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PRAYER FOR WISDOM:— So
teach us to number our days, that we
may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
—Psalm 90:12.

The Doctrine of Hate

One of the most famous cartoons published by London Punch during the war portrayed a German family indulging in its "morning's hate." The satire hit the mark. It was little exaggerated. The German people had been urged by their rulers to hate bitterly and incessantly those whom they were fighting. It was part of an organized experiment in psychology. The notorious "hymn of hate" was sung at public assemblages and in the homes as well as at the front. No nation with a sense of humor could have taken it so seriously. But "thoughts are things" and the German professors told the authorities that by constantly dwelling on the thought of hating England the fighting spirit of the people would be stimulated.

Now once more false friends are urging the German people to hate. Geheimrat F. Dörf, known as "the aged dean of the Ruhr industrialists," made a speech before the national association of German employers, the other day, in which he said: "The seeds of hate sown by the French in the Ruhr have entered German hearts and sprouted the tree of national unity. The fight can only be waged successfully with the slogan, 'Hate against the enemy, love for the fatherland.'"

Are not the German people shrewd enough to see that the doctrine of hate didn't work before and is not likely to do so now? The preaching of the gospel of hate in the World War led to deeds of frightfulness which made humanity shudder. The solution of the present difficulty in the Ruhr is in Germany's hands. Let her give an honest undertaking to try to pay what she owes France. That will bring desired results much more quickly than making faces and shaking fists and calling names. That hate business is out of date.

The Building Boom

Unprecedented building is reported from all parts of the country. Apartments, homes, business structures are arising at a record-breaking rate. That is good news, indicative not only of better business conditions and increased confidence among citizens generally, but prophetic of ultimate balancing of supply and demand where homes and rents are concerned.

The suspension of home building during the war years imposed upon the average family two closely related problems. One was to find a home at a price that could be afforded. The other was to find a home at any price. For two or three years the congestion due to "doubling up" was serious. That congestion has now been relieved to a large extent, but the problem of high rents continues to harass many citizens. As more homes are built realty values will find their natural level. Whether that level be high or low, it will be stable, and stability is the chief basis of real prosperity.

The Work Cure

The Italian Ambassador speaks an impressive truth when he says that the only cure for the world's economic ills is work. America has long since accepted this truth; and the sooner other nations accept it the better. So long as peoples allow themselves to be led along so-called short cuts to economic recovery they will remain in the slough into which, as a result of the great war, they have been plunged. Productive labor is the only way out.

An increasing element in Europe is coming to realize this, and on the spread of such realization depends the salvation of Europe. To the credit of Italy it may be said that its people have grasped the necessity of putting their house in order by returning to work. That country is now well on the road to recovery, thanks to the common sense and industry of its people.

Someone has slipped it over Governor Pierce as sure as the rain falls in Salem. In this month's issue of Review of Reviews several pictures of governors appear and for the Oregon governor the picture is that of Robert E. Smith of Portland, formerly of Roseburg, and at one time manager of the Taxpayers' League. Someone has slipped Walter M. Pierce's picture out and stuck in "Bob" Smith's as governor of this commonwealth. Let's hear what Bob and Walter have to say about the matter.

When George Armond was a little boy he promised his mother he would always attend church on Greek Easter. George came to America, tried many occupations, visited many cities and did a lot of roving. He came to Hot Lake, where he has been steadily employed for some time. George laid off last week in order to go to Portland to attend the Greek church on Easter, for Portland is the nearest city having such a church. Rather nice to know that the Greek boy has never forgotten that promise to his mother, isn't it? The world is not all bad, by any means.

Tonight a number of citizens are going to meet in an endeavor to conclude what is best to do with the Y. M. C. A. The meeting will be held in the city hall and should be of great interest. The "Y" has many friends and supporters, but the support needed to maintain it in a dignified manner is the problem that is confronting the city at present.

It looks for all the world as if the editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, who speaks of congress as the "motley crowd", has been an unsuccessful candidate for the postmastership.

A spiritist is quoted as saying "big business men are needed in heaven." Some of them will have to change their way to get there.

The good looker is a good finder.

Senator Couzens' Statement Is Erroneous, Kruttschnitt

Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Pacific Company, in a letter to Senator Couzens of Michigan declares Senator Couzens's assumption that the chief railroad economy has been reduced wages, is mistaken, and that out of a reduction of approximately \$1,000,000,000 a year in labor cost of railway operation only about \$350,000,000 represents decreased wages. The balance, almost two-thirds, has been the result of efficiency and economy of operation.

In 1922 the railroads carried a traffic not greatly less than that of 1929. "To do this they employed an average of 1,645,237 employees in 1922, as against 2,012,500 in 1929," Mr. Kruttschnitt says.

That Senator Couzens's statement that "for 18 years there has been no improvement in locomotive performance, is erroneous. The number of freight miles per thousand pounds of freight effort is not the measure of increase in transportation efficiency," Mr. Kruttschnitt points out. The real measure is to be found in the fact that the average number of revenue tons hauled per mile of freight line has increased from 1.645 in 1922 to 2.012 in 1929, an increase of 21.5 per cent.

Stating the matter another way, Mr. Kruttschnitt shows that during past 18 years the increase in power per train increased from 210 tons to 250 tons, an increase of 19 per cent.

Editorials From Over the Nation

HOW ONE BANKER SHUTS OFF OVERDRAFTS

Several years ago, E. N. Van Horne, cashier of the American National Bank of St. Joseph, was examining one of the old banks of Southern Nebraska, which had formerly been a private bank; and in going through the old records he came across a letter on overdrafts, which is unique in expression, convincing in argument, and probably produced results. Read it and see if you don't agree:

"My Dear Sir:—I have gone to considerable expense in getting in proper shape to do a banking business. I suppose I could take what money I have and loan it out privately and make as much money as I can by having a regular bank; however, I concluded to build a vault employ clerks, invest in stationery, etc., my principal object being to build up a deposit account. Now, my friend and unesteemed customer whenever I look at your account I am sorry to say instead of your depositing funds with me, I am continually having my funds deposited with you, and as you have no vault, no clerk hire, etc., and would not pay my check if drawn on you at night, I would be under many obligations if you would bring my money back and deposit it to your credit, so that at least I may have the satisfaction of knowing I have none with you."

Boston Herald: The briefcase today is the final touch that gives that polished look of meticulous attention to the little things that count. It says with quiet insistence that the person carrying it is engaged in one of the polite professions, or is at least on the executive end of trade or industry. The street car conductor even with a respect which may become admiration that such a man is democratic enough to use a briefcase. The night policeman, meeting the street car on the lonely road, is likely to take the briefcase as a passport. If there is no bulwark of a briefcase, a business-like stride goes properly with the briefcase, and the two of them often clear a path effectively in crowded streets. Women have taken to it. To be a business woman is the proper thing, and there is a not unbecoming thing which prima facie evidence of a business or professional undertaking.

What triumph, this briefcase seems to be leading to over the suit-case. The well-dressed young man of a few years ago was really not well dressed unless he was wearing a dress-suit—over or suit case, as it is now, a briefcase and a vest. It was said by a rural New England college, now a place of some deep purple and considerable fine linen, that a freshman who arrived carrying a briefcase and a suitcase, instead of the traditional suitcase, might pick his own fraternity. Immediately there was no going behind the impressive language of evidence of breeding and ability. College undergraduate today cannot assemble their papers properly without a briefcase. We hesitate to mention a green-bag in the same breath, sentence or paragraph.

A STOCK OWNING NATION

New York Herald: The American public, the bank and the American public, have an ownership interest in great corporations representing all divisions and subdivisions of American industry, railroads, steel companies, public utilities, motor car manufacturers, oil companies and everything else.

In the American Telephone & Telegraph company alone there are more than 21,000 stockholders. The great bulk of these small stockholders are the result of the fact that the company has been so successful in its operations that it has been able to pay out dividends of \$1.00 a share for the last five years. The company has more than 24,000,000 shares of stock outstanding, and its assets are more than \$1,000,000,000. The company is a member of the Bell System, which includes the American Telephone & Telegraph company, the Western Union Telegraph company, and the International Telephone & Telegraph company.

That industrial going alone, merely, has employed out of the country's many thousands, less than three-quarters of a million stockholders—less than 1 per cent. But that is a patch on the great mass

in the number of locomotives, produced an increase of 97 per cent. increase in the aggregate power for freight locomotives. "With only 87 per cent increase in power they moved 129 per cent more revenue ton miles," Mr. Kruttschnitt asserts.

Another gauge of the increase in efficiency of American railroads is to be found in the amount of transportation produced for every investment in railroad property. In 1890 for every \$100 of investment the railroads carried 983 tons of freight one mile, and 152 passengers one mile. In 1929 for every \$100 of investment they carried 2,062 tons of freight one mile, and 231 passengers one mile, an increase of 110 per cent in freight and 50 per cent in passenger service. Concluding his letter Mr. Kruttschnitt says:

"You have spoken also of Mr. Henry Ford and certain methods suggested by him for effecting economy on the railroads and elsewhere. Mr. Ford's success has been in a business untrammelled by restrictive legislation and one in which he has been free to use his powers of management, his initiative, and his resources in the promotion of his business according to his own judgment. He is, of course, a master in the business of running a railroad and his conclusions as to equipment, which you commend, are at variance with the experience and the judgment of those who have spent their lives in the study of the subject."

of securities in which millions of American citizens have as clear an ownership, investment or participating interest, as if their share of securities were inside their own breast pockets or locked up in the strong box or other place where they keep their articles of value.

There are 27,000,000 savings accounts in all the banks of the country, and every last owner of a savings account has a property interest in the securities in which the bank's deposits are invested—the securities, government and private, that are back of the savings deposits.

There are 64,000,000 life insurance policies in the United States and back of the policies are the investments of the insurance companies, very largely in the securities of American corporations.

The American public, the rank and file of the American public, are very directly and very deeply interested in the securities of American industry and American business. They are in there as investors up to their necks. So when the Socialist and the Communist go gunning for the "vested interests" in the United States, they go gunning for the property of the American people.

GUN RULE OF LABOR

Chicago Tribune: "Red" Kinsella, identified as a notorious labor slinger, was shot to death at a meeting of a branch of the most cut-throat and butchers' union. That makes a score of slaying killings in Chicago in ten years, and two within ten days.

Again, as in the recent killing of Stephen Kellner, it emphasizes one extent to which gun rule of organized labor has progressed in this city. There may be a policeman killed by one hand gun parapsies upon union labor who fear that their graft may be interrupted. There may be one so-called leader killed by another because of envy of growing power and profits. There may be a decent union man killed by a ruffian who fears the job of decency. There may be one grafter or slinger killed for revenge by another, as probably is the case with Kinsella. But constantly there are killings, defiance of the law, graft and crookedness.

All this gives union labor a bad name which it ought not to have. The innocent suffer with the guilty. It is a handicap to the workers and to general prosperity. The honest, efficient members of the unions should clean out this stench in their organizations. That would do more to raise the respect in which unions are held and to advance their influence for the good of their membership than any strike victory, political victory or court victory which could be imagined.

EDITORIALS STAND HIGH

Fred Lockley Comments on
Former La Grander; Now
Editor of Vashon Island
News-Record.

Fred Lockley, well known Oregon writer, in an article recently published in the Telegram, has the following to say of Lou E. Wenham, formerly of La Grande, now editor of the Vashon Island News-Record:

By today's mail I received a copy of the Vashon Island News-Record of which Lou E. Wenham is editor. Lou Wenham was born at La Grande. He received his newspaper training on the La Grande Observer, the Pendleton East Oregonian and the Spokane Spokesman-Review. In looking over the editorial page of his paper I could not help thinking how much higher is the tone of the editorials of the press of today than it was 25 years ago. At that time most of the papers were violent partisans of one political party or the other. Today most of the newspapers are sincerely trying to be of service to the public; for example, at the head of the editorial page of the Vashon Island News-Record is this pledge: "I pledge allegiance to may flag and the republic for which it stands—one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The editorials are optimistic in outlook and are helpful in inculcating a higher moral tone in the community through which this paper circulates. For example, there is an editorial commending the Country Gentleman for its campaign against gambling devices at state fairs, a campaign by the Ore that is proving successful here in Oregon

Tomorrow

THE PLANTING OF THE TREES

ON

Victory Way

IS TO BE

Celebrated

AT 3:00 O'CLOCK

ALL STORES CLOSED



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The Planting of These Trees---

is in commemoration of the return home of La Grande's World War soldiers and was planned and fostered by the Ladies' Neighborhood Club of this city.

THESE LADIES DREAMED A DREAM of service and sacrifice that would result in a monument of beauty to their home town, and, that the returned soldiers could always look with pride in years to come on the appreciation of their home folks to their sacrifice in the great conflict.

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N. K. West & Co.
THE QUALITY MERCHANDISERS

as well as elsewhere. The director of the state department of agriculture, of the state of Washington has just rendered a decision barring traveling carnivals from Washington. In commenting on the decision, the editorial says:

"Vice, graft and disease attend the carnival companies that exhibit at the state and county fairs. Their evil effects are felt in a community for years. The tawdry prizes offered at their gambling games and the cheap and nasty amusements given the public by them have long been a nuisance and an offense to decent people. Now that the gambling game and the traveling carnivals are to be eliminated, there is a real opportunity for the managements of the various fairs to offer the patrons something of an educational and uplifting drama."

All of which goes to prove that the world "do move."

"Pullman Conversation Leads to \$1,200,842 Income Tax Suit." This has led to the suggestion—which seems only fair—that revenue officers should wear loud jangling bells about their necks.



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