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AN OBJECT LESSON IN THE COAL BUSINESS

According to recent press notices a new departure in coal mining is being inaugurated in Kentucky and West Virginia by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers who are said to be investing \$2,000,000 in coal mines which have a capacity of 6,000 tons a day.

The plan is to retail coal to railway men and other wage workers in the large cities all over the country and it is said the miners working in these mines will be paid adequate wages.

The experiment, if it may be called such, will be watched with interest particularly at this time when the coal strike is threatening not only the industries of the entire country but the physical comfort of people of all classes, but more particularly that of the working people and poorer classes of citizens, and it may result in pointing the way to a sane solution of the fuel problem.

The Brotherhood of Engineers took a flyer in cooperative banking in Cleveland, Ohio, a year or so ago and all reports coming from there are that the bank is becoming a great success.

The Cleveland concern was credited last summer with being one of the first financial institutions in the country to extend aid to the wheat marketing associations when they needed money to tide over and if they succeed in bringing some sort of order out of the coal chaos they will be rendering a real service to the entire country.

According to the president of the Colorado School of Mines, a new machine for reducing oil from shale rock which is now at work near Denver, will revolutionize the oil industry. Whether or not Mr. Rockefeller has control of the new invention deponent sayeth not.

TAKING IT OUT OF WAGES

The rights and wrongs of the railroad situation, whatever they may be, will all be tested sooner or later by this truth: **Competent management never draws its operating capital out of the pay-envelopes of its employees.** The very cheapest way and most stupid way to make both ends meet is to cut wages. There is something so supremely futile about it that it is no wonder the railroad managers got the government to make it appear official by having a government department approve the cut. It was as unjust to the government as it was to the men and to railroading as a service. Railroading as a service would never have been able to raise wages and reduce freight rates. It is not railroading that is responsible for what has been done; banker-management and stock-jobbing and wholesale dividend driving are responsible. The strike that should have occurred long ago was the strike of real railroad managers against using railroad properties as the roulette wheels of the stock market. Such a strike would have prevented what has occurred the last 10 years, and would have saved our railroads. As it is now, they have lost their chance. Railroads now are not good enough even for Wall Street to take a chance on. Wall street values the "movies" at a higher rate.

For the sake of the day's business, the strike ought to be settled now. For the sake of next winter's coal for the people, the strike ought to be settled now. But in the wider problem involved the strike means nothing and will settle nothing. Stronger forces than a strike are at work to abolish the basic irritant of the entire situation.—Dearborn Independent.

Floating Foot Clinic for New York



New York now has a floating foot clinic, first in the world, which makes regular trips around Manhattan Island stopping at various places to attend to the foot troubles of boatmen, dock workers and others. It is named the Podiatrist.

BRIEF INFORMATION

Short-sighted people are said to be the most intelligent.
 Worms attacked the first wheat crop of the Virginia colonists.
 Prior to 1825 all women's shoes were made without heels.
 Workers in tanneries are generally very free from lung troubles.
 Many Chinese women have distinguished themselves as poets.
 A silkworm in its brief lifetime spins about 4,000 yards of thread.

Images were introduced into various churches about 300 A. D.
 Greenland produces most of the icebergs that float in the Atlantic.
 Only 2 per cent of the population of Kingston, Jamaica, are white.
 Polar bears have been known to scent a ship seven miles distant.
 There were 4,300 Indians living in Oregon when the last census was taken.
 Fifteen thousand persons lost their lives in fires in the United States last year.

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PRINTERS WAS PEEVED

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"Am in the market for bids for one operation for appendicitis. One, two or five inch incision—with or without ether—also with or without nurse. If appendix is found to be sound, want quotation to include putting same back and cancel order. If removed successfully, bidder is expected to hold incision open for about 60 days, as I expect to be in the market for an operation for gallstones at that time and want to save the extra cost of cutting."—Kansas City Post.

THE VALUE OF A SMILE

The value of a smile has been definitely fixed. It has often been emphasized as in the slogan of the telephone company "The voice with the smile wins." But it remained for an impartial jury to put a fixed price on the value of a smile, a Kansas City jury having awarded little Jimmy Godfrey, aged 13, a verdict of \$20,000 for an injury to his face, received from contact with an electric wire, which destroyed his power to smile.

Commenting on the verdict, "Advanced Thought" says: "Moral: If a smile is worth \$20,000 when you lose it, it is worth \$20,000 when you use it."

No jury has yet fixed a price on the voice with the smile over the telephone but experience has shown that it is beyond price.

Osteopath Needed.

Two baseball teams, composed of shipyard workers, were one day playing baseball in Wilmington. In the height of the struggle one man made a stupid play at second base. A few minutes later his side came to bat and this player stepped to the plate for his turn. He was hit by a pitched ball and knocked senseless.

His teammates dashed water on him, stood him up and laid him down, the crowd offering all kinds of advice meanwhile. Finally the captain asked for a doctor. One of the rival team asked:

"You want an osteopath, don't you?"

"What are you talking about? Why an osteopath?"

"Well," continued the player, "he got hit on the head, didn't he?"—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Take Motors to Dinner.

A new type of open-air restaurant which has parking room inside the restaurant property for the cars of the patrons is becoming popular in California. Pergolas, built convenient to the roadway and thatched to keep off the hot California sunshine, serve as the dining room, and caterers bring the food ordered to the sheltered car. Another type of dining room where the car is invited is characterized by a long thatched patio. It is open on one side, and the owner can drive his car to a point convenient to his table and watch it during his meal.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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