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TIME NO OBJECT. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years are as one day.—2 Peter 3:8.

It Is No Accident

Here are some statements and a question put forth by the United States bureau of education:

The United States maintains the most comprehensive system of public education in the world. The per capita of the United States is higher than for any other nation. Is it an accident?

Farmers of the United States send their children to school less regularly and fewer days per year and fewer years than commercial, clerical, banking and professional classes. Agricultural workers constitute 28 per cent of the total of occupational workers and get 17.4 per cent of the national income. Commercial, clerical, banking, professional and miscellaneous classes constitute 32 per cent of the total occupational workers and get 40 per cent of the national income. Is it an accident?

No, it is not an accident. Incidents to the contrary, of uneducated men and women who have risen to high productive places, are unimportant. Incidents may be found to support or disprove any theory. What counts is the matter-of-fact, statistical, indisputable average. It is clearly enough understood today that, while the exceptional mind may develop finely in spite of lack of formal educational advantages, the progress of any community as a whole—in health and wealth and usefulness—bears a definite relationship to the degree to which education is fostered.

The purpose of the bureau of education is to stir interest in rural communities for observance of American Education Week from November 18 to November 24. But the facts should have equal weight with city dwellers. Particularly at this time the young men and women who are employed during the day may think soberly and hopefully upon the opportunity offered to them by the evening sessions of the public schools and the universities.

Education is an investment and in the long run pays fine dividends.

Merit in Theft

Verdict of a Paris jury in acquitting a young man who frankly admitted the theft of 475,000 francs from the American Express company resembles closely the peculiar reaction of some American juries to sophistical reasoning. The incident is of moment because it illustrates a growing state of mind. The young fellow stated that he had spent the money in furnishing an apartment for his sweetheart and in having a good time.

Under the admission it might appear that fixing the punishment would be the next step, since the jury could not avoid bringing in a verdict of guilty. But the counsel for the accused described the American express as an enormously rich concern which had made millions in exchange and had too much money anyhow. The argument must have seemed well-founded to the jury, since it promptly returned a verdict of not guilty, though it recommended that the young man should refund the money when able.

The recommendation is grossly inconsistent with the verdict of acquittal. Since he committed no crime in taking the money, if the jury's position is correct, he was entitled to it; if entitled to it there is no good reason why he should refund. This may be regarded as French reasoning but it does not differ in falsity from the conclusions reached often by juries in America. The lawyer in appealing to the prejudice against a corporation may have estimated the mentality of the jurors and knew that such a plea would be effective, yet it was a method that none but a shyster would adopt. At the same time it is often the resort of pleaders in this country also.

Take An "Ism"

If your liver is out of order, don't take calomel; take a new "ism." If your scheme of life gets twisted, don't take a new grip on yourself and set it right, but take an "ism" and remold the general scheme of things nearer to the heart's desire. If you are in error, don't take counsel with yourself, but take an "ism." If dissatisfied with political conditions, don't take action to remedy them, but take an "ism."

Pink "isms" for pale people. Red "isms" for unreasoning dissatisfaction. Yellow "isms" for cowardly weaknesses of thought. Somber "isms" for blue tendencies. "Isms" for this and "isms" for that—until the imagination of quacks offering them is exhausted or tributary purses of gullible victims have been emptied.

So runs the "ism" ad.

You may think that you are happy and contented and blessed. But don't believe it. The "ism" doctor knows better and can prove to you that you are happy and discontented and cursed—if you will but listen. If you must think, think as the "ism" exponent directs—or, better still, let him think for you and let your pocket hand act accordingly.

Wanted—An antitoxin for "isms" that threaten to become an epidemic.

The man next door doesn't drive on Sundays because he says the roads are not merely thick with traffic, but actually curdled.

Some who cannot live without drinking hooch cannot live if they drink it.

It is harder to get a man to admit he is wrong when he knows it himself.

Love keeps some wives living with their husbands, and pride is the impelling motive for others.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



Editorials From Over the Nation

Trees Helped Win War.

Buffalo News: Only a trip through the thinned-out forest areas of England or a pilgrimage along the treeless course of some one-sided French highway will reveal the countless thousands of wooden soldiers that fought and fell for the Allies.

Trees had a big part in winning the war just as did food, ships, coal and guns. The war-time record of the woodlands was a brilliant one. The forests bred no soldiers. Their substance went into everything from barracks to propellers, and from print paper to duck boards. Wood helped win the war.

Unlike shells and submarines and such, the utility of timber is scarcely less in peace than in war. Tragically heavy casualties have sadly reduced the supply of it. But reforestation goes on apace. Both in England and in France the protection of existing timber and cultivation of new areas are vigorously going forward.

In France, at least forestry is no new policy. England, under the direction of Maj. Gen. Lord Lovat, now investigating forestry conditions in

the United States, is prosecuting a vigorous forest policy.

Only Uncle Sam sleeps, and Lord Lovat should learn here what not to do. War has depleted our forest resources—the war of the saw and the ax.

WHITE SOX DEFEAT CUBS IN LAST GAME

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—The White Sox are again city champions, beating the National League Cubs, 4 to 3, in 10 innings Tuesday, the American won the series, four games to 2. Two fumbles and a wild throw by George Grantham gave the Sox the championship. The first fumble came in the ninth inning in which the Sox scored twice and knotted the count while the second fumble and wild peg came in the 10th and allowed the Sox' winning run to score.

Habit Parks in Garage. MARTINS FERRY, Ohio, (INS)—Local rabbits are becoming more numerous. One hopped into Owen Zimmerman's garage and parked itself beneath a stove about 10 o'clock at night. To have reached the garage from open fields the rabbit must have traveled at least ten blocks.

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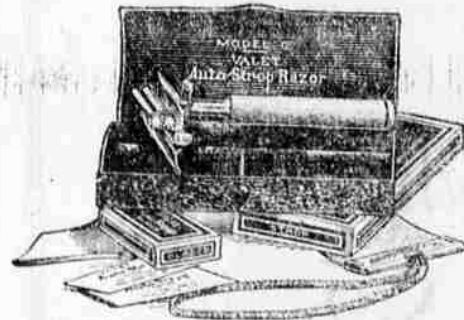
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On the Main Corner



Country Crepe Satin negligee.

New York.—A charming negligee of country crepe back satin worn here today is made full and straight in front, where it hangs loosely. In back, however, it falls in three soft folds from hip to hem. The chiffon sleeves are tulle-trimmed, and knots of turquoise, silk flowers fasten a giraffe.



MRS. ISABELLA MCLACHLAN

Operation Avoided

Portland, Oreg.—"Dr. Pierce's medicine has been so very beneficial to me that I am glad to give it my recommendation. Doctors said I would have to undergo an operation, but after taking the 'Favorite Prescription' I found that an operation was not necessary. During one expectant period I suffered with inflammation and became so weak and rundown I could not do my work. Doctors again advised an operation, but instead I began taking the 'Favorite Prescription' and it soon put me on my feet. My health returned, I had practically no suffering, and my baby was very healthy. Since that time whenever I have felt badly I have taken the 'Favorite Prescription.' It always makes me well in no time."—Mrs. Isabella McLachlan, 768 Mich. Ave. Go to your neighborhood drug store and get Favorite Prescription in tablets or liquid. Write Dr. Pierce, President Invalids' Hotel, in Buffalo, N. Y., and receive good medical advice in return, free.

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Bridgeport Boys Have The Numerals Complex.

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, (INS)—Local youngsters have the figure fever. Every boy, of grade school age, who owns a jersey has had one or more figures sewed, or painted, on the rear exposure of his outer garment in emulation of the players on the local high school eleven whose jerseys are adorned with numerals.

Grain Thieves Active in London

WINNIPEG, (AP)—Careful inspection of the floors of railway grain cars has been ordered because of the loss of vast quantities of grain through the operations of "plate thieves."

The O. K. doesn't seem to be flourishing in Oklahoma—Nashville Banjoists are adorned with numerals.

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Similarly, milk products are more profitable than producing cattle for slaughter, for it is said the output of dairy products in one year is greater in dollars and cents than the total slaughtered worth of all the cattle in the country.

We are particularly interested here at the La Grande National Bank in the development of permanent and continuous agricultural prosperity, and are always glad to lend assistance in providing the right kind and right quality of livestock for the farmers of this locality. The Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland, November 3 to 10, offers an unparalleled opportunity to study the ways and results of profitable stockraising. It is the greatest gathering together of purchased dairy and beef cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, horses and, also, chickens and rabbits in the entire country. Why not attend this year?

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