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IS IT WORTH WHILE?

One of the organizations that took part in the recent master labor procession in London was the Trades Council. They belonged to the great body of hard-headed British working men, who extend only for better wages and shorter hours. There was something pathetic in the appearance of the Trades Council procession. They were not clean shaven and huffy of dress, as was fitting a May day procession in the largest city in the world. On the contrary, many were ragged and careless of dress. They were, too, many of them, that unkempt, down at the heels appearance which characterizes the man out of employment. It was plain that many of these poor fellows were not prosperous.

On one of the banners they carried—a banner, by the way, with a portrait of Gladstone upon one side, was the inscription: "We kill ourselves to feed ourselves."

In this grim declaration there is a truth that lies behind the laborers of this whole nineteenth century. In the whirl and rush of material development, we have forgotten that the object of life is development and improvement. If the average person were asked what is the object of life and work, he would answer that it was to feed, clothe and shelter the body. But if this is all life is for, then is life worth having?

A WORLD'S RAILWAY.

AMERICA, argues ex-governor William Gilpin, of Colorado, is a fallow continent, capable of sustaining half a billion people in happiness and plenty. It is the mission of the United States to be distributor of food to the hungry of both Europe and Asia, lying as it does midway between them. The time is at hand when all the ships of the seas will not be sufficient to carry the articles of commerce around the world to the nations fast enough. They will come necessarily for more rapid transportation. The plan of this transportation has been the dream of Governor Gilpin for forty-seven years. He it was who originated the idea of the Pacific railway connecting New York and San Francisco. He broke the first ground for it, and every stage of the marvelous development of the west has been the fulfillment of a prophecy made by Governor Gilpin.

He has made one more prophecy. It is that the next great project in the world's material development will be the building of what he calls the Cosmopolitan railway. It is a rail road which shall girdle the earth. The first link in the chain is the Trans-continental road of the United States. Starting from the western terminus of that, the Cosmopolitan road shall extend northward through Alaska, skirting the base of the Rocky mountains, where are plateaus that will render the building easy.

Then will come Behring's Strait. It is forty-eight miles wide, says this enthusiast, who has been studying the scheme nearly half a century. About midway of the strait is the island of Diomedes, a long, low island. This would be a natural point of the road, and a bank of twenty miles each side of it would finish the work. There are no harbors in Behring's Strait, because of the warm Pacific coast stream, which flows northward through it. Once across the strait, which is a shallow water with hard sand bottom, offering no insuperable engineering difficulties, the road would connect with the Russian railway through Siberia, connecting again with western and southern roads through Asia, Europe and Africa, and the work would be done.

WEBSTER OF THE WEST.

Among the speeches of the immortal Daniel Webster is one not published in the collection made for ambitious youths to ponder over and take as their models. It Daniel himself was alive and could read this speech, it would make him feel that for once in his dignified life he had been a fool. It is a speech made through the vision and flame of the mighty north-west at any time, he must remember that speech and feel ashamed of himself. Nearly fifty years ago a speech was

was before the United States senate to establish a mail route from western Missouri to Astoria. Senator Webster was strongly opposed to the measure, on the ground that it was a useless expense. Accordingly he stirred up his fire of eloquence and spoke as follows: "What do we want with the vast, growthless area. This region of savages and wild beasts, of shifting sands and whirlwinds of dust, of coxcoas and prairie dogs? To what use could we ever hope to put these great deserts, or those endless mountain ranges, impenetrable and covered to their base with eternal snow? What can we ever hope to do with the western coast—a coast of 3,000 miles, rock-bound, inaccessible and uninviting, and not a harbor on it? What use have we for such a country? Mr. President, I will give you one good reason from the public treasury to place the Pacific coast one inch nearer to Boston than it now is."

A BENEFACTIAL INSTITUTION.

THE ASTORIA BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION will open its seventh series on the 1st of next month. H. A. Linn, in Scribner's Magazine, tells some interesting stories of how persons of small means have gained for themselves homes through shares in building and loan associations. At the same time he warns those who expect to lay up money in this way against those so-called "national" building and loan associations that have latterly been organized, and on the ground name of the genuine association, are "trying to build up a business whose real object is the acquisition of profits for a set of officers." When the day comes that the poor man's building association must have a set of high-salaried brass ornaments for officers and expensive buildings, good-bye to all its usefulness. It will then be a good thing for the poor man to fight shy of it. It is much to be regretted that this is the present tendency of the co-operative banks, as the building association is called in Massachusetts. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and the eastern workman must watch like a hawk lest the sharper, the speculator, and the man whose sole aim is to get something for nothing should invade his association and destroy it."

Mr. Linn speaks of the two kinds of building and loan societies, the serial or perpetual and terminal, the first of which continues permanently and the second of which runs a stated number of years, and when its shares mature winds up its affairs. Both these systems are in use about equally, but the tendency is rather in favor of the perpetual plan, in which a person may become a member at any time, and when his particular number of shares are all paid in he withdraws the amount. But he may immediately take other shares in the society and gradually reinvest his money if he wishes.

It is the home winning feature of the building association that impresses one most pleasantly. It frequently requires eleven years for a person of small means to pay for a home, but that is not a long time, considering that during the same period the person would otherwise be paying rent, which would oftentimes amount to more than the building association dues. The usual method is to first pay for a lot with one's earnings, then borrow money from the society and build a home upon it, paying the debt in weekly or monthly amounts back to the society. The working people of Cincinnati buy \$2,000,000 invested in these societies. In New York the public school teachers have an association with over a thousand members, and ladies in the board of directors. By no means the least of the good results flowing from the loan and building society is the habit of thrift and system it inculcates. Thousands of men and women can say with thankful hearts, "All I have in the world I owe to the association." Our local association is doing good work and its meeting with constant and deserved success.

The American way is best. The real root of the poverty and suffering in Europe is the vast standing armies the Christian nations there think it necessary to maintain in order to enforce the gospel of peace and good will. A quarter to half a million of the ablest bodied male citizens of a country, to be supported by the laborers of women, children and feeble old men, makes a difference in the industrial resources and lower the comfort and prosperity of the whole people. In the United States, if a war should come upon us suddenly, it would take six months to a year to make good fighting soldiers out of our volunteers, as it did in the last war. But that is better, far better, than a vast standing army. Even if it was should come upon us suddenly a nation well drilled militiamen could be turned into soldiers with amazing rapidity. But the United States needs an ample and thoroughly drilled militia.

Governor PENROTH's strong point in this campaign is his veto of the Portland water bill for the creation of non-resident water works and not on pages

273 and 284, of the laws of Oregon, is the record that his excellency, on the 16th of February, 1887, signed a bill giving The Dalles the right to issue bonds of the same description; also on page 285, of the laws of Oregon, Feb. 17th, 1887, he also signed a bill giving Bellevue City the right to issue bonds subject to the same conditions. "Consistency, thou art a jewel," and Gov. Penroyer, being without consistency, must not expect to wear the jewel. If he does expect it he will be disappointed.

It seems incredible that any person under a hundred years old could live in our time and not know the bunco man of cities, the prize package swindler and the fast that gas should be turned off and not blown out. Yet only a few days ago a youthful married couple on their honeymoon trip blew out the gas in a hotel in Nebraska and suffocated themselves. Did they not know how to read, and did they take no newspaper in either one of the respective families to which that hapless bride and groom belonged?

His furnishes the motive power, she directs it. That is the division of labor between Capt. Allen, of New Bedford, Mass., and his wife Annetta, who has just obtained from the government inspectors a steam yacht pilot's license to navigate the waters of New Bedford and vicinity. The two own a steam yacht, and he runs the engine while she steers the craft.

The Union Signal, official organ of the old original W. C. T. U., announces that the southern women will stand true, to the last woman, to the old party. They say: "We tried secession once, and it didn't work. No matter who goes out, we shall stay in."

BISHOP JONES says it is impossible for a man with money to maintain proper relations with God unless he gives to the cause of church extension. That may be, but it is still harder to maintain proper relations without money.

There should be no strife upon the Sabbath.

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