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### DO BRAINS PAY?

Men and women who defer their plunge into the employed class until they have trained their minds for certain work are finding their investment less profitable these days than are the strictly laboring classes. The comparative pay envelope of the skilled manual worker and the trained mental worker show such a general balance in favor of the former that the latter are often asking themselves "do brains pay?" They are asking, of course, from a purely financial standpoint but that is important with conditions of living as they are.

In institutions employing both kinds of help the payrolls will show usually that for an equal amount of experience, the manual laborer is drawing more money than his office or under-executive friend. The man who has spent four years in the best college of commerce in the country, after a year with a shipping concern will be found to draw less than the longshoreman who loads this same company's steamer. The

stenographer or bookkeeper, with a business college and high school course to his credit, is not worth as much as a truck driver for his company. The school teacher in the city or rural community is paid less than farm hands.

In the long run the person with a trained mind will win out over the untrained worker but the former is beginning to realize that at the start there is an increasing handicap. Whether it is due to his lack of value or to lack of organization is debatable. School teachers in many communities are trying the union plan. Perhaps those who have "brains" will decide that their brothers have been "using their head" and follow suit. Whatever the cause for the difference, however, the question is a live one.

### THE METRIC SYSTEM

America is being asked to conform its system of weights and measures to that used by every other civilized nation, save Great Britain, by the adoption of the metric system. This table of weights and measures is in use by all nations of continental

Europe and several nations outside of Europe and is based on the decimal system, which has been used by the monetary system of the United States since 1786.

Thomas Jefferson advised the adoption of the metric system more than 100 years ago shortly after the monetary system was adopted. The metric system was invented by a Briton, James Watt, in 1783, and yet all civilized nations have adopted it exclusively, excepting the United States and Great Britain.

The so-called "British system" of weights and measures is of German origin—a relic of the old German Hanseatic

trade league—and yet Germany discarded it in 1871 and adopted the metric system, invented by a Briton.

Adoption of the metric scale is declared a need owing to the expansion of international trade, which is finding America in a leading role. The metric system is already used in all scientific research in this country.

\$6,000 was computed the value of a husband, by the Pensions commissioners, who awarded this sum as compensation to the widow of a policeman killed in a Sinn Fein riot.

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Upon the flag I love the best,  
Whose diamond stars, bright as the dew,  
Adorn a field of azure hue!  
The flag whose stripes gleam red and white,  
Like streaks of blood and bars of light,  
The flag that whispers "Home" to me  
Where'er it waves, o'er land and sea.

Recount to me its bravest deeds  
And higher truths than all the creeds,  
Repeat its message, bold and clear,  
"Who trust in God have naught to fear!"  
Chaste flag of freedom, honor, right,  
Wave on thy truth from height to height,  
Flag of all flags I love but thee,  
For where thou art is home to me.

### EQUITABLE RATES

Efforts of the opposition in the Columbia River basin rate hearing are very much like trying to force water to flow up hill. The representatives of Seattle and the Puget Sound railroads would defy Newton and the principles of gravity and they challenge the wisdom of remarks made by James J. Hill, empire builder, in their efforts to defeat the justice that is due the inland empire shippers.

On what reasonable grounds they base their claim for the same rate to Seattle as to Portland is hard to see. The average distance from 19 inland empire points to Seattle is 308 miles, while to Portland it is 260 miles, a difference of actual mileage alone of 48 miles. These figures do not take into consideration that the Portland haul is down grade all the way, while to Seattle a haul 11 times as steep as the maximum along the Columbia River must be made over most of the 308 miles. Should the Portland rates thus be based on the cost of the haul to Seattle? Common sense would not so dictate.

Freight rates along the Atlantic seaboard are not equalized for all ports. They are based on distance and haul. They should be based that way in the Pacific Northwest when the interstate commerce commission makes its decision. Portland should have a lower rate than either Puget Sound, Grays Harbor or Astoria. Astoria, in turn, is entitled to a rate less than that to the sound, because it is at the end of a water grade haul, although slightly further from the inland empire than Seattle.

So far, all that Seattle can advance is that its commercial relations and its facilities as a seaport will be injured by equitable rates. Justice must fall in one place or the other, and the farmers and shippers of this section seem to be more in need of justice right now than the Seattle business men.

### TEETH TO THE LAW

Pendleton's new traffic regulations, in effect not more than two months, are already in need of additions, the city council decided Wednesday night. The latest proposal is to make it a misdemeanor for one vehicle to overtake another, going in the same direction at a street intersection.

What Pendleton needs, however, is not more traffic laws so much as some teeth to the law it has. There is no penalty except a money fine for violations. It is at present impossible, under the ordinance, to sentence a man to jail for violation of the city traffic rules. There are cases in every city where a jail sentence has a salutary effect on reckless drivers.

As long as a few dollars will compensate for violation of the laws there will continue to be a problem before the city officials. Teeth to the law will make the city streets safer for both vehicles and pedestrians.

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There's nothing like owning a home to make a man realize that he's a substantial citizen, or to give people the confidence in him he deserves.

You can't measure the value of owning your own home on a dollars and cents basis alone—and yet with rents still on the increase and the price of building stabilized, probably for years to come, home building and home owning never was a better investment.

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Do you hesitate because you think prices are too high? You're making a mistake, for prices must stay at a high level for years.

Consider the facts. There's a tremendous market in Europe and here at home for every thing we can make—the fundamental law of supply and demand must work. We have an unprecedented amount of gold in the country, and when there is more money in circulation and no great increase in production, we simply pass more gold around for our goods. We have high prices in figures—but not in reality, for if wages are higher and goods are higher, the balance remains the same. So long as the gold stays here, prices will hold up. In short, business men say unreservedly that if prices do go down at all, it will be very, very slowly. In the meantime, rents are higher and you pay relatively more to live—as great proportion as though you bought your home at present figures.

What if you build because you will not only help yourself, but you will help relieve the housing situation in our city. If this city is to prosper, we must have places to live. The home that you build will add permanent value to the wealth and prosperity of the entire city, give us opportunity to expand.

And if we can make you realize that it is to your advantage to build now, you will help start the wheels of industry. You will put men to work producing—the \$7,500,000 spend will call for materials and supplies. The Government asks you to build now to give returning soldiers work in factoring and trading. In short, you'll not only help yourself but you'll help this country, the nation, and society as a whole.

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