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RAILROAD FREIGHT RATES.

The railroads the country over are moving heaven and earth to secure the right to increase freight rates. They allege they are losing money and are on the verge of bankruptcy. No doubt in a measure this is true, but there is another side. Every penny increase granted must ultimately come from the pockets of the consumers, the people, and the question is, are they in a more prosperous condition than the railroads? Are they enjoying such a degree of prosperity as to justify the powers that be to permit the railroads to levy a still higher tribute in order that the railroads might prosper? In other words, who is entitled to the first consideration? No doubt the railroads are burdened, but there is not the slightest doubt of the burden of the people. It has never been the policy of The Eagle to damn the railroads and to advocate that they be made to stand for anything and everything, because this same consumer has no greater friend, no greater helper, no greater ally, than the railroads. Without the means of transportation furnished by the railroads for the marketing of the products of the consumers, their burden would be grievous indeed. We are still for fairness, but fairness for both sides. We do not believe that either should prosper at the expense of the other. We are for a "live and let live" policy. A rate that will permit the railroads to live and at the same time not be a burden to the people. Justice and equity should prevail.

THE FINANCES OF WAR.

The Temps of Paris gives the details of the advances already made or which are to be made by France, Great Britain and Russia to the small allied countries, as agreed upon by the Finance Ministers of the three powers during their recent conference in Paris. The total advances for the present, according to the newspaper, are said to be \$270,000,000, which amount is to be borne equally by the three powers. These powers already have advanced to Belgium \$50,000,000; to Serbia, \$37,000,000; to Greece, \$4,000,000, and to Montenegro, \$100,000. There remains to be advanced \$178,000,000, which will be divided between Serbia and Belgium. France, the Temps says, will take care of Russia's share for the present by placing sums against grain to be bought in Russia for French account. A bill now before the French Parliament authorizes this arrangement. After all money as well as men count in winning a war.

The following comment by the Houston Post upon the address by Colonel Clarence Ousley in that city, is another evidence that the A. & M. College has a man at the head of its extension department who is of incalculable worth to the State. The Post says: "The speech delivered by Hon. Clarence Ousley before the Houston Rotary Club yesterday was one of rare eloquence and appealing logic. He discussed the agricultural problem of the State, and especially of Harris County, in a manner never before heard in this community. He was listened to attentively by the sev-

eral hundred present, and everyone appeared to enjoy the oratorical treat."

Texas will not go back to gambling on horse racing, not for the present at least. The bill was killed in the House of the Texas Legislature. One of the arguments of the proponents of the bill was that it would encourage the raising of better stock, especially horses. The legislators could not see it that way and believe the better stock movement should be toward the farm rather than toward the race track.

We set so little store by little things, by simple things. Now there is the split log drag and the home canner, just the simplest things that could be imagined, yet veritable engines of power in the accomplishment of things that count in our present economic conditions.

A New York pastor declares that divorce is a "disgraceful luxury" for the rich. We are not so sure about the luxury, but the scandalous reports of severing the marriage vows among the idle rich, amounting practically to a swapping of husbands and wives, give ample evidence of the disgrace.

The lightninglike manner in which the Legislature dispatched business a few days ago while a large majority of the members were off on a junketing trip, is a fine argument in favor of a reduced membership.

The Ferguson "third and fourth" land rent plank is now a law in full force and effect. The bill as passed and signed carried the emergency clause.

With cream from a hundred Brazos County farms being exchanged for cash every day at the Bryan creamery, business will pick up in this community.

George Bailey observes that if human life is not made safer in Houston they may have to amend the Lord's prayer to read, "Lord, lead us not into ambush."

Aviator Smith performed the wonderful feat of turning thirty-two somersaults in the air. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

WIT AND HUMOR.

No Comparison.

An Englishman and an American were standing before the wonders of the Victoria Falls, in darkest Africa, when the Englishman said: "Surely you must concede that these falls are far grander than your Niagara Falls!" "What!" replied the American. "Compare these to our Niagara Falls? Why, man alive, they are a mere perspiration."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Meeting the Opposition.

A member of the Democratic National Committee tells of an "old-timer" who, during the last campaign, took the stump in Iowa. It does not appear whether he gathered many converts to the party creed or not, but he certainly added to the humor of the situation.

On one occasion, when a vast crowd had gathered to hear him hold forth, he addressed them in this wise:

"Fellow citizens, our opponents are resorting to every form of dishonesty, deception and underhand trickery to corrupt the voters. But, fellow citizens, we warn them"—and here his voice shook the rafters—"we warn them, fellow citizens, that that is a game that two can play at!"—New York Times.

A Mystery.

Newedd—Did you spend so much money as this before I married you? Mrs. Newedd—Why, yes. Newedd—Then bless me if I can understand why your father went on so when I took you away from him.—Chicago Tribune.

Not His Fault.

Josephine—I believe John is provoked at my extravagance. He didn't even smile when he saw my dress. Hortense—Some men, my dear, have no sense of humor.—Judge.

The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

An artist, by changing one line, changes the whole expression of the face he draws.

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SOME POSTSCRIPTS.

In some streets of Paris oil is still used as an illuminant, neither gas nor electricity having been introduced.

Peruvian petroleum is said to rank next to that of Russia in its suitability for producing high grade lubricants.

A new sled that can be steered has three runners, the odd one being in front, where it is controlled by a handle.

For the convenience of travelers an English firm is compressing tea into blocks that resemble American plug tobacco.

A new kitchen utensil is an implement to be clamped to a table to remove the strings and cut string beans into pieces.

The daily ration of a Japanese soldier in the field consists of three little bags of rice and a bunch of dried vegetables.

In a Pennsylvania inventor's baking pan the bottom and sides separate and can be adjusted to almost any desired size.

A water power method for breaking down rock in masses instead of crumbling it, has been invented by a German engineer.

After experimenting for thirty-two years a New York man claims to have perfected a synthetic gold made from copper and aluminum.

The bar which holds a new metal and cork bottle stopper in place carries a corkscrew on its under side for removing the cork.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1820—Sir Alexander McKenzie, discoverer of the McKenzie river, died in Scotland. Born in Scotland about 1755.

1825—Pasturing cows on Boston Common forbidden.

1833—United States Pension Bureau established.

1855—Dr. Simon Newcomb, famous astronomer, born in Wallace, Nova Scotia. Died in Washington, D. C., July 11, 1909.

1854—England, France and Turkey formed a triple alliance against Russia.

1903—Czar issued a decree granting religious freedom in Russia.

1914—President Wilson signed the bill which authorized the construction of a railroad in Alaska.

His Sacrifice.

"George, where are your school books?" "When notices appeared that books were wanted for the wounded I gave mine to them."—Humoristlike Listy (Prague).

POLITICAL PRINCIPLES.

Statesmen profess to believe that the public cherishes a great many political principles, but we suppose the number of basic theories respecting government to which it attaches any importance whatever is very small. Perhaps the most fundamental principle of the constitution, for example, is the division of government powers into legislative, executive and judicial. We imagine the public does not care a rap about that. All the impassioned warnings against encroachment by the executive on the legislative branch have never roused a flutter of public interest, so far as we have been able to see.

That the judiciary has wandered pretty far into the legislative field is patent. The public has shown some interest in that, but of a rather lukewarm character. In Colorado it was proposed by constitutional amendment to make newspapers subject to the public utility law and supervision of the State. As a matter of political principle that was rather startling, for theoretically a press the business affairs of which were subject to a political board could not be free. Though the proposal was defeated, considerably less than half of the voters took the trouble to express any opinion about it.

Probably the public knew well enough that if the newspapers were subject to a board they would control the board, so no harm was done. How a thing is likely to work in given cases is what interests the public. If it can get, on the whole, better service out of a President than out of a House of Representatives, it will bother little about the principles involved.—Saturday Evening Post.

"SMART SET" SAYINGS.

Every failure teaches a man something. For example, that he will probably fail again next time.

Slaves believe in luck; their masters have it.

It costs as much to maintain ten vices as one virtue.

'Tis more blessed to give than receive—particularly black eyes and wedding presents.

A quack is a physician who has decided to admit it frankly.

Legend for the portrait of a Puritan: How proud of him the Master would be!

The European spends Sunday. The American keeps it.

The highest praise that one may give to an actor is to say that he doesn't act like an actor.

Conscience makes cowards of us all. Politeness is even worse. It makes actors of us.

Girls seldom marry the men they flirt with. But it is not the fault of the girls.

A progressive is one who is willing to believe in anything to get the job.

The constitution of the United States: The best refuge of scoundrels. Puzzle for juriconsults: Which is the greater handicap to a lawyer, to be tongue-tied or to have a conscience? Even typhoid fever, it appears, has one virtue: It gives the man who has had it a chance to brag about how badly he had it.

Our soldiers are our spirits. That fight each hour the fray; With bonny banners waving, They lead us through the day; And when in conflict plunging We falter or we fall, With singing and with suppliance They help us mount the wall. —The Bentztown Bard.

REGULATING THE PRICE OF OIL.

According to a press dispatch, the Governor of Oklahoma has just signed a law in which the Corporation Commission is given complete jurisdiction over the production and prices of oil. As might have been expected, attorneys for some of the oil men say the law will be attacked as unconstitutional. The important and startling thing is that a State should have gone so far as to assume control over the production and price of a commodity like oil. Heretofore, State regulation has contented itself with regulating what we ordinarily understand should come under the definition of public utilities, such as means of transportation and communication, like the railroad, telegraph and telephone, and other large matters of public convenience, such as the furnishing of light and heat, gas, electric light and power. From making the gas pipe line a public utility regarding the oil pipe line in the same light is indeed an easy and natural step. But from regulating the charges and service of the oil pipe line to regulating the production and price of the oil itself is considerable of a jump. When one comes to think about it, however, there would seem to be justification for the action of the Oklahoma Legislature. There is only a certain amount of oil in the ground, and it is being lessened all the time. Any State which permitted a production greatly in excess of the demand and the wasting of much of the product through inefficient tankage facilities, as was the case in Oklahoma, would hardly be doing its duty by posterity; and the State would seem to be justified even in the fixing of a minimum price if necessary, in order to control production in the interest of a reasonable conservation.—California Outlook.

FIRST NINE JUROR VERDICT.

Initial One in State Was for Acquittal of Dallas Man.

Dallas, Tex., March 12.—The first nine-juror verdict in the history of Texas was returned Thursday in Judge R. B. Seay's criminal court. The verdict held that Oscar Stewart, white, charged with receiving and concealing stolen property, was not guilty. It was the first misdemeanor trial held in the criminal district court under the newly enacted statute giving the two criminal district courts concurrent jurisdiction with the county court at law in misdemeanor cases. The case went to the jury at noon, and a nine-juror verdict of acquittal was returned and accepted. Judge Seay held that under the constitutional nine-juror verdict is acceptable where cases are tried before twelve jurors on misdemeanor charges.

Notice, Friend in Need.

You are notified of the death of J. L. Robertson, No. 54. Assessment must be paid within ten days or you become suspended. JOE B. REED, Secretary.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

"What's the matter with that rummy out front there? Does he want to fight?" "Oh, no; he hasn't reached that stage. Just now he is telling the gang what a nice family he comes from."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Like cats in airpumps, to subside we strive
On joys too thin to keep the soul alive. —Young.

"Is your maid trustworthy?" "Trustworthy? Why, I even give her the key to the bread box."—Buffalo Express.

I had rather have a fool to make me merry than experience to make me sad.—Shakespeare.

A quack is a physician who has de—"How is your flat heated?"—"By tipping the janitor."—Chicago News.

The reason I beat the Austrians is, they did not know the value of five minutes.—Napoleon I.

God speaks thro' stars, thro' drifts of dew,
And yonder where your day's work lies,
Thro' your own task He speaks to you,
And lifts you to hope's sons and skies. —J. L. Kesler.

Though the people support the government, the government should not support the people.—Cleveland.

"Count Zeppelin wants to fly across the Atlantic Ocean."
"Well, that seems the only safe way to cross nowadays."—Detroit Free Press.

Rest is not quitting the busy career;
Rest is the fitting of self to its sphere. —John S. Dwight.

"How was the baby show?"
"A howling success."—Baltimore American.

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Diversification is a good idea, but where your profit stops there diversification should stop. We can only judge the future by the past, and the only agricultural sources of revenue and credit that have ever been recognized by business men in Brazos County have been cotton, corn, cattle and other live stock. Of the above, which is relied upon for a basis of credit—cotton first, cattle next. Now, we propose to increase the value of your cotton and increase your ability to produce cattle. How? By giving you the means to get full value for your cotton and the feed to produce the cotton.

The Producer-Consumer plan of marketing cotton and its products enables the farmer to sell his cotton, his lint, his cotton seed oil, and he ought to keep the meal and hulls and feed them to cattle. By this plan you are independent of all interests. Your cotton seed meal and hulls will grow and fatten cattle, hogs, horses and mules, and it retains 90 per cent of its fertilizing value after having passed through your live stock. Do you want the means to do this? Is it to your interest? Do you want the value of the products of your labor? If so, help to build the plant by taking stock in the enterprise.
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