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INTERSTATE LABOR COMMISSION

Of interest to all who are concerned in reaching a solution of the Labor vs. Capital problem was the visit of a delegation of social workers to President Taft a few days ago, who urged upon the president the need of a labor commission.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, formerly of Portland, now a resident and citizen of note of New York City, was spokesman for the delegation, and Miss Jane Adams, of Chicago, and a number of other well known soldiers of the common good, were with him.

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"A house divided against itself cannot stand. We have yet to solve the problems of democracy in its industrial relationship, and to solve them along democratic lines. In order to arrive at the workers' point of view it is necessary only to review the long list of occupational diseases, the failure of both employer and the state to prevent them or to mitigate their effects, the lack of employers' liability laws, the failure to provide adequate safeguards against accidents in dangerous vocations, the attacks upon the constitutionality of laws to shorten the hours of women and of workers in certain trades, the reluctance of legislatures to abolish child labor. It is necessary only to contrast this dead-end of the machinery with the speed with which it acts to prevent picketing and rioting during strikes.

"The workingman sees the club of the officer, the bayonet of the militia directed against him in defense of property, and he believes that the hand of the law, strong in the protection of property, often drops listlessly whenever measures are prepared to lighten labor's heavy burdens."

Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, is one of the reactionary standpatners of the United States senate who are doing much to bring that body into disrepute among all modern-minded, thoughtful people. In opposing the bill to create a child labor bureau in the department of commerce and labor the Northern Pacific attorney and senator denounced the measure as "pestiferous interference" with business interests. He declared that the bureau would cost \$5,000,000 annually and that "pretty soon every body in the United States will be drawing a salary." Senator Heyburn has been "drawing a salary" from the government for many years, for his services as a defender of big business interests and child labor exploiters. He has thrived and grown rich and fat at the game. Why not extend the salary game and give the rest of us a chance?

J. B. Walsh, of Asbestos, was in town during the week on business.

Single File.

When the Indians traveled together they seldom walked or rode two or more abreast, but followed one another in single file. It has been thought by some that this practice resulted from the lack of roads, which compelled them to make their way through woods and around rocks by narrow paths. If this were the real reason for the practice, then we should expect to find that the tribes who lived in open countries traveled in company, as do whites. The true reason for journeying as the Indians did in single file seems to be a feeling of caste. This feeling was at the bottom of other customs of the Indians. It made their women slaves and rendered the men silent and unocial. This peculiarity is Asiatic. How it has warped and disfigured Hindu life is well known. Home is scarcely possible where it prevails. To the woman and children domestic life is bondage. The women of a Chinese household are seldom seen in the street. The children, when accompanying their father, follow him at a respectful distance, in single file and in the order of their ages.—Harper's Weekly.

Don't Be a Chatterer.

Do you chatter? If you feel you do, don't! Get rid of the habit as quickly as you can. There is nothing so irritating or more dangerous. His chief asks the clerk a question which requires a brief answer. Instead of replying in a word, he irritates his superior by in-consequent meanderings, and he is surprised and hurt to be curtly cut short. His astonishment, however, would be greater could he but overhear a subsequent conversation. "Shall we send Jones on this special commission?" asks the head clerk. "No," replies the chief; "he chatters too much."

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The Everglades.

The region known as the Everglades of Florida is about sixty miles long by some fifty-five miles broad and is one vast swamp, studded with islands of from a quarter of an acre to hundreds of acres in extent. These islands are generally covered with dense thickets of shrubbery or vines and occasionally with lofty pines and palmettos. The water is from one to six feet deep, the bottom, as a rule, covered with a growth of rank grass. During the rainy season, from July to October, the district comprised in the Everglades is practically impenetrable. The vegetable deposit of the Everglades is considered well adapted to the growth of the banana and other fruits, and when properly drained the region will undoubtedly be one of the most fertile on earth.—New York American.

Struggle of the Rivers.

The discovery that there is a kind of struggle for existence and survival of the fittest among rivers is one of the most interesting results of the modern study of physiography. A notable example of this contest is exhibited by England's two biggest rivers, the Thames and the Severn. Between their valleys lie the Cotswold hills, and exploration shows that the Severn by cutting backward among these hills where softer strata underlie them has diverted to itself some of the headwaters which formerly flowed into the Thames.

She Made a Mistake.

Two girls, the story ran, were drinking tea and eating scones at a fashionable New York restaurant. The first girl said: "Maud is so sorry she took Reggie's ring back to Dymon's to be valued." "Why?" asked the other girl as she opened a fresh scone. "Dymon kept it. He said Reggie hadn't been in to settle for it, according to his promise."

Not in Condition.

Professional Beggar in Hardupp's office—"I've been out o' work for over a year, mister, and ain't got the price o' a night's lodgin'. Can yer do anything to help me out? Hardupp (sarcastically)—I'd like to, but I sprained my foot on a collector yesterday.

Too Sane.

"I don't believe this novel of yours will hit the popular fancy." "What's wrong with it?" "Your heroine acts at times as if she had sense!"—Washington Herald.

Friendly Advice.

"We surprised all our friends by getting married." "Good enough. Now surprise 'em by staying married."—Kansas City Journal.

Primitive Ideas of Hygiene.

Hindu ambassadors once sent to England by a native prince were regarded as so polluted that on their return to India nothing but being born again would purify them, and they were accordingly dragged through a gold image of the sacred Yoni.

A writer describes a curious custom of the Baretse in South Africa. A few days after the death of a man the doctor comes and makes an incision on the forehead of each of the survivors of his relatives and fills it with medicine to ward off the contagion and the effect of the sorcery that caused his death.

Leland calls attention to a custom of taking medicines on the threshold in ancient Tuscany, the idea being that the threshold was the border line between the outer world where evil spirits freely roam.

If a person dies within an Eskimo hut everything in the hut must be destroyed or thrown away as well as everything which had come into contact with the deceased.—Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette.

Scientific Manager.

One cold winter day some railroad officials while making an inspection of a large yard stepped for a moment inside a switchman's shanty to get warm. Among them was a general superintendent who was known to have a mania for "scientific management" and the reduction of expenses. As they were leaving the switchman asked the traveling yardmaster, whom he knew: "Now, can ye be tellin' me who that man is?"

"That's the general superintendent," the yardmaster replied. "What do you think o' that? He's a foine lookin' mon, and ye never would believe the tales ye are hearin' about 'im."

"What have you heard about him, Mike?" was the curious question.

"Why, they do say that he was at the funeral of Mr. Mitchell's wife and when the six pallbearers come out he raised his hand and said: 'Hold on a minute, boys. I think yez can get along without two of 'im.'—Everybody's Magazine.

Know What a Prism Is?

John Smith and Henry Jones are eating lunch together. John Smith casually takes two cubes of sugar and places them side by side.

"That makes a perfect prism, doesn't it?" John Smith remarks casually.

"Prism nothing!" replies Henry Jones. "That isn't a prism." "Sure it is," remarks Smith. "Don't you know a prism when you see one?" "I certainly do," is the retort. "A prism is a triangular piece of glass used to divide light into the primary colors. Can't you recall enough of your school days to remember that?"

"Oh, yes; I remember that all right. But these two cubes of sugar, placed side by side, make a prism too."

"Bet you the lunch you're wrong," challenges Jones.

"You're on," promptly agrees Smith, and a dictionary was sent for. Jones had to pay the bet. If you don't believe it, look in a dictionary yourself and see.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Hay in Church.

A curious custom has been observed from time immemorial at Old Weston, Huntingdonshire, in England. The church there is dedicated to St. Swithin, and on the Sunday most nearly approaching St. Swithin's day the edifice is strewn with new mown hay. The tradition is that an old lady bequeathed a field for charitable purposes on condition that the tenant provided the hay to squeak the annoyance caused by the villagers on Feast Sunday. There are other explanations—one that it is an offering of the first fruits of the hay harvest and another that it is a survival of the custom of strewing the church (when the floor was only beaten earth) with rushes.

A New Creation.

Margaret, aged eleven, had just returned from her first visit to the zoo. "Well," said her mother, smiling, "did you see the elephants and the giraffe and the kangaroos?" Margaret looked thoughtful. "We saw the elephant and the giraffe and the kangaroo." "What?" said Mrs. Blank. "The kangaroo. It said, 'These animals are dangerous.'"—Harper's Magazine.

Still "Johnny."

One summer when an admirable ex-secretary of the navy was visiting his native village of Buckfield in Maine he sent some clothes to the village washerwoman and, driving by the next week in company with a representative to congress, stopped to ask for them. The woman turned to her assistant. "May," said she, "is Johnny's washing done yet?"—Christian Register.

And Got a Lecture.

"Well, old man, how did you get along after I left you at midnight? Get home all right?" "No. A confounded nosy policeman haled me to the station, where I spent the rest of the night." "Lucky dog! I reached home."—Boston Transcript.

Conservation Too.

"What is this domestic science?" inquired the engaged girl. "It consists of making hash out of the leftover meat and croquettes out of the leftover hash," explained her more experienced friend.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Every opinion reacts on him who utters it.—Emerson.

Bell Clappers of Opium.

The infinite patience of the Chinese is well illustrated in a smuggling story which I heard from an imperial maritime customs official at one of the "barriers" on the upper Yangtze. The incident occurred several years ago in an attempt to avoid duty on a small amount of Szechuan opium that was headed for Shanghai.

"An important article of down river trade," said the official in question, "is the little belled and spangled cap worn by the Chinese children from two to six years of age. In passing a number of boxes of these in the spring of 1905 I chanced to notice that the tinkle from the little bell in the center of the cap I was examining was rather muffled. Forcing it open purely out of curiosity, I was astonished to find a tiny pellet of opium hardly a quarter of an inch in diameter which had been substituted for the clapper. Of course we had to search the whole lot, and our aggregate haul from about 5,000 caps—a couple of days' work for us—was less than ten pounds of opium."—Wide World Magazine.

Gleaning in England.

There is a popular but quite erroneous belief that a common law right of gleaning exists in England. A legal obiter dictum that a man who enters a field for the purpose of gleaning cannot be prosecuted for trespass received the dubious support of Blackstone. But a majority of judges decided in a case which came before the old court of common pleas that to grant a general right to glean would be contrary to public policy, because it would "demoralize the poor" and "open a wide door to fraud." In many parts of England the privilege is confined to the wives and children of the harvesters. Yet the privilege of gleaning became so firmly established in England that the local custom has been recognized by many acts of parliament. In some country districts the "gleaning bell" is still regularly rung from the tower of the parish church during harvest tide twice a day to let the gleaners know when they may commence and when they must finish.—Westminster Gazette.

Persia's Great Superstition.

The greatest superstition in Persia is what is known as the "evil eye." You must not say to some one whom you meet, "How well you are looking!" for if you do and that person is taken ill it will be because you gave him the evil eye. You must not say to a mother, "What a pretty baby?" "What a bright child!" for if you do and anything unfortunate happens to the child you will be considered responsible. Many mothers let their children go dirty and poorly clothed in order that they may not attract favorable attention. The sign which is thought to have some power to avert the evil eye consists in holding the second and third fingers of both hands close to the palms with the thumbs, while the other fingers are extended straight out. Then with the hands behind you you make a downward movement three times.—Los Angeles Times.

What is Fun?

"I don't see what fun it can be for you to go on these fishing expeditions with your husband," said her best friend.

"That's because you don't know anything about fishing," she replied.

"Do you?"

"Indeed I do. I can sit in the stern of the boat and give advice to the best of them. And when a big fish gets away nobody can beat me telling how it ought to have been or might have been landed."

"I shouldn't think that would be much fun for you." "Shouldn't you? Well, that's because you don't know how mad it makes my husband. Kid, you don't know what fun is."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Spanish Meat Balls.

Spanish meat balls are as palatable as they are rare, and made thus: One can of tomatoes, one onion chopped fine, garlic or cayenne to taste. This forms the "Spanish." One and a half pounds of hamburger steak. Soak half a loaf of stale bread; drain off all water. Take one egg, pepper and salt to taste, mix together, roll into balls the size of an egg and cook in the "Spanish" three quarters of an hour.—National Magazine.

His Suspicions Aroused.

"John, do you love your little wife?" "Yes." "Do you love me very much?" "Oh, yes." "Will you always love me?" "Yes. Say, woman, what have you gone and ordered sent home now?"—Pittsburgh Post.

Her Question.

Molly (holiday making in the country)—I say, Mr. Houts, do you mind if I ask a question? The Farmer—No, my dear. What is it? Molly—What I want to know is when you've finished milking that cow how do you turn it off?—London Sketch.

Education.

Education gives fecundity of thought, copiousness of illustration, quickness, vigor, fancy, words, images and illustrations; it decorates every common thing and gives the power of trifling without being undignified and absurd.—Sydney Smith.

Easy Enough.

Tommy's Mamma—Why aren't you a good boy like Willie B Jones? Tommy—Huh! It's easy enough for him to be good. He's sick most of the time.—Judge.

Another life, if it were not better than this, would be less a promise than a threat.—J. Petit Senn.

Why I Like Central Point.

(By an Observer)

Amongst the numerous assets of Central Point, the most practically and slightly located city in the Rogue River valley, three commanding features stand out pre-eminent:

Situation. Cleanliness. Population. With one of the most entrancing panoramas surrounding this city, some of the richest soil at its doors and many excellent roads radiating from it toward the remotest corners of the valley, Central Point's situation leaves very little to be desired. Almost as easily accessible from all parts of the valley, it is the most central trading point thus justifying its happy name. After having marveled at the splendor of its scenery, the visitor is, however, next attracted by its tidy, prosperous appearance, and this leads us to the second asset—cleanliness.

Morally and materially, Central Point is essentially a clean city. The neat, well kept homes, inviting streets and the prevailing atmosphere of peace and good feeling reflect the high character of its population. No unseemly brawls and undesirable element in any way disturbed the quiet cheerfulness which is noticeable everywhere. No repulsive examples of vice and depravity exist to shock and mislead the coming generation. Parents rightly feel contented and secure, for their children may romp around without fear while enjoying the best of educational advantages. Could this happy state be maintained without the high standard of the third feature—population? Assuredly not.

Last and best, Central Point may justly boast of progressive and truly American citizens. No stranger need remain one long in their hospitable midst. They are adepts at making you feel at home and few can resist the impulse of becoming loyal members of their enticing community. This fact is perhaps best appreciated by the regular "shoppers" from the neighboring ranches. Whatever their needs or desires, they invariably find a gratifying courtesy, an efficient service and most excellent values in the fine up-to-date stores of Central Point. Little merit has the virtuous patronizer of his home stores in this case, for where could he secure better prices, prompt attention and even as good treatment in the valley? Not without reason do farmers flock to our city for their supplies, even though the trip may mean a good forty-mile drive. It is, however, a regrettable fact that we are generally blind to the advantages of our own locality and often seek elsewhere that which lies within immediate reach. It is therefore but fair and just to emphasize the undisputed fact that our splendid organization of business men, with the invaluable help of our progressive newspaper, are directly and solely responsible for the growing importance of Central Point.

These lines could not end fittingly without a word of praise in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. Few cities of our size are blessed with an organization of this kind. We all owe its promoters a debt of gratitude for their great unselfish work and for their painstaking, successful efforts. With such a splendid institution Central Point cannot fail to maintain its unity and rapid progress toward a bright future.

Local Mention.

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Some interesting comparisons are shown by government figures on Oregon's population, just gleaned from the last census by the Department of Commerce and Labor. The number of people to the square mile from 4.3 in 1900 to 7 in 1910. The drift of population during the decade was toward the cities and away from the farms. Ten years ago the percentage of people in cities of 2,500 or more was 32.2 and on the farms 67.8; in 1910 this was changed with 45.6 in the cities and 54.4 in rural Oregon. Harney, Lake and Malheur counties average less than one person to the square mile.

Deposits in Oregon banks total \$121,834,644, according to the statement of Superintendent of Banks Wright, just issued. This shows a steady gain in bank deposits over a year ago.

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