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MAN OR MACHINE, WHICH?

HENRY FORD says that with his first year of the world-famous plan finished, "approximately \$10,000,000 have been distributed and the payment of the contract has been thoroughly justified from every point of view."

Henry Ford in that year's experiment has undertaken to answer the question whether the employer should regard the man who works for him on the same basis as a machine; and he has also sought to make the question: Are you a man or a machine? self-propounded to every man who works.

Thus is there disclosed a double significance in the Ford experiment. First, that the worker in the eyes of the employer must be a man and not a mere commodity. Second, that the worker to maintain that status must recognize within himself the power to rise above the routine of performing the daily task just as would be done by a machine, and with no thought or ambition to improve upon it.

When employee and employer meet on the plane of this higher conception, mutually entertained, we can say as to that particular employer and his employee that the labor problem is solved.

Men will say that the Henry Ford experiment has not reached its final determination, and that may be true. But though disaster overtake it—of which there are now no indications—its one year's success has demonstrated the soundness of the principle on which it is based.

It has demonstrated that the recognition of manhood in the conduct of industrial enterprise is no bar to the enterprise; on the contrary it has contributed to its greater success. At the same time it has served as a stimulus to the ambition of those employed in the enterprise—it has made of them not only better workmen, but better citizens. It has proved that the machine idea of working humanity is all wrong.—Telegram.

Trouble Enough

There's trouble enough in the world good lack! There's trouble enough for all; yet we borrow the gray from a rainy day and muse where the shadows fall. It isn't the sorrow that comes to us, nor trouble the sad fate weaves, can pull us down to a sigh or a frown or lead us to grief. It's trouble we make for our row's sake, all on a rainy morn'—we cannot see that clouds must be, or ever the spring is born.

There's trouble enough in the world, good lack! There's trouble enough to spare; he keeps his grace who lifts his face to the sunshine there. It's over the hills at break o' day the good glad sun is thrown; with joyful pride he takes his stride to make the world his own. It must be fun to be the sun and herd the drifting mist—yet sometimes rain is good for rain, and keeps the spring-time tryst!

There's trouble enough in the world, good lack! there trouble enough, I trow; let us borrow the gleam from the early beam, and keep it always so, if ever a sorrow should come to you, make sure that you do not woe; then lift your eyes to the misty skies and bid the sun break through. To each and all there comes a call, in every rainy hour—"O, be of cheer, the sun is here! Who minds a little shower?"—Selected.

THERE IS MUCH WHEAT IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST

There is an accumulation of 117,560,000 bushels of wheat hidden away in Oregon, Washington and Idaho if the government figures for the past five years are correct. According to the grain trade, from statistics compiled by E. W. Wright, of the Merchants Exchange, and well known real estate investor on Coos Bay, there were 227,839,000 bushels in the three states in the five years, whereas the government figures show 393,549,000. Therefore if the government figures are correct, there is concealed somewhere in the Northwest a matter of 117,560,000 bushels of which no one knows the existence or whereabouts save the government—and just at a time when there is a strong wheat market and a healthy price.

In 1910 the government figures on the crop were 67,082,000 and Wright figured the crop at 49,133,000. In 1911 the government figure was 82,228,000 and Wright's 53,688,000; in 1912 the government figure was 89,312,000 and Wright's 63,069,000; in 1913 the government figure was 83,111,000 and Wright's 56,223,000; in 1914 the government figure was 72,806,000 and Wright's 55,775,000.

Statistics compiled by the Merchants Exchange account for every bushel which went foreign or was shipped east or for the coast trade. On top of all these crops thus accounted for the government figures for the period show the tremendous surplus.

REV. PRATT ILL.

Rev. H. L. Pratt, pastor of the United Evangelical Church in Florence, suffered a stroke of paralysis Saturday evening and since that time has been in a critical condition.—Florence West.

NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

FLORENCE HAPPENINGS.

News of the Southern Coast from The West.

Miss Smith, of Marshfield, writes to her mother in a letter with the following news: "I have just received your letter of the 21st and was glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same."

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CYLLINGS OF COQUILLE.

News of the Southern Coast from The Herald.

Jack Graham, of this city, is seen paddling himself across with a bunch, as a result of a bad fall he got one day last week. It seems that the Newby boys are out of luck this season, as Jack makes the second one that has had a bad accident within the past few days.

Bob Pugh, a brother of Charles Pugh of this place, returned here Friday after an absence of several days. He has been traveling with a horse herd, belonging to one of the leading ranches of the South. However, Pugh is suffering with blood poisoning in both arms as a result of some small scratches, incurred with his horse falls.

Tom Cochran, proprietor of the O. K. barber shop of this city, sold one of his barber chairs to Jack Gibson of Myrtle Point, who has just opened up a shop at that place.

Doc Wallace, Foster Byrder and Elmer Byrder, took a swim in the Coquille river last Sunday, when the boys were rowing swamped about a half a mile above town. Fortunately the boys could swim, and what might have been a tragedy was turned into a joke.

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