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**LAW AND LAWYERS**

Taken man for man, it is probable that the lawyers of the country illustrate as high a type of citizenship as can be found in the ranks of any other profession or calling. It is not, therefore, the purpose of this article to cast any reflection upon lawyers, collectively or individually, so far as their integrity is concerned.

It is nevertheless true that lawyers are in the main to blame for the multiplicity of laws with which this country is burdened today, as well as for the dilatory tactics exhibited by our courts of high and low degree.

Some time ago the Illinois Bar Association declared that "the subject of law reform is technical and the lawyers must deal with it, yet they do nothing or are hopelessly divided." No less an authority than Chief Justice Taft condemned our present system of criminal procedure. A similar expression was made in a resolution of the American Bar Association.

Congress and state legislatures are dominated by lawyers; all laws are framed by lawyers, (many of them to be later declared unconstitutional by other lawyers acting in the capacity of judges); all court procedure is established by lawyers—yet the highest authorities among them admit that they have made a sorry mess of it all.

What is the remedy? We don't know. Ask a lawyer.

**THE COST OF LIVING**

A few days ago the Department of Agriculture published figures showing something of the difference in the cost of living today and in the early part of the nineteenth century. Then eggs were ten cents a dozen, bacon a pound cost a dollar, whisky forty-five cents a gallon. These statistics induced a few writers to editorialize on the good old days when everything was cheap and everybody was happy.

But as a matter of fact, the cost of living was relatively little cheaper than now. Many foodstuffs were low in price, but wages were low too and money was scarce and dear. And not all things were cheap. The cost of transportation, figuring him as money, was more costly than at present, and there were no five and ten-cent stores and bargain counters or other mercantile establishments where household articles could be bought for a trifling sum. Education cost more than now and books were scarcer and dearer. And there were many hardships which more than made up for three cent eggs and seven cent ham.

It is true that we no longer have the good old days. The fact is, we never did.

**A BROAD CREAM**

Deploring the present tendency to antagonism over morals and beliefs, an able writer and publicist has attempted to set out a common creed to which all right thinking persons might subscribe, leaving out those questions on which there are honest differences of opinion.

Included in the set of principles enjoined are these:

Seek the truth and defend it; execute justice tempered with mercy; be humble and benevolent; work and do not prevent others from working; protect life and health; develop body and mind; strive for pure thoughts and feelings; honor parents and teachers and be civil to all; be loyal, liberal and tolerant; seek peace; aid in achieving the independence of the world.

If ever man should so honest offer to illustrate these fundamental virtues, it would not be long until the world would be a much better place in which to live.

**BUSINESS CONDITIONS SOUND**

An encouraging report on basic business conditions has been made by the **Financial American Banks' Association**.

Without attempting to **overdo** the record activity in some lines, the bankers point out that

the record or prospect exists for any serious impairment of industry.

"The wave of optimism which swept over the country has been followed by a more conservative outlook," says the Indianapolis Star, "which will ultimately be better for all concerned. Per-

haps we should take a closer look for the benefit of all. The record of the past year shows that the total value of all business transactions (full assessed value) amounted to only \$5,339,538; those of the state total \$2,000,000. Chicago citizens, moreover, have invested in the city \$1,000,000,000, while those tools were valued at only \$25,754,756. Down town machinery, equipment, etc., was valued at \$12,186,024, while these products cost \$12,159,478 worth of manufactured products.

Now, the record of the past year shows that the county is a bad state on the assessors' books.

Cook county, according to its assessors, has only

watch or clock to each 331 people; the rest of the state

has 12,000 people. Cook county, again, on the

assessors' books, has 212 people, and one sewing machine to each 359 people.

The wonder is that the assessors of Cook county

and in this state are not more numerous.

Or is it possible that the assessor of that county, who is the head of the department, has failed to suggest to the county commissioners that the assessors

of the rest of the state have done the same?

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