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Practical Idealism Applied A picket frozen on duty; a mother starved for her brood. Socrates drinking the hemlock, and Jesus on the rood; And millions who, humble and nameless, the straight hard pathway trod— Some call it consecration, and others call it God. We wanted to write about the idealism that ought to exist in one's attitude toward governmental affairs, and there flashed through our mind the above stanza of a poem learned long ago; we have forgotten who the author was—to most of us he is one of the "millions who, humble and nameless..."

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Drunken Drivers More drunken drivers and more of them arrested. Again, congratulations to the police. The menace offered by intoxicated persons who sit at the controls of an automobile is far too serious for police to pass them over lightly. This is especially true in Birmingham. To drive on Woodward avenue is something of a feat. There is always the same amount of danger that there is on any street where the traffic is heavy. A drunken driver in this traffic is dangerous enough to merit considerable attention. The police officers can do fewer services of more worth than to keep drunken drivers off the streets.

His Fire Has Sputtered Out William (Big Bill) Dudley Haywood, Socialist extraordinaire, who died last week in a Moscow, Russia, hospital, at the age of 39, was born in the small, gloomy kitchen of a mining cottage in Salt Lake City. Bill's dad hired him out to a coal mining company; the youngster disliked this kind of work and then hired out to a farmer. The soil did not agree with him and he ran away. But he found his pleasure in unionism at an early age, and became a well-known figure during the Coeur D'Alene miner strike in Idaho. Haywood, with two other men, was the defendant in the famous murder trial when Clarence Darrow first leaped into fame.

His Fire Has Sputtered Out (Continued) Big Bill worked like the devil for those whom he catalogued as slaves of capital; his seething mind—dwarfed by the hardships of a starved youth—was forevermore seeking ways to place every man on a monetary equal with others. Big Bill foolishly believed that money was the chief objective of life; he forgot (if he ever knew) that intelligence is the only possession that needs a fairer distribution in this life. The fires of Big Bill burned high and higher; in 1914, together with 40 "Wobblies," (objectors to entering the World War) he was tried and sentenced to Leavenworth—but before he could be escorted to government expense to the home picked out for him, he had slipped away to Russia. He paid no passage on the trip, and stayed some weeks at the ship dock, because of the sweat he had lost stoking the ship's huge boilers.

His Fire Has Sputtered Out (Continued) Haywood was one of life's paradoxes; seeking happiness for himself and others, he was always very unhappy. The light that shone from his eyes streaked the night in twisted ways—its rays led many weary feet to the precipice that lies on the road of mob terrorism.

His Fire Has Sputtered Out (Continued) Poor Bill Haywood. His sputtering light has gone out. Yet, wital, we'll wager that there were many who loved him and who—aside from his anarchistic career—think him a necessary soul in the seething pot of humanity.

For Our Teachers With the exception of parents, perhaps no human institution in this world plays so vital a part in the shaping of life and living as the teaching profession; therefore, it is most important that society acknowledge this, and render suitable tribute to the thousands of men and women who—with a comparatively small monetary reward—give their lives to youth in our scholastic factories.

For Our Teachers (Continued) Recently the bureau of education of the United States Department of the Interior issued ten "thou shalt nots" for teachers. Here they are: 1. Thou shalt not have other interests besides thy school. 2. Thou shalt not try to make of thy children little images for they are 3 live little bunch, visiting the wringing of their capacity upon you, thy teacher, unto the last weary moment of the day, and showing interest and cooperation unto those who can give them reasonable freedom in working. 3. Thou shalt not scream the names of thy children in irritation for they will not hold thee in respect if thou screamest their names in vain. 4. Remember the last day of the week to keep thy happy. 5. Honor the feelings of thy children that they will not feel well for thee in the little domain over which thou rulest. 6. Thou shalt not kill one breath of stirring endeavor in the heart of a little child. 7. Thou shalt not suffer any unkindness of speech or action to enter the door of thy room. 8. Thou shalt not stand by the drooping of many "papers" the precious hours that should be given to recreation that thy strength and happiness may appear unto all that come within thy presence. 9. Thou shalt not bear witness to too many "schemes of work," for much keener effort is a witness to the soul and a stumbling block to weary fingers. 10. Thou shalt laugh—when it rains and wees, wooly ones muddy the floor, when it blows and doors bang, when little angels conceal their wings and wiggle, when Tommy spills ink and Mary flops a tray of trailing letters; when visitors appear at the precise moment when all small heads have forgotten everything you thought they knew.

The Elephant Noble kung of clay, Ponderously gray, Modelled shaplessly the clumsy whole, Here extremes do meet, For thy leaden feet Scaree support thy faithful heart and soul. 1. Thine a formless race, None extoll thy grace, Think thee made for circuses and chaff; Eye that swaying trunk Were merely drunk, Feed it peanuts then and gaily laugh! Ah, bold solid thou, With a poet's brow! Mount o' mud thou dost, but what a friend! Great that massive head; Here brute strength and human virtues blend!

The Elephant (Continued) So, thou forest god, Whom dost call thee "clod" Merely dost bid blindness as a truth; Would that great eye, Praise thy loyal heart, Handsome prisoner in guise uncouth! —CLARENCE EDWIN ALLEN.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be kept confidential upon request.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT To the Editor: Father and Dad—Son and Daughter seem to have a different meaning these days. Regardless of the cynical meaning of many of our so-called best writers—ours and our daughters—are not held bent for perdition. There is closer contact today between father and son and mother and daughter than ever before in the history of the world. They work together and play together—that good old word Pal has assumed a meaning almost spiritual in its significance.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT (Continued) Our forefathers were pioneers. Real pioneering leaves little time for the niceties of life. To live meant to fight. The world may owe us a living but those living dinkens fought like the very old dickens to collect. Back of all that fighting was a desire to get out of the living conditions of the pioneer's family. Paramount since the beginning of time has been the desire to get on.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT (Continued) Here in Birmingham we find the descendants of those old settlers. We are still fighting to collect the living that the world owes us—but the job is easier now—there are more of us in the good days. Education broadly speaking has made that possible. We deny and demand things in life that were way beyond the dreams of our grandfathers and grandmothers. The outstanding characteristic of Birmingham life is the community spirit. That spirit makes it possible for us and for our children to enjoy things that in a metropolitan city would be impracticable.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT (Continued) Where or what in life is finer than the community spirit. The dedication of which means far more than earthly riches and the power that might bring. It means merely the joy of living. What is finer than a Community House? To a mother and her children and to a home life of us all. The Church as a community naturally are powerful influences in Community life. Complement those influences with a community spirit based in a Community Center and you have an unbeatable combination.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT (Continued) A common meeting ground for all—a community team work that can and will make Birmingham an important city of citizenship.

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THE WAY OF THE WORLD PROPER WRATH Senatorial wrath is often roused on pretexts too slight. The ability to be roused to anger in a hurry and start an investigation over night appears to be necessary equipment for the average member of the United States senate. Now and then, however, senatorial wrath strikes a responsive chord and we all take the pitch. It was pleasant enough the other day to find senators in committee expressing their righteous indignation before some representative book publishers on the subject of the "two bits" price that is many or most of the books that the public really wants cost \$3.50 or \$5.00. And now and then—or often—the bolder publishers spring two-volume biographies at \$10 for the set.

VISION AGAIN From time to time it has been pleasant to write in these columns the story of a man who has had the great-heartedness and the capacity and the courage to translate splendid vision into practical reality. A little while ago Charles Nash, maker of motor cars in Kansas, Wis. graduated and electrified his appreciative townsmen by offering \$400,000 for a new M. C. building in that small city, if his fellow townsmen would raise a similar amount. Four hundred thousand dollars is a magnificent gift, especially in a city no larger than Kansas. But of more appreciation on the part of Nash, the supreme fact that a movement which had been a practical problem of building character through mind, body, and spirit—into young men and boys is the world's greatest work.

A TEST One of the real tests of civilization is the growing ability of rich men to think in terms of millions of dollars in the solution of problems of human betterment.

The Other Chap Says Something

DAYLIGHT GOVERNMENT Two years ago there was launched one of the most interesting, if not the most bitter, gubernatorial campaigns in the history of Michigan. Fred W. Green, Ionia business man set out to defeat Alexander Groesbeck, then governor of the state. There were many issues. Groesbeck had served in the military and was asking for a fourth. His attitude throughout the six years in office had been one of autocratic rule—a condition which dovetailed into the characteristics of the man. He sought neither advice nor contact with the people who elected him. It was perfectly natural that Mr. Green should, and did, make this condition a target for criticism and promise in its place, "daylight government." Monday of this week on every Monday, the state administrative board was in session. Coming and going from the room were the reporters of many newspapers and news agencies. They listened to the entire proceedings immediately after adjournment the newspaper men together with citizens who may have been interested in some particular action of the board that day, buttonholed various members of the board and asked questions. Governor Green stopped for a word with various men, answering a question here and changing a friendly greeting with another. There was nothing austere nor forbidding in the atmosphere of the meeting. It was the business of the State of Michigan that was being transacted and citizens of the state were welcome to see and hear what was going on. The citizens who were present respected the importance of the work being carried on and did not make nuisances of themselves. The whole meeting was a more elegant novelty to visit the governor nor to attend the business meetings of the board of directors of Michigan. Perhaps it is our imagination, but we thought that this spirit must be a little more friendly, a little more selfless, less officious than in the democratic manner of Fred W. Green have had an influence on the entire state official family. Daylight government, we believe, is growing to be something more than a mere campaign slogan.

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