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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."—Dante.

## Emancipation Day

Sixty-five years ago today the President of the United States issued a warning to the Southern States that he would, unless the war ended, eventually set free the black man from human slavery.

The event is celebrated today, especially by the sons and grandsons and great-grandsons of those who were then in bondage, as the beginning of their liberty.

The real significance of the day lies in the fact that President Lincoln, knowing public sentiment, waited until there should be the victory at Antietam before he sent out what was at best a feeler to test sentiment in the North and disorganize the sentiment in the South.

Those who are perhaps discouraged with some of the conditions of today may ponder on the fact that even the great Lincoln was not sure that men who did not own slaves had been convinced of the moral wrong of slavery, so brief a time ago.

That it was morally right for one man to own another, if the color of the slave was black, was disputed only by the few who protested against it and drew to themselves the contempt which goes to fanaticism.

The world in seven thousand years of history had not reached that point of view where it could condemn property in human beings, where it saw the wrong of the strong overriding the weak.

So men were put upon the auction block and sold. The child of the black man and woman had exactly the status of the colt of the pasture. It belonged to the master, who could sell if he chose, and whose wealth increased with each birth.

It may be worthwhile to remember this today, if you are pessimistic and discouraged.

There are still vistas of liberty to be attained. There are yet new interpretations to be placed upon human freedom.

It was not the cruelty of slavery that aroused resentment. Had the outcome been left to the slaves, they would probably have preferred to remain in their enslavement, protected by their owners and treated with a kindness that is not possible when they became competitive in fields of industry.

Slavery was ended because it was morally wrong, not because of the crack of whips or the auction-blocks.

No man is really free who is held in bonds of fanaticism and bigotry.

No man is really free who has not thrown off the shackles of hate in his own soul.

Some day we will discover that the conditions which perpetuate hate and bigotry and fanaticism are as immoral as were those which made slavery an institution.

The world moves fast these days. Slavery is but sixty-five years in the background. Real freedom may be much nearer than we suppose.

## A Will-O'-The-Wisp for Farmers

During the coming session of Congress the American Farm Bureau Federation will again insist that the American Cyanamid Company be given a fifty-year lease on Muscle Shoals. This is clearly indicated in a series of prepared articles, with illustrations, already being distributed to the newspapers of the Nation by federation leaders.

The articles will inevitably be widely printed and will have great influence in rural communities. And yet, nowhere, are the fallacies of the federation's position more apparent than in this newest propaganda material.

No doubt the federation leaders are sincerely convinced that agriculture will be greatly helped if the American Cyanamid Company obtains the people's

## What Other Editors Think

(Portland Tribune)

It now begins to look like the Republicans would have to completely clean house in Indiana, or abandon all hopes of electing a single person on the State ticket next year. This opinion prevails in both parties and there is nothing else to do.

But why not make the cleanup thorough and complete; not just with the Republican party, but with the Democratic party as well? One party is as bad as the other. The only difference is, the Republicans are in and the Democrats are out.

If the people are to get any benefit from a so-called clean-up, the clean-up must take in the Democratic party as well as the Republican party. The leaders and the organizations of both parties are rotten, and we contend that if the Democrats were in office at Indianapolis today, conditions there would be about the same. Both organizations toadied to Stephenson, but it happened that the Republicans outgamed the Democrats and got the offices and are in power.

(Lebanon Reporter)

Senator Arthur Robinson, who has been allied with Jackson, Stephenson, et al. in the political combination that has all but wrecked the Republican party in Indiana, has mounted the platform and with a gesture of senatorial dignity demanded that The Indianapolis Times retract certain statements in which The Times accused the senator of being a member of the Jackson-Stephenson machine. Of course, The Times did not retract. Instead it reiterated its charges and politely told the senator to crack his whip. Nothing would please The Times more than to have Senator Robinson file a suit for libel. The trial in such a case would afford The Times excellent opportunity to prove its charges and incidentally increase its circulation.

Senator Robinson was appointed United States senator by Governor Jackson, with whom he has long

been closely identified in politics. The appointment by all the rules of the party game, should have gone to Albert J. Beveridge, the party's nominee by a primary vote. But the Jackson-Stephenson machine decided that Robinson should have it. Robinson accepted and played along with Jackson until the Governor became involved in a nasty scandal. Now Robinson is seeking to desert the very men who are responsible for his appointment in the Senate. His hands are smeared with the same dirt that has involved his former political buds. We doubt that he will carry out his threat of suing The Times for libel. We know of no better way for him to make a public ass of himself. It was a silly thing for him to do to make the demand on The Times, but if he goes through with his announced intention of suing The Times the whole State of Indiana will enjoy a huge laugh at the senator's expense.

(Marion Leader Tribune)

Apropos, the present political situation in Indiana, one of the outstanding lessons to be drawn for it is the fact that chickens come home to roost. It is foolish to believe that the record which men make, good or bad, will not come home to them. The individual, nor the party of which an individual is a member, can escape the responsibility.

There may be a redressing grace about the recent exposures, if they will make men understand that they cannot for any great length of time put over anything. They may hide behind locked doors, in darkened rooms, and conduct a nefarious and unsavory business, but the record which they make is so indelibly written that it cannot be erased. If the record is a bad one, it comes back to haunt those who made it. We cannot escape the inevitable consequences of our conduct. Men must pay the price. Emerson once said that the law of compensation is unescapable. Justice rules supreme and demands an accounting from those who prostitute the sacred principles of government and society.

## M. E. TRACY

SAYS:

*As a Matter of Common Sense, We Are All Joined Twins, and All Dependent on Each Other's Well Being, Even Though We Seem to Be Physically Free.*

Three men are dead in Kentucky. The reason is that somebody kicked or stepped on somebody's dog last winter. There was a shooting scrape at the time, but without fatal results.

Last Sunday two of the interested parties revived the controversy by engaging in a fist fight.

A third party, operating on the Irishman's theory that "there has got to be peace if I have to lick everybody," sought to end the difficulty by drawing a gun. He succeeded, for when the scrimmage was over everybody concerned had passed out of the picture.

The curious part of it is that no one seems to know what became of the dog. But that is true of life. We are always getting tragic results from trifling causes and trifling results from tragic causes.

### High-Priced Faith

Faith is apt to grow difficult as the cost rises.

E. H. Boush was injured so seriously while working with crutches.

This incapacitated him for work and entitled him to "compensation" under the State law.

Then a disciple of Aimee Semple McPherson came to town, claiming to heal all manner of afflictions by divine assistance.

Mr. Boush attended the meeting and was one of those miraculously healed, throwing away his crutches and walking from the platform in the most approved style.

Being thus restored to health, he was no longer entitled to "compensation" and the company stopped it, whereupon he appeared with a cane, lamenting the fact that his cure had been temporary, not permanent.

### 'Joined Twins' III

Again comes the news that the "joined" twins face the possibility of death because one is ill.

This time it is Mary and Margaret Gibbs of Holyoke, Mass., who are only 14 years old and who have led a singularly beautiful life, in spite of their difficulty.

Mary has pneumonia, though not a serious case as yet, but it is feared that she may communicate it to her sister, or that even if she does not, a turn for the worse may destroy both lives.

One is reminded of the original Siamese twins, one of whom, though seemingly in good health, only survived his brother by a few hours, and of the Blazek sisters, who died together.

We are accustomed to think of "joined" twins as pathetically unfortunate not only because of the way their lives and movements are handicapped, but because they constantly face a double shadow of death.

As a matter of common sense, we are all "joined" twins, and all dependent on each other's well-being, even though we seem to be physically free.

### Linked by Distant Events

We are not only dependent on each other as individuals, but as groups, and even as nations.

The health and welfare of people often is and often has been affected by very distant events. The Black Death is supposed to have originated in eastern Asia and to have traveled half around the world before devastating western Europe.

If the League of Nations, accomplishes nothing else, it will more than pay its way by what it can do to rid the world of communicable diseases through cooperative effort.

### How Would You Decide This CASE?

The actual decision: The Supreme Court of Arkansas ruled that the proper procedure was to dismiss the judgment. The court said an invalid judgment against a person or property might easily become a source of future embarrassment, and that a person faced with such a judgment has a right to have it dismissed.

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