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The President Says: "We Are On Our Way Back"

President Roosevelt's first words on landing at Charleston after his long cruise were: "We are on our way back."

There is a great deal in the record of business conditions to back up that statement. Compared with the time of his return from Hawaii in 1934, business is certainly better. Carloadings, always regarded as an excellent index of business activity, are nearly 25 percent greater. The stock market average price of the 50 best stocks was \$110 a share when he landed at Charleston, as against \$79 a share the year before, when he got back from Hawaii. The excellent general business index compiled by The New York Times stood at 88.8, as compared with 79.8 a year ago. Industrial employment has increased; as, of course, it was bound to do with improvement in business conditions. On the whole, the President's statement that "we are on our way back" seems entirely accurate.

Mr. Roosevelt amplified his statement by adding "We are coming back solidly because we planned it that way, and don't let anybody tell you differently." Nevertheless, conceding the fact that business is better, the opposition is sure to contend that it would be lots better than it is, if it had not been for plans emanating from Washington.

Here we have an example of one of those differences of opinion, without which, as Mark Twain remarked, there would be no horse races.—(AS).

Mr. Ford Asks Some Questions That Should Make You Think

Whenever Henry Ford can be induced to comment on public affairs, he usually says something that reeks with sound common sense. To an interviewer the other day, who had suggested that economic affairs are out of gear, Mr. Ford replied: "How long has it been since everything was all right? In what year was everything working perfectly, or pretty nearly so?"

A great deal of loose thinking and loose talking about the condition of the world and of our own section of it seems to be based upon the false and foolish notion that it was not so very long ago that everything was perfect. Everybody had a job with good wages, all businesses were prosperous, all banks were sound, all brokers were honest, crime was practically unknown and all the farmers were making money and keeping out of debt! Then something, perhaps manipulated from Wall Street, happened, to throw the whole economic system into chaos.

That is about the way a great many people look at present conditions. They think they were brought about by some malignant outside force. It does not take a long memory or more than ordinary common sense to realize that that point of view is utterly absurd. As Mr. Ford put it: "We always imagine ourselves to be the poor innocent victims; we seldom think of ourselves as part of the guilty cause."

Try thinking that over for a while.—(AS).

Good Advice To All Children — And To Grown-Ups, Too

- A Worthwhile Editorial Selected by The National Editorial Association
- Up in Oregon the sheriff of one of the major counties has had issued cards for distribution among children. They carry point in any state and it may be recommended that attention of children hereabouts be called to the following copy:
- 1—Don't ever ride with strangers.
 - 2—Always walk on the left hand side of the road, and get clear off the road when you meet an automobile. Give them plenty of room.
 - 3—Don't ever cross a road or highway until you are sure there are no cars coming from either direction.
 - 4—Don't attempt to cross an intersection until you are certain that there is plenty of time.
 - 5—If you see an accident, go for help quickly.
 - 6—Keep clear of the wreck. Let grown people give aid to the injured.
- While the sheriff is doing this good work in the interest of the smaller citizens, the Oregonian, of Portland, suggests that he might get out another card directed to adults and that it read:
- 1—Don't ever pick up strangers.
 - 2—Always drive on the right hand side of the road, and when you meet a pedestrian give him plenty of room.
 - 3—Maintain a look-out for persons crossing the road.
 - 4—Have your car under control when entering an intersection, and recognize the right of pedestrians to cross ahead of you.
 - 5—If you see an accident, offer help.
 - 6—If you cannot be helpful, leave the wreck. Don't block the highway out of curiosity.
- With one or two exceptions the points in each apply to the grown-ups as well as the children. It will hurt no one to read what the Oregonian thinks he should.—Tribune, Oakland, California.
- You must use a hammer—build a house.

The Family Doctor

By John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

ALONG OUR WAY

I live under the very eaves of a large city, a noted medical center. An inter-state Clinic is being held there this week. Eminent men of our profession from all over the country are giving the people the best that they have, and, right up to the minute. They note a vast increase in the number of deaths from heart failure—not of germ-origin. Men are dropping down everywhere, in ordinary middle life. This should not be. Is the situation preventable? We are studying—studying—and it is high time. . . .

The eminent observers say that heart-failures are due in a large part to the terrific strain of the times. Men are failing in the struggle to make a living—to make ends meet.

Well, it will do it, this thing of putting on the body more than it can stand. I ask: is life worth so little that we sacrifice it for the mere bauble of worldly gain? Is not life more than gold and fine raiment?

In my humble way I have fought against worry, against taxing these bodies and brains of ours for more than they will stand. We can always overdo. The worst of overdoing is the wearing out of vital organs in mad flight from imaginary terrors or in mortal conflict to outdo our fellow-man? There is no doubt that we do these things in utter disregard of the deadly consequences.

Deaths from "heart-failure" are in remarkable increase, due to the depression, they say. The pity is they are right. Can you prevent your own heart-failure? I believe you can. Make up your mind right now to CEASE WORRY. Let matters go hang that are not worth a human life. Ask your family physician about it.

Washington News For U. S. Farmers

FARM PROFIT ESSENTIAL

The loss of foreign markets for American farm products, if it be a fact that they are lost, seems to be a problem to many Americans who never worried when our producers were raising bumper crops to sell at a loss and pile up huge surpluses that have meant economic disaster.

Every now and then some metropolitan newspaper writer takes up the cudgels, advocating that the American farmer should feed the world. The reply is, "for what?" Surely not for the simple boast that he is able to feed the world but because feeding the world means a decent living for his wife and children.

So long as it is impossible to feed the world or clothe the world, except at a loss in money to our growers, there is no sense in American farmers caring a hoot whether the world is fed or clothed.

THE "REGIMENTED" CRY

The lament that AAA regimented our farmers is being heard a little less frequently today. Various farmer referenda have shown that the average farmer, like Thomas D. Campbell, Montana wheat grower, is willing to be "regulated because farming needs regulation."

The latest bug-a-boo raised is that the farmer-votings mean nothing because all that they are asked to vote upon is whether they want the benefit payments to continue. This is true in part. The farmers of the nation, if we gather their ideas, want an assured future for the 52,000,000 people dependent upon agriculture.

The control measures are not favored because they are perfect but rather because they, at least, represent a start in the right direction. When something better than benefit payments are offered the farmers will take it.

AAA—PRO AND CON

The Supreme Court decision on the AAA will hardly be handed down before the latter part of January despite the effort of the government to speed up consideration of the case.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt has come out openly for a permanent AAA, which he says is more than an "emergency operation" and which he considers a sure foundation of a permanent farm policy, flexible enough to meet future situations as they arise.

The AAA, as people remember, was urged for the principal purpose of increasing the purchasing power of American farmers and the President declared, in 1933, that if it failed he would recommend its repeal or its revision.

The AAA, it is admitted, has been primarily responsible for increasing farm income from \$4,300,000,000 in 1932 to an estimated \$6,700,000,000 in 1935. The larger sales of industrial goods that this made possible is also partly attributable to the AAA.

On the other side of the picture, the AAA has been partially responsible for an increase in the cost of living, inevitable if farm prices rise, and has created an appetite for bounties that may plague the government in the future. The loss of foreign markets for some farm crops is also attributable to the AAA by some critics but this, it seems to us, is debatable, even if partially true.

Nuts and Kernels

Troy Isaiah Jones

There ain't never been no war yet. Wait 'til the hornets get to building nests around the nudist colonies.

If it had not been for the monkey, man would not have thought of the theory of evolution.

Business is getting into such a stir we are reminded of a yaller jackets nest thrown into a nudist colony.

I don't believe in "Every Man a King." Yet I admit lots of people need crowning.

You can hiss like a goose to an audience of chattering women and they will stop.

History has a big shot now and then. That is why history repeats itself.

Conceit is that act of humanity whereby you match your weakness with some one else's.

They say that fur coats are as cool as they are warm. No doubt the thought of having to buy one puts a chill over a man.

People who have little to do get it done in time to help others out with their business.

Hauptmann case a matter of "grave" doubt says the newspapers.

Newton won fame in a season. He waited around for an apple to fall.

One way for the garlic smugglers of Italy to win the war is to blow their breath in the Ethiopians' faces.

The Ethiopian army is coming up strong—this hot weather.

Wise and Otherwise

Nearly Prime Minister Baldwin is going to the country on a platform of very big armaments and absolutely no war, which ought to make it pretty nearly unanimous.—New York Times.

The chief Requisite The boy who weighs 196 pounds and made a record as a high school football player will be welcome at almost any college, even if he is a little dumb.—Indianapolis News.

Fashion (Or Budget) Note Plaids for the college girl will be unusually large this autumn. What interests father is the possibility of small checks for son as well as daughter.—Rochester Times-Union.

ria, of Nebraska, who has requested the Rural Electrification Administration to supply him with the technical data for such a program.

Mr. Morris L. Cooke, administrator, says that only 750,000 farms have electric service and estimates that it will cost \$2,500,000,000 to provide transmission lines necessary.

Senator Norris, a champion of public ownership in the power fields, finds it "increasingly obvious" that present plans and methods are inadequate, pointing out that private companies usually "take the cream" and leave "large gaps" in the rural areas without service.

Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for November 10

EZEKIEL TEACHES PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

LESSON TEXT—Ezekiel 33:7-16. GOLDEN TEXT—So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.—Romans 14:12.

PRIMARY TOPIC—A Prophet Encourages His People. JUNIOR TOPIC—A Watchman on Duty. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Does God Care What I Do? YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Individuals Accountable to God.

Ezekiel prophesied in the land of the captivity. The purpose of his ministry was threefold: (1) To show the house of Israel that they were in captivity because of their sins (14: 23). (2) To show that God is righteous in his visitation of judgment upon them (7-9). (3) To sustain their faith by assuring them of their national restoration, the punishment of their enemies and their final exaltation among the nations when Messiah shall reign.

I. God's Sovereign Right to the Souls of Men (18:1-4). Every man is personally responsible to God.

II. The Moral Obligation of Sons to Their Father (Ezek. 18:14-20). While the law of heredity gives the child a sinful nature and when the child arrives at the age of moral responsibility it inevitably begins to sin, God holds such responsible for their deeds.

III. Ezekiel's Responsibility (Ezek. 33:1-9). As a prophet of God certain responsibilities were imposed upon him. There is a sense in which every disciple of Christ is a witness for him and therefore is responsible for the giving of his testimony to sinners. His responsibility is set forth under the figure of a watchman. Two things were required of a watchman.

1. To hear the words of God's mouth. (v. 7). The source of the message of every minister and Sunday school teacher is God's holy Word. Just as the prophet did not originate his message but received it of God's mouth, so it should be with every minister and Sunday school teacher.

2. To sound the warning (v. 7). After hearing God's message he was to speak it out and proclaim it to the people. A watchman today is both to hear and to speak. The people are to be warned of the impending danger. Failure to sound the alarm makes the watchman guilty of the blood of the sinner.

IV. God's Attitude Toward the Sinner (vv. 10, 11). God has declared in his Word that unfaithfulness on the part of his people would cause them to "perish among the heathen," that they would "pine away in their iniquity" (Lev. 26:38, 39). In view of this pronouncement some are disposed to say that their case is hopeless. To meet this attitude of despair the prophet assured them that God had no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that his sincere desire was for the wicked to turn from their way and live. Regardless of what their past had been, they were given the assurance that the future was bright if they heeded God's command and plea. No one need despair because of sin, for God's grace is greater than human sin.

V. The Sinner's Personal Responsibility (vv. 12-20). God created the members of the race personal beings, giving them freedom of choice. They have moral discernment enabling them to distinguish between the right and the wrong. They choose, therefore, according to the quality of their being. Whatever may be one's present condition through sin, it can be changed by divine grace.

The following principles govern the sinner:

1. Past righteousness will not avail for present sins (v. 12). When a righteous man turns to iniquity, his past seeming righteousness will be of no avail. No one can do more than that which is required of him at any given time.

2. Past sins do not make impossible present acceptance with God (vv. 12-15). By virtue of the operation of the law of habit, every sinful act makes it harder for the sinner to repent, but God's grace is such that if the sinner repents God will forgive and restore.

3. Restitution required (vv. 15, 16). The proof of penitence is that, so far as possible, the sinner makes amends for wrongs done. There is no merit in the act of restitution, but such action helps the individual to overcome his besetting sin.

4. God's ways are equal (vv. 17, 20). God holds man responsible for his own deeds. The child is not condemned because of the deeds of his father, nor can it be said that the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge. This does not do away with the law of heredity. Regardless of what one's past life has been, God's grace in Jesus Christ bids out to its end.

Louisa's Letter

PARENTS SHOULD ALLOW CHILDREN LATITUDE

Dear Louisa:

I am a widow with two children. I am to be married soon to a nice man who is well thought of but there is just one thing we don't agree on. He wants me to let the children stay with their grandmother instead of living with us. I think he is jealous of the children.

Their grandmother is crazy about them and I know she would like to keep them but they are only four and six years old and I hate to give them up. I wonder if I could be happy without them?

UNDECIDED MOTHER

Answer:

How any mother can deliberately turn her back on her children is beyond my comprehension. It seems to me that the mere fact of the man asking you to give up what should be the nearest and dearest thing to you would show you exactly what kind of a man he is.

If he is not big enough and generous enough to want your little children in his home and not willing to try and take the part of their dead father towards them, I don't think I would have any doubts whatever about what to do.

He evidently has a very selfish and jealous nature and I think you will be making a great mistake to marry him even if he agrees to have the children now. They will be a continual bone of dissension between you.

However, the mere fact of your being undecided on the subject causes me to think that perhaps you are not such a wonderful mother after all, and your children may be better off with their grandmother.

The Woman's Angle

New in the market are baby clothes in slip-on styles that are claimed to save 48 per cent time in dressing the infant.

And rubber panties—laytex, really—for the baby. They'll stretch to nine times their normal size without damage.

And a new style diaper that is form fitting, avoids the use of pins, and ties gently about the baby's waist. They're at Chicago's merchandise mart.

When you're preparing hamburger steak, frequently so delicious, and yet inexpensive, add half a cup of milk to a pound of meat and assure yourself your cakes will be juicy. Cook one side and season. Turn and season while cooking instead of mixing the seasoning beforehand. It makes a difference.

Ella Gardner of the Agriculture Department's extension service after traveling far and wide throughout the country, maintains that farm women are not only as well dressed, as cultured and as poised as city women, but better informed on the political situation and current events. Her extension work lies principally in the field of recreational pursuits.

In the days when you and I were very, very young, there was usually a "Sunday best" outfit in the closet on week days, and we wore older shoes and darned stockings to school. . . . That's changed considerably, these days, and I rather wonder what lessons our children are getting that will take the place of that "ace in the hole" feeling of conservatism? That something set aside for a rainy day?

Rings to match bracelets and clips in the new catalin jewelry is a feature of the winter costume jewelry line.

If, when your soup is about ready to serve it seems too salty, add from a half a cup to a whole cup of raw sliced potatoes to the soup, and let it stand ten to fifteen minutes. Remove the potatoes which absorb the saltiness and serve.

Rude Question

First Doctor—Why so sad?
Second Doctor—I have lost a patient with typhoid.
First Doctor—And what were you treating him for?

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