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## What Say You?

Consider the school children. They toil mentally five days in the week, when mental toil is difficult and not at all attractive to one of their ages.

They have not attained that station in life where the value of an education is apparent. To them study is a hardship that is forced upon them by parental authority.

How then can we wake the children up and induce them to take a stronger personal interest in excelling in their studies? How can we induce them to strive to be at the head of their respective classes?

Honors in marking do not appeal to them as strongly as they do to the adult. The juvenile mind has not reached the point where it can appreciate to the full the glories of 99 of 100 per cent.

What, then, will appeal to their young minds? What will supply the incentive that now seems so often absent?

Prizes for excelling in study! Let half a dozen prizes be awarded in each grade each month, so that all will have a fair show in the competition. A single prize would not be sufficient. Too often it would be a foregone conclusion, and the incentive to excel would be destroyed.

Every child knows what it means to "get a prize." It is an event that overshadows many others with them. They will work for a prize when otherwise their inclination is for play.

It would cost a few dollars for our public school officials to arrange a series of monthly prizes, but it would be money spent to the very best advantage.

At any rate, the subject is worth discussing.

## Take it Seriously

Don't ignore the great calamity cloud that is hovering over Europe. It is a serious menace, and only a miracle can prevent the impending crash.

When a great structure is about to collapse people do not command it to stand by word of mouth. They bolster it up with the best means at hand until permanent repairs can be made.

Europe is in the position of the crumbling building. It is about to collapse for lack of adequate support.

The great need of the old world is temporary relief. Without it the governments and people can not reach the point of permanent improvement.

The international bankers of the world have laid down the terms upon which they will furnish the finances necessary for this relief—for read-

justment and reconstruction.

The governments, with one exception, have indicated their willingness to accept these terms.

France alone remains obdurate—insanely blind and stubborn—and without French cooperation nothing can be attained.

The French are holding a two-edged sword over the tiny cord that binds the future peace of the world.

Will they lower it in honor, or will greed, vindictiveness and stubbornness prevail?

## As the Editor Sees It.

We often hear people remark that "it makes no difference what others think."

But it does make a difference.

This town is a collection of people. This state is a collection of cities and towns and the surrounding countryside.

This country is simply a collection of sovereign states welded together in a single and central government for their own protection and advancement.

The government is dependent upon the states, and the states are dependent upon their cities and towns and countryside, and the latter are dependent upon the people who compose their respective populations.

And there you have it—an endless chain of dependence one upon another.

Does it make a difference "what other people think?"

In Russia under bolshevik rule a man must work with his hands, fight in the army, or do without food, according to a metropolitan newspaper.

It would never do to apply such a law in this country. It would deprive a majority of the mollycoddles of rich men of the privilege of eating.

Keep your mind centered upon the motor bus. It is the logical short distance transportation of the future.

A few days ago Chicago was in the throes of the greatest street railway strike in its history, with not a wheel turning.

But the motor busses were called into service, and the mayor imported busses from other cities, and automobiles and trucks got into the passenger carrying game, and the strike rapidly assumed the proportions of a municipal lark. Everybody was "getting there" regardless of the strike.

That was too much for the traction officials—likewise for the strikers. They compromised in haste.

Motorbus transportation means an end to street railways, and traction officials, and motormen, and conductors, and fat corporations and dividends.

The motorbus can go anywhere, on any street, or on any country road where other vehicles can travel. The street car runs only on steel rails and its route is never varied.

If an obstruction impedes the passage of a street car it stands still, and the people get out and walk without getting their money back. The motorbus simply detours and takes its passengers on to their destinations.

It is coming, and to stay.

The most popular orator is the one who says the least and doesn't delay in the saying. He never tires his audience.

Some people are inconsiderate enough to become peeved when others appraise them at their real worth.

## Wise County Publishers Association

With the formation of Wise County Publishers Association, a new and better day has dawned for the newspapers of the county. From the formation of this organization the publishers and commercial-printers of the county will work in close co-operation instead of in fierce competition with each other.

And this in keeping with the times. The physicians are organized and agree upon certain rates and fees that are to be charged. The lawyers have their association, their rules, regulations and fees; the merchants are organized, and seek by close co-operation to head off dead heads, the coal operators are a unit, in fact, every line of business, to say nothing of labor, is organized. Herefore the publishers of the county were about the only "great, unorganized majority" which you read so much about, that one could locate in this field.

But from this time forward, they will work together instead of severally and separately, and it is a certainty that each and all of them will fare better.—Daily Progress.

Some people don't believe in paying others back in their own coin. They keep it, instead.

## HUMAN INTEREST STORIES

By BROWNLEE FRIX

## Helping the Helpless

When the war broke loose in Europe and before we were drawn into it, the bottom fell out of the price of cotton and all business came to a stop. A "Buy-A-Bale" movement was started and people who had money were asked to buy a bale of cotton at ten cents a pound and hold it, just to help the farmers. Those who did that helped themselves, as cotton speedily went to thirty cents a pound.

Trying to sell real estate at that time was like trying to start a fire in the rain with wet wood.

During the very hardest times, a real estate salesman stood in the entrance of a bank trying to figure out how to pay four hundred dollars of pressing obligations with seventy-five dollars.

Out in front of that bank was an old woman, wearing a cotton dress and thin shawl, selling newspapers at two cents each. It was a bad day in February. A cold Northwestern wind was blowing and it was sleeting. "She is old and I am young. She is weak and I am strong," said this bustling real estate salesman to himself. Handing her five dollars, he said to her, "You should not be out in this weather. Please go home right now and stay there until the sun shines." Then, before she could answer, he disappeared.

Within the next ten days that real estate salesman's commissions amounted to twenty-two, hundred dollars. He wondered and still wonders whether helping that poor old woman had anything to do with his unusual success. He went back to buy another paper from her and pay her fifty dollars for it, but she was not there; went day after day but she never returned. Many remembered seeing her selling papers in front of that bank, they had often seen her, but nobody seemed to know her name or where she lived. This is a true story.

Centuries ago, a weary Teacher desired to borrow a ship and thrust out a little from the land so that He could speak to the people. The Book affords us only a glimpse of that picture. Perhaps He did not get the first ship that he asked for; perhaps its owner said, "No sir, I am late now, I have a family to support and I must take the ship out into the deep and fish for a living. I need my ship." I imagine that I can see the little ship spread its white sails and lean to the wind as it goes out into the deep. I imagine I can hear them ask, "Who was that man who wanted to borrow this ship? He had his nerve!" I imagine that I can see them toiling, toiling, toiling with their nets, but with meager success.

Then a man said, "Yes, you may have my ship and I will take it out a little way for you so that all the people may see you."

"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draft. And Simon answering, said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless, at thy word, I will let down the net. And when they had done this, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their nets brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both ships so that they began to sink."

Jesus Christ calls those who are hungry and thirsty and naked and sick and in prisons, not unfortunates, but called Himself. Inasmuch as you have befriended one of the least of these my brethren, "ye have done it unto me!"

Does the Lord have business partners in this world? Does He help them in their business, because they help the helpless?

A great shoe manufacturer in St. Louis took a minister up on top of one of the factories. In all directions around them there were other shoe factories belonging to this man. He said, "When I was a poor boy, I made a vow that I would set aside a certain per cent. of the money I earned and try to do good with it. I have stuck to that promise when I needed money to enlarge my business. Just look around you and see what the Lord has done for me! Look at the factories. And they cannot keep up with our orders for shoes."

Thirteen years ago, a man lay sick in a hospital in Denver. His money was all gone and so was his strength. He was "down and out." In his extremity he promised the Lord that if He would give him back his health he would devote the balance of his life to the uplift of humanity. Did God Almighty make a deal with him? That was Colonel A. E. Humphreys,

the big Texas oil king. He makes money faster than he can find worthy places to invest it for the Lord. His oil wells are spouting one hundred thousand barrels a day, and his for-

tune is nearly a hundred million dollars. Mexia, Texas, where he lives, grew in one year from twenty-five hundred to twenty-five thousand people. Colonel Humphreys, like Andrew

Carnegie, believes that the truest philanthropy is the kind which helps others to help themselves, and invests large amounts in public libraries.

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