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First of All Things.

Plutarch said to the Emperor Trajan: "Let your government commence in your own breast, and lay the foundation of it in the command of your temper and passions." Here come in the words self-control, duty and conscience.—Sunless.

Lignite in Syria.

Coal, in the ordinary sense of the word, does not exist in Syria, but there are beds of lignite containing traces of vegetable organisms. The principal beds are in the Metru; that of Cornaell, which has been worked; and in the district of Jezzine, those of Niha and Haitour to the east of Sidon. This is very extensive but shallow and close to the surface. At Jezzine amber, yellow and black, is abundant.—Christian Science Monitor.

Maybe Right.

A lion tamer who bought liquor from a bootlegger stated afterward that whisky was a necessity for one of his calling. At that there may be something to his argument. We can't imagine a stone-sober man deliberately walking into a cage of lions.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

To get the trend of affairs one needs not to keep his eyes on the headlines of the metropolitan press; but rather keep his ears to the ground and his feet on the ground. Some would have us believe that the profiteer, that mysterious personage or corporation, whom nobody has been able to tag or even to locate, is about to take the world by the tail and run away with it. There's only a grain of truth in that. Some would have us believe the Bolshevik, that mysterious personage in boots and ambushed in whiskers, is about to take the world by the tail and burst it against a tree. There is only a grain of truth in that. For there is no danger in a handful of Bolsheviks—there is only danger in the probability of so many like you and me letting that fool Bolshevik put his fool ideas into our heads. The more we talk about him the more the thoughtless fellow everywhere will look into the rabid claims of the Bolshevik. Forget him. Ridicule him out of existence.

Some would have us believe that the whole fabric of Western Civilization is about to tear—to split like the hide of the locust. No so. The Occident will no more succumb to the civilization of the Orient with all its teeming millions than the sun will set in the North tomorrow. Let these foolish notions alone, and let us all get down to doing a bigger day's work, a more productive day's work, earning more and saving more—and all will come out right in the wash.

Various and sunny foolish schemes of regenerating the world, "saving the nation," etc., will appear and be given attention in the coming election. Favorite steeds are being groomed for the race, and straw votes, selective primaries, and what-not are being put forth. Our prediction is that a "dark horse" with good "horse sense" will be the candidate for each of the big parties, and that good sound American common sense will prevail at the polls.

Let's all let the band wagon alone, let the water-wagon question rest, and get behind the old dray-wagon of production and go over the top with our so-called reconstruction era with a vengeance and a vim. That's the American way.

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Material Has Many Advantages Over Any Other Used in the Making of Those Articles.

Zinc is being introduced and made rather extensive use of at the present time in the manufacture of stencils, as a substitute for other metals and paper. Not only is zinc the only material that does not stretch and buckle in continuous use, but it has several other important advantages.

The cutting and making of paper stencils involves the same skilled work as a stencil made of zinc, and a zinc stencil will reproduce ten thousand copies. Zinc retains its flat shape indefinitely. Another feature that recommends zinc's use is the low cost of producing the finished stencil, the metal possessing qualities that permit stamping as many as one thousand stencils in one operation.

When the manufacturer realizes the economy and value of zinc stencils as compared with others it will mean vastly increased demand for that metal. Stencils form the background of almost every manufactured article from laces to showcases.

Negotiations now are being carried on to supply Japanese producers with zinc stencils for use in stamping silk designs to replace the slower and more expensive hand methods now in vogue.

New British Wheats.

Sir Daniel Morris stated at the last meeting of the British association that as a result of the recent plant-breeding work done by Biffen, at Cambridge, new wheats have been grown over extensive areas in eastern England, yielding crops at the rate of 50 to 60 bushels per acre, and even 77 bushels in the case of one area of 27 acres. The average yield in England is 32 bushels per acre. Besides being more productive, the new wheats are less liable to disease and make better flour than the ordinary English wheats. In India, the Pusa wheats, developed by the Howards, will soon be grown over an area of 5,000,000 acres, and are expected to increase the value of the wheat crop in India to the extent of \$25,000,000 annually.—Scientific American.

Object of the Truest Artists.

It would appear to be the object of the truest artists to give permanence to images such as we should always desire to behold, and might behold without agitation; while the inferior branches of design are concerned with the acuter passions which depend on the turn of a narrative, or the course of an emotion.—Ruskin.

Curious Fact.
The people who are most accomplished do not always accomplish the most.—Boston Transcript.

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