made humanity so that it is very tolerable when it is satisfied. The rich deserve as much sympathy as the poor. The laws of compensation are as unerring in human experience as in a matter of dollars and cents in any other phase of life.

There is nothing in poverty or riches which of itself conduces to the happiness of man, and not much in poverty or riches to make us miserable. Happiness consists in what we are and what we do for others. Misery is the result of selfishness, and a tramp can be as selfish as a millionaire, or both can be as generous and good. All the poor would like to be rich. Many of the rich envy the poor the happiness, the appetite, and the power to sleep which is the heritage of the poor man. If a man is going to raise a family of children I don't know of anything better than poverty to raise them on. The lap of luxury and wealth has cradled but few grand men into existence from Adam down to this present hour. The homes of want and poverty have produced a large majority of the greatest and the best of both men and women. Every boy in America between the ages of 10 and 25 needs a very poor father, a father who cannot help him at all, but a father whom he must help. Then you put the pressure on the boy and develop him into a grand man. It is the nature of man to lie down and take it easy when you pension him. Very few men have enjoyed their wealth. A very wealthy man once replied to a neighbor who told him that his son would spend his money faster than he had made it: "Well," said the wealthy man, "if my son enjoys spending it, much as I enjoy making it he will have a good time while it lasts." But very few men can really say that they enjoyed the drudgery, the toll and the application which produce a fortune. Making money, saving money and giving money are three fine arts. The two first are of earth earthy. The third, giving money, is of Heaven, Heavenly. The poor would give much if they could. The rich do not understand the continued poverty of the poor. The poor do not see how the rich could have gathered what they have without the hog in their nature predominating. I have been as poor as a dog and scarcely had anything I wanted. I have been where if I had a want that money could buy I did not know what it was. I was as happy wanting everything as I have been having all I wanted.

What a man has or has not has little to do with his happiness as the dog star has to do with the tide. I know many very poor people who are very happy. I know some rich people who are as happy. I know some of both classes who are everlastingly miserable. Anybody can be rich if they will meet the conditions on which riches are gathered. Pat said that he got rich by doing without the things he was just obliged to have. Anybody can be poor if they will meet the conditions of poverty. If you want to get rich pass as you go and save as you go. If you want to be poor go in debt and stay in debt until you get to where it is against your interest to pay the principal, and finally get to where it is against your principle to pay the interest. Then move out to the poor-house and die.

Greed and avarice will despoil any character and ruin any soul. Indigence and prodigality are equally as harmful. Indigence is a human life, and indigence are three twin brothers, which were born upon a human life, are the very foundation upon which human happiness is built, and without them no man can be happy long. A negro or poor white man enjoys his corn bread and fat meat on his old plate table with tin plates and tin cups as much as any millionaire ever enjoyed the luxuries of his French cook and silver service. A poor white man will sleep as soundly on his sick mattress as the millionaire ever slept upon his downy bed. If a man has nothing, nobody bothers him. It is harder for a rich man to keep what he has than it was for him to make it. A millionaire could give away his fortune in a day, if every appeal was liberally responded to. If the poor had to carry the burden of the rich they would throw down their riches with their burdens and say: "Give me first estate. The gain is not worth a candle."

Good health, a good conscience and a upright life are worth a thousand times more than the wealth gained at the sacrifice of honor, by the ruin of the health and the stultification of conscience. When I look back over the past quarter of a century I can see where, plagued by poverty and oppressed by want, no luxury ever came to me. Since then I have seen the time when I had all the money I wanted; and if I were asked which is the best estate, upon my honor I would say I had a thousand times less care when I had least. Poverty is like Jeshu's things said light boots were. He said they were a luxury; they make a man forget all about the rest of his troubles. When a man is poor he has all his troubles in one, as a rule. Poor people don't have to get off to the springs

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## BALLOONS IN WARFARE.

### ENGLAND IS SPENDING \$12,500 A YEAR IN EXPERIMENTS.

Invulnerable Balloon Substances—Discovered Along the Line of Flight Which Can be Bridged by a Hand Loom—Objects of a Balloon Attack.

The School of Military Ballooning at Aldershot has become a noteworthy and important institution, although maintained by a grant of only £3,500 a year, it stands second to none in its scientific achievements, says the London Standard. Originally founded by the Royal Engineers at Woolwich, about nineteen years ago, it was subsequently removed to Chatham, and thence to Aldershot, under Major, now Colonel, Tupper, who has with him Captain Jure, R. E., and Captain Ward, R. E. To these officers are due the present state of efficiency of the establishment and the perfection of the balloon, as well as the appliances for working them.

The first important step in the adaptation of the balloon for military purposes was the compression in steel tubes of the hydrogen for the inflation of the balloon on the field or on the road. Gas works cannot be reckoned upon as a line of supply, nor can coal or raw materials be transported so readily or so cheaply as the tubes of compressed gas. The hydrogen required must be of the purest quality, made from zinc and sulphuric acid. Another improvement in the production of hydrogen by electrolysis. The trials are progressing satisfactorily, and the cleanliness and certainty of the chemical process. The compression of the gas has advanced most markedly in the direction of safety and security in like manner the steel containing tubes have been improved to material and rendered safe under the very great stress of 101 atmospheres—at which stress they are required to travel over any and every sort of ground. The experiences of many years have shown that tubes must be carefully checked before charging, and very effective precautions are taken to this end. To carry the balloon charge of 11,000 cubic feet of gas in tubes three wagons are needed, with the existing dimensions and weights of the tubes, but when the new pattern tubes and wagons are delivered two wagons will suffice.

The adoption of "gold-beater skins" for the substance of the balloon is a step of unequalled importance. These skins being the property of adhering firmly together, so that they form a homogeneous material remarkably tough, as well as being absolutely impervious to the gas. So tough and strong is the material that a closed balloon of large size has ascended higher than 7,000 feet without bursting. A large balloon of this substance, having 2,800 square feet of surface and capable of containing 10,000 cubic feet of gas, weighs only 170 pounds.

The top valve of the balloon is now made very light and strong, of an aluminum alloy, and is screwed into its bearing by a very fine thread. It is perfectly gas tight. The silk and cloth balloons of former days were always in some sort of trouble. The fabric, being varnished, was readily subject to crack. It often heated, and became more or less charred; it was tender and liable to be rent or torn. The gas was always leaking away, and the material was troublesome to repair after small holes and grazes.

We have next to follow the large finished balloon in its final stages of rigging and equipment. The cord for the netting has to be both very strong and very light. That used is of Italian hemp, and weighs one pound to the yard. A yard of it with a splicing, should weigh two pounds, will stand 500 pounds' strain without breaking. In this cord is woven a fine brass thread for the security of the balloon in thunder-storms. The ring in the American history, and the car in formed of excellent wicker-work. The aeronaut or officer ascending with him takes up what observing instrument he likes or requires. Some of the hand records taken in the free balloon experiments are extremely precise and full of verifiable details. The photographs, even those of small size, usually contain a range of two miles on each side of the line of flight can be detected with a hand lens.

The coming trials of the capabilities of balloons for taking part in military engineering operations in warfare will be fraught with interest and novelty, whether they be successful or not. The first trials will probably be directed toward the application of, and carrying balloons in ascending or descending operations in trenches. The first form the protection to the working company and the artillery projectiles out into the rear of the trench and drive the debris to the rear of the work. The object of a balloon attack, therefore, might be to plant, say, a 600-pound charge of high explosive in rear of the trench, so that when it exploded it should blow the debris into it, overwhelming the men or exposing them to their enemy. Every balloon wagon has half a mile of wire rope attached to it, which is available for holding the balloon captive. There is also a telephone conductor, and connections with the wagon in nearly made on a screw bar, so that in whatever direction the pull of the balloon may be the wire rope will never come in contact across the drum. The wagons can be readily moved about, and the carrying balloons, with explosive charge, round in form and swivelled on the end of a line pendant from it, could be manipulated by the experts in accordance with signals received from the captives or observing balloons. Its explosive charge could thus be got to the place desired.

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## There is no Word so Full



### "Mother's Friend"

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### UNCLAIMED MONEY ORDERS.

Uncle Sam Secures a Host Sum Annually Through This Peculiar Agency.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—There are millions upon millions of dollars in the Treasury paid in from different sources which belong to citizens of the United States. To this wealth the Post Office Department, through the money order office, contributes largely. A few years back the Postmaster General deposited with the Treasurer nearly \$3,000,000 the money from unclaimed orders which had accumulated since the office was started in 1863. At first no effort was made to restore this unclaimed money to its rightful owners, but the letters of advice, turned in as unpaid by the Postmasters from all over the country, were kept, in case a demand should be made for their payment. This money remained to the credit of the money order office, showing a large profit for the service. This policy was subsequently changed, and the office endeavors to refund the money to the remitters by a draft drawn on the Treasury. This rule obtains in case of money orders less than 10 years old. Letters of advice older than this are destroyed.

Every year about 1 per cent of the money orders issued are not cashed, leaving from \$90,000 to \$100,000, unclaimed, which is deposited in the Treasury. There are many reasons to account for this large number of money orders not being cashed. In some instances orders are filed away with other papers and forgotten. More frequently the letter containing the order is lost or stolen, and the order never reaches the addressee. This is true of the orders made out to the large shops which do not receive the order or the accompanying letter containing orders for goods to be shipped, owing generally to the dishonesty of employees. There are cases, too, where men have used the money order office as a bank and have made out orders to themselves which, owing to sudden death or other cause, have never been cashed.

It is difficult, however, to explain why such large sums remain unclaimed, for in case an order is lost a duplicate is easily obtained. Application is made by either the remitter the payee or the indorsee at the office of issue or the office of payment, and a duplicate is issued with only the delay necessary to comply with the forms. A year ago the department made a ruling that duplicate money orders could not be issued in less than three months from the time when an application was filed, but this was found inconvenient, and this order was rescinded.

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### ARP ON ELECTIONS.

#### BORRY BRYAN WAS DEFEATED AND NOW DEMANDS PROSPERITY.

He is Tired of Elections—Says They Upset the People and Bring on Mental Worry—Wants Terms Made Longer. Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

It is a good time to write some more "meditations among the tobs," or "an ode to melancholy," or a few verses like: "This world is all a fleeting show." The election is over, and the bad news keeps coming and the heavens are weeping and everything is going wrong. Very early this morning I was sweetly dreaming when there was a gentle rap at the door, and I thought that possibly some friend or neighbor had come to tell me that Bryan was elected, but the voice spoke and said: "Mammy say she can't come this mornin'—she sick."

"Oh, my poor, bleeding country. No look, and the rain just pouring down. Mrs. Arp made no sign, so I slipped out of bed and dressed and tiptoed out to the culinary department. I fired up the stove and put on the boiling water and coffee and the cow and brought in some wood, and got everything ready for feminine hands before I awakened them. In course of time they came and made the biscuit and fried the sausage and scrambled some eggs, and we had a No. 1 breakfast and I felt better. Sorrow eadareth for a night, but joy cometh in the morning after breakfast time. I felt calm and serene, and did like Olden's Oldback always did when bad luck overtook him. I put on a clean shirt and went down town to rejoice with those who were rejoicing and to weep with those who wept. Several days ago I had prepared my mind for defeat. I had hedged so that the disappointing shock would not be so shocking when it came, but still I secretly indulged in a hope that there might be a landslide, an avalanche, an interposition of providence in Bryan's favor. A man may not cheat himself of the worst, but he can't cheat himself out of his wishes. My comfort now is in sympathizing with our hero, in admiring the grandeur of the man who can now, like Paul, exclaim: "I have fought a good fight; I have kept the faith." The coming historians will do him justice, and he will rank with the great men of the nation.

One thing I rejoice at, that is the election of a republican congress to cooperate with McKinley. Let there be no excuse for the winning side, and if they do not revive the industries and prosperity of the country within the next four years then they must step down and out or they will be buried from power as Jupiter buried Vulcan from the Olympian heights. Vulcan was one day falling and broke his leg, and is lame yet.

Now let us have peace and rest. I sincerely wish that McKinley could stay in office for a term of ten years and then have to retire for good. The presidential term is too short. It takes half of one year to grease the machinery and get it in running order, and then two years for work, and the last year is devoted to mending fences and fixing up for another election. It is the same way with our governor's election. The term is too short, and it looks like some folks want to make it shorter still. The people are tired of elections—we get excited and get mad with one another, and by the time we get over it here comes another elec-

tion, and we get mad again. We men folk could stand it fairly well, but our women folks get excited too, and make some remarks that become a circulating medium and cause unhealthy agitation of the female mind.

The Newspaper—Its Value.  
The making of a newspaper, in these progressive days, has become as much a business as the manufacturing of a watch or piano, and is necessarily subject to the same practical rules and business methods that control any other business undertaking.

The successful newspaper is not a blind, unreasoning "party organ," not an old foggy issue, morn-grown with timidity, but a frank, bright issue, that dares to utter the truth, regardless of the outcry its utterance may provoke; that will be controlled by no outside influences, no secret monopoly, no mighty corporation to influence its judgment and direct its policy; that will labor with earnestness to maintain the way of virtue, and all that is good over the public mind; that always keeps its columns clear and free from anything that our wives and daughters should not read, and in the midst of all temptations will always refuse to crook the hinges of the knee "that thrift may follow fawning."

To produce a good paper requires the liberal patronage and good will of the merchants and citizens in general, but it must be remembered that the newspaper business is the most reciprocal of all lines of trade. It is not only expected life, but gives out life in return. For the patronage which it solicits and expects, it will carry trade to counters and lighten houses in return. Its business is the people's; each affects and is affected by the other.

In appealing thus to the good people of a place for their subscriptions and advertising patronage the newspaper is not soliciting bare favors, but it proposes and does return all the patronage it receives in measure well filled, pressed down, heaped up and running over.

W. J. Bryan to Publish a Book.  
LINCOLN, Neb., November 17.—William J. Bryan is preparing to publish a book about the first of next year, which will embody an exhaustive treatment of the silver question and bimetalism, emphasizing its importance as an issue in 1900. Mr. Bryan has authorized his publishers to announce that one-half the royalties received from the sale of the book will be devoted to advancing the cause of bimetalism during the next four years. The work will also embrace Mr. Bryan's views as to the recent campaign and election, his biography written by Mrs. Bryan, together with special contributions from distinguished political leaders. A description of Mr. Bryan's campaign tour will be another feature of the publication.

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