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### ARE HIGHER WAGES TO RETURN?

It is a pleasure hard to anticipate, this statement of Harden Colfax, expert statistician, who points out in a press communication that high wages will return after the present slump. He bases his reasoning on the historical fact that labor never loses anything in the way of advanced wages.

If he is correct the McAdoo-inflated money must return to remain permanently. If he is correct the world must have a new crop of financiers, for the Morgans and Duponts of today have had their schooling under the old-time low price levels.

The statements of Mr. Colfax recall very vividly a remark made by Billy Vogel, of Union, when he finally parted with his driving horse and bought an automobile. "Yes," he said, "I have done it, along with everyone else, and now wheat must sell upwards of a dollar a bushel for all future time, in order to pay living expenses of us people who raise it."

Vogel's remarks were quite appropos. He was a prophet, and he spoke, probably, wiser than he knew.

And, too, if labor again gets the high wages and they remain permanently, will not the general plan of business be revised?

Perhaps it will give, in that revision, ample opportunity for trying out with safety a few reforms which, heretofore, have been considered uncertain—for, with cheap money showering the country again, people will feel like trying anything once.

### WEEKS OF VIRTUOUS OMISSION.

A sarcastic citizen, in a city that has been celebrating "Milk Week," criticizes uplifters who urge people to drink milk without telling them how to drink it. According to this critic, milk ought never to be "drunk," but always to be "slowly sipped and insalivated, as it is by the suckling young of mammals."

He proceeds to express his wonder that the American public is having so many weeks of the "do" sort and none of the "don't" sort. He suggests a "Don't Eat Too Much Week," a "Don't Spit on the Walk Week," a "Don't Smoke in the Elevator Week," a "Don't Swear Week," and a "Don't Paint Your Face Week."

Why not? As is the case with sins, virtues of omission are surely no less important than virtue of commission. And while we're omitting things, it might be well to leave out "weeks" altogether for at least one month in the year.

### THE REAL ARMAMENT QUESTION

Every intelligent citizen agrees with Secretary of War Weeks in his recent statement that "under present conditions it would be the height of folly for the United States to be the first to disarm," and that "prudence would not permit dis- armament while others hold weapons in their hands."

This being the case, it is easy to get down to brass tacks. The country is full of disarmament enthusiasts who do not want to disarm all at once, and do not want to disarm alone, but want to disarm gradually by binding agreement with other big powers. The question now before the nation and before Congress is simply the setting in motion of the international machinery to accomplish this purpose—the calling of an international conference by the United States government to see what can be done about it.

No military power will ever disarm all by itself, and it is not likely that the world as a whole will disarm, unless America—which has the greatest military resources and the highest repute for disinterestedness—takes the initiative to obtain a general curtailment, first a navies, and then of armies.

### GOOD COUNSEL FOR UNIONISM

The settlement of labor differences by arbitration and the continuance of work while such arbitration is going on was urged by President John W. Doulin at the convention of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor at Denver.

Mr. Doulin believes that the continued life of collective bargaining depends upon the willingness of every organization to arbitrate its differences with employers and those of an inter-union nature, and says further:

"We must not injure communities, and cause innocent persons to suffer pecuniary losses as well as our own rank and file. We must, for once and for all, stop trying to build up operations on which none but union men are employed."

All parties must agree and provide against cessation of work during arbitration. Money is the blood of industry. Cessation of work pending settlement of disputes is unproductive and is destructive of

building progress. An organization succeeds only as it serves. Our interdependence must be conceded and loyally supported."

If unionism generally would accept these principles there would be no need to fight out an open-shop battle, or any other conflict for organized labor. It is not organization but its abuse that is under fire; and when wise leadership advocates renouncing the abuses, vice membership will follow.

Oil is supposed to be a lubricant but it doesn't seem to be lubricating our Mexican relations.

This is a good country. It will continue to be a good country as long as its people are good citizens. Let's have no other kind.

When great men travel under assumed names they begin to realize their insignificance.

Speaking of business depression, we notice that the good old firm of Farmer & Nature is doing business as usual.

A crisis in the Swiss watch industry is said to alarm the republic. What's the matter? Can't they run the business on tick?

Now Montana is proposing a tax on bachelors. Another blow at self-determination for small peoples.

All we ask of Mexico is that she will stop knocking the props from under American property.

Industrial depression—a dent in the pocketbook.

### POLITICAL HISTORY

June 15, 1782—Benjamin Franklin proved electricity from the clouds and drew its identity with lightning.

June 15, 1836—Arkansas admitted to the Union.

June 15, 1841—Oregon treaty signed with England.

June 15, 1864—Beginning of operations against Petersburg, Va.

### SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The social democratic party, or socialists, was organized in 1898, and inaugurated its campaign in 1900. It sought the overthrow of the social order and the existing economic status, substituting extreme reforms. It was a working class organization, and taught that the government should be the master control in everything.

### THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

#### Step on 'Er!

Our great poem contest is 'off with a bang.  
 Sent yours in yet?  
 Load up the trusty Eversharp (adv.) get a new pad for your memo and let the poetry roll.  
 Send it in, via prepaid mail, we might use it, who knows?

According to the Philadelphia Record, a Mississippi planter has trained two wild geese to catch fish for him. We merely want to remark if they were geese, they'd eat what they caught.

You guessed it, neighbor, this won't be a bad land to live in if they don't pass any more amendments upon us.

Uncle Jarve says the next style for girls' ears will probably be fig leaves.

Frank Suydam says you'd better lose a long moment at a crossing than the rest of your brief life.

"'Twas in a restaurant they met, Romeo and Juliet,  
 He had no cash to pay the debt,  
 So Romeo'd what Juliet."

#### Thumbnail Essays.

Fame.  
 Fame is a funny thing. Some seek it a life time and miff it, while others have it forced upon them. Barbara Fritchie achieved it by poking her dome out of a window and telling Stonewall Jackson where to head in.

The boy who stood on the burning deck did it that way. Mary had a little lamb and, no doubt, should never have been heard of otherwise. Other examples will readily suggest themselves.

It should be understood that all this stuff on fame is from hearsay. But we're still hoping. Fame is a good deal like a cream puff. It's nice to think about but when one gets it there's very little to it—or in a rule, when one becomes famous there is little for him to look forward to but a capacity crowd to his funeral.

E. L. Eckley says the older the car, the more of a luxury it becomes.

#### It Carried Conviction.

First Lawyer—Did his speech carry conviction?  
 Second Lawyer—It did. His client got five years.

There is nothing funnier than a

thin girl in Galoshes—nothing except a fat girl in Galoshes.

#### Why Teachers Turn Red

Teacher to music class—"Can you tell me the name of a great player?"  
 Bright Pupil—"Ty Cobb."

At a meeting of a girls' club in Lima, Ohio, it was decided that it is quite the correct thing to have neatly tanned knees this year. Tanning is all right in its place, but if we're doing the job we wouldn't place it on the knees.

#### Wear 'Em Yourself.

In announcing a sale of books, the publisher of the Leachville (Ark.) Cresset says: "They are worth their weight in gold. Send for them at the price named and we will send them to you by return mail.—Ed."  
 Lazy folks have more than 50 per cent of the hard work.

### RESOLUTION OF CON- DOLENCCE

WHEREAS, Brother Albert C. Huntington passed to the lodge beyond on May 27th, 1921, and  
 WHEREAS, Brother Albert C. Huntington has been a permanent member of La Grande Lodge No. 15, I. O. O. F., for over a half century, and

WHEREAS, those who know him best were his best friends, and to know him was to love him, so, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this lodge has lost one of its most faithful members and dear Brothers, his family a loving father, and the community one of their best citizens, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this lodge drop its charter for a period of thirty days, a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the lodge, a copy be sent to the family, and a copy be sent to the La Grande Evening Observer and Pacific Odd Fellow for publication.

\* Fraternally submitted.

JOHN M. MELDRUM,  
 JAMES MOSS,  
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 Committee.

#### The Home of the Soul.

In olden times, it was believed that the seat of the soul was the stomach, most likely for the reason that a man is never so completely used up as when his stomach is out of order. For the cure of ordinary stomach troubles, there is nothing quite so prompt and satisfactory as Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Give them a trial. They only cost a quarter. —adv.

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