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If Not, Why Not?

THE SPEECH of David J. Lewis in the House December 22 on why Uncle Sam should take over the wire service (telegraph and telephone) is unanswerable. We hope you will write to him for a copy and study it carefully—it will astound you. Just as samples, note these high points:

For both telegrams and messages by phone we pay the highest rates in the world, and our service is the worst.

Paying from 25 cents to a dollar for 10 words by telegraph, we average only one telegram and a tenth a year, whereas in New Zealand, with its cent-a-word rate, the average is eight telegrams per capita a year—private monopoly cheats itself as well as the public by its greed.

Phone rates are even worse. The public is charged six-sevenths as much for long-distance service as the railroads charge for hauling a ton of freight over a right of way many times as expensive to install, maintain and operate. We pay SIX TIMES as much for equal service as Germans pay. Our local phone rates average TWICE as high as those in continental European cities, and the service is no better.

As to efficiency, Uncle Sam's postal service ranks SECOND in the world's list, crowding Belgium's; but among the telephone systems of 16 countries that of the Bell system ranks NINTH. Not only is private ownership expensive; it is also inefficient. Its cry that Uncle Sam couldn't do the job as well is a false cry which only those believe who haven't investigated.

On this basis of fact, what reason is there for delaying taking the wire business over, or so much of it as is worth while?

Lewis shows it can be done at about twice the cost of the Panama canal, WHICH YOU'VE NEVER NOTICED, and with an immediate saving of more than enough to pay the interest charge and retire the principal within a few years, meanwhile giving an improved service at a reduced price.

Now if government is for the greatest good of the greatest number, WHY NOT DO IT?

What blocks the way and why?

MOTOR TRUCK in New York the other day carried a safety vault door weighing 45 tons, said to be the heaviest load a truck ever had.

SOME 1,200 tons of raw material are handled every year in Colorado mines to get 12 grams of radium, about as much as a 50-cent piece weighs.

The One Sure Way to Get On

ALEXANDER L. JACKSON may be offered as "Exhibit A" in proof that Opportunity plays no favorites.

Alexander lives in Englewood, N. J., is 22 years old and is a negro. While he was a mere kid his father died, forcing Alexander to work to help support the widow. He sold papers, tended furnaces, mowed lawns, did whatever he could, meanwhile studying in spare moments.

He worked his way through high school, graduating with honor. He worked his way through prep school, made the track team, won a scholarship and was orator of his class. Then he went to Harvard, where he took honor after honor; and next June, when he graduates, he will once more be orator of his class.

Alexander intends to devote his life to helping his race. He has what seems to us the right idea of how to help it—he believes that the colored brother must upbuild himself by education and industry until he has his own respect and the respect of his neighbors. When he gets that far along, the rest of the journey ought to be easy.

The career of this negro boy is a challenge to boys of all colors. He didn't wait for charity or uplift or patronage—he hustled. It is the one sure way to get on.

NEW YORK transfer company has on its hands a shopworn lion once owned by Gaby Deslys. She got it and her reputation from the ex-king of Portugal.

ROSE COGHLAN, actress, says Los Angeles is a jay town. Some heartless lady there called her a "cat," but of course that had nothing to do with her decision.

ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION finds that it costs 77 cents to treat a person for hookworm.

CALIFORNIANS ARE mad because their plague of grasshoppers is located in the fruit instead of the chicken counties.

THE POPE accepts the new Spanish law taxing all church properties. Wonder if there's going to be a general move to tax such.

THERE ARE GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS WHY
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OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

THE DIARY OF FATHER TIME

DURING the early part of the eighteenth century, England was the most ungodly country in Christendom. Religion was set up as the principal object of ridicule, while the clergy spent most of their time in fox hunting and hard drinking.

The debtors' prison in the Fleet afforded a harbor of refuge to a considerable number of dissolute divines, the scum of the Anglican clergy. Many of these clerical debtors were not allowed to wander from the precincts of the prison; to others this privilege was not denied, so long as they elected to keep within a mile of the Fleet.

Silently they commenced by marrying, without license, and without the publicity of banns, all people who applied to them in the chapel of the Fleet prison, charging a fee which varied from 6 to 15 shillings. Between the month of October, 1704, and February, 1705, the marriages solemnized in the Fleet prison reached the total of 2,950. Later on, not content with placards and advertisements in the papers, the parsons frequently employed touters, who, sharing in the profits, left no stone unturned to secure their prey. These gentry never hesitated to resort to bullying and intimidation, and frequently even went so far as to drag in couples by force who happened to be passing.

In Editor's Mail

A Reasonable Question

Editor The Star: I note you praise the supreme court and others for bringing about a minimum wage of $3 a day. But what about the thousands of working men who have to help pay the $3 and are compelled to work longer hours for wages ranging from $2 to $2.50 per day? What is good for the goose is good for the gander, so why isn't it made a violation of the law to pay any working man less than $3 per day? A. DWIGHT.

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From a Friend of Dogs

Editor The Star: In a recent issue of The Star, one of your readers lauded the state and other officials for ordering all dogs muzzled at a time of the year when there is not the least possible danger. It seems to a casual observer that some manufacturer of dog muzzles possessed a strong political influence.

W. G. H.

STICK AT WORK

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Tying wet handkerchiefs over their faces, 50 girl operators in the Harrison telephone exchange stuck to their posts and answered calls while firemen fought a dangerous blaze on the ground floor. The fire was extinguished with a loss of about $1,000.

SILVERWARE FOR STAR READERS

A set of six beautifully decorated French gray finish Rogers Silver Tea Spoons free to mail subscribers to The Star. They are of beautiful design and will last a lifetime. A set of these spoons could not be duplicated at any store for less than $2.50. We have bought them in such large quantities that we are able to give them to our subscribers. All that is necessary for you to do is to pay your subscription to The Star one year in advance ($3.25), and the spoons will be sent you, charges paid. If your subscription does not expire for some time, you can take advantage of this offer now and renew for a year from the time it expires, or by interesting a friend in The Star and taking a year's subscription at the regular price, you will receive the spoons just the same.

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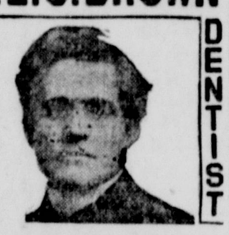

ROBBED BY A DENTIST ON FIRST AVENUE

People come to my office every day and complain about being robbed of their money by some dentist on First av., representing himself to be Dr. E. J. Brown, or his assistant.

BEWARE of this thief who steals my patients and lives off my reputation. MY OFFICES are at

713 First Ave., Union Block

I can guarantee to save you just one dollar every time you pay me a dollar for dental work. Because, while my work is often superior, it costs you less than one-half the price charged by other high-class dentists. You see, I make a dollar and you save a dollar when I do your dental work.

When you come to my offices, be sure and see my picture in my sign, at the entrance of the building. It's just like the one in this advertisement.

Beware of fake Dr. Browns.

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Seattle's Leadng Dentist
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'MOST ANYTHING

One of the Boys

"How is little Clarence Fotheringwell Jones getting along at school?"

"First rate, I guess. His playmates call him 'Muggsy' now."

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Cautious Porter.

"So you gave up your job at the depot?"

"Yes, suh. I ain't liftin' no mo' suit cases. When dem militant suffragettes is so busy dar ain' no tellin' which of 'em is kerryin' wardrobe an' which is kerryin' dynamite."

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Quick, Watson, the Ice

As the years roll themselves into records of the past, bringing with them anniversaries of the happy event which this joyous occasion celebrates, may each anniversary strengthen the joys that existed, the peace and good will of happy bridegroom and bride, the merry guests, that were centered in the home on the hillside this December night, where pure and sacred love reigned bright and undimmed as the holy light of the twinkling stars and glistening moonlight, which shone down so benignant upon the merry scene—silent testimonies of that highest, holiest love which envelopes all.—St. Edward (Neb.) Sun.

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Covering a Risk

Insurance Agent—You ought to examine this scheme. It offers special inducements to automobilists.

Autoist—Oh, I guess I can manage my car all right.

Agent—No doubt. But our company would pay your family so much a week during the time you may have to serve for manslaughter.—Puck.

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Comment

"So you want to get a position in the park zoo?"

"Yes."

"Beastly job."

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Then the Parson Beat It

An old lady, wishing to pay a compliment to the new preacher, told him:

"Really, sir, we didn't know what sin was until you came to this town."

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Mother's Boy.

"Why, Tommie, where did you get that black eye?"

"The boy downstairs struck me."

"What for?"

"He said I struck him first."

"And did you?"

"No, mother, I didn't."

"Well, why didn't you?"—Yonkers Statesman.

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An Indoor Sport

For a number of years he has led a retired life, while his wife conducted the well known Hough boarding house in Broad st.—Lyons (Kas.) Republican.

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The girls in the Wilson bridal party are not beautiful, declares a Paris newspaper. Well, who ever said they were—except the newspapers?

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Winter Baseball Gossip

"What's a .600 batting average in the winter league equal to in the summer time?" asks B. F. This is an interesting question, but can hardly be answered, as the .600 winter hitters spend the summer in leagues that do not keep batting averages.

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Woodrow Wilson has saved one house from being burned down since he went South, and we expect him to save a child's life from a runaway horse before the end of the week. But we do hope he won't lose his diamonds.

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When a lovely woman seems to be surrounded by admirers these days, you never can tell. They may be her hired posse of private detectives.

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"Well," ejaculated Smithers, looking up from his paper, "here's an aviator who died a natural death."

"What was the matter with him?" asked Mrs. Smithers.

"His aeroplane fell a mile."

"But that isn't a natural death."

"Yes, it is—for an aviator."

HAS WATER ON THE BRAIN AND HE GETS PAID FOR IT

In the words of Luther Burbank—or maybe it was Shakespeare who said it—strawberries may come and strawberries may go, but prunes remain with us the year round.

Without casting any asparagus upon him, L. B. Youngs, superintendent of the city water department and chairman of the board of public works, is the boarding house prune of the Seattle city government.

He's no more a prune, of course, in the vernacular sense of the word, than our mayors are strawberries, for they're not. Not some of them anyhow.

We've had some who were unmistakably nothing more than lemons.

Youngs With Us Always

But mayors come, and mayors go. Except for Tom Humes, there hasn't been one in Seattle during the present generation who held the job more than one term.

But Luther Burns Youngs is with us always, having been only a few days ago reappointed by Mayor Cotterill for another three-year term as superintendent of the water department.

Mayor Byron Phelps, way back in '95, started the ball rolling. The city had just taken over the water business after a strenuous campaign and launched forth on its first municipal ownership enterprise.

Picks Youngs for Job

The opposition had freely and generously predicted the town was dead sure to go to the eternal bow wows as a result, and Phelps was anxious to find some chap who could bear up under the water-load without spilling it and getting the whole administration wet.

Youngs was in the contracting business at the time—had been ever since locating in Seattle in 1883—and was doing rather well, too.

L. B. Youngs

"What do you know about water?" Phelps asked Youngs one day, casual like.

Know Water? Well! Did He?

Youngs opined he knew several things about it. Knew it was something they put under bridges and the oceans were full of it. Knew that chemists called it H20, boozeologists spoke of it as "chasers," and dairymen passed it off as milk.

He told the mayor several other things about water, and Phelps sighed with relief as he mopped up the beads of water that had gathered upon his brow, stroked his beard contentedly, and said:

"Tag, you're it."

On the Job for 19 Years

And Luther Burns has now been water superintendent for 19 years consecutively. The city had 30 or 40 miles of pipe when he started. Now it has over 500.

During the past year, the gross earnigs of the plant were approximately $800,000 and Seattle enjoys the lowest water rates on the coast, it being one-fourth what the folks down in Frisco have to pay.

After Mayor Phelps came Mayor Black, then Judge Wood, then Humes, then Ballinger, and Moore, and Miller, and Gill, and Dilling, and Cotterill. There were republicans and democrats and prohibitionists and standpatters and progressives—every variety of mayor imaginable.

Transferred Water Supply

They came, appointed Youngs, and went. It has got so now that a mayor would just as soon think of refusing his salary as bouncing Youngs.

It was Youngs who superintended the job of transferring our water supply from Lake Washington to Cedar river, and that wasn't a small affair, either.

A lot of folks had got so used to the bugs and bacteria and the other microbes Dr. Crichton knows by their first names that they actually raised an awful howl against passing the old favorites up for the Cedar river article.

Carries a Double Duty

Next came the municipal light plant. Youngs was made superintendent of that, too. He carried the double duties of the light and water department until 1910, when they were separated, and Youngs was left in control of the water department.

Next March we're going to have another mayor, and he'll be followed by many others.

And you can bet the Smith building against the courthouse that Luther Burns Youngs will be water superintendent as long as he wants to be.

Youngs, you see, is the only example of a fellow who has water on the brain and gets paid for it.

Our Daily Animal Story
NO, MR. HIPPO DOES NOT SWEAT BLOOD

A popular theory in regard to the hippopotamus is that it sweats blood. Circus men advertise the animal as the "blood-sweating behemoth." The fact is, the hippopotamus exudes from its pores a pink, oily substance which keeps its skin in condition. Instead of sweating blood, it would be more proper to say that the hippopotamus carries its own cosmetics.

A curious thing about the hippopotamus is that he can close both his ears and his nostrils as well as his eyes. These organs are so located on the head that they can be the only part of Mr. Hippo out of water in case of necessity, which renders him practically invisible.

Best modern outside rooms, 25c to 50c. Stewart House, 86 West Stewart.—Advertisement.

PAPE'S DIAPEPSIN DIGESTS FOOD WHEN STOMACH CAN'T—IT'S GREAT

STOPS INDIGESTION, SOURNESS, GAS AND DYSPEPSIA IN FIVE MINUTES

If you feel bloated after eating, and you believe it is the food which fills you; if what little you eat lies like a lump of lead on your stomach; if there is difficulty in breathing after eating, eructations of sour, undigested food and acid, heartburn, brash or a belching of gas, you need Pape's Diapepsin to stop food fermentation and Indigestion.

It neutralizes excessive acid, stomach poison; absorbs that misery-making gas and stops fermentation which sours your entire meal and causes Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Biliousness, Constipation, Griping, etc. Your real and only trouble is that which you eat does not digest, but quickly ferments and sours, producing almost any unhealthy condition.

A case of Pape's Diapepsin will cost fifty cents at any pharmacy here, and will convince any stomach sufferer in five minutes that Fermentation and Sour Stomach is causing the misery of Indigestion.

No matter if you call your trouble Catarrh of the Stomach, Nervousness or Gastritis, or by any other name—always remember that relief is waiting at any drug store the moment you decide to begin its use.

Pape's Diapepsin will regulate any out-of-order Stomach within five minutes, and digest promptly, without any fuss or discomfort, all of any kind of food you eat.

Take Advantage of These Reduced Prices and Buy on Credit at the Eastern's

Big Reconstruction Sale

Everything throughout the store has been underpriced in an effort to reduce the stock before the time arrives for us to move into our new quarters.

Of one thing you may be certain—the stock is all fresh and clean and thoroughly authentic as to style and materials, besides, purchasers may make use of our easy payment plan, notwithstanding the low prices that everywhere prevail.

One-Quarter Off on All Bradbury Winter Overcoats

Substantial Reductions on Bradbury Clothes

Some of the neatest and most attractive patterns in the entire store, selling regularly at from $25 to $37.50, are now offered at reductions ranging from one-quarter to one-half the prices at which they were formerly sold. The sizes run from 34 to 44, giving a wide choice from which to select. Prices begin at

$15

and it is doubtful if you will have another chance this year to get such values in thoroughly well-made, dependable clothing. It will pay any man to have a look at them now and make a selection while the prices are so reasonable.

Women's Apparel Specially Priced

Winter Coats for Women and Misses in both full and three-quarter lengths, made from popular materials and in attractive patterns, may be bought during the sale, on credit, at the very special price of $14.50.

Also a group of Women's Suits, in plain and fancy tailored effects, representing a wide range of choice materials, and well made in every particular, are now marked $16.50.

In fact, substantial reductions will be found throughout the entire line.

Everything on Credit

Our simple and dignified plan of opening charge accounts permitting customers to pay a little now and a little later is a convenience that will be continued throughout the sale. In fact, the present reduced prices are as much for the purpose of interesting new patrons in our credit system as they are to reduce the stock preparatory to moving. If you have never tried it before, this is a good time to get acquainted with the plan and the store.

Make a Saving on Shoes

Some worthy reductions have been made in the Shoe Department. For instance, you can now buy $5 Patent Leather Shoes for $2.95, which means a clear saving of $2 to you. The $3.50 kind are now marked $1.95, and are splendid value at this extremely low price.

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