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Australia is Getting Down to Foundation Principles

(By The Federated Press)

Sydney, New South Wales.—As a means of meeting the competition of other countries, the Australian federal government proposes to institute standardization. By this, it is hoped to cheapen manufacture by eliminating the waste entailed in producing unnecessarily a multiplicity of designs for one and the same purpose; to effect improvement in quality and design, and also in workmanship; to increase the measure of production; to reduce maintenance charges and needless variety of stocks; and to secure, wherever possible, interchangeability of parts as an aid thereto.

According to the Australian bureau of science and industry the keen commercial and industrial competition, the demands of labor for a higher standard of living, the desire to reduce hours of work, coupled with the policy of stimulating industry, are factors that make it urgent that the industries of Australia should introduce system into their methods of production, and properly organize their developments. An association of standardization has been formed—the initial work of which will be to collect and file all available information regarding the standards now in existence both in Australia and in other countries.

After that, it will be necessary to revise Australian conditions carefully, so as to ascertain as far as possible what standards are required.

STRIKE HURTS ROAD

(By The Federated Press)

Minneapolis.—For the first time in 23 years stockholders of the Great Northern railroad will receive less than their 7 per cent dividend, getting 5 per cent this year.

The Great Northern is one of the roads that has refused to settle the strike of the Federated Shop Crafts,

and continues furnishing board, lodging and armed guards to the strike-breakers at most points on the system.

SOCIALISTS WILL MEET

(By The Federated Press)

Chicago.—The national convention of the Socialist party will be held May 1, 1923, at a place still to be determined.

SCABBING IS GLORY

OF AMERICAN FREEMAN

(By The Federated Press)

St. Louis.—One hundred and two aliens appeared in U. S. district court here this week to receive their final citizenship papers. Just before the hearings began the applicants were lectured by Judge Dyer, the judge who told a group of applicants for citizenship about a month ago that every American citizen has the right to strike, but he has no right to attempt to induce another citizen to refrain from scabbing on him. Four of the applicants were refused citizenship because they had asked exemption from military service during the late war.

THE VULNERABLENESS OF

DIVINE RULERSHIP

(By The Federated Press)

Tokio.—Just as the czar's picture was not allowed on postage stamps in the old Russia, where it would be desecrated by cancellation, so members of the imperial Japanese family are guarded against humiliation in the new theater regulations. Princes and princesses will be permitted to attend concerts and theaters but will be seated in the balcony, or gallery so that the public will not be able to "look down on them."

The Colony Diary

Being a Daily Report of Colony Life at Llano.

Wednesday, Dec. 20. — As I sit at my desk, I can see the brick workers—Moline, Beavers, Chappel, Nelson, and Scharrer—finishing the first story on the long stretch of the north wall, 120 feet long by 16 feet high. They have already begun to tear down and move the scaffold to the south side. The new chute is in place for filling the brick kiln, and this job will have to be rushed in order to keep the brick work going on the new building. You see, we are selling and trading lots of brick as well as using it ourselves. Schuster and Wurfer at the blacksmith and wagon shop are about two of the busiest men on earth. They are now doing so much work for our neighbors that they are having to call for help to do our own work. Both these fellows are first-class workmen and real co-operators. They are also teaching two boys the trade, which is also the work of real co-operators. Jacques is about to finish his new cane stripper and since we installed the new lathe he and Belcher are as happy as clams. Ole started to the rice ranch this a.m. to prepare some work there. Belcher, W. Fread, and Vernon will start tomorrow with the two auto trucks, taking a load of lumber down. They will bring back a load of rice on their return. We expect to install our own rice huller this week if our plans don't miscarry. The saw-mill is getting out the lumber for the trucks to haul tomorrow. The carpenters are back on the dormitory today. Rechsteiner, Nash, Hall and Schmidt, with their usual bunch of kiddies. This new building will add greatly to our housing facilities. Jennie Conlin left for Marshall, Texas, where she goes to bring two more of the Jensen boys to Newllano to live. This will make quite a reunion for the Jensen boys at Xmas time. Landrum, Kenney, Darth, Shutt, Merrell and Cryer are cutting Japanese cane today. Lindsey says only one half of our syruo is made at this time. A car with 500 bales of rice

hay has arrived and is being unloaded today, and our "hossies" and mules can now hold an assurance of a "full dinner pail" for a few more weeks. Kling says they are still baling straw down at the rice farm. Rice! Say, we are selling rice by the ton, and why not? Unpolished rice is an excellent food, and people would rather have it than almost any other kind of starch food, when they are sure of getting it unpolished. A son-in-law of Mr. Nash, Mr. Pledger, and a friend, Mr. Cullen, both from Texas, dropped in for a few days' visit to-day. They came over in a car and report a nice trip. Tonight, the musical organization met at the school house and held a rehearsal. An attempt is being made to secure musical instruments to go around to all those who wish to join the orchestra and band. If you have a band or orchestra instrument that you have no use for, why not put it into the hands of some child who has a chance and a desire to play and render a social service to others? Also, if you have any old or new band or orchestra music you don't want, we would be glad to have it. It will be acceptable, regardless of age. What we want is instruments and music in order to teach our children and enlarge our family of musicians.

Thursday, Dec. 21. — A visit today by Mrs. Koepsell, from Milwaukee, was a pleasant surprise. She is the daughter of Com. Hoene, who was with us in California. Mrs. K. is on her way to visit her father and carry a report of what she saw at Newllano. The south wall of the big building is on its way upward and the whole community is justly proud of the work our brick crew is doing. The cutting of wood for the boiler as well as general use is one of the big jobs today. Merrel and Hinckley are helping Demaree, Jones, Fischer, and Tackett get wood piled ahead, always looking

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THE HAND OF A FRIEND

We struggle through life, with its sorrows and cares
Before us its pitfalls, around us its snares,
And often the heart would adrift cast its load,
And leave it forever alongside the road;
Though many the shadows that meet o'er the way,
Across it falls often a hope-giving ray,
And the clouds disappear which so dark o'er us bend
At the magical touch of the hand of a friend.

It lightens our cares and it strengthens the weak,
The hue of the rose it brings back to the cheek;
The chords of the soul that were silent so long
It strikes with the notes of a wonderful song;
The grasp of a hand that is honest and true
Refreshes the mind like the Orient dew,
And it seems that the blessings of cycles descend
When we feel the soft touch of the hand of a friend.

O'er mountains and deserts we wander afar,
Our couch is a cot 'neath a pitiless star;
But there, even there, in the stranger's abode,
We dream of the touch that can lift sorrow's load;
For friendship 'twe hearts of the faithful doth bind
With the ties that forever unite human-kind;
With an ocean between us and home, we can blend
Our joys with the touch of the hand of a friend.

I would not exchange for the diadems of old
The grasp of the hand never sordid and cold;
It never betrays one for wealth or for fame,
In sunlight and shadow 'tis always the same;
How quickly disaster would meet us half way
If the hand that we love should desert us to-day;
For of all earthly things it is true to the end,
And we crown with our blessing the hand of a friend.

—George Armstrong, Eureka.

IDEAL HOLIDAY WEATHER

FOR VERNON PARISH

The weatherman has been on his good behavior and has served this section of country with ideal weather during the holidays, probably a habit that has clung to him from his boyhood days. Boys always have had an inclination to be real good about this season of the year for some reason or another. Well, whatever the reason, we appreciate the good weather and trust it will keep up a while longer. It's the kind everybody enjoys best. Look at what you have been getting, and what the prospects are for the next few days:

United States Weather Bureau Observers Station, New Llano, La.
Temperature for the week ending Dec. 30, 1922, inclusive.
Dec. 19—Max. 54. Min. 38.
Dec. 20—Max. 63. Min. 27.
Dec. 21—Max. 60. Min. 30.
Dec. 22—Max. 69. Min. 28.
Dec. 23—Max. 70. Min. 30.
Dec. 24—Max. 72. Min. 38.
Dec. 25—Max. 76. Min. 39.
Indications—Generally fair, but with the probability of local rains during the middle of the week. Normal temperature.

PLENTY OF FRUIT IN PROSPECT

The Agriculture meeting on Friday night, Dec. 22 was well attended and many matters pertaining to the farming and horticultural interests of the colony discussed. Volunteer work for orchard and vineyard is proceeding well, and seeds, cuttings and trees already sent in all lines. The demands upon the time of everyone are so exacting that it is a natural impossibility to do everything that might be done and in the interest of the membership should be done. But there is a limit to human endurance. There is work enough here for thousands of people and only a few hundred to do it. So the most indispensable jobs must be attended to first. As Mr Lindsey remarked: "We have always done the best we could under the circumstances and no one else could have done any better." It takes time and hard labor to establish and maintain a co-operative colony.

Avaricious institutions attract avaricious minds. In the commercial world, money is the decoy used to lure men to destruction.

CHRISTMAS LOVE LETTER

FROM MOTHER BLAIR

Christmas greeting to my dear comrades, one and all, of Llano Colony. My disappointment has been almost unbearable that I could not be with you in person this holiday season, but in spirit, I am with you every day. May the real Christmas spirit fill each heart and the coming New Year bring increasing strength and prosperity to our beloved colony. Looking forward hopefully, I am always, lovingly,
MOTHER BLAIR.

PICK TOMATOES IN COLONY

WHEN NORTH IS SNOWBOUND

When newspapers tell of temperatures registering eight below zero in the Dakotas, with a shortage of fuel in many places, tomatoes are picked in the colony, people are sleeping almost without covers on their beds, and the weather is as soft and balmy as anyone could wish for. It is true that the tomatoes are few in number, but enough to at least warrant the assertion. It is also true that the weather is of almost unprecedented warmth for this time of the year. But the fact remains that coats are discarded, fires are not built in the houses, and some few are even complaining that it is too warm—and this is written late in December.

How's the weather where you are?

PARK SUGGESTS NEW WAY

OF PLANTING PEACH SEEDS

William Park of Oklahoma, who sent the colony a bushel of peach seeds, suggests a method of planting which is unique. "I suggest my idea and experience in orchard planting for at least one year's earlier bearing peach trees. Plant every third row of the orchard with three or four seeds to the hill where you expect the trees to grow. When the little trees are up one or two inches high, leave one of them in the fall, transplanting the other two in the unplanted rows. Use a spade to remove the little trees, taking up the dirt with the little tree. This is a good way and a fast way and you will lose no trees. No roots are cut. You can bud or graft the trees in this way as well as in the old-fashioned way.

AN INTERESTING YULETIDE

PROGRAM AT LLANO THEATER

A real Christmas spirit prevailed and permeated every offering on Christmas eve at the Llano theater.

After the overture by the orchestra "Holy Night" was sung by the audience present. Freddie Tackett, Reab Baldwin, Evelyn Toble and Donald Sanger gave very fine recitations, followed by a girls' quartette, consisting of Nellie Kemp, Ruby Synoground, Doris Chappel and Mabel Synoground. Next in order came a highly interesting sketch by a number of the school children, entitled "Serenading Santa Claus," and played magnificently well. A real live Santa Claus came down the chimney and distributed gifts with a liberal hand in the stockings hung up for that purpose. A quartette, composed of Messrs. Gaddis and Beavers, and Mrs. Toble and Mrs. Beavers, sang "Abide With Me" very well. Recitations by Rachel Jacques, Doris Chappel, David Lindsey, Mrs. Toble and Harry Bell were well delivered and very interesting. An instrumental duet by Max Beavers on the violin and Beulah Gaddis on the piano, was highly creditable. A rendition by the orchestra brought a splendid evening's entertainment to a fitting close.

MAKE A GOOD RESOLUTION

New Year's Day is the day of all days to make good resolutions. You believe in co-operation—help boost it all you can. The Dollar-Up Club offers you an easy starting point. Make a beginning to-day, and keep a-going till you make your home in Newllano.

LLANO DOLLAR-UP CLUB

DECEMBER

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| Mat Sunnen | \$5.00 |
| Frank Gayer | \$1.00 |
| M. W. Rapaport | \$2.00 |
| Napoleon Hill | \$1.00 |
| Dr. Robert K. Williams | \$1.00 |
| Dr. Cecil C. Williams | \$1.00 |
| Mrs. Minnie E. Pickett | \$1.00 |
| H. J. Hilliard | \$1.00 |
| Miss E. M. Van Schoick | \$1.00 |
| Henry Mueller | \$1.00 |
| Chas. W. La Rue | \$1.00 |
| Floyd C. La Rue | \$1.00 |
| W. D. Henderson | \$1.00 |
| F. W. Miles | \$1.00 |
| W. J. Glegg | \$1.00 |
| W. E. Patterson | \$1.00 |
| K. Chapman | \$1.00 |
| R. Schwarz | \$1.00 |
| Chas. H. Newman | \$1.00 |
| E. J. Pease | \$ 5.00 |
| Mrs. Rose B. Blair | \$1.00 |
| J. B. Mars | \$1.00 |
| Austin J. Nugent | \$1.00 |
| Francis D. Gayer | \$1.00 |
| Chas. Hook | \$1.00 |
| G. A. Farrand | \$1.00 |
| N. Cornu | \$1.00 |
| Dr. Mileta C. Walker | \$1.00 |
| J. R. Teel | \$1.00 |
| Paul R. Hennacy | \$2.00 |
| Morton B. Bartlett | \$1.00 |
| Universal Life Institute | \$1.00 |
| Mrs. M. E. McCreary | \$1.00 |
| Aime Quinet | \$1.00 |
| E. J. Hyatt | \$1.00 |
| Byron E. Winsor | \$1.00 |
| A. H. Moore | \$1.00 |
| J. Innes | \$1.00 |
| Mrs. H. D. Beals | \$1.00 |
| John Rohner | \$1.00 |
| N. L. Clarke | \$3.00 |
| Willis H. Alpers | \$1.00 |
| Wm. Gurr | \$1.00 |
| Fisher McCreary | \$1.00 |
| D. A. Hastings | \$1.00 |
| Charles Hallesburg | \$1.00 |
| J. O. Duckett | \$1.00 |
| William Gurr | \$1.00 |
| Willis H. Alpers | \$1.00 |
| W. H. Hazen | \$1.00 |
| Mrs. Bertha Hanson | \$1.00 |
| Milo Henne | \$1.00 |
| H. C. Schad | \$1.00 |
| Dr. H. M. Wilson (Dec. Jan.) | \$1.85 |
| C. A. Percy | \$1.00 |
| Victor Nelson | \$1.00 |
| George Bancroft | \$1.00 |

The Martins came to Llano to spend Christmas.

DePuy says to Coleman: "The Martins have come."

Coleman: "Well, we must get some iron boxes right away to put them in."

WALSH PRAISES RUSSIA

New York. — Praising the integrity and ability of the officials of Russia, Frank P. Walsh told the Foreign Policy Assn. that Russia is the "nation of great opportunity to all men of vision." Walsh, who recently returned from Russia, where he studied legal, economic, and political conditions, declared the new economic policy of the Russian government was entered into in good faith, and that business and industry is showing a rapid improvement there.

THE DEATH KNELL OF THE IRISH FREE STATE

New York. — The shot that killed Erskine Childers sounded the death knell of the "Irish Free State," said Maj. Michael A. Kelly to an audience which filled the Casino theater here at a meeting called by the American Assn. for the Recognition of the Irish Republic. The meeting was a protest against the execution of Childers, Rory O'Connor, and other Irish Republicans killed by the Free State. Bernard Halligan, the principal speaker, was recently released from a British jail in Ireland.

WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE?

(By The Federated Press)

New York. — The senators who prevented a vote on the Dyer anti-lynching bill are charged by the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People with being directly responsible for the "outbreak of barbarism, anarchy, and degenerate bestiality" in the four lynchings which occurred in the eight days following the dropping of the Dyer bill.

The charge, made in an open letter "to every senator of the United States," says: "The failure of the United States senate to consider this measure could be interpreted only as a license to mobs to lynch unmolested."

LAW AND ORDER?

(By The Federated Press)

St. Louis. — The Missouri State Bar Assn., in annual convention at Hotel Statler here, voted down, almost unanimously, a resolution condemning the Ku Klux Klan, which declared that "membership in an organization known as the Ku Klux Klan is inconsistent with the duties and obligations of an attorney at law."

LET PRISONERS GO FREE!

(By The Federated Press)

Washington. — Bishop Charles Henry Brent, formerly chief of chaplains in the A. E. F., has appealed to President Harding for the release of all remaining political prisoners. Dr. Brent is bishop of western New York in the Protestant Episcopal church.

THE LORD'S CHAMPIONS?

(By The Federated Press)

San Francisco. — The Lord's Day alliance has opened California headquarters in this city, with the intention of making Sunday blue in this state. Sunday movies and baseball games will be the first point of attack, with all other activities to follow.

THE CAUSE OF DISSATISFACTION

(By The Federated Press)

New York. — Farmers are getting too little for their products, and workers in the great industrial centers are paying too much for the necessities of life. Senator David I. Walsh, Massachusetts, told an audience here. He declared that unrest is growing out of the belief that personal liberties are being trampled upon, and that our government is no longer liberal.

THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM FOR POLISH MINERS

(By The Federated Press)

Warsaw, Poland. — All over Poland, the miners are on strike. The trouble started in Upper Silesia, where differences over wage schedules arose.

Boost Universal Co-operation by getting subscribers for The Llano Col-