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WILL S. D. SUN GET JAMES HERVEY JOHNSON'S SCALP? Voting El Capitan Bonds

STATE SUPERVISION

By E. K. Cormack

Again we are forcibly reminded that the political unit known as a state cannot be depended upon to protect its citizens from the get-rich-quick hunger of financial fools and crooks. The theory under which the state seeks to safeguard the interests of its citizen investors is very fine but it does not work out in practice. It assumes men are what they should be and ignores what they are.

The recent building and loan scandal in Los Angeles is an illustration of the difference between theory and practice; to allege that there was incompetency, neglect or connivance on the part of state officials but emphasises the inability of politics to furnish the protection it claims to furnish.

A politically appointed and controlled body is not the most perfect piece of machinery man is capable of putting together for the operation, management or supervision of any one of the many organizations catering to man's needs and desires.

The only successful method so far discovered for keeping the units of an industry (and building and loan companies, banks and similar institutions are industries) on the straight and narrow path is supervision by the industry itself. The keenest and most watchful force for the prevention of wrong doing, whether such wrong doing is inspired by ignorance or from the desire to steal, are one's competitors. Had there been a state building and loan clearing house, membership in which would be compulsory upon all building and loan companies operating in the state and said self-governing clearing house given authority to supervise and audit the work being done by its members, it is safe to say that the unfortunate episode under consideration would never have occurred.

In many of the larger financial centers the bank clearing houses are not content with the audit of their members made by the state or federal authorities they insist upon an additional audit being made by the clearing house auditors and where this is being done there is no record of bank failures through the commission of criminal acts.

The tendency of present day political—one cannot say thought—movement is to have the state do every thing, or if not the state; the county or municipality, and the deeper we get into this form of paternalism the greater our troubles become. What we need is a better understanding of just what are the proper functions of government, what it should do and what it should authorize its organized groups of citizens to do.

CELEBRATE WITH JOHNSON

Dear Friend:

On Monday, January 5th, 1931, our newly elected San Diego County Assessor, Mr. Johnson, will take office. At that time it would seem very appropriate and fitting for his friends to meet and assure him of their continued interest and friendly co-operation.

In line with this suggestion, the undersigned committee is sending this letter to you, hoping you may be able to come to a reception and dinner party at the new Elk's Club, Fourth and Cedar streets, San Diego, California, at 7 p. m., Jan. 5th.

To make proper arrangements with the Elk's Club management, it will of course be necessary that we know how many to provide for. The dinner charge of the club will be \$1 per plate, and we shall be glad to have your reservation with remittance, so we may go ahead with definite and final arrangements for the dinner and program for the evening. Please let us hear from you promptly as to the number to reserve for yourself—including wife, husband or friend.

Yours for a good time, and a fine start for a very successful administration of four years of hard work by James Hervey Johnson, we are,

DINNER AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE,

By A. B. Swarstad, chairman; Otto Carl, Purl Willis, W. M. Ramsey, Mrs. Maud R. Rush, Mrs. Celia Welty, Mrs. L. Tiernan.

For reservations phone A. B. Swarstad, Main 7932.

HELP TO FIND A JOB FOR HER

Edith Mary Gleason is looking for work. She is a stenographer. Has experience in legal, manufacturing, and civil engineering work. Will take charge of office. Has secretarial and executive ability. Phone Main 4402. Residence 1627 - 29th Street. She is a mother and must support a small daughter.

FREE LECTURES

Metaphysical Hall, 840 Ash Street. Open Forum, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Saturday, Iva Nell DeWitt, leader: "Appreciation and Inspiration." Sunday, 7:45 p. m. Golden Glow Class: "Expression." Wednesday evening, 7:45, Mrs. T. Wilkins: "The Inner Voice and Divine Life Messages." Saturday evening, Prof. Albert Merriott lectures.

There is one thing to be right and another thing to be truthful. While The BROOM is still investigating the facts about the El Capitan Dam and Mission Gorge No. 2 and will make its findings public in due time, we notice that much emphasis is laid upon the fact that the El Capitan bonds were voted favorably, one to four. Those that remember the incident will perhaps recall that the Spreckels Company was to receive a profit of ten cents for every sack of cement that was to go into the construction of the dam. The enthusiasm for the dam was pushed considerably with that 10 cents in view and we need not be surprised about the four to one. Only a trusting baby will believe that elections are not decided by just such considerations.

This little reminder does not imply that El Capitan is not the best location. We do not know as yet and are studying to find out, but we do know already that a little thing like 10 cents makes a whale of a difference at election times and we think that all factors should be considered when the people are appealed to protect their own interest. A fair presentation of all that is favorable as well as all that is unfavorable does not leave traces of suspicion in the minds of open-eyed observers. The BROOM will report the bad and good points impartially and hide nothing to help our readers to draw their own conclusions.

It is amusing to notice how our vocal and hydraulic engineers, Pat and Savage juggle their figures on the cost of dams. Nobody can tell whether El Capitan foundations will not be another San Gabriel or Rodriguez. Nobody can come within 2 to 4 million dollars at Mission Gorge No. 2.

Remember the cost of Barrett, the Otay Pipe Line, Sutherland and others. Neither Savage nor King nor any living engineer can make a positive and fixed estimate, only a fool will claim to do it. Keep your horse sense, folks.

OUR PUBLIC DRINKERS

We are living in a world where one cannot hide a thing and it is actually foolish to try to hide. Everything comes out in the wash sooner or later. The wise man and woman will live so that they can face the world all the time with a serene countenance and be able to smile at the critics who point out their failings, knowing quite well that after having done their best, they have no other failings than those of the usual run, shared by the critics themselves.

For this reason we do not consider that is a crime to drink. When one realizes the ungodly stuff people stick into their stomachs at meal times and knows something about chemistry and organic reactions, one is surprised how they still live; it is a wonderful machine that can readjust itself three times a day, every day in the year, for 30 and 40 and more years and continue to function in spite of the radical dumbness of the one who is supposed to take care of it. That one is the mind inhabiting the respective human body. The average individual is horribly ignorant of dietetics; and remember the average physician is equally as ignorant, so we need not be surprised that people stuff in the ungodly way they do.

The key to abstinence from liquors, temperance, or, what is now called, prohibition lies in diet. People who feed themselves the right way have no craving for a palliative. Booze as well as nicotine and all the other variety of drugs are nothing but palliatives to correct wrong chemical processes within the body. When you must have a drink or a smoke or another aspirin it is because you have foolishly stuffed your body with things that raise havoc with the nervous system. Then you take the palliative to relieve the brain from receiving the reaction. Of course you may cut off communication for a while and the brain is kept in ignorance of what goes on in the rest of the body, but it goes on just the same and some day you discover a cancer, a tumor or pay with a paralytic stroke.

As soon as a person tries to cover up shortcomings to himself and drinks a dose of courage, confidence or inspiration he becomes erratic. He forces himself into an unnatural mood and activity and needs not be such a fool as to imagine that the rest of us do not notice it. Instinctively we shrink from contact with those who have to dope themselves in order to be "inspired". This artificial jag wears off and when they are to deliver the goods to the promises they made while they were "lit up" they are in the dumps, with the blues playing a tune and must take another drink. Such people should realize that as long as this state of affairs is noticeable they have better keep out of public life. No matter how well intentioned they be, they are unfit to do justice to public needs and become a nuisance that does more damage to the cause they push than if they watched from the sidelines. Whole pages of newspaper advertising cannot undo in the minds of the people what they know to be facts about the unreliability of the person who takes a drink at the wrong time.

The Editor requests the friends of The Broom as well as the friends of better government for this county and city to seriously consider the times and realize that it costs money to produce our Broom. Unless you are dumb you know what we mean. So get to work and help us. Invest your time, effort and cash. Less promises and more action, please.

By C. Leon de Aryan

The San Diego Sun is after James Hervey Johnson's scalp just as much in earnest as Johnson was after Moulton's scalp. The difference in the situation is that the SUN will loose a scalp or two. The battle is bitter and has a long history behind it. It dates from the time when Johnson was regarded by the stockholders of the SUN as being one of their class. They cannot forgive him that he foresook their ranks and went over to the side of the common people. To revenge themselves on him and to paralyze his efforts wherever they can they continue to paint him as erratic. That's all the bad traits they can hang on him, since Johnson does not drink, smoke or gamble, but they came out full force and stood by George Moulton who was quite lenient and friendly in his assessment of their properties and they protected him through thick and thin till Moulton made such an evident fool of himself that even the astuteness of the SUN with all its staff of employees could no longer win an election by painting Moulton as the hope of San Diego and Johnson as the dangerous radical.

Did you ever stop to consider the value of the SUN as a means of information or misinformation to this community? Just think of it. The SUN has a staff of reporters and investigators who were quick to find out the details about Ruth Alexander's love affairs and give information to the world that caused another snooper in Kansas to wire back that he found some more of that girl's adventures, but the SUN with all its money and reporters did not find out that George Moulton was a drunkard and a crook for years, but kept on fighting Johnson on this very issue. There is only one of two answers possible. The SUN knew the true state of affairs or did not know. If it knew it betrayed the people by keeping them in ignorance. If it did not know, what's the use of such a paper anyway?

Johnson knew of it for quite a while. But he did not have the resources of the SUN at his disposal and he passed the word along and gathered more and more momentum until the whispered word grew strong enough to burst out into open flame and shed light that put Moulton in jail and the SUN in the position of pleading insanity together with Moulton. Now Moulton pleaded his insanity willingly while the SUN's plea is involuntary but just as much of a plea, entered into and proclaimed by the facts in the case.

Johnson has people who give him information. The SUN has them too. Johnson publishes his information. The SUN suppresses it and publishes misinformation in its stead. It does that because the difference is in the nature of the two. Johnson is a man who stands up for principle and takes the consequences, the SUN stands for the material interests of its stockholders and will take the consequences.

Last Tuesday, December 23rd, an unlucky number for the SUN, another piece of misinformation was given out. It referred to the letter which Johnson had written to the grand jury with a request to investigate certain figures given him by a tax expert. Big scare heads announced: **FIGURES PROVE JOHNSON'S CHARGE FALSE.** Then Virgil Wyatt produced the figures. In the first place Johnson made no definite charge, but requested an investigation of the figures given him by a tax expert; in the second place Hardy got in touch with Johnson immediately and gave him a list of figures which prove the SUN's figures to be wrong again; in the third place why such undue haste on the part of the SUN to discredit Johnson's move in the eyes of the public before the grand jury had a chance to see the figures that Johnson will present to it? The SUN has never seen Johnson's figures, knows nothing about them but goes to press to prove him a liar, why?

Here are Wyatt's figures: "Assessment rolls revealed that Hardy's properties were assessed during 1928, the year the Tax Factors revalued the county, at \$78,330."

Here are Hardy's figures that he gave to Johnson: "Assessed value for 1928. Total \$101,310."

How much reliance can be given Wyatt as a tax expert? It takes so much work to wade through the maze of entries to find the truth about assessments, that Johnson decided to let the grand jury do it. They have the means and the authority. Several times when Johnson tried to get true figures he hit snags. The Tax Factors have ways of evading true reports even today. Wyatt could not approximate Hardy by \$23,000 or 30 per cent of his own figures and he tries to prove Johnson a liar? Now Johnson has a set of figures differing from both, Hardy and Wyatt, and he is not interested to spread misinformation to protect the stockholders of the SUN in the enjoyment of low taxation, so he brought the matter up before the grand jury for investigation and is asking now this question of every fair minded taxpayer: "Why does the SUN try to discredit me even before I took office? And why did they support Moulton till it was bad policy, and then presented the IDEA of Moulton to be voted on, after Moulton became impossible?"

No sooner does the SUN try to discredit Johnson than the owners of the Santa Margarita ranch move to rehabilitate Johnson's reputation as a true prophet. Did or didn't the Tax Factors discriminate in favor of Hardy? Johnson says they did and the owners of the Santa Margarita ranch say they did, just when the SUN attempts to prove they didn't. Funny how quickly the mills of God grind at times! We are living in the days of Revelation and here it is: The Santa (Turn to Page Four, Column 3, please)

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GOOD THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED

We wish you a happy new year. But to merely wish you one is one thing and to do our share to help you get it is another. We are so sick and tired of the fellows who wish us success but never lift a finger to help us towards it, that we always remember that a wish holds an obligation which we have to discharge.

To be successful, you must realize your own nature, your own powers. How else can you succeed, except by using your own faculties to take advantage of opportunities within yourself and those within the world you live in? All the schemes of reformers, politicians and professional improvers go to smash on the testing stone of time, whenever the main ingredient of this world: Man, is not taken into consideration. No improvement can be put into operation except through the voluntary longings of those who are recognizing in it a means to a better life. Therefore all good things come out of the thought of men. That thought appears in their perception, they visualize it in their mind and try it out in practice. If it fits the case it becomes in time a common practice, a common law.

It is useless to evolve any specific program of salvation, such as socialism, communism, single tax, unionism, prohibition and all the rest, without taking into consideration that unless men appreciate it it can not operate, for it is men who do things and not laws nor systems. A law, a system is a guiding rule, but men can choose their own guides and on that fact all the reforms have been smashed.

The only way to progress and success is to think so that one is able to perceive the truth from every possible angle and not merely one phase of it. Thought masters. If your thought is wrong, your whole attitude becomes unbalanced and your actions in life show it and its reactions punish you through sickness, poverty, graft, crime, etc. Good thought, put into right language and promptly acted upon is the only salvation of man.

STOP HOPING -- START HOPPING

"Hullo, de Aryan! What, you are peddling your own paper? Hard times, is it not? Let's hope they will improve!"

"Hard times, yes, because all you fellows are doing is hoping. I quit hoping."

"What you quit hoping that times will improve?"

"You said it. I stopped hoping long ago and am busy improving them." See you later, some day, must run along to sell these papers."

"You are lucky you have something that sells."

"Lucky? Bosh. No luck to it. I just made this job myself, with the help of hard times. In fact I capitalize them."

"You certainly have some nerve".

While stepping out of the open flivver, which I still use and the rains are coming again, and no new car yet, there came a young fellow in blue denim and asked me for a dime. Said he was sick and wanted to go to the hospital. I gave him three copies of The BROOM with the advice to sell them and keep the 15 cents. He was quite put out; peddling papers? Not he. And he walked off and accosted the next man and asked for a dime. That got my goat. I told him to cut it out or I'd send him to jail and the man from whom he mooched looked at me as if I were a fool and he took sides with the beggar.

Yes, we have hard times and I have not paid many a bill as yet and stave them off, but when a man is too proud or too dumb to work at anything that is offered, then we need not wonder that 87 per cent of all the people in this country own only 10 per cent of the wealth. This young man and the other one from whom he mooched and who took sides against me for asking the young fellow to make his own money, selling papers, they give us the clue why 13 per cent run the whole United States, and own 90 per cent of its wealth.

And there was another. He runs a garage in Logan Heights and when I showed him The BROOM, he said: "Progressive Weekly", and turned on me and said: "I am a good Republican, have been all my life, I am not progressive and don't want your d--- paper."

ROSEVILLE PAVING

The people on Willow street do not want a new paving. They cannot pay for it, but slick agents of the paving grafters persuaded a few to sign a petition, telling them that they will quickly sell out, once the street is paved, to some unwary sucker and get out from under and make the buyer pay the assessment.

But the people on Willow street say that their road is well surfaced now and passable in all kinds of weather and I went out and looked at it and it's exactly as they say. The paving combines are the only ones who will profit by the paving. But the city council ordered the engineer to proceed with the plans.

Now there is one recourse that the taxpayers of this graft ridden town always have. The Santa Fe railroad won its case against the city when it refused to pay an assessment. The city can order the paving and can also pay for it, no property owner needs to pay, for the burden of proof lies with the city to show that the property was benefited. A few suits like that and the city fathers will lay off helping the grafters against our taxpayers.

OUR NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY

We notice that Tommy Whelan is going to keep a few of the old deputies to guide him through the maze of work left over from the old regime. It looks that such things must be. But for goodness sakes, Tommy, put a man to advise the grand jury who has some life and red blood in him and is more interested to bring things to a point and uncover malpractices to have them successfully prosecuted, than to side-step them.

Whatever you do put a man in that place that loves the truth more than his own hide and is not a mere job holder. You were elected because people took your word that you have pep. Now don't use a wet rag to guide the grand jury.

You know quite well that what is called law is merely a makeshift to give lawyers a handle to do the things they want to do. Therefore it depends upon the lawyer what he will read in the law. A man who loves honesty above all things will read in every law the intent to punish the dishonest. While he who is a white-wash brush will read that wrong is right according to law. Give us a man who loves efficiency and honesty and who has initiative to go ahead and bust up the grafters.

When a grand jury is advised that no matter how distinctly the evidence points to malpractice, that it is still within the law to do things that are wrong on their face, then such a jury cannot do the right thing. It needs an advisor who can find the means to prove that malpractice is malpractice and win his case as a prosecutor. No jury can help this community that cannot call upon the district attorney to find the legal way, and stay with it till he finds it, to punish malfeasants.

ATTORNEY Y. A. JACQUES

Much has happened in San Diego county and city to make a person suspicious of anything connected with improvement projects. There has been so much crooked work going on that everyone who has had a part in it is liable to fall under suspicion and be condemned offhand as a crook. People who wanted to get rich quickly and signed petitions under such an impression merely to wake up and find that they had fooled themselves are now ready to accuse all attorneys, engineers, contractors and others as crooks. Such blanket indictments are as sound as calling all Turks murderers because some Turks were implicated in the Greek and Armenian massacres. But many people know nothing about the Turks except that Armenians were massacred and to them every Turk is an assassin. I have spent years in Turkey, among fanatics where to be a Christian was tantamount as being a Communist in California and I was not massacred, but succeeded in forming some of the truest friendships I have experienced and to me the word Turk does not signify murderer.

And such is the situation in San Diego as regards improvement engineers, attorneys and promoters. I have mixed and mingled with them and know most of them personally, some of them better and others too well! I know the game and I can tell which are the crooks and which are honest. Because dishonesty in business is prevalent, because employers will pocket the profits made by the faithful service of their employees, because promoters will use all possible means to promote and not shrink back from the most reprehensible tactics, I respect so much more a man who will stand right in the midst of it all and keep his hands clean. It is natural for outsiders to suspect and even accuse everyone connected with improvements in this city and county of being a crook, but that does not make him so. And Y. A. Jacques is not a crook. There are plenty of crooked attorneys in this burgh but he is no crouching feline waiting to pounce upon the unwary.

Jacques has gone to much pains to introduce honesty among promoters of public improvement projects and regardless of his success or failure in influencing them for better, he has been honest and clean in his part of the matter. Anyone who can prove to me the contrary is invited to do so. I shall listen to you patiently and will go into details with you and show you where you have built up from a basis of pieced misinformation a fantastic castle of imaginations that does not correspond to the facts. I might not know all your stories, but I know Y. A. Jacques. I do not propose to soft soap you and make you see white instead of red. I propose to go into details with you until you will be ashamed and will do better in the future. When a man does his best and honestly loves the truth and is willing to go to any limit to correct mistakes or misunderstandings, the public owes him the deference he deserves. Just when crooks abound it is tragic that the very man who lives to introduce honor and honesty into the game should be made the target of those whom he has actually served, and that man is Y. A. Jacques.

The BROOM'S initiative and suggestion of printing free advertisements for relief of unemployment has reached all over the United States. A little fore-thought goes a long way.

AMBULANT PROCTOLOGY

Ambulant Proctology is applicable to nearly all rectal diseases. The exceptions are malignant or cancerous cases and certain very complicated fistulae, especially where they are complicated with tuberculosis, or other diseases involving the deeper structures. The radical operation very seldom offers much hope of permanent relief for such cases, therefore any and all methods are on the same footing with such hopeless cases.

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Ed Summers spoke on bringing factories to San Diego to give the people employment, at our last meeting. The attendance was not large on Christmas eve, but the company was very good. Ed is human and being Christmas eve he spoke from his heart and it went to the hearts of his listeners.

"If Christ were here", said he, "there would be no unemployment if He could help it for He would be concerned with the well-being of the masses first, and would see to it that there is enough employment so that all can feed themselves."

The tenor of his address reminded us that there must be something for the growing generation to do if we are to bring up our children right. While at present the largest source of income of San Diego is the tourist, even the tourist will not stay and settle down unless his children can find something to do. There is a mansion near Chula Vista, built by a millionaire. It is deserted because the old man wanted to give his children a right bringing up. The old folks had retired, but the young people had to learn to earn their living, even millionaires insist on that. So the old folks moved away where they could live with their children, while these find employment.

Thirty million dollars leave San Diego every year, never to return, for shoes, shirts, ties, hats, overalls and other clothing. These could be easily manufactured here, but our chamber of commerce has never made an intelligent effort to help locate industries and to help to patronize them after they are here. For this reason a citizens' committee should be organized to take matters in their own hands and bring factories here to insure local circulation of money and production of values.

It was decided to bring Ed Summers again before the Forum on January 15th, when steps will be taken for the formation of a citizen's committee to deal effectively with this matter.

Next Wednesday which falls on New Year's Eve there will be no Forum meeting. The next meeting will be held on January 7th, 1931. J. M. Wilson, local dentist, will speak on the introduction of political science into our schools, to inform children of the various ideas underlying political parties.

If your copy of The BROOM did not come this week call Randolph 2890 or drop us a line to 3865 Forty-Third street, San Diego.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

By Dr. O. Z. Hanish

Irish moss boiled in milk makes a fine dish, not only palatable, but of value to the glands.

When in doubt what ails you take a thorough flushing with half an hour of abdominal massage and thereafter take half cup of Petrolatum.

Soaps containing five per cent vitrol are best for bathing the skin that needs disinfecting and gland action.

Less breadstuffs is to be the command to all who have digestive troubles.

A soup, a consomme, a stew, now and then is permissible. Still do not make a practice of it if troubled with dyspepsia.

More turnips and less potatoes will appeal to every temperament. They may be used in salads (raw), stewed and mashed; also cut in slices and fried. Baked they are of value too.

Squash is well for those who cannot take potatoes.

For the kidneys and the adrenals use celeriac more freely.

Carrots are of value only when stewed with annis seed, and red beets of use when stewed with caraway.

To bring on light perspiration, so needful in winter, use fennel tea upon retiring.

Pomegranate juice for the anaemic and persimmons for the dispeptics.

If irregular in habit take a tablespoonful of grated new potato with a little lemon juice for breakfast.

Baked onions should be used more freely by all who are given to pulmonary troubles, or colds and catarrhs in general.

Flaxseed tea will build up the constitution more quickly than anything else.

If thin and emaciated drink Buffalo herb tea (alfalfa) freely. Keep it up for six months and use reducing remedies thereafter in case you get too heavy.

Mate, the Argentine herb tea, is best when there is an abnormal appetite. It helps to cut down a large percentage of digestion troubles.

Fresh string beans with dumplings go well with folks who need "pep."

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THE BROOM AND THE BANKER

We met a Banker the other day who had never read The BROOM. We tried to sell him one. He refused to buy. Said he wanted to know our program.

"Who are your financial backers?"

"We have none."

"What do you mean by saying, 'WE'?"

"WE is the editorial plural, an editor represents the multitude."

"What is your program? Are you a socialist or a communist or a single taxer, you must have a definite program if you expect to improve conditions. There are too many people with vague ideas going around trying to make over the other fellow, but never begin with number one."

"Oh yes, we have a very definite program. Spend a nickel and find it out. You'll read it between the lines of the paper if you can think."

"I thought you could give me that program in a few words."

"Alright. We are interested to draw out the better qualities that are latent in man and which he fails to exercise and therefore finds himself in the present fix."

"So you imagine that you are way ahead of the rest of us and intend to reform us?"

"You did not put it in the right words. We have learned that there are wonderful qualities in every man and if he exercised them in place of his littleness we all could be happy. We are using this publication to remind people of it and encourage them to do the very things they talk about but seldom do, like yourself. You want to know all about our paper, but when we tell you, here it is, read it, you are too stingy to spend a nickel. What is your business?"

"I am a banker."

"There you are, sooner will a camel enter—you know the rest."

And the banker said we had a good thing and wished us success, but did not dare spend a nickel. His wishes are not worth a nickel.

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MEDICAL TOPICS

It is remarkable how many physicians read our medical topics and instead of being incensed over our attitude towards medicos as disease mongers, they are glad that somebody is calling attention to the fact that a physician ought to be a health instructor; some are making efforts in that direction.

Of course we have never assumed that all physicians are charlatans and merely waiting to rob patients. We know quite well that many are working very hard to make disease unnecessary and are handicapped by the very indolence of their public. Here and there we meet a doctor who is willing to co-operate with us in writing useful articles and aside from our regular health and happiness contributions we shall carry others as occasion offers.

We notice that M. D.s are still at loggerheads with osteopaths and chiropractors and the whole lot of them have little regard for the C. S. practitioner. Now let's hope that this is not professional jealousy and narrow mindedness. They all make their money off the ignorance of people anyway, so let's not blink that fact, as unpleasant as it is for anyone in any of these professions. That's the sad part of it and it ought to be remedied to become a profession where they become shareholders in health and not profiteers from disease.

If general ignorance of the public were not so deeply ingrained that the public itself refuses to co-operate with the more progressive ones who are working for a new era in sanitation: Mental, moral and physical, we would be justified in putting all the blame upon the profession, but the fact is that many a well intentioned doctor is finding himself without the response of the public that he deserves, while his profiteering colleagues reap the shekels from the ignorance of their patients.

HIGHER-UP RESPONSIBILITY

You will find that while The BROOM is fully aware that no bad condition could exist without being caused by all who are affected by it, still we continue to put the onus upon those who are leaders in their line. We blame the bankers for poverty, the physicians for disease, the priests and ministers for immorality, the politicians for crimes and so forth. We know that we are doing that and we shall continue to do so. When one becomes a leader in his line, he also becomes responsible for the results he achieves or fails to produce. Taking the lead he has to make doubly sure that he knows his business and that he conducts it impersonally for the benefit of all concerned.

The banker is nothing but a bookkeeper of the financial worth of individuals and groups of individuals. As soon as he arrogates to himself the power to decide their worth by giving or refusing credit, he is absolutely responsible for the results. The local, national and international bankers must take the full blame for the present depression and the intelligent ones among them know that this is the truth. The deplorable part of it all is that bankers are not as much concerned with the wise distribution of credit among all classes and types of people as they are concerned with getting immediate returns and dividends for their stockholders. Here lies the crux of all evil in banking.

In a smiliar manner can we point out that all other leaders in their various lines are guilty of hemming progress to a very disastrous degree. Even though the public is guilty with them they are directly responsible for not improving conditions within their own jurisdiction. The public would follow considerably if the leaders knew their way. But the sad story of it is again and again that blind leaders lead the blind and both fall by the wayside.

THE CAUSE OF HARD TIMES

By Paul B. Swanson

The economic condition of the people has for the past few years been growing more and more uncertain and discouraging. The wage earners of the cities in both the skilled and unskilled trades, the farmers and independent merchants alike, have suffered from the depression that has affected every section of the country.

The present condition is different from any other economic depression that we have had in the past. While the jobless workmen walk the streets and our merchants and farmers face ruin, the wealth of our nation is increasing.

The United States of America is the wealthiest nation in the world. The great financiers of our country control the world's gold supply, and our financial institutions have greater resources than ever before in the history of our country.

With all the wealth possessed by banks, corporations and individuals, the prospect for the small merchant and farmer is anything but encouraging. The merchant has no credit at his bank, little business, and is rapidly being eliminated; a large portion of our farm lands is idle and unemployment and liquidation are on every hand. Organized capital and monopolies have enjoyed prosperity, but the common people have suffered economic depression.

The great newspapers and periodicals of the country try to lead us to believe that prosperity for the common people is just around the corner. Our political chieftains promise it lavishly, but on every hand we hear the questions: "What makes times so hard?" and "When will times get better?"

These are very important questions at the present time. Many are too ready to place the blame without giving the subject the proper thought and study.

On the shoulders of the president, the governors of our states and even mayors of our cities much blame has been placed, as if these officials had control over existing conditions. Many of them, however, are in a measure to blame, as in their eagerness to gain public office they make promises, relying on a small amount of public improvement to change conditions.

Many of our people are of the opinion that the present depression is only a local condition. Apparently they do not know that is the same in every part of the country.

We are an intelligent people and perhaps the most progressive in the world, but we think and act in things mechanical. We are proud of our machinery, but we do not stop to consider that it is our modern machinery that is destroying the economic prosperity of the nation.

As modern machinery is taking the place of the wage earner, the consuming power of the nation is diminishing and the producing power is increasing. The prosperity of any nation is dependent on the consuming power of the wage earner, for it is the wage earner who must consume the products of the farm and factory to make the farmer and business man consumers. Our people must always consume food and wear clothing, and the difference between their maximum and minimum consuming power is the difference between prosperity and hard times.

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THE VALUE OF A CAT

In the Safety Valve you will find a letter written by John Meek, a lunch counter man who runs his business in a little shop on E street facing Hardy's market. Meek is a practical fellow. When he moved into his present location and found it infested with rats that came over from Hardy's sanitary market in such droves that they ate the shoe leather off the goods of the shoe store next to him and the leather off the theatre organ next door and ran between the legs of the theatre patrons, Meek proceeded to present the neighborhood with a cat who loved rats, especially those that she could kill and

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soon there were more dead ones than live ones and the rest of the brood even forsook Hardy's sanitary sanctuary.

But just recently somebody poisoned the cat and her four kittens. Who was such a fool to do it? Now the shoe store will soon have to watch out for its shoes and the organist in the theatre will have to look for holes, while Hardy's market will become another rat's paradise unless they get a cat or two of their own. A cat is just a cat, but some cats are more useful than the fools that poison them.

KIDDIES COLUMN

By C. Leon and Genevieve de Aryan

David heard people talk about new year's resolutions and decided to try one. But while he was about it, he was going to make the best resolution possible, so he came to consult me about it.

"Daddy, I want to make a new year's resolution, but I want to make one that is worth while and that I will be able to keep. Will you help me to decide which it is to be? Sonny, across the street, says he will resolve to be a good boy."

"All right, David, your dad is glad to help you. You know that neither your mamma nor I do ever ask you to be a good boy. When we want you to be quiet, we say, be quiet; we do not say, be good. When we want you to be attentive we say, listen David; when we want you to wash your hands and face, we say that you must be clean and orderly, in that way you know what is expected of you and you are not confused. So you need not resolve to be a good boy."

"Oh, daddy, then I would have to make a thousand resolutions to be everything or do so many things right. I want to make just one good resolution."

"Now you listen to your dady. You are the son of a white man and woman. Our race is the most highly advanced race on this earth. Resolve to be a true man of your race, to be wholesome and fearlessly white and you have the best resolution in a nutshell."

"All right, dad, now what do I have to do to be white?"

"To be white means to be noble-hearted and considerate of the rights of others. You must put human rights above greed, lust for power, notoriety or even fear of death. To be wholesome you must have the courage to love the truth regardless of what it may bring you. If you are fearlessly honest, you will always command action and people will have to side with you or against you and you will know them for what they are; they won't be able to fool you. Learn to do justice to people and to appreciate their honest efforts and you will draw the best fellows on earth towards you; whatever may come to you otherwise, you will always be fit for the best company and your conscience will be clear."

"Thanks, daddy. Then I resolve to be a white man, so you and mamma shall be proud of me."

"That's it, David. That is just what we need in this world and so the white race came forth to fill the demand. No we have to improve upon it and make this life worth while."

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A United Press report states that in Los Angeles the manslaughter conviction against Mrs. Lois Pantages, wife of Alexander Pantages, millionaire showman, was dismissed by Superior Judge Carlos Hardy.

The procedure was based on the statute which permits entrance of a new plea and dismissal of a felony conviction in event the defendant's action during probation has been satisfactory.

Mrs. Pantages, found guilty by a jury after a Japanese gardner, Juro Rokomoto, was killed in a collision with her automobile, was placed upon probation then.

Judge Hardy ruled that her conduct was satisfactory and upon her request withdrew her probation, permitted her to enter a not guilty plea to manslaughter and dismissed the charge.

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A VERY HANDY BAG

We used to burn our papers now we save them. Thoughtfulness is one of the cardinal virtues which we intend to practice. Anytime a thing has no more value to us we think of someone to whom it might be valuable and in this way we help the cosmic work along, since nothing in nature is wasted and man must learn to do likewise.

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The Safety Valve

Who Killed the Cat ?

Editor The Broom:

Enclosed you find carbon copy of my letter to Mrs. Dowell, removed from my files. If an injured animal can't get some sort of recognition inside of three weeks from an aid society, then I am obliged to believe newspapers were intended to fill the gap.

Very truly yours,

John Meek

Dear Mrs. Dowell:

The object of this note is to ascertain the procedure necessary in law regarding the poisoning of a most valuable dumb animal with wilful intent.

The animal I have reference to, is a cat which, to my mind served this community with unbounded feline magnanimity, and its destruction at the hands of inhumane characters has caused a pall of grief to permeate in the atmosphere of its life-time surroundings and particularly among its many friends.

This wonderfully useful cat "Kitty" and her four perfectly developed kittens were ruthlessly dispatched by poison by hands unknown to me, but quite probably by some individual who harbored some form of animosity toward me, which in itself might be glaringly justifiable, but, it is a poor reprisal to gratify it on a trusting neighborly dumb animal of four years acquaintance, not to mention cowardice.

If every human being played their part in the scheme of life, as did this cat in the realm of Rodentia, what a sublime and sanitary universe we'd be living in!

I am addressing this epistle to you because I am advised, you are an official in the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and if I could only conciliate myself with the pith of Lamartine's philosophy, I'd address it to the District Attorney's office instead; he says: "Brutality to an animal is cruelty to mankind—it is only the difference in the victim."

I sincerely trust these lines will urge you to seek details of this atrocity, and for same you may get them at my place of business.

Very sincerely yours,

John Meek

527 G Street, San Diego, Calif.

((Editor's Note: Mrs. Dowell informs us that is is a hopeless task to discover the poisoner when the informant has no clues to go by. As her time has been taken up by numerous court cases she had to attend to them first.)

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IN LOVE WITH THE TRUTH

(A true Romance.)

I am writing this story as my token of thanks to those few who remembered me at Christmas time with a card of greetings, a renewal of subscription or a voluntary contribution to keep The BROOM going. I am not in the habit of sending cards for the simple reason that what people do at Christmas and neglect to do all the year round, namely to be considerate of the rights of others, I am intent on doing every day and make no special occasion out of such a natural occurrence.

To most people who come in touch with me I appear to be somewhat of an oddity, and I am. I have faced death eight times in my short span here and know all the sensations and thoughts of a dying man in its innermost details. Three times I had given myself up for dead and was the most surprised person to wake up and find that I still continue to inhabit this mortal frame. All the glamour and mystery of death is gone for me. I am as familiar with it as you are with an automobile ride.

Take away the fear of death and its mystery and infinitude lays before you giving you an entirely new sense of values, unknown to those who are limited in their outlook by the veil of the grave. While I am still in this world of people I do not share their standard of values. They figure in terms of a few years, I figure in terms of infinitude of life. I undertake to build for eternal periods, they are concerned with immediate profits. My investments are exceedingly long term investments, theirs are wrecked by the waves of reaction, such as wars and depressions, which they create by not taking care to do justice to all factors. From personal contact do I know the futility of the things that men fight for with arms or scramble over in the world's markets. You can no more tempt me with personal ambition or personal greed, than you can a dead man. It's silly. I am still conscious of the moments when I stood upon the threshold of Infinitude, time and again. What are a few years, even a hundred, when they have passed? Infinitude of time expands before you and you are lost unless you found yourself already here on Earth and lived true to your own best concepts. Personal ambitions and personal likes become obliterated by the necessity of fathoming reality and abiding by its law. To save one's mind, one has to find the truth governing every detail of life and submit to it. It is no longer a matter of opinions, but a matter of reality over which we have no power or arbitrary choice. We must conform or be crushed by the ever surging pressure that creates worlds and finally evolves even the shape of man. Then one's personality disappears. Yes, in self-protection one is compelled to love the truth and submit to it gladly. Slowly one's viewpoint becomes adjusted to this new phase of life and one becomes freed from the average handicaps and begins to really enjoy life without the fears that beset those who know not of intransigent truth and merely follow shortsighted opinions of this and that self-styled authority, that change with the moons.

The romance of being in love with truth is sweeter and with all its hardships in the present world, it repays all efforts, because its results are not transient, but everlasting values.

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Do you realize that aside from doing you a service by waking you up to the real state of affairs and producing facts, dates, and naming the culprits, we have to swallow your insult besides for doing you the service of public sanitation? Do you imagine that we are not as sensitive to the stench we must uncover as you are, and a little more? You are so dumb that you do not realize that your political filth has to be separated from that which is wholesome in public life and you want it kept there to continue to infect the body politic. You are fools and we do not mind telling you so. You ought to take your hat off to a sensitive man, who hates sensationalism but puts duty above personal ease and digs into the filth till he gets all the rottenness separated from the sound body, in the meanwhile reaping hatred from those he exposes and contempt from the pharisees who are responsible for the rottenness of our public life and economic condition. Unless you wake up and put the shoulder to the wheel you will find out that you are making matters worse by being an obstacle to progress. To lay sound foundations, the rotten substructure must come out first.

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JAMES HERVEY JOHNSON'S SCALP

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Margarita Ranch is for sale for \$14,400,000 through a Los Angeles firm and has offered to sell its cattle for another \$1,000,000. It also explains that it owns 74 per cent of the flow of the Santa Margarita river.

Is that not marvelous and brazen? They just fought for and received a refund on a \$2,000,000 valuation set by the supervisors. They claimed that the Tax Factors had to value their lands below the \$2,000,000 figure because their water was in litigation, but they did never announce to the world that they already own 74 per cent of the water and are fighting for more.