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MIGHT AS WELL BE MAPPY.

Might as well be happy as the world goes round.

Ain't no use lookin' cross; just shake your frown;

Just as like as not there's others—

Why not treat them all as brothers? Make 'em happy as the world goes round.

Keep off the corners as the world goes round;

You may lose your balance in your own home town;

Plan things so your's always busy, Keep yer head straight, don't get dizzy—

Keep a-workin' as the world turns round.

Keep one eye on heaven as the world goes round;

Never bit another feller when he's down;

When things look about the worse, Think up some good Bible verse, God's a-list'nin' as the world goes round.

Might as well be happy as the world goes round;

God is in his heaven, an' he's lookin' down;

Seems jest that would give your back Strength enough to "keep the track—"

Keep a-hopin' as the world turns round.

—Clara W. Angell, in the Christian Herald.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Envy is natural to man; and still, it is at once a vice and a source of misery.

We should treat it as the enemy of our happiness, and stifle it like an evil thought.—Schopenhauer.

Lloyd's of London have recently issued a form of insurance against appendicitis.

The claims have become so numerous that Lloyd's have found it necessary to double their premiums.

"Now that Colonel Hepburn is dead," notes the Eagle Grove Eagle,

"the formerly so-called progressive press is telling the truth about him and shouting his great abilities, services and virtues."

A fly on a window pane will crawl to the top, fly back to the bottom and crawl up again.

This order is seldom reversed. It is on record that a fly crawled up a window pane thirty-two times, returning each time a-wing.

The strong-arm squad of the professional beggars of New York, is a real live institution.

Two of the squad jumped on a citizen who had refused them money and beat him up. But he had the grit to stay with them until the police took them in.

Records of the United States pension office show the total death toll of veterans since the close of the war to have been 1,816,996.

In that period the federal government has paid to veterans, their widows and children \$4,614,642,267.

Each with a theoretical \$500, girls of the home economics class at Whitman college, Walla Walla, Wash., started out to buy furniture and household supplies for a house of six rooms.

The class visited stores of the city and then made out the list. They endeavored to be as economical as possible, but found that \$500 hard to stretch over six rooms.

The daily newspapers in the United States number 2,472, the weeklies 16,269, and the monthlies and other publications bring the total up to 22,806.

There is a newspaper to every 4,100 of the American population. In Great Britain there is a newspaper for every 4,700; in France, one for every 3,900; and in Germany, one for every 7,800.

Where Dad is Zero.

Topeka Capital: A father seldom is without honor save in his own household.

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THRIFT DAY.

There is at the present time being conducted in this country a campaign which is worthy of the deepest consideration by every man, woman and child, because upon its successful operation will depend our increased national, community and individual progress.

Without thrift, failure, dissatisfaction and discontent are inevitable, whether in the life of the nation, corporation, home or individual, and individual thrift is the foundation upon which is established community and national thrift.

Before the individual can be expected to practice thrift, however, we must understand in what it really consists. Perhaps the foremost reason that the word thrift is a distasteful one to the ears of many of our citizens is that for years in this country there has been a general misconception of the term.

Thrift is not, as many suppose, niggardiness or stint in the necessities and sane enjoyments of life; in reality, it makes available more money for the things which make life really worth while through the elimination of unnecessary and useless expenditures.

It is something more than saving, it means "earning, working, planning and increasing, as well as conserving." It is common sense in actual operation in every phase of human endeavor and activity.

Rightly understood, the practice of thrift becomes a positive pleasure, for it is a wise adaptation of means to a beneficent end—the constant maintenance of a fair standard of comfort and an increase of life's enjoyments and a lessened share of its burdens with the flight of years.

The earning power of the people of the United States is very great, but their saving propensity is less fully developed than could be wished, though we are far from being a nation of spendthrifts.

RUSSIAN RESOURCES.

Although for many centuries the vast steppes of southern Russia, grassy plains like the American prairies—have been the range of semi-barbaric Cossack tribes, around whom so many myths have gathered, the steppes are wild no more.

No longer do the hardy tribesmen drive uncounted cattle over the expanse that once stretched almost from the fog-bound marshes of Great Russia to the warm slopes of the Crimea. The land and the tribesmen alike have yielded to that tremendous tidal wave of progress that is advancing Russia with unparalleled speed.

The amount of the exports depends largely on the crop conditions of the United States, as this country is Russia's greatest rival in the growing of bread grain. Only our tremendous corn crop, approximating 2 1/2 billion bushels, enables the United States to hold the first place.

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Under the ice, the five men lost all sense of direction. They couldn't swim back to the air hole. They felt their heads strike against the ice above, and were about to resign themselves to their fate, when they

WASHINGTON ON NATIONAL DEFENSE.

"Had we formed a permanent army in the beginning, which, by the continuance of the same men in service, had been capable of discipline, we never should have had to retreat with a handful of men across the Delaware in 1776, trembling for the fate of America, which nothing but the infatuation of the enemy could have saved.

We should not have remained all the succeeding winter at their mercy with sometimes scarcely a sufficient body of men to mount the ordinary guards, liable at every moment to be dissipated if they had only thought proper to march against us.

"Nor have the ill effects been confined to the military line. A great part of the embarrassments in the civil departments flow from the same source. The derangement of our finances is essentially to be ascribed to it."

NARROWEST ESCAPES.

Ned, a Chapin, member of the Pasadena (Calif.) Daily News staff, writes some experiences of easterners now living in California under the head of "Narrowest Escapes." In a recent issue he has a story about J. K. Huston, formerly with the Centerville Citizen, which will be of interest to Mr. Huston's Iowa friends.

In an Iowa halliroom some years ago, J. K. Huston, real estate man, of 100 East Colorado street, experienced a harrowing narrow escape. It was a real storm. The hallirooms were all as large as a hen's egg or larger, and were driven with great force by the wind.

Mr. Huston saw a man who had tried to save a team of horses. His forehead and face were all bruised and cut by the stones. The local paper told of a dog that ran yelping down the street as the hallirooms pelted him.

Mr. Huston at that time was a junior in the law department of the University of Iowa, and in those days was something of a sprinter. He ran second to Johnny Crum in the 50-yard, 100-yard and 220-yard dashes, and made the century in 10 1/2 seconds.

On the afternoon of the storm, Mr. Huston had been out at the fair grounds, three-quarters of a mile from the gymnasium. When he saw the storm coming, he put on some clothes over his running suit and started home. But it caught him in the street.

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After starting outside, Mr. Huston had come about twenty feet. He hadn't been gone more than twenty seconds. A terrific gust of wind swooped down by way of tipping off the storm. He heard a terrific crash and looked around. The heavy iron roof of the shed was flat on the ground.

Next day the future Pasadena man made a careful inspection of the wreck and found no place under the roof where he could have lain to escape being crushed. It was so flat there was practically no space under it anywhere, and with the halliroom holes in it, it looked like a sieve.

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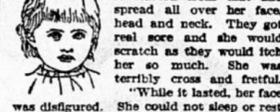
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heard heavy thumps on the ice above them. Then they knew that their companions, armed with heavy poles and scantlings from the shore, were breaking through the ice.

Every one of the five men who went under were saved, but one of the quints had shipped considerable water and had to be rolled about vigorously. They had been under the surface probably between one and two minutes.

ELECTRIC POWER VS. STEAM.

The initial electrification of 113 miles of the main line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, between Three Forks and Deer Lodge, was given a thorough and most satisfactory test a few days ago.

The official test of the new electric locomotives was made on a two per cent grade near Janney, one of the heaviest grades on the line. The test consisted of starting from Butte a train of 3,000 tons, consisting of 43 loaded cars pulled by two electric locomotives, and this train was hauled over the grade quietly and apparently with the utmost ease at a speed of sixteen miles an hour.

Following behind this train came another of 2,000 tons, made up of 37 cars hauled by two "L" engines and pushed by a mallet locomotive. The steam horses toiled up the grade, and the engines actually groaned under the strain placed upon them.

The unit from Three Forks to Deer Lodge is the first step toward the electrification of four engine divisions, extending from Harlowton, Mont., to Avery, Idaho, a total distance of approximately 440 miles, with four 250-mile sections of track, including yards and sidings.

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divisions, under which conditions it is claimed the full advantage of electrification can be secured. The electrification of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul has been undertaken on purely economic grounds with the expectation that superior results with electric locomotives will effect a sufficient reduction in the present cost of steam operation to return an attractive percentage on the large investment required.

AFTER GRIP.

One of the most discouraging features of grip are its after effects. Therefore it is quite important that a person with symptoms of grip, for the grip is no slight ailment, go to bed and have a physician's care. It is the person who keeps up, nurses a cough and cold, and who never really gets cured of grip that is most likely to come down with pneumonia, tuberculosis or some other disease.

There is complaint this winter from many railroad lines about congested freight traffic. Many roads, particularly those centering in New York, are suffering from blockades due to inefficient terminals or trackage, heavy shipments of war supplies, grain, etc. This must be a handicap to the commercial efficiency and general prosperity of the whole country.

A freight train is regarded by the general public as a go-as-you-please affair that can await everyone's convenience and loaf along until other traffic is cleared up. To the traveler the freighter is a nuisance that should stand on the siding where it belongs and not obstruct passenger business.

It is an intricate problem to operate passenger traffic safely through the tangle of freight business. The irritated traveler, fuming at delays, may well thank his stars that the engine-man's ambition to make time has not deposited him in the ditch.

Very essential. Many roads have a chronic and slovenly habit of delay in passenger operation. But regular freight service is just as important. The business fabric will not run smoothly unless its material is promptly and regularly supplied.

The country has grown fast and the freight blockades of this winter have shown that railroad equipment has not kept pace.

THE MALARIA PROBLEM.

Four per cent of the inhabitants of certain sections of the south have malaria. This estimate, based on the reporting of 204,881 cases during 1911, has led the United States public health service to give increased attention to the malaria problem, according to the annual report of the surgeon general.

Of 18,526 blood specimens examined by government officers during the year, 1,797 showed malarial infection. The infection rate among white persons was above eight per cent, and among colored persons twenty per cent. In two counties in the Yazoo valley, 40 out of every 100 inhabitants presented evidence of the disease.

Striking as the above figures are, they are no more remarkable than those relating to the reduction in the incidence of the disease following surveys of the public health service at thirty-four places in nearly every state of the south. In some instances from an incidence of fifteen per cent, in 1914, a reduction has been accomplished to less than four or five per cent, in 1915.

One of the important scientific discoveries made during the year was in regard to the continuance of the disease from season to season. Over 2,000 Anopheles mosquitoes in malarious districts were dissected, during the early spring months, without finding a single infected insect, and not until May 15, 1915, was the first parasite in the body of a mosquito discovered.

Although quinine remains the best means of treating malaria and a also of marked benefit in preventing infection, the eradication of the disease as a whole rests upon the destruction of the breeding places of Anopheles mosquitoes. The public health service, therefore, is urging a definite campaign of draining standing water, the filling of low places, and the regrading and training of streams where malarial mosquitoes breed.

This study is typical of the scientific investigations which are being carried out by the public health service, all of which have a direct bearing on eradicating the disease. The malaria work not only includes the collection of morbidity data, malaria surveys, demonstration work, scientific field and laboratory studies, educational campaigns, and special studies of impounded water and drainage projects.

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An A-1 Acrobat. Webster City Freeman-Tribune: For one of his years' president, Wilson can turn a complete somersault quicker than any man in the nation.