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### PERFECTION UNATTAINABLE

Man coined the word "eternity," but he cannot even faintly conceive a distinct notion of what it actually is. The span of actual recorded history reaches over a period of only a few thousand years. We are told that the earth is millions of years old; and that some kind of life has lived on it for untold ages. What about this civilization of which we are now a part? Will it wipe itself out before another thousand years pass? We think not. It is a fact that civilization is getting better, though very slowly and hardly perceptible as compassed by one generation. But each succeeding generation adds its cubit to the staly and hardly perceptible as compassed by one generation. But each succeeding generation adds its cubit to the starture of society. The greatest example which society has for the attainment of perfection is shown in the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus' teachings represent the acme of living to the mentalities of today. When we reach, in the next hundred thousand years, a state of perfection that equals Jesus' life and teachings, mankind will probably be sent another soul that, like Jesus' mission, will point the way to a still higher state of existence. The absolute maintenance of a state of unswerving perfection by the entire population of the world would mean sameness, and this would beget satiety—a condition that will never be allowed by the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

It is a glorious privilege to live, to know, to act, to listen, to behold, to love. To look up at the blue summer sky; to see the sun sink slowly beyond the line of the horizon; to watch the worlds come twinkling into view, first one by one, and the myriads that no man can count, and lo! the universe is white with them; and you and I are here.—Marco Morrow.

### THE HOODLUM GATHERING.

To the student of good government, the recent actions of the mob that makes up the Democratic convention at New York are nothing but disgusting. Can you imagine a group of men and women really accomplishing good by carrying on the way the Democrats have during the past ten days? Of course some of the real thinking Democrats ten days? Of course some of the real thinking Democrats are good patriots, but most of the hoodlums gathered in Madison Square Garden are twisted mentalities, much unbalanced, and almost entirely devoid of the characteristics that mark such men as really build up the structure of lasting government. If the actions of the convention are typical of the thoughts of the people in attendance (and they are, of course) then there are a great majority of poor Christians representing the Jeffersonian party. To be good and kind, thoughtful of others before self, ought to be the good of every human being; to place the welfare to be the goal of every human being; to place the welfare of the people before one's personal gratifications ought to be the aim of every representative of good government. And rest assured that the people will pay proper homage to a good official. Conventions for the purpose of nominating public officials are in bad repute.

What if I differ from some in religious apprehensions? Am I therefore incompatible within human societies? I know not any unfit for political society but those who maintain principles subversive of industry, fidelity, justice and obedience. Five things are requisite for a good officer: ability, clean hands, dispatch, patience and impartiality.—William Penn.

### HAVE NO VAIN REGRETS.

We build our homes in Birmingham and vicinity, plac-We build our homes in Birmingham and vicinity, placing within them all our hopes, ideals and accomplishments. We go about our daily business specking a livelihood in the marts of the world. We ought to be thankful for many things—efficiely the mere right to live under a favbrable disposition of the elements. Witness the recent devastation wrought lin the northern Ohio districts between Lorain and Sandusky, when a cyclone struck there last Saturday evening; killing hundreds of people and wiping out thousands of homes. Men and women found their-entire worldly possessions taken from them; parents become childless and children become orphans, all in the wiping out thousands of homes. Men and women found their-entire worldly possessions taken from them; parents become childless and children become orphans, all in the twinkling of an eye. Grief-stricken and penniless, perhaps many of the sufferers turned an anguished look toward Heaven in awful wonder at the catastrophe which had come upon them; but their calamity is only a mere scratch upon the scroll of humanity's past trials, and the God that gave them birth still buoys up their hopes for the morrow. "In the midst of life we stand with death." That was shown in Lorain last week. How many of those who were killed had said an unkind word or did an unkind act a few minutes before their-bodies lay immovable and lifeless? Truly, we never know just when our own individual lives may end—and pity the one who, though knowing better and desiring to be kind and thoughful, passes out before he can undo a wrong even though unwittingly committed. The possession of vain regrets is one of the soul's most bitter heritages.

He who would do some great thing in this short life must apply himself to his work with such a concentration of his forces as, to idle spectators, who live only to amuse themselves, looks like insanity.—Parkman.

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In the matter of the Estate of Alvin W
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OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate at said Probate Office, be and is hereby apthe the County of Oakland, At a pointed for hearing said petition;
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he master of the Estate of Alvin W.

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#### WHEN MOTHER CUTS THE BREAD

My wife is just as clever as most anyone I know, The things that she knows how to do would fill a book

or so, But I am terror-stricken and consumed with mortal dread When at dinner she gets out the loaf and starts to cut the

She cuts the first slice nicely and the next one on the slant.

And then she tries her best to get it straight again and can't.

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Each round becomes more crooked and inclined to curve and bend
While we sit in fear and wonder what is going to be the end.

At night the house is orderly, the children neat and clean And wife is there to greet me with her very sweetest mien. Such odors from the kitchen come, my joy would be complete If it wasn't for those hunks of bread I soon will have to cat

Friends often come to visit us and see the little place.
And at the table I detoutly offer up the grace.
The dinner is served properly and everyone well fed,
But we tremble in our boofs when mother starts to cut the
bread.

#### FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNSof Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

#### Twenty-Five Years Ago

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William Hunt came near killed by being tipped over load of hay Tuesday; as it was severely injured but around all the same.

Bill of fare for 4th of July din-er at Fairholm, from the home gar-en; potatoes, green corn, cucum-ers, onions, peas, with all the fruit

Master Don Jenks will undoubted by remember the 1th for some time. While celebrating with several companions his face was quite badly and cyclashes, being thoroughly missing. The powder did not deeply penetrate the flesh, however and here the lad thinks himself fortunate to get off as easily as he did.

Miss Almeda Blunt entertained company of ten friends one day st week, including Mrs. F. Blunt and Mrs. Martin Blunt and family faren, also Mrs. aughter of Port Hope.

Forty-Three Years Ago

Mr. Wyman Vaughn and Miss Elsa Newton were married here in this fillage June 19. The young couple have the best wishes of all. William Phelps has been trying for a flowing well.

Mrs. Harland killed a large black-nake which measured 9 feet 6 liches. It was the largest that has een seen for sometime.

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Ocean Saturday right two professions at men paid a visit to William Ford. They tried the door and used some effective acid to break in but they street the difference of the street the street of the street th

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Dated at Birmingham, Michigan, April 15, 1924. RACE HANASS and ALLEN, Attorneys for Lawson-Erb Lumber Company, Mertrague, 124 Dime Hans Bidg., Detroit, Mic

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