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TRIBUTES TO IRVING

Recently a tablet to mark the birthplace of Washington Irving in New York City was dedicated, and plans for a \$50,000 memorial to be erected at Irving-on-Hudson, where he is buried in Sleepy Hollow cemetery, were disclosed.

Irving was born in 1783, and in his boyhood gave little indication of the great talents which were afterwards employed with such marked success. In fact, it is recorded that while his two brothers were permitted to enter college, he was not considered promising enough to warrant the expense of such a course.

He does not appear to have been particularly industrious, but spent much time in excursions along the Hudson and in general reading, although he studied in a law office and was finally admitted to the bar. He traveled in Europe for two years, his observations combined with his already acquired knowledge of American life, giving him a rich store of material for his literary work.

After some early writing with rather indifferent success, his "History of New York" by Diedrick Knickerbocker" appeared in 1809 and placed him in the position of the first American to win international fame solely as a man of high humor and felicitous style winning instant acclaim on both sides of the Atlantic.

His subsequent works were almost uniformly successful and covered a wide range, including history and biography, as well as many volumes of travel and romance.

The death of Matilda, his wife, a sweetheart Irving's youth, cast a shadow over his life, and he never married. He died at the age of 76.

It is gratifying to know that the memory of Washington Irving, known as "father of American literature," is to be further honored by suitable memorials of a permanent nature.

THRIFT AND CRIME

Encouragement of thrift as a means of reducing crime is suggested by a well-known publicist, who declares that extravagant habits in many cases are the direct cause of banditry.

Aside from the financial gains possible through economy and thrift, the habit of saving has a stabilizing effect upon one's character. The person who is laying aside something each week or each month with the idea of ultimately securing financial independence is more dependable than the one who spends his money as fast or faster than he earns it.

Many who have resorted to dishonesty in order to secure needed funds gradually are those who have first led into extravagance, living. Allowing themselves to indulge in luxuries in excess of what their earnings

warrant, they more easily yield to temptation to dishonesty in its various forms.

Habits of thrift should be developed early and should be continued at every turn.

Men who have acquired such habits are generally industrious, ambitious and honest.

WOULD MAKE MARS SMILE

The American people are paying but one-eighth of their total income for taxes—whether they are in the higher income brackets, or in the class which does not pay any taxes or file returns. The San Francisco Chronicle puts it this way:

"...the total amount paid by people in the United States was \$34 billion. Taxes—state, municipal and all the rest, took eight billions. That means that out of each \$10 you spent, you gave only \$3.75 and taxes took \$1.25, no matter how loudly you have plowed poverty."

"...we gave only one-fifteenth of our income. None give more than twice that much. Out of eight working days, the proceeds of one day must go to the government—federal and otherwise."

"The small taxpayer could be presented with a bill once a year, stating just what he is to do to achieve the result. He only direct taxes but all the indirect taxes skimmed off every commodity he buys, a howl would go up that could be heard on the planet Mars."

PLEA FOR RADIO SETS

Secretary Hoover recently made a plea for the donation of radio receiving sets for use by lighthouse keepers as a means of relieving the monotony of their isolated lives. The appeal is a most timely one.

Lighthouses keepers on remote coasts and islands, where weeks and even months elapse between visits of vessels.

Before the advent of the radio, there were no means whereby these temporary exiles might keep in touch with the rest of the world. The isolation could not be greater than the best of the dietary existence imposed by their occupation.

A few have obtained receiving sets, but as their pay is not large, many are unable to afford them, and it is on behalf of these that Secretary Hoover has made his appeal.

There are approximately 700 lighthouses in American waters, and it seems that the government might furnish them with receiving sets at a cost which would mean little to the national treasury.

It cost the taxpayers of the country \$61,312.40 to find that Senator Burton W. White of Montana was not guilty of violating the federal statutes. It is hoped that they got their money's worth.

THE FOUR CORNERS

Public debt of the 48 states of the Union totals \$12,500,000,000,000, and the amount of bonded and unincorporated debts of the United States is \$10,000,000,000.

An excess of revenue over

expenses and a deficit of

expenses over revenue

is the only way to pay off

the national debt.

Part of the debt of

Japan, Japan, is

about \$100,000,000.

A new debt, called

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