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Answering An Argument

THE argument is being advanced that under the present system of city government it would be possible for just as capable men to be put in charge of the affairs of the city as would be possible under the city manager plan.

This argument fails to stand up for two reasons:

1. Supposing the best possible selection would be made by the citizens in voting for a mayor. Even under these conditions, if the mayor were elected by a political organization, he would owe his election to that organization and to the men and women making up that organization. He would be under obligations to them and it would be necessary for him to repay them, while the people best fitted for the places to be filled might be members of an opposing party or, more likely, persons who have not taken an active part in politics.

2. The men best qualified to be mayors of Indianapolis could not be persuaded to seek the office under present conditions. A man well qualified for such a place would not consent to going through a primary campaign and an election campaign with their attendant unpleasantness and with the many things a candidate must do to get himself elected. Only a thick-skinned politician would consent to be a candidate.

Under the city manager plan the manager would not be compelled to go through a campaign; he would not be under obligations to a group of politicians; he would have a free hand.

That's the difference between a political system and a business system.

Entanglements of Gold

AMERICA'S foreign policy, says Bishop Ward Blake of the Methodist Church, is "dominated by the dollar."

The Bishop shrewdly observes that the government at Washington is most careful to avoid all semblance of "entanglements" abroad when the issue is purely a moral one, but just let our banking interests become involved and it hops in, entanglements or no entanglements.

The dollar seems more worth saving than life. If we can risk "entanglements" abroad to save our bankers' money, why can't we take a similar chance to prevent war and save our mothers' boys?

The question is worth thinking about, particularly at this season of the year. For Wednesday, Nov. 11, marks the seventh anniversary since the thunder of the World War was silenced by the Armistice. And while the other countries have banded together in a League of Nations and a World Court to make peace as far as possible perpetual, party politics still keeps us out of both. We are not doing our bit to avoid future wars. "We want no foreign entanglements," unctuous politicians parrot in excuse.

The bishop says he is "not one of those who holds that foreign investors should have no consideration from our government." He merely holds that the great moral issues, like preserving world peace, should have the same consideration as money. Security of American

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Paul Gives His Farewell to Elders at Miletus

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for Nov. 8—Paul's Farewell at Miletus.—Acts 20:25-38.

By William E. Gilroy, D. D.

Editor of The Congregationalist

FROM the strong and virile note of the last lesson, with its appeal to put on the whole armor of God, we come this week to a lesson of deep and affecting tenderness and pathos.

Paul has called the elders in the church at Ephesus to Miletus, the seaport a few miles away, that he may bid them farewell, as he is hurrying back to Jerusalem.

He is going to Jerusalem with a sense of doom as well as a sense of duty. A great spiritual urge is driving him there, in spite of the fact that he knows it is the place of danger, and all things unite in proclaiming that there are bonds and afflictions awaiting him.

Paul's Iron Strength

We perceive beneath the pathos and tenderness of Paul's farewell the iron strength that held him to his purpose. There never was a time when Paul had shown himself stronger in the Lord.

Even here, with an uncertain course before him, except that perils are sure, his whole thought is for the purity and honor of his ministry.

Paul is not thinking of himself, but of others. He wants these people of Ephesus to have nothing whereof they may accuse him. He warns them that days of peril may be ahead of them also, and he reminds them that he has spoken plainly, not shunning to declare unto them all the counsel of God, so that he might fulfill his whole duty and be "pure from the blood of all men."

Surely one of the most beautiful passages in all the literature of a bold and self-seeking world is this which Paul speaks of his freedom

from all base or ordinary motives. "I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel," he said. "Ye yourselves know that these hands have ministered to my necessities and to them that were with me."

Then follows that additional verse in which Paul quotes words of the Lord Jesus that are not recorded elsewhere. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Here is not only a law of individual life, but a social philosophy.

World Needs This Principle

What a marvelous place this would be if all men were similarly free from covetousness, and when practicing the law that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." There would be no indigence or slackness in such a world.

Even economically it would be a world far wealthier than any world in which self-interest rules. It would be a world of effective, triumphant motives.

Will there come a time when this world will be peopled by a race of

men as good as Paul? It seems a long way off, but is there no hope that some day, some time, all men might be what one man has been: May we not recall Paul's own hope as he stood before Agrippa that "all men might be such as I am except these bonds."

The lesson ends in the tears and sorrowing of farewell, but it is the farewell of an abiding love in which they pray and command one another of God. So Paul goes on toward Jerusalem, with his face set toward destiny and duty.

Can we not for a moment join this holy company at Miletus, that we may go out to meet life's journey and the day's tasks in the full assurance that God is with us, and that His grace is as sufficient for us as it was for Paul?

How many children were born in the United States in 1923? 1,792,646.

City Dump Protest Made

Let Mr. Fixit be your advocate with city officials. He The Times reporter at city hall. Write him at The Times.

During the past week Mr. Fixit has been busy keeping an eye on politicians at the city hall. Now that election is over he is back on the job and will look after your interests.

Will you see if some relief can be given us? TIMES READERS.

Oscar Wise, board of safety secretary, promised an investigation.

DEAR MR. FIXIT—I have been

wondering when the Citizens Gas

A Sermon for Today

By Rev. John R. Gunn

Text: "Her price is far above rubies."—Proverbs 31:10.

A WIFE who is not a flapper, Solomon describes her in Proverbs 31:10-31. Every wife ought to make a special study of these verses. They ought to be in the curriculum of every girl's school. Turn now and read what Solomon says about this wife. You will not wonder that he says, "Her price is far above rubies."

"The heart of her husband doth safely trust her." She never gives him any occasion for suspicion. He has absolute confidence in her.

"She seeketh wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands." She does not spend her time gadding about in idleness or running around seeking foolish pleasures and amusements. She is an industrious woman, and does not mind hard work.

"She rises also while it is yet night and giveth meat to her household." She is an early riser. By the time the sun is up, things begin to move in her home. Her household affairs are conducted with order, promptness and dispatch.

"With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard." She is a woman of common sense. She practices economy and tries to help her husband get a start in the world.

"She girdeth her loins with strength and strengthened her

arms." She knows that health and strength are important factors in wifehood and motherhood.

"She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; her candle goeth not out by night." She is honest. It is safe to invest in her candles. She would not deceive anybody with her merchandise or in any other manner. She is not a shrew. She is genuine and sincere.

"She stretcheth out her hand to the poor." The poor and the needy regard her as a good neighbor. She is a charitable woman and bestows her charity where it is most needed.

"She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple." She is not shabby in her dress. She does not dress extravagantly, but she does dress neatly and substantially.

"All her household are clothed with scarlet. Her husband is known in the gates." She is careful about the clothing of her husband and children as well as her own.

"In her tongue is the law of kindness." Her speech is never sharp and stinging, but always loving and kind.

"She looketh well to the ways of her household." She knows where her children go, how long they stay and what they do.

No wonder her husband is proud of her. No wonder her children rise up and call her blessed.

RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

\$1,000 FOR
A BODY

To the authorities of Muskegon, Mich., where "Dutch" Anderson lies unclaimed in the morgue, has come an offer of \$1,000 for the body of that defunct super-criminal. An Atlanta (Ga.) man is the prospective buyer.

One thousand dollars is a large price for a body. As raw material, from the viewpoint of industry, it is worth about 98 cents.

But the enterprising individual making the offer doesn't want the remains for industrial, but for entertainment purposes. He would tour the country and exhibit the body for a suitable admission fee.

There's enterprise for you! The shade of Barnum must grow green with envy.

If the prospective buyer consummates the deal he should negotiate for the remains of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hance—the Mundine (Ind.) couple slain by Anderson last summer—and the bodies of the other victims of that notorious crook. A few blood-stained garments and pistols would nicely round out the show.

He would then have a stellar Chautauqua attraction that would be a knockout—a thrilling, instructive, moral exhibition for young and old. Adults only a dime; school children half price, babies in arms free. Come one, come all!

And there would be big money in the scheme. "Dutch" Anderson dead would attract more attention than one of the Nation's great men alive. We glorify our criminals and merciless gunmen. That's round out the process.

Nowhere since the invention of gunpowder have the wild creatures of forest and plain successfully withstood the encroachment of the white man. Probably the sport-loving Hoosier generation or two hence will not be able to hunt with a shotgun, except a fat bank or one of the angles of his domestic triangle.

Those days are gone forever. Despite fish hatcheries, closed seasons and other conservation devices, wild life in Indiana is marching to extinction. The steady increase in the number of hunting and fishing licenses from year to year tells the story. Intelligent conservation measures merely delay the process.

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These embrace vocal teachers, vocalists choir directors and singers from practically every church in Indianapolis. Elmer Andrew Steffen, conductor of the Mendelssohn Choir, is putting his singers through the final stages of rehearsing in preparation for the concert.

Lambert Murphy, American lyric tenor, who is to be the assisting artist of the evening, has an inspiring record of achievements in his list or re-engagements, his latest success being his fine rendition of Bach's "St. Matthew's Passion," with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

He has a record of singing eight times with the New York Oratorio Society, four times at the Cincinnati festival and three times with the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto.

Then there is the Klan. "We put Duvall over," proudly declare the leaders of that organization. And there is open warfare between them and the city chairman. They will put ground glass in his pie if they can—and will demand a share of the plum crop.

Next there is Bill Armitage and his personal entourage. In the heat of the campaign Bill was publicly tossed outside the breastworks by the nominee. Nevertheless he delivered the votes. "We put Duvall over," chirps the faction.

He will give a recital of songs and oratorio works in addition to the splendid choral program that is to be presented by the Mendelssohn Choir.

He sings everything with a beautiful emission of tone that is a constant joy to the ear. His diction is one of his most remarkable achievements. Murphy who is American trained was a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company for three years, but declined a tempting offer from that famous organization in order to devote himself exclusively to concert and oratorio work.

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And there are Duvall's personal political friends to be rewarded. They have demonstrated their fitness and administrative ability for position of trust and responsibility in the city government by the fact they rode the bandwagon.

So the factons scramble, push and haul. They aren't interested in filling the places with the best available men but only in jobs for their followers. They don't have to pay the salaries of the appointees so it doesn't matter to them.

How long would the United States Steel Corporation keep out of bankruptcy if it filled its jobs in the manner typical of the Indianapolis city government?

Company (Prospect St.) will stop emptying oils and other undesirable material into Pleasant Run. This has been going on for years, and I think that the city should have objected long ago, as it causes rank odors all along the banks of the creek.

Some years ago there were a great many fish destroyed because of this. Something ought to be done.

E. C. H. A. SOUTH SIDE RESIDENT.

Dr. Herman E. Morgan, city health officer, will investigate.

THE SPUDZ FAMILY—By TALBURST

BY GEORGE PAT—IM CERTAINLY IMPATIENT TO BE OFF TO WASHINGTON AND HELP OUR GALLANT SECRETARY OF STATE SHACKLE THE EAGLE OF MISGUIDED FREEDOM!! LIKE THE WIFE OF LOT, LIBERTY MUST BECOME A PILLAR OF SALT TO BE WASHED AWAY BY THE SWEET RAINS OF SUPERIOR MINDS—AHEM!!

WILL CERTAINLY BE GLAD WHEN UNCLE APPLESAUCE IS GONE—ACCORDING TO HIM WHEN THEY GET THROUGH IT WILL BE HARDER TO FIND ANY FREEDOM IN THIS COUNTRY THAN IT IS TO FIND A KEY TO A LOCK OF HAIR!!

IS THAT OLD BUZZARD PULLING OUT FOR WASHINGTON—AND HE HASN'T EVEN OFFERED TO PAY ME WHAT HE OWES ME!!

YESSIR—
I NEED THE DOUGH!
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO TO GET THIS SETTLED—
I'LL FORGIVE HALF O' WHAT YOU OWE ME—

BY JOE
ELMER—THAT'S THE SPIRIT AND TO SHOW YOU I'M JUST AS GOOD A SPORT—

I'LL AGREE TO FORGET THE OTHER HALF!!

Intime Concerts Will Start at Columbia Club

THE first Intime Concert to be given by Ona B. Talbot at the Columbia Club will be given at 3 o'clock next Thursday afternoon in the ballroom.

Clara Clemens, mezzo soprano; Louis and Guy Maier, pianists, will be the artists.

The Intime concerts are something new in the musical life of the city and they are open not only to members of the Columbia Club, but to friends and the public as well.

The program follows:

"Do Not Light the Candle".....Arensky
"The Little Fishes Song".....Arnay
"The Fairies".....Ravel
"Near to Thee".....Gabrielowitch
Clara Clemens
"Minuet and Gavotte".....Saint-Saens
"Sarabande".....Saint-Saens
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"Arranged for two pianos by Guy Maier".....Schutte
"Impromptu Rococo".....Schutte
"Loris and Guy Maier".....Schutte

Three Little Pigs".....Strauss
(b) "Laidler's, Empress of the Beast".....Ravel
(c) "Conversation of Beauty and the Beast".....Ravel
(d) "Arietta".....Casella
"The Riddle of Elkins".....Casella
"Loris and Guy Maier".....Casella

"Love, Baby".....Swedish Folksong
"A Sweetheart's Peal".....Swedish Folksong
"Ye Banks and Braes".....Scotch Folksong
"Oh! Charlie Is My Darling".....Scotch Folksong
"The Blacksmith".....Brahms
Clara Clemens, IV

"The Sleeping Beauty".....Tchaikovsky
(b) "Laidler's, Empress of the Beast".....Tchaikovsky
(c) "Conversation of Beauty and the Beast".....Tchaikovsky
(d) "Arietta".....Tchaikovsky
"The Blue Danube Waltz".....Strauss
Loris and Guy Maier

IN the active membership of the Mendelssohn Choir, whose fall concert will be given at Caleb Mills Hall, Nov. 23