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CARL GLEESER—Editor.

This issue of The Llano Colonist closes the first year of its work in Llano's Louisiana Colony.

As stated in the first issue, one year ago, the Llano Colonist was born to grow. This it has done in both size, quality and circulation.

Published as a four-page paper; it has doubled its size.

The quality is also quite as good. The addition of the Federated Press Service has enabled The Llano Colonist to become a real progressive newspaper, giving without capitalistic coloring or party humbuggery, the untarnished news from the world's working class centers.

The circulation of The Llano Colonist has been set for 100,000. Mechanical arrangements at the Colony printshop are being made so that, with some extra help which is now needed in the way of skilled printers, the goal of 100,000 circulation can be reached.

This, of course, depends largely upon our friends. We can only provide the best weekly paper it is possible to make. WE CAN do it. We believe we are doing it now, but we can do better, and we will soon. But the matter of advertising The Llano Colonist is up to YOU. Thousands would read about Llano and be glad to get the news of Llano if you would introduce them to The Llano Colonist.

YOU do your share, and we will do OURS. That's practical co-operation. Do this every week, and we will have a splendid story to tell you next May Day.

In the face of the fact that the bituminous coal operators have publicly refused to confer with the representatives of the organized bituminous miners on wages, "Coal Age," their propaganda organ, has the unblushing effrontery to flood newspaper offices with printed statements that the operators are willing to confer and that the wages must come down to reduce the price of coal. Piratical profiteering must stop; that's what will have to be done and deliberate falsifying of facts will no longer camouflage the shameless robbery of the public by the coal operators and coal dealers.

Roger W. Babson, who is credited with getting \$1,600,000 a year for his

advice, from the plutocrats, apparently has been selected by his employers as their chief propaganda agent to prepare the people for the next raid upon their industry. The masters of industry must have cleaned up on their deflation haul about all there was to be had, and according to Babson's statement have had their thinking caps on for some time and intend to spread their spider's web of debt-enslaving credit anew abroad to catch the unsophisticated producers and absorb their new substance as of yore. But what else can happen as long as people absolutely refuse to dig down to the bedrock of piratical, parasitical financiering, cast the glamour of the gold-standard superstition out of their minds and gain an understanding of the fact that the people in general produce their own so-called capital contemporaneously while at work and through mutual exchange. While the different individuals and groups are at work at their speciality, they require the products and services of one another and thus support each other, and this is the actual capital that sustains and maintains industrial activity. So-called financiering is a camouflaged flim-flam bunco game to pull the wool over the eyes of the working bees in the industrial hive while the slick financial drones abstract the honey. Babson, unwittingly lets the cat out of the bag when he points out the difference between usury-exacting bonds and stocks. Those who get interest via wealthy and absorb gradually all the property of the country, while those who pay interest are left to hold the bag. Go to it, Roger. You will probably delude a lot of people, but some of us fellows can read between the lines and appreciate enlightenment thus gained. Thanks!

The plutocratic coal operators are flooding the country with misleading propaganda to prejudice the people against the bituminous coal miners now on strike, because the law-defying operators refuse to meet them to arrange a new wage scale on the basis of collective bargaining. The public ought to be well up on the character of these gentry. The extortionate prices that they have had to pay for fuel right straight along must be charged chiefly to the extortionate profiteering

Scientific Thinking vs. Mental Self-Stultification

Mental Science is studied in Llano Colony with special reference to and in the interest of co-operative colonization. Everything that is relevant to the special objects of the Colony is a proper subject for consideration in the mental science classes here; but anything that is irrelevant and is calculated to divert the energies, mental and physical, from the solution of practical Colony problems is consequently a definite loss of time and energy that can more profitably be utilized in something that will advance the practical realization of the Colony's ideals.

The way of getting to know the processes of natural phenomena and their beneficial utilization in the interest of people is scientific thinking, while the memorizing of beautiful phrases and enticing speculations by no stretch of the imagination can be placed in the category of scientific thinking. When this distinction is clearly kept in mind, the emphasis placed upon giving undivided attention to the solution of the economic problems of the Colony will be more fully appreciated. Only upon the foundation of such a scientific, just, and genuinely humanitarian solution of the economic, the broad and better problem, is a truly broad and comprehensive culture and civilization possible. A so-called broad culture that disregards the righteous solution of the economic problem is a snare and a delusion, deliberately designed to entangle human flies in its sophistries to prevent them from giving the absolutely necessary attention to the every-day problems of finding the best possible ways to living here and now.

It was for the purpose of diverting the attention of the people from their real interests and their reciprocal duties—from the objects and rights of social life, and the true principles of the administration of public affairs, here and now—that recourse was had to all kinds of chimeras, sophistries, creeds, and superstitions of countless diversity. And anything and everything whatsoever that diverts attention from the here and now and from the only genuine process of getting to know and learning to understand the problems that confront us and the methods

proclivities of these forestallers of nature's bounty that ought not to be longer tolerated to claim as their own personal property what from the standpoint of natural right ought to be dealt with as the common property of the whole people. The miners advocate nationalization of the coal mines so that the common people can get their fuel in winter at labor cost. The superfluous, interloping operators should be ousted.

The New York Stock Exchange has sent this paper a list of its members and firms and requests us to give them gratuitous publicity so that lambs may present themselves to be shorn by these assumed reputable firms. It would never do to be shorn by curb brokers.

The exchange members having paid their good money for a membership, alone are privileged to fleece suckers. I never could get it through my noodle why the police will grab newsboys and other small fry who play craps and penny ante, while the big gamblers of the stock exchange go unmolested and have all the credit privileges that the banking laws make possible and productive industry and agriculture are left to languish and perish.

If you have been afraid to go out in the woods and enjoy the wonderful perfume and aroma of the countless flowers scattered everywhere, because of fear of poison ivy, you can now fearlessly go forth and enjoy that recreation in forest and glen to your heart's content. It has been found that the effects of poison ivy can be neutralized and averted any time within eight hours after the hand or face have been touched by the plant, by bathing the infected spot with gasoline. The gas dissolves the poison deposited on the skin, and no after-effects are felt. As soon as the itching makes itself felt the gasoline should be applied. Poison ivy grows three leaves to each cluster, either as a vine or shrub and may be avoided by watching out for it. However, when infected, use gasoline.

Colonist Ed. Merrill is quite a genius; strikingly demonstrated by a most excellent periodical produced by his nimble fingers and alert brain, and circulated among the colonists. He has named it "Fun," and it surely is very humorous in a most delightful way. Letters and pictures are all drawn by hand and evince considerable talent. He takes a sly dig at some of his fellow workers in his drawings, but realizing his good-natured raillery, it is all taken in good part. Go to it, Ed.

Permitting others to think, pray, or vote for you is slavery.

of their real, lasting, and final solution, should be avoided for the time-being. Only as the true causes of their misfortunes are understood by a people, can the natural remedies be found and applied.

Baron D'Holbach, in "Good sense," realized the difficulties of scientific thinking when he says:

"Blinded by error from their very infancy, restrained by the invisible bonds of opinion (prejudice and superstition) overcome by terrors [the terrors of an ecclesiastical hell and governmental threats of violence], their faculties blunted by ignorance, how should the people know the true causes of their wretchedness?"

"People [have been taught to] impute to themselves the disasters that daily befall them. If nations sometimes feel the strokes of convulsed nature, their bad governments are but too often the immediate and permanent causes, from whence proceed the continual calamities which they are forced to endure.

"Negligent, ambitious and perverse princes [government officials] are the real causes of public misfortunes. Useless, unjust, reiterated was depopulate the earth. Encroaching and despotic governments [plutocracies] absorb the benefits of nature. The rapacity of courts [bankers] discourages agriculture, extinguishes industry, produces want, pestilence, and misery. Heaven is neither cruel nor propitious to the prayers of the people; it is their proud chiefs [exploiters] who have almost always hearts of iron."

I have quoted Baron D'Holbach to furnish the students an indication of part of the problem. No one would expect to find a correct solution of a mathematical problem unless every item of that problem was included and the proper method employed. In a similar way scientific thinking requires that every item of the problem be included and its influence in the subject matter definitely ascertained and given its just estimate and credit. Accurate thinking is an ability that is very slowly acquired. Knowledge can be gained only by patient, painstaking investigation, experimentation, and demonstration.

Psychological anodynes and encouraging suggestions can exhilarate the feelings and assuage pain, but they cannot and do not impart dependable knowledge for the removal of wrong methods in the production and distribution of the necessities and comforts of life, nor for the right way of individual living.

Wrangling with politicians or with ecclesiastics does not put right methods of social industry into practice. If we believe in equitable co-operation, we must put our ideal into practice, and not just hear people talk about it or "chin" about it ourselves. Only by practicing the right can the wrong be overcome and be eliminated.

"The universe is ruled by immutable law; Every effect has its corresponding cause; Like causes invariably produce like effects; Hence nothing happens by chance."

To use our minds in such a way as to get a knowledge of these laws and how to conduct ourselves in conformity with these laws, is scientific thinking. These laws are self-enforceive, and all the ills of human life are due to disregard of these laws. Pain and suffering are a notification from nature that its order has been outraged, and pain, want, inharmony, and disaster are the penalties inflicted. We are confronted by conditions and not by theories. These conditions must be studied, understood and dealt with intelligently.

I have been a resident of the United States for half a century now, and for over forty years have been an interested student in the subject of a solution of the economic and social problem, and have repeatedly taken part in attempts of putting right principles into practice; but until I came to Newllano I never before found a group of people firmly determined and successfully engaged in this task of overwhelming importance.

This mental science class in this particular lesson is studying inductive reasoning. Our reason is given us for ascertaining the laws by which results come to pass. The method of careful, systematic and thorough induction of generalization is the method of modern science, and connected as it is with searching investigation, experimentation, and demonstration it has secured to mankind all the wonderful achievements in modern productive industry. By applying the same method to human relations and personal affairs a scientific solution will be found for them and in no other way.

False theories are needed and used to justify wrong conduct. Let that sink into your minds, and you will no longer be led captive by the sophistries of plutocracy.

BY THE WAY

If you are in bad, to stay in only makes it worse.

He that is wild thinks that the whole world is wild.

What we think are necessities are often vile things.

Be patient, for there are many "guys" you can lick.

Prohibition has accomplished one great good—shorter banquet speeches.

Women who pay income tax in New York number nearly one hundred and fifty thousand.

The reason why last summer's bathing suit will not do is because it out of date—either too long or too short.

A new Italian airship will have an electrically operated kitchen capable of providing meals for 100 passengers.

The Russian Soviet Government is planning to fill German warehouses with goods to barter in lieu of trading on a gold basis.

As a rapid-fire pie-maker, Miss Laura House, of Maucotah, Kans., is believed to hold a record—twenty pies in 45 minutes are her figures.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers organized by eleven firemen in 1873 now has a membership of nearly 120,000.

An Ohio man has succeeded in breeding a tailless dog. But really he began at the wrong end. A barkless dog is the crying need of the age.

The world's largest shallow oil field is in Bossier Parish, La. Wells produce from five to five thousand barrels at four hundred feet and less.

Forty-eight dead, hundreds injured, and many millions of property, was the toll taken by a storm which swept through Indiana, Illinois and Missouri last Tuesday.

There can be no place where people live close enough so that they may assemble in large or small gatherings to sing the songs they like best, but that they are bettered by the effort.

If the Mosaic commands, better known as the ten commandments, were not intended to govern the actions of people, why were they brought down to us as a part of the Christian law?

At Amarillo, Texas, Lonnie Quine, 15-year-old son of Mrs. Quine, a widow, was accidentally electrocuted when he caught hold of a guy wire which supported a street railway trolley pole.

The Mayor of Houston, Texas, is a baseball fan with a punch! He has issued a proclamation calling on the business houses to close so that everybody can have the opportunity to witness the opening game of the season between the home team and Galveston.

Gradually woman demands her rights and gets them. She demands in America exactly the same status as man and will get it. This does not mean, as idiots assert, that she ought to be a fireman or a policeman. You might as well say that, because man is woman's equal, he ought to take his turn as wet nurse.—Arthur Brisbane.

At Magnolia, Ark., the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Cooper was instantly killed when he grasped an electric wire, while playing at the plant of the Consumers' Ice and Light company, where his father is an engineer.

The wire was broken during a wind storm which blew down the ice factory's smokestack and was left dangling, it was stated, when workmen rebuilt the stack.

The fight against typhoid fever in the U. S. is showing good results by decreasing mortality rate from 13.3 per 100,000 in 1916 to 7. in 1920. In

"We must have as big a navy as England" was the cry in Russia away back in 1850. Later Germany said the same thing. And now we are to be tarred by the same stick. Why should we be alarmed if England decides to spend millions on her navy? We can safely look on her folly and smile; because what we did in war preparations during the recent scuffle was the surprise of all the world, and we can do the same old trick again and do it quicker and better than ever, next time. But there seems to be so many people that want us to get into the game of building a big navy, and of spending our good money in foolish competition along that line. Better wait for a cause first. And, besides, we need the money.

This system of competition in big armies and a big navy was the direct cause of the downfall of every nation

\$12,000 TO SINGLE TAXERS

Mobile, Ala., April 18. — Henry Ford, Detroit manufacturer, and Mrs. Ford have donated the Fairhope Organic school, located at Fairhope, the single tax colony on Mobile Bay, the sum of \$12,000.

This announcement was made by Mrs. G. C. Johnson, founder of the school, who is touring the country lecturing on the Fairhope school work.

SEEK FREEDOM FOR

BILLINGS AND MOONEY

San Francisco, April 18. — District Attorney Matthew Brady, of San Francisco to-day appealed to Governor Wm. D. Stephens of California to free Warren K. Billings and Thomas Mooney from the state penitentiary.

Both are serving sentences for complicity in the San Francisco preparedness parade dynamiting of 1916.

Brady wrote the governor he believed both should be freed immediately.

DETROIT VOTES TO BUY

CITY STREET CAR LINES

Detroit, April 18. — The city yesterday voted 55,658 to 12,198 to purchase the city lines of the Detroit United Railways for \$19,850,000, the figure agreed upon between Mayor Couzens and stockholders of the corporation.

Louisiana it was 15.5 while the highest (22.4) appears for South Carolina. The mortality rate from this cause is a very important sanitary index as to the healthfulness of a community. As this is a filth disease, dead carrion being one of its fruitful sources, care should be taken that all decaying matter be cremated. Flies should be carefully screened from all food as they carry the infection.

The oldest horse in the world is named Clover. Thirty six years ago, at the age of 15, he retired from the trotting track and became the property of the Reverend Doctor N. Meyers of Catawissa, Pa. Dr. Meyers, too old to preach, can no longer afford to keep the horse, which is 51 years old, much younger than the Reverend Doctor. It may be necessary to shoot the horse. Everybody will feel very sad about that. What about the Reverend Doctor Meyers, retired on a pension of a little more than \$1 a day, after preaching all his life?—Arthur Brisbane in the "Shreveport Times."

Was man made for religion, or was religion made for man?

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WILL TRADE FOR COLONY STOCK.—40 acres of bottom land, mostly under cultivation, under Cottonwood Ditch, Cottonwood, Cal.; Five miles from town and three miles to railroad; best land around this part of California. Will take \$1500 Colony stock, balance easy terms.—H. A. Aaby, Cottonwood, Cal.

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FOR SALE—500 acres; 30 in cultivation; lots of good timber on balance; good house; two tenant houses. \$10,500 for all. — See G. T. Pickett, Llano Colony. 38

FOR SALE—102 acres; 32 acres cultivated; 2 good houses; 2 barns. Price, \$5,000. Close to Colony hotel. See George T. Pickett. 39

FOR SALE—200 acres near Pickering; 30 acres in cultivation; good timber on the balance; hummock and black land; good six room house with two brick fireplaces; a bargain at \$4500.—See Pickett Llano Colony.32

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