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Bible Thought For Today

TRUST AND WAVER NOT—
Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.—Proverbs 3:5.

Saving The Railroads

Once upon a time the people were against the railroads. Very properly so, for in those days the railroads were all but running the country. The upheaval came, and like all upheavals and reforms the pendulum swung too far the other way. In state and nation law-making bodies passed stringent measures against the transportation lines. They were regulated and hamstrung then so that instead of running their own business, a railroad president is now just a person to supervise and see that the different cogs in the great wheel mesh properly. He can do nothing.

Even this condition might work out, but there is another cloud over railroading now which requires combined effort of the people to dispel. Railroads first met their genuine competition when the Panama canal was finished. The heavy coast to coast hauling practically ceased on rail and was done by water. It is being done today by water largely and will continue to be.

Then came the good roads which the railroad is taxed to build and maintain. The country must have them and the sooner good highways reach into every state and country the sooner will America be strictly the land of contentment. With the good roads came the motor vehicle as competition to railroad transportation. And it is some competitor. At one time a railroad president would laugh at the passenger receipts from short haul business. He worries now because those receipts have been reduced tremendously. Then the short haul freight also went on the highways largely and the railroad officials are wondering what hit them.

The time has just about arrived when the people are going to have to get in and save the railroads from going on the dumps. Lots of the rail lines are almost there now. Railroads like the Union Pacific, which, due to its construction and easy grades across the continent, can make money when other roads fail to break even, are not so badly hurt, but throughout the nation there are lines that cannot stand the strain much longer.

Instead of a hostile feeling to railroads America will eventually have to nurse them and bring them back to healthy life.

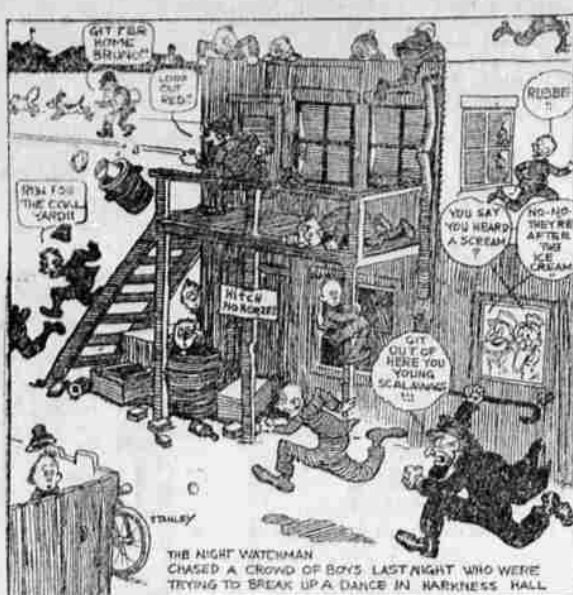
Industrial Man Power

A statistician estimates that in the United States the working power of the average inhabitant is equal to that of four horses or of 31 men unskilled with labor-saving machinery. At this rate, the American people, with their industrial equipment, have a total working power equal to that of about 3,200,000,000 men, or twice as many as the total population of the world.

It may be, as a business writer suggests, a "subconscious appreciation" of this industrial power and its possibilities which makes business men so hopeful of the results of the arm conference. Much of our industrial mechanism is now used in making and handling armament. If the machinery and the skilled men operating it were released for the works of peace, there would be so much clear gain for creative production. The capital saved from armament would help, too. Thus there should soon be a notable increase in our effective man-power.

The subject is also of special interest while China is under consideration. Everybody recognizes that the Chinese are potentially a great people, but actually they cut little figure in the world of industry and commerce, because they lack the central governing forces that is given by

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIOR



FOOL QUESTIONS.

Collector asks: "If Tea Leaves an unpaid bill, will Grounds settle?"
R. F. asks: "What do the eyes teach their pupil?"

SANTA'S SLIP.

Mother—"Who ever taught you to use that dreadful word?"
Tommy—"Santa Claus, mamma."
"Santa Claus?"
"Yes, mamma, when he fell over a chair in my bedroom on Christmas eve."

TOO BAD!

"You'll get run in," said the pedestrian to the cyclist, "if you ride without a light."
"You'll get run into," responded the rider as he knocked the other down.
"You'll get run in, too," said the policeman as he stepped forward and seized the cyclist.
Just then another searcher came along without a light, so the policeman was run into, too, and had to run in two.

PHARMACY ECHOES.

"I never give anybody hydrophobia in dog days," as the catnip said to the customer's bull terrier.
"We all do fade as a leaf," said the war dyes, one to another.
"You are only a sundry," was the cutting remark of the muric acid to the aristocratic box of stationery.
"All is grist that comes to my mill," as the patent medicine cater said to the absolutely latest universal remedy an herb gathered in the lunar crater Copernicus and delivered by the Rain-bow Route.
"You are not fit to associate with me," said the hair restorer to the medicine dropper, "it is rumored that you often take a drop too much."
"Why don't you stick to your job?" as the chewing gum said to the cough drops.
"You deal far too tenderly," as the sulphate of zinc said to the chlorate of potassium: "My timing now!"

DEFINED.

From Houston Chronicle.
Respectability consists of not saying what you think and not doing what you want to do.

Ma Duck: "Aren't you ashamed to have your feathers so mussed? Why can't you be neat like little Johnny Cockerel?"
Duckling: "Aw, ma, he carries a comb."—Farm Journal.

WOW!

That kid will not shut up at all, I hear him from afar;
What with his racket and his bawl, He'll make a tennis star.

ODD FACTS, SCIENTIFIC AND OTHERWISE.

A delicate instrument, known as the cephalophone, attached to automobiles gives a warning of the approach of speed cop.
It is said a million cases have been discovered in the Great American Desert.

THAT WASN'T HER NAME.

Student—"Sir, I want permission to away three days after the end of vacation."
Dean—"Ah! you want three more days of grace?"
Student—"No, three more days of Gertrude."

Walking is better exercise outdoors than around a pool table.

POSSIBLY.

(From Saginaw News-Courier)
A Houston astronomer announces the discovery of vast fields of tollage on the moon. Evidently the man in the moon needs a slave.

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AUSTRIA WANTS
TO BE DRY TOO

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—A message to the American people from the president of the republic of Austria, urging the United States to stand by prohibition was given out here today by Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the Prohibition National Committee. Mr. Hinshaw has just returned from Europe where this word was entrusted to him by President D. M. Hanisch, himself a strong prohibitionist.

Prof. Mazaryk, president of the republic of Czechoslovakia, and Dr. Hanisch have both placed themselves at the head of national organizations for prohibition in their countries. Mr. Hinshaw announced. He reported he had aided in the formation of these organizations and that in each case the chief executive of the nation had accepted the leadership of the prohibition movement.

President Hanisch in his signed message said:
"My message to America is this, stand by prohibition, enforce the law, because in proportion as you enforce it there will be a decrease in criminality, pauperism, insanity, and the other things that make for ill in human society."

"I regard the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution of the United States of America as one of the greatest and most far-reaching pieces of legislation ever enacted by any nation of the civilized world."

"Having been taught by a good mother from my earliest youth to abstain from intoxicants of all kinds and from tobacco, a rule of life which I have followed to this day, I have ever been the unremitting foe of alcohol in all its forms as a beverage, and trust that at no distant day Austria will follow the United States in the unadvised of an incubus, as destructive of human life and property."

"We are thankful to America for the help she is giving us in the providing of food for starving children, and we thank the World Prohibition Federation with its constituent bodies, including the Methodist Church Temperance Society and the Prohibition Foundation for the help they are giving us in the furnishing of means for the dissemination of facts about alcohol."

"We realize more and more that the world is one great family. Let us help one another when help is needed."

Mr. Hinshaw went to Europe as representing the World Prohibition Foundation, that developed recently from the Prohibition Party which he leads.

In Austria the prohibition committee of eleven, representing the different important groups, was formed. He reported, around the famous table about which the Austrian Service, which started the Great World War.

ENGINEERING MAGAZINE.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 30.—The November issue of the Student Engineer, issued by the students in the electrical engineering department, has received considerable favorable comment on its originality and appropriateness. Sidney Dean of Castle Rock, Wis., is editor. The new publication is one-third larger than the previous issues and includes a two-color design and many half-tone engravings. Articles by the faculty and students of the department are featured.

15,000 CHRISTMAS BOXES

CLEVELAND.—Junior American Red Cross members in the Lake Division of the American Red Cross have already prepared 15,000 Christmas boxes for distribution among the suffering children of Europe whose impoverished state has resulted in complete loss of the significance of Christmas. These boxes in addition to containing many articles of usefulness such as small articles of clothing, tooth brushes and soap also contain toys, nuts and candies.

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