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\* \* \* A MORNING PRAYER Thou, Lord, hast not given all thy truth to me. Grant that I may seek it in the hearts of other men, for they are as close to thee as I can ever be. Amen.—M. S. B.

-Henry IV.

Wednesday at Rickwood Should Be Gala Day

ET'S all go out to Rickwood onstration as well as attendance.

It is good for men and women to be children now and then; to enjoy clean sport in the open as the young do. Rural America Is Losing Such recreation brushes the cobwebs from the brain.

We should go to Rickwood Wednestion of fun and frolic between busi- churches are stations."

children of men first began practicthrough the decades.

king of sportdom. Nothing compares was not always the first to quit. with it. Nothing draws such crowds.

other trophy to the many on Bir- low man. mingham's breast.

Pacific Coast Finds the Panama Canal's Usefulness

DIRMINGHAM cast iron pipe, pig iron and steel products have found their way to California in exists in Europe. Nevertheless, Gerquantites during the past 10 months many is responsible for about 30 per and especially since the capstone was cent of it. placed on the all-rail freight rate to ship products to the east through the

A cargo of oranges and lemons, coming through the canal, arrived in New York in prime shape and brought the usual price. The success of the initial movement has caused the engagement of additional cargoes. The raisin industry, whose profits last year were \$60,000,000, is looking forward to the movement of that vast and valuable crop through the canal. Portland, Ore., flour has come that way by the shipload to gulf ports and those of the south Atlantic for trans-shipment to inland points.

The fruit shipment is reported to have been made at a saving in freight of 50 per cent. We are not surprised at that. Birmingham pipe goes to the Pacific coast via the canal at a saving of one-half of the all-rail rate. sooid the high freight rates on rails comes from copper interests of the

Vindication of the inland and coastal give him something to do. waterways of the country has arrived. In connection with the Panama canal they have opened an entirely new vista. That prospect is too attractive and has been too firmly impressed on the minds of the people of the

United States to be again hidden under a bushel measure.

Ships on the big waters and barges on the inland waters are here to stay. what was done with the Rhine and a New York newspaper. the Rhone in Europe can be duplicated here.

Home Building and Soil Tilling Promise Well

THE first note sounding the passing of the industrial crisis and the harbinger of better times was the revival of home building. On its heels the first crop report of the season is a healthful one.

Building of homes is nation-wide. It is reported by the highest authorities to be as omnipresent as the housing shortage. The best of it con- 2,888,110 inhabitants, shares the fate sists of the building of homes of modest character, showing that the workaday citizen loves home as much as into the suburbs. his forefathers and that family altars are still sacred in the land.

and Wire company with regard to a place below Detroit, below Newark, crops is reassuring. In brief, wheat and oats are both doing well, pas- must share Petrograd's fate. Berlin, Against ill chances men are ever merry, tures are unusually rich and luxuriant like Paris, has almost stationary num-But heaviness foreruns the good event, and the season is from two to three weeks early. The south is particularly interested in the general agreement that cotton acreage has been reduced. This will serve to render if suburbs are added in one case but the large surplus from last season less of a burden.

are fundamental. The crops come first, because that is where life starts. Field on Wednesday. We should without the wares turned out by the rivals. carry our lung power with us so that mills and factories, but the soil must the opening game of the Southern be cultivated if we are to exist. When league baseball season will mark a the soil is being tilled and men are rank, replaced by mushroom capitals. new high record in enthusiastic dem- founding new roof-trees, a nation exchange rates are right or wrong.

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The Sturdy Circuit Rider THE circuit rider was a hardy and

li picturesque type. Once a faday because that occasion marks a miliar figure in many parts of the good-natured rivalry between cities in country, he is passing away, with his the Southern league for the trophy saddle bags, his tracts and his Bible. the news. The second look reveals a more as they go along." to be awarded the city having the The Methodist Centenary Bulletin fact which sheds a good deal of light largest attendance on opening day. says, "A recent study of the circuit upon what would be insoluble mystery Cities should not be content with the system in rural Methodism shows that production of their factories. The life than two points to a circuit and that

Conditions which made the circuit the inventor of baseball, were any ual life of rural America have largeone man entitled to the honor. It has ly disappeared. In his day and time "vineyard of the Lord." He may not ing their manual and pedal dexterity, have had much scholarship, but his wonderful team work that counts for Afraid of neither man nor the devil, All mysteries when solved are amazingly plain. At the end of one of Dr. the victory in the long run are the he endured hardships that would have products of the evolution of the sport daunted many of his city brethren, and if it were necessary to engage the mystery by deduction, but that he, Today baseball is the unrivaled in physical combat with a rowdy he

The rural preacher who went out It is in the open and each play is into the wilderness and wrestled with clearly in the vision of each onlooker. men for their soul's salvation has ap- was 8 years old he appeared in concert It is the great American exhibit of pealed to many writers who have immortalized him in their books. Like Let's go to Rickwood on Wednes- the country doctor, he lived a life of stein. Since then Hofmann has conday and be happy while we pin an- self-sacrifice and service to his fel-

men to earn their own living. Nothing

John Williams of Georgia may eventually acknowledge that a negro farm

there would not be so many perpetra tors of "free verse" running at large.

By not replying to Lansing's book, Mr. Wilson gives him no excuse to

write a sequel. If the British industrial crisis passes Lloyd George may have to look away from home for the next one. .

What Joe Tumulty doesn't know about the peace conference will probably fill the book he is writing.

Mohammed forbade his followers drink. Still, that doesn't account for the Turk's mean disposition.

ing's ability as chief executive by the

In the meantime General Pershing still waiting for a grateful country to

themselves for ever being afraid of the

America's foreign policy no greater pussle to Viviani than it is to Mr

The opening of the baseball season will bring a temporary forgetfulness of the readjustment period.

A circus giraffe sneezed and a smart The Warror has already shown that press agent got the story pu blished in

People dream of getting rich by striking oil, but selling gasoline to tired motorists is a surer way.

By swatting the Greeks the Turks

The usual bumper crop of brides is

GREAT CITIES OF TOMORROW From the New York World.

Census figures nearly complete show that the population of Paris disappoints those who expected a 3,000,000 total. The suburbs have grown rapidly to about 1.500,000, but Paris itself, with of London, of Manhattan and Lower Brooklyn. Business takes over residence areas and population is driven

Paris is still the third world city, but below it all is confusion caused by the war. Petrograd has dropped en-The report of the American Steel tirely out of the list of great cities to if suburbs are included. Vienna, hitherto following Chicago in fifth place, bers. Moscow, Warsaw and Prague have gained in size by their new importance as capitals.

Leaving Vienna with capital rank for the present, the great cities are New York, London-or London, New York, not in the other-Paris, Chicago, Tokio, Vienna, Berlin, Philadelphia, Buenos Ayres, Osaka, Moscow, Calcutta, Rio, Building homes and raising crops Glasgow. Two or three Chinese cities would find their way into this list if they had a census, and Detroit, Constantinople, Hamburg, Warsaw, Birwhere life depends. We can live mingham and Mexico City follow as

The censuses of 1920-21 will reveal even greater surprises. Ancient centers of civilization will drop a second The United States will almost certainly have more than three cities among the among other products, great cities of

THE DEAD DO NOT DRINK

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. That beer drinking in Germany has ing annually 750,000,000 gallons of heer less than their pre-war consumption. every American reader to look twice at trees and if possible to plant a few but for the illumination.

The population of Germany has de-A monument should be erected to rider a powerful factor in the spirithaven't a large beer-carrying capacity.

Doyle's highly mystifying stories the reader feels that the remarkable thing is not that Sherlock Holmes could solve

"DOES PIANO PLAYING PAY!" From the Argonaut.

Josef Hofmann was born in Cracow and he started in concert work when he was 5 years old. When Hofmann in New York and afterward he re turned to Europe, where he studied plane with Moszkowsky and Rubin tinuously appeared in concert before
the public—in fact he has been before
the public for 40 years.

To his intimates Hofmann still is
the boy, bright, witty and lovable. He

of the crop."

has a good word to say about every one of his colleagues. People often ask, "Does plano playing pay?" Well, Mr. Hofmann owns 10 apartment houses in Berlin, Germany which—before the late war—cost more than \$3.000,000. Hofmann maintains a winter residence at Aiken, S. C.; a summer residence in Bar Harbor, Me.; a chateau in Switzerland; a house in Potsdam, near Berlin, and a house in New York city. He has four speed launches in Bar Harbor and a dozen motor cars. In 1906 Mr. Hofmann married Miss Eusold and the apple of her father's eye Miss Josefa is being brought up in the country and her father says sh rides horseback like an Indian.

LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

Appendicitis can happen to a mar-but once. But it is different with marnowadays that a list of the most dis-pensable men in this country would number about 10.000 names.

You may have noticed that the man the next one.

We may not be shapely, and we may not be handsome. But, bless Pat, we are thankful that he haven't a snake shape and a sea lion head like the lads pictured in the clothing ads. All we know about salesmanship is

to let a customer alone, don't worry him, and don't hurry him. He'll buy if he looks long enough. There are exceptions to every rule. But hospitality is an unpleasant duty to most men.

When you consider the unlimited op portunities millionaires have to make fools of themselves, millionaires are mighty decent fellows.

The young fellow who is sowing his wild cats is enough of an optimist to believe that there is going to be a What has become of the old-fash-oned boy who had to fight a churn for two hours before he went to school?

The trouble with having your wife lose her temper is that she always manages to find it again. manages to find it again.

We have often wondered what people did for underwear before the magazines started carrying 100 pages of ad-

vertising All of the show girls are not on the stage. A lot of them work in depart-

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IN HOTEL LOBBIES AND ELSEWHERE

Advertised Birmingham

"We members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are not too modest to feel women and children throughout the been so difficult to secure new funds, the railroad investment and improve some pride in the fact that we have world, because of the simple, unselfish kent Birmingham on the map almost life which he lived while on earth. Since our organization four months ago" said Padli Smith, secretary. "First turing the fact that to the last he had tion of the industry, with its deficiency we made the entire country sit up and the heart of a child, and now I am to take notice when we asked for legislamay be helping to restore Venizelos to tion that would cause summary removal of sheriffs allowing mobs to take prisoners from them. Then our campaign for lower restaurant prices attracted

> received requests from other cities as the outcome of the Bir- his nostrils. mingham lead.

the map in a new place."

A Set of Happy Hoys

"There was certainly a happy bunch of boys in Birmingham Friday," said H. I. Brown, county demonstration agent and secretary of the agricultural department of the Chamber of Commerce. "When the 24 freckled-faced make the crops grow. boys of Jefferson county each Just because these two men, whose

busy about something; why not busy spirit of the boy alive. caring for a useful animal?

than likely that new sidewalks will be ably be cut down," said Arthur Greenwood vesterday. "This would be a seway to the heart of the city.

"What could be more beautiful or Charles Lamb. is an announcement which will cause in charge be especially careful of the

A Young Man's Town

"I have only been a resident of Birrecord of their bank deposits and the 11,000 or more charges have not more creased 4,500,000 during the period in one thing that I noticed right from the which the figures have shown a marked start, and of which I am indeed proud," decline in consumption of beer. Ap ex- said Lawrence Ackerman, a local insurthat is worth living needs an injec- nearly 51 per cent of our rural ample in long division results in the ance man, yesterday. "And that is the and colleges for a score of years climbed demonstration that where there is one large number of young men who take the hill to the rustic cabin in all the German less upon German soil 1662-3 an active part and interest in the ad- gayety and enthusiasm of their young

The high skill now involved and the zeal and earnestness were proverbial. not drink German beer in Germany. have several young men holding imporor any public spirited movement will tant positions in connection with it."

"If any one doubts that the bean bug is going to get in its work this season they might as well dissolve them, as the pests are already on the Job." says

tried various remedies last spring, but none did any good. I am now trying wood ashes in the hope that by an early application I may save at least a part

VAN RITTNER From the Selma Times-Journal.

One of the glories of our free insteam" whenever the occasion arises, enjoy almost everything that boys do. the limitation on freedom of speech except making a racket. Youth and being the peace and good order of the age have not much to do with years. You dulge in inflammatory utterances that terest in things and relish your daily of the peace. It is this barrier which of things,' and they are all very interwantonly trampled down in his speech who isn't satisfied with this world and children were threatened with isn't overanxious to leave it and try starvation.

the forbearance of the authorities, the his seditious advice to the minors to use any means in their power o get rid of those who filled their power in the cought to end his diabolical career in this state, if it does not ized him behind the hars. What adds to his moral turpitude and brands his conduct with the stigma of perfidy and dishener is act of tolerance and lenity on the par-

MEN. WOMEN AND THINGS

John Burroughs, though dead, yet lives in the hearts of thousands of men and

I had a story about Al G. Field, feawrite about another man whose death was close upon that of the great minstrel who was known far and wide be-

It would hard to find two men whose "First one thing and then another careers were so different in outward asseems to have given us prestige, and pects, but whose inward thoughts were cities asking how we came about, how through the great thoroughfares of this we were organized, and the like. There country as the premier minstrel of his from operations on a large tonnage becomes prerequisite that the are going to be junior chambers in time, while the stage was the breath of scale, but usually with a very narrow scale be first reduced,

Yet deep down beneath his fondness "The Bunn idea has already traveled for the excitement of the parades and far afield and placed Birmingham on the footlights in his subconsciousness was always the thought of the farm not as the passing fancy of a city man, but the love of the man to whom the soil was in the largest sense Mother Earth, out of whose bosom came the good things of the great God of providence, who sends the rain and the sunshine to

led his Jersey calf from the Donohoo deaths came so close together, are occubarnes each wore an almost sublime pying the "front page," I wish to talk during the first two months in the expression of pride and satisfaction. It about John Burroughs from the standwas a fine investment on the part of point from which I featured my friend. the Chamber of Commerce in raising Al Field, for verily he has what Bjornis this, and, in a way, the "child" in to care for the calves so that the dif- his books, that accounts for his wide apference between the cost and sales peal, for "if all the world loves a lover." price this fall will attest their ability it is equally true that everybody is in as cattlemen. A boy is going to be sympathy with the man who keeps the

"When Fifth avenue, north, is lighted books as works, because so much play up with a modern white way it is more went into the making of them. He has dependently from that of the welfare road system. gone out of doors in a holiday spirit, has put down and then the trees will prob- had a good time, has never lost the boy's relish for his outings. This is why the man behind the book makes the widest From, "The White Judge in Tutuila," an American house somewhat pretenrious loss to Birmingham, for the idea appeal, for I believe that if a census is, as I understand it, to light up could be taken it would show that he is may call itself blessed, whether the first fifteen. The factory is making. Fifth avenue so as to make it the gateliterature of life, not even excepting

more impressing to a stranger than to Those who had the priceless privilege ride into the heart of a city between of coming into his presence bear witness two rows of beautiful trees. I would that he was absolutely human in all that slumped; that the Germans are drink- suggest, if I may, that when the white he did and said, a born comrade, a deway and probably new sidewalks are lightful acquaintance as well as a philosplaced up Fifth avenue that the people opher and poet and naturalist. I think again and again sent their legal wives one of the pictures I like best of him is the one which shows him after winter's snow had whitened his locks riding with a lot of young people on a billowy load of hay; going to a ball game, at suaded the man to send for his old which no boy there enjoyed the game wife, and the girl in the case returned more, or knew the fine points better.

youths and maidens from many schools lives to get in touch with one whose "In other cities that I have visited, heart beat in sympathy with their every seems small save when we reflect that and more so in other cities in the south, desire. One exhuberant western youth German babies and young children I have noticed that the young men most wrote: "He is my great good teacher and and that they are included in the fig- always sit back and let the older men friend. He is more to me than Harvard ures showing diminishment of beer take the lead. But not so in Birming or Yale. He is the biggest significant

more than the letters which came pouring into the mall pouches for him from at home and abroad. Take, for instance. a little girl, who ,wanting to learn his attitude toward snakes, after writing a pretty letter, was thoughtful enough to metapnor and has become one of the flowers and purple tulle on the door expensive to be a celebrity." She might have added, and rather a trial to have to answer the many questions propoundrelation between the years in which they human beings. It's going some to be expected to be an authority on snakes for a little girl and on lions for a doctor.

In his seventy-fourth year he wrote to heart proved false, or the sentimental brate his seventy-fourth birthday: "Let fiction when the beloved one vamped a my age you will be as well and as young left him in the lurch, are without seeas I am. I am still a boy at heart, and tific basis of fact.

at West Blocton Tuesday. He told his hearers to go and get their jobs back any way they could, and to band together to drive the "scabs" out of Alabama. He declared he had no patience with any red-blooded miner who would sit supinely down and allow would sit supinely down and allow score years and ten who may read this will take a new grip on life if they have lost interest in living. But hear him again: "As the years pass I think my interest in this huge globe upon which deepens. An active interest in life keeps them clear. Wountain streams are young streams." would sit supinely down and allow Mountain streams are young streams; another to fill his job while his wife and children were threatened with starvation.

In the light of such an utterance the only thing that saves Van Bittner is nature and joy and contentment in the

quality of taking punishment without striking back, that prudence which is sometimes called the better part of valor. There can be no difference of opinion on Van Bittner's amenalility to the law. He is a flagrant councelor of violence, a defier of authority and his seditious advice to the minute to use any meansain their nowes a set of the control of the councelor of violence, and the councelor of violence, a defier of authority and his seditious advice to the minute to use any meansain their nowes a symmetric live.

I reckon if I had stopped here that nearly all of my readers would have been ready to utter a hearty amen! But I must finish the paragraph or faisify the testimony of him who had found the secret of keeping young, so listen: 'No excesses, no alcoholic drinks, no tobacco, no tea or coffee, no stimulants stronger than water and food.' Is it any wonder that after having lived up to such a proportion of the complete of

Franklir lis Barnell

THE RAILROAD CRISIS

From the Mining Congress Journal. become seriously impaired. Primarily. this is due to the unprofitable condi- the interests of labor. of earnings to meet operating expenses The 36 per cent rate increase allowed the railroads was calculated to insure carnings on the present capital investwhich all industry has been subjected margin of profit. An extensive conconsequently been recorded, with 400,-000 freight cars idle. The high cost of adjustment in the wage freight transportation has probably diin the short-haul districts of the east. Freight emanating on the Pacific coast for eastern delivery has also been diincrease to be an asset to the railroads come a liability. On account of the operating deficit sustained by the roads

fic can bear, but that the wage scale

year, it must be evident that not only

is the present rate more than the traf-

HE railroads are unable to obtain has been overlooked that the broad inadequate capital. Never in the terests of labor are served best by the history of the country has it adoption of policies which will insure without which the entire system must the railroad system. Conversely, whatin this period of deflation, the last rate charged with the responsibility under per cent of the tonnage is supplied by In the common interests of the railraw mine products, which are derived roads, the public and railroad labor, it verted from rail to boat via the Panama labor board realizes the acute situa canal. What was calculated in the rate tion confronting the roads and the ne has under existing circumstances be- national adjustment boards, in order

was created by making the wage in- and are apprized of the facts upon crease retroactive. The rate increase which to make all necessary adjustcould not be made retroactive, and ments. Delay is the most serious menwhen made was not sufficient even ace in the railroad crisis. Prompt and with the heavier tonnage movement to decisive action by the labor board, fol-One of his admirers reports that he produce adequate revenue. The diffi- lowed by that of the interstate comoften says he can never think of his culty has been due largely to the con- merce commission, is required to presideration of the labor constituent in- vent further disintegration of the rail-

## SAMOANS NEED NO RENO

azine.

IVORCE cases, which come up often in Tutuila, especially to the test my powers of reconciling old and new; for, though desertion for one year is sufficient reason tual divorce without legal divorce is a home and took younger women into their huts. Under such conditions the man and his new mate were brought into court. Occasionally the court perto her family. She was usually soon well married to some one else and suffered no disgrace. Oftener, perhaps, the summoned couple refused to be separated, paid their fine, went back to their old ways and were summoned

nomic factor when divorce is the issue. The man was a strapping chief with some fellow, distinguished in the islands for one of his special treasures, father.

by Alexander Stronach, in Asia Mag- tiously built and well furnished. He did not sleep in it or use it in any way. but he cherished it as a sign of no bility, very useful to him in impressing both his neighbors and visitors to Ililli His wife had deserted him, he complained, and he would like his divorce before another week was out. From American house, these things will the law give your wife on the day she is

lustrates the importance of the eco- American house. He hesitated. He did not want the divorce that morning. He -his old wife had come back from he

HEART-BREAK

fact that heartbreak, the true emotional heartbreak, is rarely if ever due to sorrow. All those yarns you have come around very frequently. read about the maiden who pined and died of a broken heart when her sweet- ger is not quite as great as it otherwi

On the other hand the real danger in joy. The man who dies of a broken heart is the fellow who wins the capital prize in the lottery, who breaks the bank counsel violence, or provoke breaches bread. The world is 'full of a number stopped on the street and paid the \$10. owing for a year, that he has given up I hope those who have passed three pleasurable sensations should be dreadscore years and ten who may read this ed, not welcomed, according to Dr. J.

From the New York Evening Post. A prominent New York debutante recently ordered "four seats on the aisle" at the theatre. When her party arrived at the performance they were surprised to find themselves arranged in a column instead of a row. Nothing daunted, the debutante turned to a bored middle-aged man next to her. Surely he would not mind changing with her friend in front.

"I beg your pardon," she said politely. No reply. He must be deaf.

"I beg your pardon," she repeated ouder. Still no reply.

"I beg your pardon," she said, umping his elbow. He took out a pencil and wrote is programme: "That's my wife on the other

ne. Safety first."

A Jersey City applicant for citizen sere test as that were to be insisted on, he majority of us would be distran-

From the New Orleans Times-Picayune, emotions, especially pleasurable ones, TEARTBREAK is a reality. After and when the strain passes the narrow centuries during which that term margin of safety nature has allowed our has been employed merely as a cardiac organ a fiber snaps and it is staples of sentimental poetry and knob. We have not seen his explanamaudlin romance, it has been established tion as to why joy is more deadly than by science that heartbreak exists and sorrow or mirth more snappy than anger is a danger we should all beware of but we might surmise that it is nature just as of measles or mumps only we little way of being kind to makind. If it lasses from hero to heroine or heroine coal gave out or the gas bill came in

some children who were planning to celeme hope that when you have reached fellow who owned an automobile and at the proper moment to save us man Heartbreak was threatening and in order to quickly relieve the endangered fibers nature has brought on oblivion brain, quits "racing" and during the weak spell following recovery of consciousness there is insufficient em

strength to do harm. IN THE DELTA

William Alexander Percy, in the North American Review.

The river country's wide and flat
And blurred ash-blue with sur.
And there all work is dreams com
true,
All dreams are work begun.

The silted river made for us
The black and mellow soil
And taught us as we conquered him
Courage and faith and toll. The river town that water-oaks

And myrtles hide and bless Has broken every law except The law of kindliness. And north and south and east the field:

Of cotton close it round. Where golden billows of the sun Break with no shade or sound. Dear is the town, but in the fields
A little house could be.
If built with care and aspices,
A heart's felicity.

O friend, who love not much indeore Or lamp-lit, people ways, What of a field and house to pass Our residue of days?

We'd learn of fret and labor there
A patience that we miss
And be content content to be
Nor wish nor hope for blies.

For brother in the fields and every night the stars' cruss de Flashing to us their shields.

We'd meet, perhaps, some dusk as Turned home to well-earlied rest. Unhurried Wisdom, tender-eyed. A pilgrim and our guest.