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Our Difficulties Often Provide The Opportunities For Our Success

We have lived long enough to observe that many of our most successful men and women found their success in life through overcoming the difficulties in their paths.

A nationally prominent business man said a thing we want to present here for that youth to read who feels he has a wall around him and no open door. In substance the man said that if he had to name the one quality most essential for success in business, he would say that it is the ability to find genuine pleasure in overcoming difficulties. A tendency to shrink from or avoid difficulties can be a well nigh fatal handicap to the young starting his business career.

The young man or girl starting out should be made aware that every responsible job in every line of work presents its difficulties. The more responsible and better paid the job, the more it abounds with them. It is this very fact that accounts for the fascination of business, and assures the man successful in overcoming difficulties an ample reward for his labors. In fact the number of difficulties overcome can be used as a yard stick in measuring the extent of the individuals earnings.

There are millions of people who can fill the routine jobs which business provides. Machinery is built to be used, as a rule, by the average worker. However, the greatest reward comes to the man who can handle the intricate machine. Opportunities for success lies in doing the difficult jobs. On the other hand there, is little or no future for the man where the job does not present difficulties.

To the young man we would say, seek out a job and learn to discover and cope with its hard problems better than other men and you will find success.

We saw a young man, when we were a very small boy, starting a successful career. He was pushing a wheelbarrow, delivering groceries for the largest grocery in town. He solved the delivery problem for the store and soon became head clerk. He learned the facts of the whole business and advanced. Became a fine business man; rose to the office of mayor and county judge. He occupied a responsible position in his church. We recall another person who pushed a wheelbarrow at the same time. Never pushed it very fast and his wheelbarrow pushing job lasted him to the end of his life. He was an able man enough to push himself up from the handles but he never had the ambition to do so. The handles seemed to be an obstacle over which he could not climb.

It Is Time To Take Stock In Our State and Church Schools

At the risk of criticism for what we are about to write, we are going ahead and give our views on a subject which we believe is vital to our social order.

Some fifty years ago there was a great need for a school system that would give to the then underprivileged children a chance for a primary education. Children, we mean, from homes not able to send them to a pay school. Growing out of this circumstance there was developed our present school system which not only meets the demand for a common school, but has gone so much further that it now competes with the church college in an unfair competition. Of this unfairness we shall discuss later on.

Education is being criticised today as never before. It is not in learning which the college is supposed to impart to a well informed person, it is that lack of cultural advancement in a well-rounded character.

Before the state started out to take over the collegiate training, the church school and the non-denominational school was at its best in training the heart and mind of youth. The church school with bold assertion outlined its program for the religious training along with the arts and sciences.

At that time the church school could lay down rules of conduct not dared today. And why? Because its competitor, the normal schools, will receive any pupil not willing to abide by rules of a well-ordered and disciplined church college.

To make matters worse on church colleges it may be clearly seen that the tendency of the manipulations of the State Board of Education is to ultimately crowd out graduates of church colleges of positions as teachers in public schools.

State normal schools are supported out of taxes taken from persons who feel imperatively called on to also support with subscriptions church colleges. It is therefore, double taxation. The churches get their preachers through the church colleges alone. Normal schools do not have a tendency to produce church leaders.

Recently in discussing this matter with a professor in a church college, he expressed himself as feeling that much of the present day moral slipping is due to the compromises being made by the church colleges to meet the normal school competition. He felt that it was far more important to develop Christian character than "hours" in education. That better teachers could be made that way; that more time should be spent on courses in ethics, studying the environment of the old fashioned home and a more thorough training in the Bible so that its truths and say-

ings might be found in scientific works and in literature, just as such language was found in the poetry and other literature of the day gone.

We feel that the Legislature could at once abolish at least two of the normal colleges at great saving to the state and comfort of the church colleges. There is now a large surplus of teachers but there is still a shortage of honest, faithful, religious thinking men and women the like produced in the old church college.

The President Is Credited With The Edison Type of Courage

Charles Edison announced at Newark on the 89th anniversary of the birth of his father, Thomas A. Edison, that his father's courage in experimentation had influenced him to participate in government work. He is State Director for New Jersey of the National Emergency Council and an ardent supporter of the New Deal.

"My father was worried shortly before he died about the approaching depression," said Charles Edison. "He said the depression would be different from those of the past and would need new methods and new ideas to cope with it."

"I believe in the experiments going on. It takes courage to try new things and it takes courage to stop them if they are not successful. I think President Roosevelt has this kind of courage."

Describing this trait of the famous inventor, he recalled that when everything his father owned went up in smoke, except his small, ancient laboratory, involving a loss of \$2,000,000, he called his wife and friends to witness "a gorgeous sight". He then called the executives together and started clearing the wreckage while some buildings were still afire.

Such prompt, vigorous action and dauntless courage, Edison had warned would be required in combatting the destructive economic depression he had long foreseen.



POLITICS . . . Newspapers

It is just forty years since I began as a young reporter to "cover" national politics. In 1896 I spent half the Summer on Major McKinley's front porch at Canton, Ohio, and the other half traveling around with William J. Bryan on his special trains. That was the first time a Presidential candidate had ever attempted to talk to all the voters.

Political campaigning has taken on an entirely new aspect since radio broadcasting was first used in the campaign of 1920. This year it looks to me as if it would be a battle of radio voices between Mr. Roosevelt and whomever the Republicans may nominate. It will be an interesting show. Each candidate will do his best to stir up the emotions of his hearers. But in 1936, as in 1896, I think the result will be determined by the sober examination of the facts as they are presented in the newspapers.

FARMING . . . still problem

I can't remember a time when there wasn't a farm problem pressing to the front in national politics. George Washington faced a serious farm problem when he was President. The "Whiskey Rebellion" of 1791 was a protest of the farmers in what was then the West against a Federal tax on whiskey. The only way they could profitably market their grain was by converting it into whiskey. That was before there were railroads or good highways.

After observing a succession of farmers' political movements for farm relief all my lifetime, they all seem to me to have a common root. Farming at best is a hazardous occupation. To succeed in it takes a combination of natural talent, high intelligence, intense industry, a high capacity for self denial. Also, usually, more capital than most beginning farmers can command.

In other words, farmers are just about like the rest of us:

CABBAGES . . . lose character

Agricultural experimenters at Cornell University have developed an odorless cabbage. I am still undecided as to whether that is an advantage or not. The senses of smell and of taste are not closely tied together that I would have to eat a dish of the smellless cabbage before I could be sure that it would taste as good as the old-fashioned kind.

I think most of the objection to the odor of cabbage comes from housewives who don't like the way it smells in the house. Most people cook cabbage too long, anyway. My wife pulls the leaves apart and throws them into boiling water for 20 minutes. Try that way some time.

WATT . . . his engine

Everybody that uses electric light pays for it by the watt—so much per 1,000 watts—kilowatts—per hour. But the name "Watt" comes from a man who never dreamed of electric light. He was James Watt, inventor of the modern steam engine, who was born just 200 years ago.

In a real sense, however, James Watt, the Scotch boy who put steam to work, was the great grandfather of electric power; for you could cover the world with electric wires and get nothing out of them if you didn't have an engine to turn the dynamos.

James Watt's steam engine turned the world upside down. It started the industrial revolution and the machine age. It is at the root of all our modern social and economic problems.

It is no wonder that we have not yet learned the answers to all of these problems, for it is less than 200 years since the seed of them was sown. That is very short time.

RAILROADS . . . distribution

The railroads have scored another point in the battle with motor trucks for freight transportation. The Interstate Commerce Commission has at last authorized the roads to operate their own freight pick-up and delivery systems. This removes one of their handicaps. One reason why motor transportation of freight has

been able to compete with the railroads is that the railroads have not been able to compete with the railroads in the cost of

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Being Their Point of View.



THOMAS REED GIVES HIS VIEWS ON MATTERS

Editor Herald:

I have had difficulty in finding time to sit down and write a letter suitable for publication in the Harrodsburg Herald. One of the reasons is, that the Herald is one of the best if not the best weekly newspaper published in Kentucky or any other state for that matter.

If I recall correctly you suggested something about the Kentucky legislature. I guess you recall the time in the long past when I tried to represent for two or more sessions the splendid county of Boyle, and thought I might remember how legislation is enacted by members of the upper and lower branches of the Legislature. Permit me to say for more than forty years I have been a constant and, I hope, careful reader of legislation enacted at Washington, D. C., Frankfort, Ky., and a number of other states and have found pleasure and profit in so doing. I think thoughtful Kentuckians will agree that the 1936 Legislature, while in session some six weeks repealed some very bad laws and enacted more good laws that will reach down through the years to come and cause a large majority of our people to remember with pleasure the names of the splendid men who passed these measures, and may I also add Kentucky's brilliant young Governor, A. B. Chandler was the moving spirit and his was the master hand that directed this splendid program. The people of the Bluegrass State should not forget the splendid counselors he had in the most distinguished living ex-governor, the Hon. A. O. Stanley, and our own open pusher, who is resting his hand for a while, the Hon. Keen Johnson, who started in bad, or at least, questionable company. This gifted

young man quickly found his right place and who ever held the place of Lieutenant-Governor and filled it with more justice, grace and fairness than he.

It would be ungrateful for citizens to easily forget the splendid services rendered by that princely Kentucky gentleman, Hon. Frederick Wallis, who is always ready with his time, money and any other gifts he possesses to freely give them to the State he so dearly loves, old Kentucky.

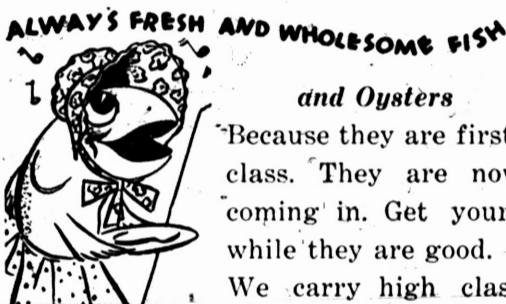
This letter is already much too long, but allow me to mention our old friend, Ben Johnson, the man who always kept straight, whose honesty, loyalty and ability has only been doubted or questioned by one or two—Ruby and Tom. And where are they today?

Are they dead or forgotten? This question possible can be answered in the forgotten column of the Courier-Journal.

In closing this letter may we say the splendid men who make up the law making body will surely not fail the people who elected them to their important offices nor the State they love. So stand squarely behind Kentucky's splendid governor, and should you have any better measures than has offered you let him help you have them enacted into laws, and when your work is done and you return to your home and friends they will rise up and bless you, and may call upon you for continued sacrifice by continuing to send you to represent them until you are called up higher. I am,

Sincerely yours,
THOMAS P. REED.
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