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No Longer a Stepchild

The Interstate Commerce Commission has granted enough of what the western railroads asked to relieve them of the impression that the transportation systems of this country are the stepchild of the government.

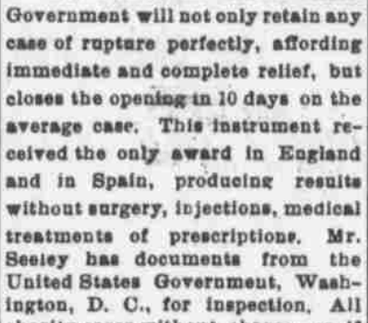
"The era of persecution is over," railroad officials are quoted as saying. "Persecution" is rather too strong a word. Railroad sins—they have been many—brought upon railroads generally the wrath and distrust of the public. This resulted in a regulatory policy in which the pendulum swung to an extreme. It is now getting back to plumb. Railroads themselves, through persecution, have learned wholesome lessons, and there is an indication now to win back the faith of the people by a greater conservatism in financing and a larger consideration for the convenience of travelers and shippers.

An era of better understanding is the consequence and a sense of mutual responsibility on the part of public and railroads promises peace and prosperity.

From the first the Post has protested against the blind indignation that visited judgment upon the guilty and righteous alike and made all to suffer for the offenses of the few. We have urged that the country should recognize the supreme importance of the railroads as the arterial system of its commercial and social life. Whatever their defects may be, the remedy does not lie in starving them. When we starve them we starve ourselves. It is gratifying to find in the Interstate Commerce Commission's recent awards evidence that this truth is realized.—Chicago Evening Post.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

Last night a burglar
robbed our house
Right in my room
he came
And I just wore my
'nightie—
I was over-
come with
shame.



RUPTURE EXPERT HERE

Seeley, who Fitted Czar of Russia Called to Madisonville

F. H. Seeley, of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, will be at the Madison Hotel and will remain in Madisonville Thursday only Sept. 2nd. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spermatic Shield as now used and approved by the United States Government will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, affording immediate and complete relief, but closes the opening in 10 days on the average case. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, injections, medical treatments of prescriptions. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States Government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. All charity cases without charge, or if any interested call he will be glad to show same without charge or fit them if desired. Business demands prevent stopping at any other place in this section.

Teach Honesty.

Mothers, teach your little ones when very young to be frank and honest; show them that almost any mischief is preferable to deceit and falsehood, and then, when they realize the value of truth, trust them. You have no idea how great an influence a mother's trust can be. The very knowledge that mother trusts them will be enough to hold the little ones back from any real evil.

Cannot Lose Real Good.

We cannot lose any real good. Friends pass from our sight, but our lives are the stronger and more beautiful for that friendship. Effort and achievement are forgotten, but the long-ago struggle and the victory won are armor for new contests today. Happiness lives on as sweet memories. Self-sacrifice abides as unselfishness. Whatever of good we have known, is ours as long as we love the good.

Work for a Candid Coed.

A professor in the economics department of the University of Missouri who was assigning subjects for papers to be written asked one of the girl students the other day what she was going to do after graduation. "I'm going to get married," replied the coed. "Very well, then you may write a paper on the high cost of living," said the professor.—Columbia Herald.

Man's Selfishness.

An aged German and his wife were much given to quarreling. One day, after a particularly unpleasant scene, the old woman remarked, with a sigh: "Vell, I vish I vas in heafen." "I vish I vas in a beer-garden!" shouted her husband. "Ach, ja," cried the old wife, "always you try to pick out the best for yourself!"

Then and Now.

"You must not be so quarrelsome, Willie," said William's father, impressively. "Remember that 'the meek shall inherit the earth.'" "Maybe they will hereafter," responded the young militant, "but around at my school they are used to wipe up the earth."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Fine Arrangement.

"The daily ration of a Japanese soldier consists of three little bags of rice and one of dried fruit." Fine arrangement. The rice keeps him alive and the prunes keep him angry enough to lick his weight in wildcats.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Friendship.

"Friendship," wrote Evelyn, "has in it something of all relations and something above them all. It is the golden thread that ties the hearts of all the world." Nothing is a surer indication of character than the sincerity and depth of one's friendships.

Failures.

Failing and being a failure are two entirely different things, and there are people who wring more success out of their misfortune than others do out of all the advantages showered upon them. It is not falling but staying down that makes a failure.

Daily Thought.

Seek not your life—for that is death. But seek how you can best and most joyfully give your own life away—and every morning, forever, fresh life shall come to you from over the hills.—Edward Carpenter.

What's the Answer?

"I'm looking for an honest man," explained Diogenes as he swung his lantern to and from. "Go to it," replied the cop on the beat. "But what are you going to do with him after you find him?"

The Surprising Part.

"I was surprised to learn that Bonehead had lost his mind." "What was there surprising about it?" "Why, that his friends found it out. That's what surprises me."

Aspen Wood for Matches.

Aspen wood is used almost exclusively in making matches in Sweden as it is easily cut and porous enough to be readily impregnated with sulphur or paraffin.

Quite Natural.

It is a curious thing that the country which invented the "quick lunch" also prides itself on the scientific study of foods and their digestibility.—London Spectator.

Easy to End Dissension.

Much of our dissension is due to misunderstanding, which could be put right by a few honest words and a little open dealing.—Black.

Not in All Respects.

"I hear that they belong to the early settlers." "Well, you wouldn't think so if you could see the bill collectors climbing their front steps."—Judge.

Dwt.

The letters "dwt," found in the table of weights and measures, stand for a pennyweight: Denarius-weight.

Dulling Conscience.

Commit a sin twice, and you will think it perfectly allowable.—Talmud.

ROBINSON'S --SHOWS--

Coming to Madisonville, Ky.

Mammoth enterprise will pitch tents in Madisonville in the good old Summer time. August 31st is the date fixed when the streets will be crowded with not only city people but people from miles around. The county swain will be on deck to buy his "yellow-haired, freckled-face" steady and usual amount of "red lemonade and circus peanuts," for it will be circus day. The Robinson Famous Shows will pitch its tents here for one day, and the small boy will set up all all night to see the show come in. Next day he will be in evidence around the grounds looking for a chance to carry water to elephants in order to get a free pass. The sedate business man will have a well disguised shiver of anticipation, and when he is found wending his way to the show ground will excuse himself by saying, "I didn't care about the show, but the boy wanted to come." Oh, no, he did not care about the show. Children come in handy occasionally to lay things to.

The rural residents will have figured out long in advance that the 31st day of August is just the day that he has important business at Madisonville. But what's the use? We'll all go, so hurrah for the circus!—Adv.

Labor's Rising Cost

Vice President Worthington, of the Southern Pacific, presents some interesting statistics on the rising cost of railroad labor in the current number of the Railway Age Gazette. He shows that in 1904 labor received 58.73 percent of the total railway income divisible between capital and labor, whereas in 1914, ten years later, it received no less than 66.08 percent. Capital on the other hand, received 41.27 percent in 1904, while in 1914 it received only 33.96 percent. Furthermore, while capital's share of the income relatively decreased during this period and labor's was increasing, capital's investment in railways increased 57.13 percent, or from $11,511,537 181 to $16,986,697,840, while the number of employes increased only 30.81 percent, or from 1,296,121 to 1,695,483.

The return to capital in 1915 represents only 2 17 percent on the railway investment, whereas in 1904 this return was 4.99 percent.

For a Sprained Ankle

If you will get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and observe the directions given therewith faithfully, you will recover in much less time than is usually required. Obtainable everywhere.

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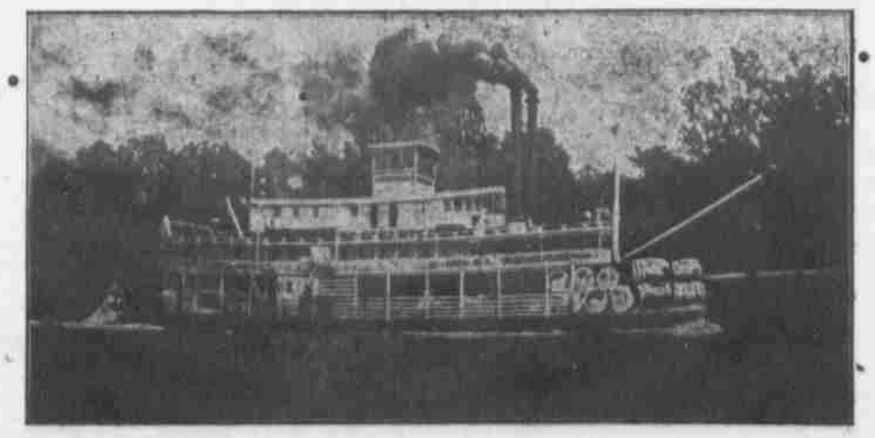

Green River Steamer That Goes to the Mammoth Cave