

WHAT'S SO AND WHAT ISN'T

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SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

No, Socialism will not prevent the survival of the fittest. Capitalism prevents the survival of the best.

Socialism will abolish the survival of the slickest.

Socialism will provide conditions wherein the best will have a chance to survive. The best are now killed off, or submerged.

There never has been a time since the dawn of civilization when the best men have survived. That is, when the best men have been accorded their proper place among their fellow men.

The best men are the men of moral integrity, of intellectual vigor, the broad-minded and big-hearted men, the men who do something useful, the men who love their fellow men, the men who try to do good in the world, the men who are of the best use to humanity.

These are the best men. But the conditions since civilization began have not been such that they could survive.

The fittest do survive.

That is, the men who are fittest for the environment. The men who are the nearest adapted to existing conditions.

Sow wheat in a weed patch and the weeds will survive, although the wheat is the best.

The weeds are the fittest for those conditions.

Pit a man naked-handed against a gorilla, and the gorilla will survive although the man is the best.

The gorilla is the fittest for those conditions.

In the middle ages the man who was the most expert with sword and the lance was the one who survived, although no one will contend that he was best.

He was the fittest for the conditions of a social system in which might ruled and physical prowess was the deciding factor.

At the present time, the narrow-minded men, the men who have turned their hearts to stone, who have blocked up the avenues of pity and sympathy, who never have an unselfish thought, who never do anything useful, who deny themselves all the expanding culture and ennobling associations of life, who spend every minute of their waking hours in a selfish, brutal, fiendish, savage, cruel, merciless, ghoul-like conflict for financial supremacy, are the men who survive, although no intelligent man will contend for a moment that they are the best men.

They are the fittest for the conditions of a social system in which the possession of money and property is considered success, and in which it is generally necessary for one to lay aside his higher qualities and make use of the inferior qualities of cunning and craftiness in order to

achieve this so-called success.

In the Socialist commonwealth the men who are the most useful to the human race, in the trades, in the professions, in the management of affairs, in the arts, in the sciences, in literature, in everything that is good, will survive.

They will survive because they will be the fittest for the conditions of a social system in which it will be necessary to use the best and noblest qualities of human nature in order to succeed.

They will be the fittest and also the best.

For the first time since the dawn of civilization the best will survive.

Today the men who survive are not only not the best men, but they can survive only by bringing wreck and ruin upon their fellow men, destroying their hopes and blighting their lives.

In the Socialist commonwealth the men who survive can only survive by making the lot of their fellows happier and better.

They can only elevate themselves by elevating all humanity.

Years ago a reckless young adventurer went to California. He found a rich gold mine. Although the gold did not belong to him, the law allowed him to take it because he happened to find it. He became worth more than a hundred million dollars. He invested this money in such a manner that it constantly brought into his purse still other money that did not belong to him, and which was sorely needed by those to whom it did belong. The newspapers called him successful and said he was a great commercial genius. When he died he was lauded to the skies. You would have thought he was a great man, instead of a mere lucky adventurer. His name was John W. Mackey.

Once upon a time a boy was born who seemed to possess a perfect passion for music. When a mere child he exhibited musical talent which astonished his friends and put older musicians to shame. He was afflicted with extreme poverty. He struggled manfully and devoted his whole soul to his passion. The result was a series of musical productions which have ever since held the musical world entranced. He struggled on in poverty. His whole life was embittered and filled with suffering by his poverty. At the age of thirty-five he died—of starvation. His body was buried in a pauper's grave. His name was Mozart.

Mozart was one of the best men.

But John W. Mackey was one of the fittest for the existing conditions.

Therefore, Mackey survived.

In the Socialist commonwealth the best will also be the fittest.

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Mrs. C. A. Phillips spent Wednesday in Cumberland.

Mrs. George Miller spent Saturday in Cumberland, Md.

Miss Mildred Payne returned from Baltimore, Md., Wednesday.

B. J. Lynch has returned from a business trip in New York.

Sheriff Lester G. Wagner was in town on business yesterday.

A. G. Smith was a business visitor in Clarksburg, W. Va., recently.

Miss Angie Cramer visited friends in Martinsburg, W. Va., recently.

Mrs. Robert Crone was in Cumberland, Md., Saturday on business.

Miss Clara Stacer has returned from a visit in Grantsville, Md.

E. B. Barnett, of Somerset, was here on a business mission yesterday.

Miss Mae Diehl has returned from a few days visit in Cumberland, Md.

Mrs. Florence West and son, Charles, have returned from a visit to Baltimore.

Mrs. F. B. Thomas has returned from a several weeks' visit in Ada, Ohio.

Frank Hohlitzell, of West Hickory, Pa., is visiting relatives of this place.

John Clark attended the funeral of his brother in Baltimore, Md., Monday.

Mrs. Harry Philson is spending the week with her sister in Wheeling, W. Va.

Miss Alice Getty has returned from Ohio, where she visited in different cities.

Mrs. John Albright was in Cumberland on a pleasure and business trip, Tuesday.

Miss Emma Lowry, of Fairhope, visited Miss Theresa McMurre for several days.

Miss Helen Baer, of Pittsburgh, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Baer.

Sylvestr Stauger who visited friends for several weeks, returned to Akron Monday.

William Suder, of Woodman, W. Va., is spending ten days visiting with relatives at Deal.

Miss Mary Will, of California, Pa., is spending her Christmas vacation at her home here.

Mrs. Stanford Hallem, of Mt. Braddock, Pa., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. George Hibner.

B. F. Hanna, Supervisor of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Rockwood, was in town Monday.

Miss Emeline Hocking, of Pittsburgh, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hocking.

Miss Edna Kuhs has returned from Cumberland, Md., where she visited Mr. and Mrs. George Kuhs.

John Boucher, of Braddock, Pa., is spending some time at his home here on account of a broken wrist.

Mrs. P. M. Speicher, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Stein, Sr., has returned to Kenville, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rowe, of Cumberland, Md., visited relatives and friends here, the former part of the week.

Mrs. William Lammert and daughter, Elizabeth, of Frostburg, Md., visited the Misses Maggie and Lillian Baer, a few days last week.

Mrs. Charles Dahl and Mrs. Isaac Bradburn attended the golden wedding of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Plasket, in Lonaconing, Md.

Miss Lenora Collins, who is attending the Southern Seminary, at Buena Vista, Va., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Collins.

Rev. J. C. Matteson, of West Bridge Water, Pa., on his return from Washington, D. C., where he visited his father, was a pleasant caller in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Dill and family, formerly of Philadelphia, have moved to Meyersdale where the former is employed by the Meyersdale Mining Company.

SOMERSET

The Rev. E. R. McQueen, of Chicago, will preach in the Christian Church Sunday December 16th.

F. C. Vought was transacting business in Confluence.

Dr. J. F. Norris has returned home after spending several days in Johnstown on business.

G. R. McDonald has returned to his home in Confluence after spending several days in Somerset.

U. S. Werner, of Rockwood, is transacting business in Somerset for the past few days.

Rockwood Modern Woodmen have completed elaborate arrangements for their annual "smoker," which will be celebrated next Monday evening in their Camp Hall in the Ride-nour building. The occasion will assume its usual banqueting and post prandial features.

Five candidates are to be initiated, and special music will be furnished by Prof. Charles R. Henry's New Lexington Orchestra. One hundred and fifty members, it is expected, will be in attendance.

Mrs. Elwood Zearfoss and little daughter, Genet, of Rockwood, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Zearfoss on East Race street.

Dr. John Bills, Civil War veteran and former Somerset dentist, is confined to his home with illness, and his condition shows no improvement since taking ill two weeks ago.

Announcement of the engagement of Gilbert Blades and Miss Kathleen Sufall, whose marriage is to be consummated soon, was made at a party, given Monday evening at the home of Miss Pearl Shager in honor of the groom-to-be and Eugene Purcell, who is leaving for Texas to join an aviation corps in the war. Miss Sufall is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Sufall. The groom is a son of Engineer and Mrs. C. J. Blades.

Lewis F. Ruppel, of Walworth, Nebraska, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Somerset Saturday evening, and they are guests at the home of the former's brother, Judge Wm. H. Ruppel, where they will remain over the holidays. Mr. Ruppel is a farmer and stock raiser in Nebraska, and this is his second visit to the East since he went west many years ago. He was born in Wellsburg, Somerset county, but served in Company I, 47th Iowa regiment in the civil war. His former visit here was in 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley A. Barro will live the remainder of the present winter in Florida. They will leave for Tampa next Monday.

Tuesday evening Mr. Barron gave the Men's Bible class of Somerset U. B. Church, of which he is teacher, a farewell chicken and waffle supper and the class presented him with a beautifully engraved silver-headed cane, as a token of their high appreciation.

The following Somerset young men left Wednesday morning to join the United States Aviation Service at San Antonio, Texas: William Ross, Kirk Brant, H. B. Sanner, Leo Wilt, Merle Barron, William Purcell and H. E. Ross.

At the instance of Judge Mestrezat, associate justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Judge William H. Ruppel has appointed the following committee from the Somerset Bar to assist conscription registrants in filling out their questionnaires under the new draft regulations worked out by the war department, who will sit in Somerset court room No. 2 during the five weeks of the new registration and examination: Charles F. Uhl, Joseph Levy, E. E. Kiernan, John S. Miller, Ross R. Scott, Clarence L. Shaver, Charles W. Walker

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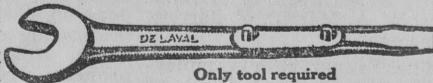
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