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Fuel and Power

It was a dazzling prospect opened by a speaker addressing the convention of the American Chemical Society on "Energy, Its Sources and Future Possibilities." People who are accustomed to taking present energy-producers as a matter of course, as if they were to last forever, will do well to give the subject a little thought.

The gas and oil will give out sooner or later, and the time may not be far off. Coal will last longer, but it, too, will disappear. What shall man do, then, for heat, light and power?

The streams, which we have as yet hardly begun to harness, will go far, but they will not suffice for the needs of a growing world population. Vast quantities of fuel may be obtained from vegetation, especially in the tropics. The possibilities of commercial alcohol from such sources are beyond computation. The wind, hitherto used but little, by sea or land, will be utilized to a far greater extent, and the tides will be harnessed. The interior heat of the earth, which our industrial scientists have strangely ignored, may be tapped, somewhat as Camille Flammarion proposed some years ago, until that distant time when the cooling of the earth makes it unprofitable.

Ways may be found to catch and use the "magnetic currents" flowing around or through the earth. Solar energy will be made directly available. Most appealing of all, however, to the scientific imagination, is the prospect of utilizing atomic power—turning the invisible atoms of matter into dynamo for human service. Atoms are made up ultimately, it appears, of electricity, and men may learn how to put their bottled power to use. The power of that sort available in any place, when once the great secret is discovered, will be infinite.

With that discovery, or even with the perfection of some of the lesser methods mentioned, will come indeed a golden age for mankind. And it will come, no doubt, when mankind is ready for it—ready morally as well as intellectually. At present, undeveloped men would squabble over the newly tapped stores of energy, and try to monopolize them and exterminate each other with them.

Business With Mexico

Mexico has become one of the heaviest foreign purchasers of American motor cars, parts, tires and accessories. The purchases in this line for the six months ending June 30 were valued at more than \$15,000,000, and the volume has increased since.

Americans do not ordinarily think of Mexico as a land having much use for automobiles. Such heavy purchases surely afford presumptive proof of restored peace and order and reviving prosperity in that long-distracted country, if no other evidence were at hand.

Mexico seems to be developing, under the Obregon regime, into one of this nation's best all-around customers. It does not, and never will, approach our northern neighbor, Canada, in that respect, but it bids fair to offer soon a far more profitable market than ever before. Its demand for motor cars and other products is sure to leap ahead as a result of the satisfactory adjustment made with the Mexican government in the matter of petroleum taxes, and the consequent renewal of imports from the Tampico oil field. Final adjustment of the big point still at issue, the validity of American ownership of Mexican minerals acquired prior to the adoption of Mexico's new constitution, is expected soon, as a result of a decision by the Mexican supreme court favorable to this country. Political recognition of Obregon's regime at Washington seems to hinge on that. With the resumption of diplomatic relations, both countries stand to benefit more than ever from each other's business.

Encourage Home Building

A great home-building campaign is one of the projects which the government has under consideration as a means of relieving unemployment and discontent.

The plans are only tentative thus far. If the campaign is put under way its aim will be to stimulate the building of homes costing \$10,000 or less. Construction will be made swift, cheap and easy by the use of standardized plans and equipment. An effort will be made to rouse co-operation of the country over between industry, civil authorities, builders, bankers and others interested. The idea of patriotic service will be stressed, the govern-

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



ment merely suggesting ways and means. It is hoped that local co-operation will suffice to put the scheme through in each community, and that it will not be necessary to draw upon the federal treasury.

There are great possibilities in the plan, though it had far better have been undertaken two or three years ago. A people busy at home building will have little time for disturbance of any kind. The scheme should be the more effective because it puts the burden of getting back to normal straight up to the individual community instead of fostering the too prevalent tendency to leave it all to the "government."

Mr. Bryan says that 40 years in politics have made him an optimist. People usually learn sooner or later that when they fail to put over their own particular plan for saving the world, the world manages in some mysterious way to save itself.

The Nashville Banner opines that with so many automobiles, the supply of pedestrians will soon be short of the demand. Not necessarily. Many automobilists are convinced that they could get along better without any pedestrians at all.

THE OFFICE CAT



FINGER PRINTS
Lives of bank clerks are so replete with crime that it is common to find a man who has been in the bank for years with a finger print upon the books.

One reason, perhaps, that Friend Farmer is having a harder time each year to make the old eighty pay in the changing styles in farm hands. Time was when a farm hand, sound of the wind and limb, could be had for ten bucks a month and board. Now the fellow wants an eight-hour day, sixty cents an hour and three and a half for overtime, and the right to take the farmer's prettiest daughter riding in the family Ford.

EXEMPT FIREMEN
Fire from the two caught on the

INCUBUS
"Marrying a title wouldn't be so bad."
"Heh?"
"It's the specimen who goes with it that jars a girl."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS
A little glue added to jelly will make it stiffer.
Hard-boiled eggs will not scorch or burn if stirred now and then.
Moths will not eat copper window screens.

Red ants can be killed by running them through a laundry wringer.

OBSERVATIONS OF THE OLDEST INHABITANT
I can remember when the "infant industries" what interested most folks was raising babies.

"A chap out in San Francisco claims that one drink of hooch enables him to figure in trigonometry. That's nothing. One drink here enables folks to do tricks in trigonometry."

SOME JURY
The grand jury at Frisco charges "Fatty" with manslaughter when he is supposed to have killed a woman.

A SHORT STORY OF THE GAY WHITE WAY
The gal's a jar—T.H.M.

A plutocrat—a man wealthy enough to pay both his fine and his lawyer—Nashville Tennessean.

Clara Smith Hamon, in marrying a film director, should easily succeed now in becoming a real heroine.

Also when the divorce suit is filed it is strong circumstantial evidence that the honeymoon has ended.

Two swallows don't make a summer, but three or four swallows make a man think twice before he speaks too hastily.

SUGGESTION
"Suggestion is the latest thing in training children."
"I've tried it. But the children don't behave as well when I merely suggest that they may get a licking."

THE POWER OF THE PRESS
From the Hammond, Ind. Times: "Times' want ads get results. Mrs. Charles Kesson, 30 Webb St., lost her dog. She placed an advertisement in the Times yesterday. Half an hour after the paper was out the dog came home. Try a Times' Want ad."



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Tomorrow Only



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The first formidable gun in the Imperial Palace of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan to be held in Portland in 1923, will be fired at Walla Walla October 21-22 of this year. The entire Northwest will be represented at a meeting there in which plans will be formulated for the monster affair at Portland in '23. Approximately 2000 Dokies will attend the Walla Walla meeting.

Under the plans formulated at the last Imperial palace for the creation of a Northwest division of the Imperial palace for the purpose of amply entertaining the main Imperial palace at its convention two years hence, each temple is entitled to 1 delegate for each 100 members and this will provide Khaled Temple of this city with about 8 delegates. A meeting to elect these delegates and devise ways and means will be held in La Grande October 8th.

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Five Candy Days.
Just five Saturdays in October—and each Saturday we will have still greater values in candy on sale than ever before on Saturday. Please note all this and you will know just the day of the week that the candy values are on. The strongest of all days of the week at the Palace Candy Shop, when all those good Ice Cream Sodas are sold.

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Early Discouragement Foolish.
I believe in having a good time when you start out to have it. If you get knocked out of one plan, you want to get yourself another right quick, before your spirits has a chance to fall.—Mrs. Wiggs.

Lines to Be Remembered.
Anger blows out the lamp of the mind in the examination of great and important questions everyone should be serene, slow pulsed and calm.—R. G. Ingersoll.

Do you know what constitutes a strong constitution?

To have sound, healthy nerves, completely under control, digestive organs that are capable of absorbing a hearty meal, means you have a strong constitution! Your general attitude is one of optimism and energy.

But an irritable disposition, frequent attacks of indigestion, and a languid depression, indicate your system is not in correct working order.

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Now is the time when the child with weak eyes is experiencing the most trouble. For hours every day and often under artificial light during the evenings, they have to pore over books. The constant strain is particularly telling. Even a slight weakness of the eyes develops rapidly under such a strain into something more serious.

Such children need glasses. Properly fitted lenses will take care of the overload. If cared for now the weakness may be overcome by the time the child is full grown. If not, the time will soon come when glasses will be absolutely necessary and doubtless for life. It is only fair to the child to make an effort to save them from this if possible.

If your children are backward at school work or complain of frequent headaches or smarting and stinging sensations in the eyes, have a competent optometrist make an examination.

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