

A WORTHY LEADER

Closing remarks on the trust bills, delivered in the house of representatives, by Hon. Guy T. Helvering, on May 23, and reported on page 9926 of the Congressional Record:

President Wilson has pointed out the road on which we are traveling today—the road to the new freedom. Keen in intellect, strong in his faith in the American people, and swayed only by an honest desire to be an instrument of service his evident sincerity and honesty of purpose has broken down opposition and won for him a niche in the affections of all who admire honesty, courage, and truth. He realizes better than any man in modern public life the value of the victories of peace, and while he is militant in battling for the right, yet ever are his weapons those of light and truth. As I contemplate his career since he came into the arena of politics; as I analyze his career as governor of New Jersey and as president of the United States and note the patience, faith and sublime courage always in evidence there comes to my mind a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier, the lines of the last two verses of which well serve as a portrait of the man. They run:

The truths ye urge are borne abroad
By every wind and tide;
The voice of nature and of God
Speaks out upon your side.

The weapons which your hands have forged
Are those which heaven have wrought—
Light, truth, and love; your battle ground
The free broad field of thought.

A GLANCE AT THE REAL J. HAMILTON LEWIS

Under the headline "The Real Lewis," the Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat gives its readers the following interesting view of the big senator of Illinois:

Now that the newspaper humorists have completed their picture of James Hamilton Lewis—"Jim Ham," as they call him—the new senator from Illinois, it would be well to sketch another portrait of him—the true one.

The newspapers have sufficiently emphasized his physical peculiarities—the slim, dapper stature of the man, his red beard, his matched rings, cuff links and scarf pins, his punctilious selection of hats, ties, vests and socks.

To balance that picture I would paint another—the picture of a lonely boy thrown early upon his own resources, of a struggle to overcome handicaps such as few successful men ever met of surpassing ability which quickly brought its possessor to fame and position in the world, and finally of a heart that beats in sympathy for the poor and oppressed, a sympathy carried by Senator "Jim Ham" on his struggle upward from the bottom.

After the Illinois legislature sent him to succeed Senator Cullom for the long term in the senate, the letter of congratulations which brought most pleasure to Senator "Jim Ham" was one from the Longshoremen and Riggers' union. Senator Lewis is a member of that labor union, and not an honorary member either. He joined it when he was a worker in the docks at Seattle, Wash.

He is Virginia born, and of good blood. His family, impoverished by the war, moved to Augusta, Ga., where young Jim, between odd jobs, managed to pick up an education. He was sent to a tutor by his aunt and later moved to Savannah. His work even enabled him to spend a few seasons as a student in the University of Virginia. He had graduated at Houghton college in Augusta. He found that poverty would keep

him from a complete schooling. So, like other ambitious boys had done, he struck westward, and at the age of 19 found himself alone in Seattle, penniless, with a keen appetite and the immediate necessity of finding a job so that he might eat.

The first work that presented itself was a job of rolling barrels and shouldering bags on the Seattle docks, and young Lewis took it. The work was too heavy for his slight physique, but the boss, observing that he was a keen chap, made him a checker. He taught classes at night to prepare them for the state university.

He joined the union and worked at his trade many months. Evenings and odd hours he studied law. His naturally brilliant mind served him well then. In a brief time he passed the bar examinations. As a lawyer his reputation grew rapidly, until at the age of 23 his fellow citizens sent him to the territorial senate.

This was his first step upward. Immediately he did a surprising thing, one of the most remarkable acts of any man now prominent before the public. Only a few men are able to judge themselves correctly. "Jim Ham" Lewis was. He realized he had extraordinary ability. He also realized the value of a striking personality to men in public life.

So he set about it to create personality for himself. He adopted the eccentricities of beard and dress that have since made him famous.

He was highly successful. In a few years his appearance, coupled with his ability, brought him national fame. Washington sent him to congress as representative-at-large when he was 27 years old. He foresaw that the democratic party was disintegrating. And so at the age of 36 he moved to Chicago. In two years he was made corporation counsel for Chicago—the attorney general of the city. In five years he had established himself as one of the greatest trial lawyers in Illinois, and in ten years, when he was 46 years old, his adopted state sent him to the United States senate as the popular choice in the senatorial primary.

Safety First!

A glass eye exploded the other day while a man in Pennsylvania was trying to read the war news with it, and a little later a peanut wagon exploded in Chicago. People who use glass eyes and peanut wagons ought to join the safety-first movement.—Chicago Record-Herald.

LIFE'S COMMON THINGS

The simple, common things of life are best;

The hours that pass in their accustomed way,

The night which brings sweet sleep to close the day,

The kindly loves that fill the household nest,

The friends that shared our childhood's happy plays,

Who passed with us through learning's open door,

And found with us the heights that lay before,

And walked beside us through youth's careless days.

These are the things which memory enshrines

And brings to us amid life's storm and stress,

These are the friends who always soothe and bless,

The loves with which our every hope entwines;

Ah, happy he who, when life's evils come,

Finds peace and sanctuary in his home.

—Ninette M. Lowater, in the Springfield, Mass., Republican.



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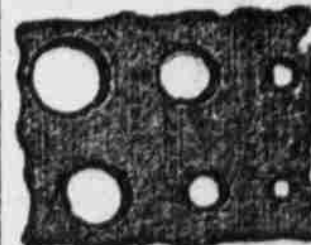
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