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RIGHTOUSNESS PAYS: Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right. Proverbs 10:8.

Editorials From Over the Nation

ASTORIA WILL NOT STOP

Portland Oregon Journal: Fire has destroyed the heart of Astoria's business district but it will not destroy the heart of Astoria. Holocaust has visited more than one American city. In the beginning a disaster, such fires have at times proved to be blessings in disguise. Seattle built upon the ashes of shanties the proud city that dominates Puget sound today. Baltimore built again after her terrifying experience and found herself rejuvenated. Portland began to build as a city for the first time after her business-gutting fire of the early seventies. The fire that destroyed a great portion of Chicago removed from that city an incubus upon its growth, and with the old buildings gone the solid city of today was adjoined. "The city that was" is the beautiful city that is San Francisco. These things are recalled not to find good in the greatest of destroying agencies, but basis for the vision of the city Astoria will build on the ashes of yesterday. Astoria will set about the work of reconstruction with the sympathy, the applause and the substantial support of her neighbors. Her disaster is one that wipes out lines of socialization and rivalry. Portland will remember only that Astoria and Portland are on one river, are at opposite extremities of the same harbor, have back of them one great producing empire and in front of them one great ocean which will bring more than enough trade to warrant building better than before.

THE NOISY WORLD.

New York Herald: Radio as provided after dinner speakers with another illustration of the way in which "the continents are being brought closer and closer together every year, so that now, eventually, it is after all, a small world." Several times the Newark broadcasting station (W. J. R.) has been picked up in England. At 10:45, early on a Monday morning, an English operator listened to a Sunday evening sermon delivered in New Jersey. A man in Lancashire heard the organ recital.

HE NEEDS A CHUNK OF RAINBOW

Our newspapers will make mistakes occasionally, but it isn't often they try to forecast like this one did. We quote: "Our esteemed fellow citizen, Abner Brown, will go to the hospital, tomorrow to be operated on for appendicitis. He will leave a wife and two children."

THE OFFICE CAT

One of the strangest things in the world is why women are so much more interested in shoes than in feet. Nobody is in a position to say that the girls of 40 years ago would not have enjoyed the opportunities of display afforded by the short skirt.

Learn a Useless Thing Each Day.

A common household can lift an ordinary match. With Profuse Apologies to the Author of "I Am the Bad Cross" I am the nastiest thing yet in perpetual motion. I am always moving. I am the subject of much unkindly criticism, but I go right ahead and give no attention.

That fellow Tchitcherov certainly can be the diplomats in a knot.

Many a man has threatened to kick me and give all that sort of thing, but few have ever done it. I am the original little efficiency expert, always on the job and always willing to work overtime. I stay right at home and keep going while the family is away on a visit. I do my work faithfully and often back up a little extra for good measure. But I get no credit for it—only the usual go notice.

No Such Thing as Overwork

No person has ever suffered from overwork, according to Professor William Palmer Wynne, noted nerve specialist, and in the same edition it is announced that Dr. Emile Coue, French exponent of auto suggestion, has sailed and is getting nearer the United States day by day. Well organized propagandists, it may be, have determined upon a great final offensive to make man "master of his fate and captain of his soul."

It is easy to prove that there is such a thing as overwork. An engine can be run at maximum speed for a long time if it is given the best care but eventually there will be a breakdown. A furnace can be fired to produce seemingly unlimited heat, but a little too much heat will melt the instrument or cause an explosion.

It must be admitted, however, that man is seldom overworked. Nervous breakdowns and illness usually come from dissipation and worry. There is a tendency to drive the human machine beyond its limit, to start it suddenly and stop it quickly, and to fail to make repairs. Professor Wynne would give every one an opportunity to have a clear mind, a clean body, and a clean home, and consign to the hangman those who failed to take advantage of it. A healthful environment, he believes, would wipe out disease and morbidity.

Coue's "day by day in every way" theory is an old idea in a new dress. Prayer, in all religions, is a form of auto suggestion. The theory is dangerous only when its importance is overexaggerated. It is possible to attain self discipline by auto suggestion; possible for the grinch to become genial; but it is not possible to cross the ocean by that means. Otherwise Dr. Coue would not have bothered to board a ship.

Fads, theoretical and mechanical, come and go, and still the race lives. Too much enthusiasm at the start usually brings a quick death. Fads also can be overworked. Still, the new school is preaching optimism and giving humanity confidence and strength. It is much better than psychoanalysis and other subjects for polite conversation which in the past have been inflicted upon society.

Harem Beauties

Probably not a great deal of competition will be given to American damsels by the offer of Rafet Pasha to provide as wives the members of the harem of the Caliph. When that dignitary assumed the green turban recently and took possession of the beard of Mohammed, done up in a paper parcel, he announced that he would in future have but one wife.

He left Constantinople, and 300 wives. Perhaps he mused that there would be some hundred fewer pairs of shoes to buy, and those new Russian boots come rather high this year, too.

What in the world is coming over royalty these days? The kid emperor of China, who just kids himself about being emperor of the republic, announces that he is to be known as Henry and his wife, newly assumed, as Elizabeth. The remarkable couple play tennis, speak English and like fudge. Just like 17-year-olds the world over.

It's getting so nowadays an ordinary mortal wouldn't know a sultan or a sultan or an emperor if he saw one. Harem beauties? Well, they'll hardly spoil the marriage market.

One of the standing jokes of many cities is the ordinance that requires that sidewalks be kept clear of snow and ice.

That "Kid" McCoy went into bankruptcy was no surprise to those who kept up with the news of his matrimonial ventures.

Experts cannot always tell in advance. Some of the dullest students in college make good in real life when they get the chance.

Verbal endurance tests would be shorter in domestic life if only the wife insisted on having the last word.

The conservative young man does not fall in love until he has looked up her father's commercial rating.

Texas is leading in road building. But Texas' needs in that respect are so much greater.

Almost any crank can start something, but it requires a good engine to carry it over the hills.

Too many foreign visitors land in New York and think they are seeing the United States.

Flyovers are so cheap now that only the rich can afford to be seen in them.

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EXPERT INFLUX RECOMMENDED

Dr. Adrian Molin Believes Emigration of Trained Workers Would Help the Country.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21. (By Mail). The emigration from Sweden of highly qualified engineers, expert foresters and agriculturalists, of especially trained industrial workmen rather than of unskilled laborers and ordinary farmers, is recommended by Dr. Adrian Molin, an authority on the subject of emigration. Since there must be emigration of some kind, argues Dr. Molin, it would be better for the home country, and would insure greater success for the emigrants themselves, if those who establish a new domicile in America and elsewhere were persons of professional technical equipment. Swedish statistics show that, between the ages of 15 and 50, there are now 200,000 more persons engaged in gainful occupations than there were in 1913. This surplus has been taken care of partly by increased work in the industrial world, and partly by emigration, while the remainder, about 85,000, at the end of 1922 are unemployed and must to a certain extent be supported by the state. One movement toward providing more employment is the settlement and exploitation of undeveloped crown and church lands, especially in the northern districts, but the success has so far been doubtful, and the opponents of the plan point out that an increase in the number of farmers will eventually mean a smaller income per capita. Dr. Molin thinks that the time is ripe for government investigation of emigration with a view toward its control. He deprecates the haphazard method which at present obtains in most countries. Thus, for example, industrial workers often emigrate and try their fortunes at farming, adding their own inexperience to the difficulties of work under new conditions in a new country. He also

The Chimes of Potsdam Were Not Rung in Vain

(By Associated Press) POTSDAM, Dec. 21. (By Mail). "Always be honest and upright." So runs a familiar old German song, the music of which chimes regularly from the famous Garrison church of Potsdam. Away down below, in the vaults of the edifice, rest the bodies of Frederick the Great and his father, Frederick William I. The organist who plays these chimes was forced recently by hard times to apply for an increase in wages. When his application came before the city council it met with opposition from the Communist agitators because of their political objections to the selections played on the bells. Not only they maintained, was "Always Be Honest and Upright" being chimed forth, but the organist even went so far as to play "Deutschland Uber Alles" on national holidays. The bourgeois representatives overruled these objections in favor of the organist, expressing themselves ready to live up to the "honest and upright" sentiment in their dealings with their employees. The Garrison church was built by Frederick William I, the first king of Prussia, and silencing of its chimes would mean almost as great a hardship in the lives of Potsdam's natives as would the closing of the gates to Sans Souci.

DUST BLASTS PREVENTABLE

(By Associated Press) BUFFALO, Jan. 12.—Dust explosions cannot be of spontaneous origin and are preventable, David J. Price, engineer in charge of development work of the bureau of chemistry, United States department of agriculture, informs the safety bureau of the chamber of commerce here. In thirteen recent dust explosions in representative types of manufacturing plants, Mr. Price says, 155 lives have been lost and property worth \$14,250,000 destroyed. Grain elevators, feed mills, sugar refineries and starch factories were the scenes of the most serious disasters, but explosions also have occurred in dust from powdered milk, soap, fertilizer, cocoa, spice and cork. Smoking and using open lights in

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FOR THIS PURPOSE WE HAVE:	
Cash in vault and deposited with legal depositaries	\$ 279,112.93
U. S. Government bonds	241,266.69
Notes of individuals and corporations	1,228,172.47
Real estate	160,000.14
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	7,390.00
TOTAL TO MEET LIABILITIES	\$1,915,942.23
THIS LEAVES \$205,970.00	\$205,970.00

Which leaves the property of the stockholders after the deposits are paid, and is guaranteed fund upon which we solicit new deposits and retain those which have been lodged with us for many years.

Our listed resources enumerated in this statement do not and can not include those kinds of readiness and helplessness which our funds have in the personal of its board of directors, its officers and employees. These are assets which by dividends to our patrons in service and satisfaction.