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The man who doesn't make mistakes doesn't make anything. But, if he is wise and prudent, he won't make the same mistake twice.—The Office Outfitter.
 The man who never dreams never tackles the impossible. The man who never tackles the impossible never makes a record.—George Robinson.

JUSTICE TO PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS.

(From The Nation.)
 Whatever may have been the sins of our railroads and other public service corporations—and The Nation has not failed in its duty of pointing them out—it is undeniable that they are today paying a heavy penalty for the mistakes of their managers in the past. Indeed, so beset are some of them as to make it clear that in business circles at least, there is a revulsion of feeling due to the impression that the government is no longer giving them a square deal, that the pendulum, having swung too far in one direction is going too far in the other; that owing to legislation, regulation and threat of confiscation, and by autocratic use of federal authority, the lot of the railway company at least is becoming intolerable; that so much of the power of company officials has been stripped from them by government arbitration, control and regulation that they can no longer be held responsible by their stockholders for satisfactory results. It is even said that their present estate is so intolerable that complete government ownership is beginning to appear preferable.
 Thus, in his recent annual report, Mr. Rea, the president of the Pennsylvania railroad, declared: "It is evident that the ability to regulate wages and working conditions and other heavy operating expenses has as the result of federal and state legislation, largely passed from the control of your management as has also the power of your company and other railroads to charge reasonable rates for the public transportation service rendered." His own railway is confronted with an increased annual expense of \$1,580,000, of which \$550,000 is due solely to the increased for Full Crew act, passed at the behest of labor unions; the other \$730,000 being occasioned by the raising of wages through the arbitration in 1912 under the new federal law, the Newlands act. Now an ordinary corporation, finding its expenses increased by causes beyond its control, would feel free to charge more for its product; but the railway is estopped, since the power over rates has passed to the interstate commerce commission. The difficulty is so much intensified by the diversification of government control that President Rea insists:
 Some way must be found whereby the serious but divided responsibility of government regulation of rates, wages and other railway matters shall either be concentrated under one administrative branch of the government, or the results of legislative acts, orders of commissions, and awards of arbitration boards shall be recognized by rate regulatory commissions, so that regulation of wages, rates and other matters may continue without working a manifest injustice to the railroads and those who have invested in their securities.
 Should the interstate commerce commission long postpone its rate decision or decide against an increase, there will inevitably be profound sympathy for the honest railroad managers in search of new capital who thus find themselves ground between the upper and the nether millstones. They also feel themselves seriously wronged when they appear openly before the legislature to ask for the repeal of the full crew law, and find that neither the legislature nor the press pays any attention to their protest. It does not help the situation to point to the mismanagement of the New Haven or the St. Louis & San Francisco and say that this sort of wrong-doing is responsible for the present situation. The presidents may admit this sorrowfully, yet wake up the next morning to find a bill in the legislature at Albany to revise commutation rates downward in a given county by fifty or sixty per cent.
 The telephone company is in the same light plight; but recently placed under the control of the public service commission, it finds a bill introduced at Albany enforcing a five-cent rate in New York. This may be a just proposal, but the responsible telephone officials must be forgiven if they feel a bit bewildered and go about wondering where the next blow is to come from. The Bell telephone company is facing the postmaster general's demand that its stockholders be compelled to sell out to the government. Its president, Mr. Vail, in his remarkable report just issued, attacks the postoffice's argument for government ownership. They are obviously very misleading if it is contended either that the postal business is well managed or that the parcel post is a financial success. Who can tell? Not Mr. Burleson. He has abolished the special parcel post stamp, and would never think of reckoning in rentals, or interest on plants, or overhead charges, to ascertain whether the parcel post is carried at a deficit or not.
 Meanwhile, the government refuses to reimburse the railroads adequately for carrying the mails, and insists on different rates for heavy and light mail

matter carried in the same car. Is it any wonder that uneasiness grows and unrest continues? And both are intensified in the situation of the express companies, however much they may owe their present plight to past stupidities. One does not have to be that worst of offenders, a "reactionary," or an investor in railway securities, to see how great is the opportunity for constructive statesmanship on both sides, for the peace policy that Mr. Wilson outlined. That we take it, is to be peace, with honor and justice, without mercy for corporate wrong-doers of the New Haven stripe, but with protection to those who would bury the dead past and play fair. Has not the time come, they ask, when they may receive a sailing chart to which they may adhere for at least a few years? Are they not to be freed from their present condition of being under fire at once from all sides and at the mercy of demagogues, labor unions, experimenters, diversified government agencies controlling them without regard to another's acts and of the several legislatures?

GETTING EFFICIENCY.

At a recent public meeting in Milwaukee at which the chief topic of discussion was the growing demand for efficiency in government—city, county, state and nation—the following ten "earnmarks" of the progress being made toward that end were pointed out by competent authorities:
 The effort to secure efficiency is now nationwide—no longer local.
 Counties, villages, states and the nation—and not merely the large cities—are calling for and responding to this effort.
 Continuous effort is taking the place of sporadic effort; persistence is taking the place of panacea; cumulative effort is taking the place of convulsive effort.
 Non-political as well as political departments of government, schools as well as public works are turning the looking glass on purpose, method and results. And citizens respond by voting funds for school needs and by rewarding earnest, efficient teaching and supervision that helps teachers do their best.
 Private as well as public agencies demand efficiency in the conduct of their business.
 Impersonal and nonpartisan effort is taking the place of personal and partisan effort.
 Performance not promise, is required so generally that it is now dangerous for any candidate to come before his constituency unprepared to meet every pledge with a record of definite service performed.
 Opposition must be specific not general—or else opposition fails in an increasing number of cases. At least it will fail so far as the program is concerned.
 The democracy of information is proving itself more potent because more possible than any democracy of capital which is not based first upon equal possession of the facts.
 Government business is being used for teaching purposes. The education aspect is overshadowing the political aspect of municipal work.

by the Kansas Supreme court. As a result of the decision Kansas will take charge of all liquor shipped into the state. The case was that of a St. Louis Brewing company appealing from a decision of the district court in Cherokee county. The St. Louis company shipped a carload of beer to Corona, Kansas. State officials confiscated it under the Webb law and the company sought recovery of the beer or reimbursement. "Without this law no state has any more control over liquor than it has over the shipment of wheat and corn," said Justice R. A. Burch, who wrote the opinion. "We believe that the liquor traffic can be made subject to the same regulation as obscene literature and white slavery and that congress has sufficient power to regulate the shipments of liquor as it has to prohibit transportation of white slaves."

HAPPINESS IN THRIFT.

Thrifty people are happy people, because their thrift brings them security and content. In these opening days of the year, it is fitting for every citizen to think of thrift in its broad aspect and remember that the prosperity of the nation is largely founded upon the thrift of its people. Thrift produces simple habits, clean budgets and contented minds. It makes nations great and powerful. Out of the savings of the thrifty come all huge investments, all funds for great public works and industrial enterprises. Without thrift there would be no transportation systems, no investments in community or industrial securities, no great and powerful financial institutions. Dividends on savings are the immediate material reward of thrift. But there can be no interest without principal and the way to build up a reserve fund is not to wait until you can put a lot of money into the bank, but to save and deposit the small amounts as you go along.

Forest officers in Washington and Oregon plan to discontinue the use of barbed wire on their forests. This will affect their own pastures and public drift fences. They say barbed wire has no advantage over smooth wire, that it injures stock, and that it is more likely to be borne down by soft snow. Stockmen on the Ochoco forest in Oregon, recently constructed drift fences of smooth wire, though with some misgivings; now they say they will never use barbed wire again.

Equador is rich in agricultural lands but in very few cases are they worked to their full capacity; in fact much of the most fertile land is not under cultivation at all. As is the case in other South American countries, the land is held in such large tracts that proper supervision and cultivation is not practicable.

Why did Iowa's last legislature pass a law making the taxpayers of the state pay five per cent interest for money the state borrows when a poor old state like Connecticut borrows money at less than four per cent interest?

Another Nail in Coffin.

The Webb-Kenyon bill passed by congress which gives the states control over liquor shipments has been upheld

if the next legislature should attempt to pass laws placing complete control of state affairs in the governor and supreme justice, somebody should be on hand ready to drop a bomb in their midst. But the proper time to drop the bomb is on election day. Send men to the legislature who will not have a be watched all the time.

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Is this merely a coincidence, or is it a logical sequence.

A Few Laughs

Spring Chorus.
 The baby colt kicks up its heels,
 The lambkin plays in glee ecstatic
 The pig with gay abandon squeals

According to the London Chronicle the cinematograph is producing a cinematic eye, a special disease generated by the effort to follow the flicker and the unnatural speed of the pictured actors.

On the back of each seat of a new London theater there will be coin-in-the-slot telephones to enable persons with defective hearing to listen to what is being said on the stage.

New gasoline-propelled cars on a government railway in Australia have wedge-shaped ends instead of square. It being found that the older type used 40 per cent more gasoline.

German furniture makers impart beautiful colors to several native woods by burying them when freshly cut for several months in earth mixed with lime and other materials.

Pick out a dozen men that you know who do not believe in the gospel of efficiency, and look them over. You will probably find that they wear shiny clothes instead of shiny shoes.

The difference between wild oats and the other kind is that you don't have to sow the wild kind in spring; any time of year will do.

According to late agricultural reports, there are 15 different methods of irrigation—not including those used in the prohibition districts.

Press Comment

Burlington Hawk-Eye: Watchful waiting while the riot is in progress is often dangerous for the innocent bystander.

Cedar Rapids Republican: The state highway commission is reported favorably on the experiment with convicts on highways. They did good work and this year many more are to be utilized. This may be the coming solution of the problem of the employment of prison labor. It may beat that Cosson 2,000 acre farm proposition.

Waterloo Courier-Post: Bachelor girls will doubtless be interested in the statement that San Francisco has more bachelors than any other city in the world. But the statement may be just another effort of the "Frisco press agent to attract more people to the Panama-Pacific exposition next year.

Council Bluffs Nonpareil: The road bill which has passed the house at Washington by a vote of seven to one, will give Iowa almost a million for roads if the state can put up an equal amount. This means that our auto license tax must be made a state aid fund so that when it finally comes back to the counties it will have been doubled in size by the windfall from Uncle Sam.

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Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE

Gess wat I did today, I sed last nite wile me and pop and ma and my sistir Gladdis was awl in the setting room.
 Is it absoolutely necessary for us to gess, sed pop, you no you are such a vee-satill yung man.
 Wat did you do, sed ma, you have bin doing anything elts with that per-life of yures, I hope.
 No mam, I sed, you no that old by-sickle bell I fownd, well, I cleaned it awl inside and outside this afternoon and it looks jest as good as noo, awl-most.
 Well how did you evvir bring yure-self to do it, sed ma, I awlways thawt derfying things was yure wun spech-ility.
 Accept my congraulayshins, sed pop, as the copy book see, it is hardir to get a boy to clean anything than it is to get a rich man to admit the wisdom of an income tax.
 Ill nevvir believe he cleaned anything until I see it with my own eyes, sed Gladdis.
 Well then ill show it to you, I sed, Wich I did, going up to my room and getting the bysickle bell and bringing it down, looking awl shiny and awl, saying, Heer it is, and may be it didnt take me a lawing time to do it to.
 Well wat do you no about that, sed Gladdis, its the ferat thing hes cleaned in his life.
 Keep up the good werk, sun, sed pop, and may be in yeers to kum youll get as far as yure fingir nails.
 He sertenly cleaned it awl rite, sed ma, it was absoolutely the derfetest looking thing I evvir saw, wat did you clean it with.
 A tooth brush, I sed.
 Wat, sed Gladdis, ware did you get it, not enyware in my room I hope.
 No, I sed.
 Not standing up beside the medisin chest, I hope, sed ma.
 No mam, I sed.
 And not hanging awn the hook in the thathroom I pray and besetch, sed pop.
 Yes, sir, I sed.
 My tooth brush, sed pop, very lowd you get that tooth brush and bring it to me. Wich I did, not looking mutch like a tooth brush any moar exsept the handel.
 Yung man, sed pop, follo me.
 Wich I did.
 We was all eeting suppir today and I sed G pop, the fellos was playing a funy gain today, wat do you think they was doing.
 I give it up, sed pop, as Shakespear sed to me awn wun occasion, There are moar things in hevvin and erth, O Wilyum Potts, than are dreamed of in yure floofy.
 They was trying to see wich wun od spit the ferthest, I sed.
 Heer, heer sed my sistir Gladdis, wat kind of lawk is that.
 Yes, Benny sed pop, its hardly tabill lawk enyway, I red Coleridge's Tabill Lawk wunts and I dont seem to remember eny such referenes in it.
 Well that's wat they wa doing, eny-way, I sed.
 Awl rite, we herd you, sed Gladdis.
 Yes we herd you, sed ma go awn with yure suppir.
 They was awl trying, I sed, Puda Simkins and Sid Hunt and Artie and Sam Kraaws and awl.
 Will you eet yure suppir or do you wunt yure farthir to send you away from the table sed Gladdis.
 I am eeting my suppir I sed Wich I was and I kedd awn doing it, and affir a littel wile I sed was trying it, too.
 Farthir will you pleeze speek to him sed Gladdis.
 Benny, sed pop, thares a time and plase for evvrything, exsept, poserbly the subjeckt jest now undir diskussion.
 Yes, for goodniss sakes shet up about it, sed Gladdis.
 I dont see wy you need to care I sed, thare wasnt eny gerls trying it.
 Farthir, this is orall, sed Gladdis, its bad enuff for him to induge in such outrajus practikes without allowing him to spoll evvrybody elses suppir with them, poserbly, if you dont make him eethir shut up or leave the tabill, ill leave it myself.
 Benny, you heer wat yure sistir ses, sed pop, im an advocate of free speech but as the deleerium trimmings vick-tun, sed wen the bloo elefants gave plase to the speckled hippopotermusses enuff is enuff.
 Yes sir, I sed, And I kepp awn eeting wile and then I sed, Enyway, Reddy Merfy wun.
 Farthir sed Gladdis.
 Wun moar news item concerning yure heathenish pastem, yung man, sed pop and you leave the tabill.
 Yes sir, I sed, And I finished my suppir without sayvny eny moar about it, having sed evvrything enyway.

Little Talks On Babylogy

BY ANNA STEESE RICHARDSON
 Director of the Better Babies Bureau of the Woman's Home Companion.

BABY'S LITTLE DEFECTS AND HOW TO CURE THEM.

I have seen mothers actually start babies in this fatal habit of finger-sucking by giving them what is known as a "pacifier," or rubber nipple on a ring. It is natural for a baby to suck at something. He is born hungry. When he is very young, he will continue making sucking motions with his mouth after the breast or bottle has been taken from him. If he happens to whimper, the mother thinks the little sucking motion must be satisfied, she gives him the pacifier or actually sticks his thumb in his mouth, and the mischief is begun.

The tendency to suck the thumb is easily checked. From the very start, remove the thumb or finger and lay the little hand firmly down at the baby's side as he drops asleep. If he persists, then immediately, not after the habit is almost iron-clad, have him sleep with his hand in a mitten. It is never too soon to correct this habit. Better a crying baby today than a deformed daughter ten years from now. Thumb-sucking thrusts the teeth out, and in some cases gives the entire lower part of the face the shape of a rabbit's snout.

Many mothers ask me about badly shaped hands, and stubby fingers. Even these can be improved or remedied by patient care right after the baby is born. Smooth them firmly, steadily into shape a few minutes at a time, every time the baby wakens. Of course if bones are misshapen they cannot be changed, but the stubby finger can be improved by pressure—if taken in time. But it does no good to rub the fingers one day and let them go three. It must be done patiently, regularly, and gently, every day while the flesh, bones and nails are soft.

The next talk will be on fresh air and exercise for the baby.

The rooster waxes operatic.
 And now and then the entire drove Break forth in gladsome song together.
 What is it? Just the soft touch of A burst of balmy April weather.

Better Than Nothing.
 "I wonder if we couldnt add something to this watchful waiting?"
 "Mexico isnt worth going to war over."
 "I know; but I thought we might possibly supplement it with a little polite protest."

In Luck.
 "Why is old Gotrox so happy?"
 "Some university has agreed to accept a million dollars from him provided he can get a few others to contribute an equal amount."

His Snarl.
 "You cant fool all of the people all of the time."
 "I know that," snorted the Senator Wombat, irritably. "and you cant please any of em half of the time."

A Sad Case.
 The tango has me on the hip
 Im neither young nor slender
 And every time I try to dip
 I ruin a suspender.

He Explains.
 "What do you mean by kissing the housemaid?"
 "It was an excusable mistake, my dear. The hall was dark and she had on your face powder and your beautiful golden hair."

The Secret.
 As through life's long and weary hike
 We painfully progress,
 We find there is no secret like
 The secret of success.

Though many people would disclose
 The secret with a will;
 The latter, as the toiler knows,
 Remains a secret still.

An Unfortunate Name.
 "I am sorry I named my little girl Venus."
 "After the Venus de Milo, I suppose."
 "Yes; and she has broken her arm three times."

In Political Circles.
 "How about my letter proposing matrimony?"
 "It has been advanced to a second reading," said the congressman's daughter, "and will come to a vote before very long."
 "Quick! Shift These ayDs in that horrible coat!"
 "My wife needs a new gown."
 "You shouldnt spend all your money on her."
 "Well, if she doesnt get that new gown, Im afraid shell get a new husband."



Gentlemen:---
 I've said it before—
 I say it again:
Hirsch-Wickwire
 and
Society Brand
 Clothes
 The World's Standard
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IOWA
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