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the Good Things Still Abide.

It is much talk these days of the sad condition of much indignation, some righteous and some against groups and individuals whose greed and evil are said to have been the cause of our fallen men; much self-right and some abuse turned upon us for a lack of that foresight which have enabled us to avoid the plight in which ourselves.

If we have lost, everything else there is something should have gained. We should have gained more, now more evil and substantial, perhaps before in history, that the fine things in life than they have ever been before. And have gained that vision, we have gained far than anything we might have lost.

As may be closed all around us, but we can with much joy sit at an inspiring paint-brushes of a life-time built up by tedious toll taken exploitation may have dwindled to nothing, but a beautiful piece of music is still transferred at face value; confidence in our governments shaken, faith in our leaders shattered, and all disappeared but a fine friendship is as solid and comforting as it has ever been.

But, when tax commissioners and politicians announced a program of tax reduction, it usually does precisely what has been described above.

It takes a dollar off the property tax and puts another dollar on the income tax. It shifts burdens from an inheritance tax to a sales tax. It discovers inheritance taxes—supposed to lower some other tax, but increases the total volume of tax money taken from individuals and industry. And so it goes.

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Keep the pocket illustration in mind next time your public officials announce an economy drive. See if they actually do lower the cost of running the government, or simply dip into your other pocket. Then act accordingly.—Camden Times, East Camden, N. J.

The Ambulance Down In The Valley

This is a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed, though to walk near its crest was so pleasant; But over its terrible edge there had slipped a fence and full many a peasant. So the people said something would have to be done, but their projects did not all tally. Some said, "Put a fence round the edge of the cliff." Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

But the cry for the ambulance started the day, for it passed through the neighboring cities. A fence may be useful or not, it is true. But each heart became brimful of pity. For those who had slipped off that dangerous cliff, And the dwellers in the highway and alley, Gave pounds or gave pence, not to put up a fence, But an ambulance down in the valley.

Then an old sage remarked: "It's a marvel to me that people give far more attention To repairing results than to stopping the cause. When they'd much better aim at prevention. Let us stop at its source all this mischief," cried he: "Come neighbors and friends, let us rally! If the cliff we will fence, we might almost dispense With the ambulance down in the valley."

—Author Unknown.

Robbing Peter To Pay Paul

In your left-hand trouser pocket you have the sum of \$10 dollars. In your right-hand pocket is another \$10. For a period of time you spend entirely from the left pocket, until the \$10 suffers alarming depreciation. Then you begin spending from the right pocket. Would you consider this economy and reduction of expense? You certainly would not. It is unimportant whether the dollar comes from one pocket or another, whether your left hand or your right passes it out.

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The Printer

The printer is a faithful servant, not only for those connected with the business, but also for the public at large. Without him what would be the state of the world at large? Why, tyrants and humbugs all countries would have everything their own way. The printer is the friend of intelligence and thought; he is the friend of liberty, of freedom of law; indeed, the printer is the friend of every man who is the friend of order—the friend of every man who can read. Of all the inventions, of all the discoveries in science or art, of all the great qualities—the wonderful progress of industrial energy and skill, the printer is the only product of civilization necessary to the existence of free men.—Charles Dickens.

The Zither Comes Back

America's new Secretary of the Treasury to be appointed by President-elect Roosevelt, is William H. Woodin, and this man, "father of the income tax law" is a musical composer. What is more, he does his original stuff on a zither, completing harmonization and orchestration later. Well, here's hoping that Mr. Woodin adds harmony to American politics again, as he proceeds toward that Great Orchestra of Heavenly Harmony, he is given a harp to play on.

Evil Always At Work

Evil forces are always at work in this world of men and women, boys and girls. Truth, applied to life, is everlasting being attacked at evils seek to supplant it in your activities. If you sincerely try to keep your thoughts clear and unselfishly helpful, you are doing the best possible thing to prevent evil from taking possession of your human destiny.

THE OTHER CHAP SAYS SOMETHING

IS LOSER IS OFTEN THE WINNER?

Never happier; best thing happened to me since I was born. Daugherty told me the opposite of his exit from the state, and the opportunity to enter the legal profession. He has never heard many times since a man enters the profession, he is out in it almost surrounded by the family (what a pity). He is almost impossible to quit, until he gets sick of it, and finds it difficult to get off. In short, he should do so. Consequently, it is surely a relief to wake up in the morning and reflect on what hasn't politics on the for any meal. Holly Hills.

LAW-BREAKERS

Governor Comstock is coming to a great deal of bitter criticism because of his failure to implement his campaign promises as the law provides. One paper points out that he has given 90% of his time to breaking the trapping laws. He couldn't laugh off the way it was a "silly one," Governor said. Dick Baldwin in Northville Record.

PARENTAL BRUTALITY

The good book says, "Spare the rod and you spoil the child." We believe that is true, but it is misinterpreted in that most parents who administer corporal punishment give it when angry. No punishment given in anger will ever do any good. It should be done when the head is cool and in sympathy rather than anger. This approach will increase the respect for the parent and will bear good fruit.

But, what is there which can be done to stop the self-mordant to a child? When one reads of the beating of the two children in Kalamazoo where the boy eleven cased in school from the beating he had suffered, and the girl

WOODMAN, PARE THAT TREE!



FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

—of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO

One of the spectacular episodes of the week was a young lad taking an inverted wheel barrow ride on Mill street one evening. Two speed combined with elegance and grace. We will look forward to the annual barrel races next fall.

Seventeen scholars of Mrs. S. B. Wattles' Sunday School class of young ladies, surprised her on her birthday by calling on her at her residence in Troy, and presenting her with a very elegant violet wiskbroom and holder and a pair of handsome gloves in a green box.

The percent, that was passed by some of the scholars in Southfield, on what they have been studying during the summer, follows: Max Cannon passed 92 1/2 percent; Carrie Cook 90 1/2; Janey Bell 92 1/2; Rhoda Daniels 91 2/3; Anna Bell 91 1/2; Anna Young 90; Lydia Young 90; Wyllie Bell 94 1/2; Bub Cannon 98 1/2; Andy Prince 92 2/3; Jimmie Cannon 92; Edgar Daniels 90; Clyde Cannon 93 2/3; Carrie Cook received the greatest number of credit marks. Mattie Wooster, teacher.

Our young friend E. W. Kynast, of Utica, will be married Saturday afternoon at the Chapel of the Holy Name on Harmon avenue west of the chapel, according to announcement by Father William W. Ryan.

Colonel Lindbergh landed in Milford yesterday afternoon rather than Thursday afternoon when he took a needless risk when engine trouble forced him to land in the plain which he was piloted to by Major Thomas Lanier of Selbyridge 840. It was learned this week.

July 1 has been set as the possible date for the opening of the new Quaker School on Oak and Cheshire street, it was announced at the Board of Education meeting Monday night at the Baldwin High School.

FIVE YEARS AGO

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"Queechy," an old book written by the author of "Wide Wide World" in 1852, was sold in England and America, and was dedicated to Queen Victoria.

Another delightful snow storm Tuesday morning. If the good work goes on, the sleighing will be excellent.

Patrism in the younger generation has shown itself this last week, in the call for books Lincoln and Washington.

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