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COMMUNITY VOICE IS SPEAKING

THE voice of the community, represented by welfare organizations, is speaking in no uncertain terms in opposition to the plea of the Indianapolis Water Company for an increase in rates. Edward O. Snethen, president of the Federation of Community Clubs, is urging all civic clubs to take an active interest in the fight.

It is only when the voice of the people makes itself heard in unified action that results are accomplished. The time for action is now, not after the public service commission makes a new adjustment of rates.

We make the suggestion that all welfare clubs send to the head of the community clubs a record of their action and emphasize how many members are interested in its individual step.

By the way, have any clubs resolved the water company should have a revised scale of rates upward?

FISTS VS. BRAIN POWER

JACK DEMPSEY received a fortune—more than \$200,000—for sixty minutes of fighting on the Fourth of July. The Indiana teacher gives a lifetime to a noble work and is content if, at the end, he has paid off the mortgage on the home he leaves to his children.

The Indiana preacher labors in the vineyard for a miserable wage, and even the roof over his head is not his own, for he lives in his parish house by the grace of his congregation.

The average Hoosier toils for his family, his nose to the grindstone, content if he saves enough to pay premiums on a small amount of insurance for the support of his family after he has passed on.

"This is the very coinage of your brain," wrote Shakespeare. But the coinage of fists exceeds the coinage of any brain that has ever functioned.

HOODWINKING THE PRESIDENT

OFF the cool precincts of Alaska, President Harding breaks the benevolent news to 150,000 sweltering steel workers that the American Iron and Steel Institute has undertaken at his request to abolish the twelve-hour day "at the earliest moment that additional labor required shall be available."

Before leaping to your feet to cheer, pause and remind yourself that this is the same promise the steel millionaires have been making for a long time. They have added nothing to their statement of May 25. The latter statement was characterized by the Federal Council of Churches as a definite rejection of the twelve-hour day. These church workers have been investigating the steel mills painstakingly for years. They cannot be fooled by generalities. They would not have issued such a statement as that issued by the President, for they recall that two years ago, when there was an enormous surplus of labor, these same steel millionaires found excuses for deferring the eight-hour day. No, it will be time enough to cheer when they actually start treating their employees like humans.

SUCCESS EASIER THAN FAILURE

SUCCESS is easier to attain than failure, wrote Ed Howe, the retired editor and country town philosopher at Potato Hill farm near Atchison, Kas. Right, in a sense, for the road to failure is harder on us than the road to success.

Ed Howe's philosophy is that success, after all, is not so difficult. Trouble is, most of us waste too much time seeking an impossible short-cut to it instead of following the old reliable road map—hard work, patience, perseverance and common honesty.

One of our national weaknesses is a near-mania for magical formulas. We'll never be satisfied until we are able to cure any disease with one pill, have a pocket-size radio without batteries, and make life an endless period of prosperity without the traditional spells of depression.

Still, that's the right attitude in the sense that it's the only way we'll ever attain the perfections we crave.

American mentality does not admit that anything is "impossible"—except where it applies personally to the individual. If we had half the confidence in our individual selves that we have in our herd or social group, it wouldn't be necessary to talk so much about how to succeed.

To the ambitious, it often seems that life is an unending series of failures. Success is the sum total of these failures. This angle of the discussion is furnished by President Lowell of Harvard.

He adds: "It has been asserted by military critics that a nation is never finally beaten in war until it believes itself beaten. With not less accuracy, it may be said that so long as a man lives, he has not failed unless he believes that he has failed.

"The man who rushes ahead repeatedly into the same stone wall has the kind of head least likely to be affected by the process. He shows perseverance, but not determination to succeed. Wisdom consists in changing the method as the result of experience."

In other words, try butting the head against other parts of the wall until we find a weak spot, instead of repeating at the same point of attack.

The careers of most great men prove that success comes only after a series of failures. Abraham Lincoln in his younger days tried to be a successful storekeeper, at which venture he failed twice. Goodyear failed at thousands of experiments before he discovered how to make sticky rubber gum into a useful and usable commodity.

William James tried to succeed as an artist, then as a doctor, and wound up successfully as a psychologist and philosopher.

So it goes. When failure becomes chronic, it's often because we're attacking the wrong part of the wall—trying to succeed at the wrong vocation. For every person in the world there's some line of work at which he is certain to be highly successful. The job is, to find it. Instinct will guide us more accurately than reason.

Too hot to worry about Europe. We haven't even learned the names of all the new soft drinks yet.

The presidential race, which will be held next year, is in full swing right now.

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ALASKA'S FUTURE IN DOUBT

Harding's Trip Will Decide Important Questions for Territory.

RICHES ARE INESTIMABLE

Governor Scott C. Bone Will Welcome Presidential Party at Ketchikan.

By NEA Service
SEATTLE, July 7.—The immediate future of Alaska, territory one-fifth the size of the United States proper and possessing inestimable riches in minerals, timber and animal life, will be determined by policies to be decided upon by President Harding and Cabinet members following their personal visit of inspection and inquiry.

Following the landing at Ketchikan, Harding will be greeted by Governor Scott C. Bone and staff. The tour will start from this point.

One of the most picturesque spots in Alaska, the Metlakatla Indian colony founded by Father Duncum, will be one of the first places visited.

From there the party goes to Wrangell, and on to the little fishing village of Petersburg. Then to Sitka, former capital, where the President will see the old territorial capital buildings and the spot where the Stars and Stripes was run up in 1867 to mark the passing of Alaska from Russian hands into American possession.

Goes to Capital

The President then goes to Juneau, present capital, where Harding will sleep in the "White House of the North." Chilkoot Barracks, an army post, will be the starting point for Skagway, the "jumping-off place" for the famous Klondike rush.

The President and party then will cross the Gulf of Alaska to Cordova. A rail trip along the bank of the Copper river will be made to Miles and Childs glaciers. The party then goes to Seward, via Valdez, thence to Fairbanks over the Government's Alaska Railroad.

Chief among the problems the President hopes to settle as a result of his personal visit to Alaska are:

1. Whether complete jurisdiction over the whole of Alaska shall be vested in a single department of the Government.

2. Whether a colonization and immigration plan shall be put into effect.

3. Whether a specially trained corps of men to search out and report on mineral resources shall be maintained.

4. Whether branch lines and spurs of the Alaska railroad shall be constructed to extend its industrial usefulness.

5. Whether more liberal Federal appropriations for the opening of roads and trails shall be approved. A regular yearly appropriation of \$1,000,000 is asked.

6. Whether the fishing industry, now threatened with extinction by reckless exploitation, is to be checked and regulated.

7. Whether additional lights and assistance to navigation is to be provided.

8. Whether improved facilities for travel and commerce to Alaska shall be provided by placing shipping board vessels in the Alaska service.

From Seward the president will go to Fairbanks, traveling through a region of extraordinary scenic beauty. Near Fairbanks, Harding will stand on "the top of the world" and address students of the Alaskan Agricultural College.

This will be followed by an auto trip over the famous Richardson trail. The party will then return to Seward by train and return via the outside passage for Seattle.

Slap, Don't Swat

A woman in Cincinnati is suing her husband for divorce because he struck her when she had her hair bobbed.

Mrs. Ferguson, of the Oklahoma News, argues women should be allowed the management of their own hair, but she admits the public has some rights women should respect. "These rights," she thinks, "are trampled on when a woman wears over 30, with a face like a horse, persists in appearing in daylight with sheared locks" and 100 per cent increase in her ugliness. Also, "the fat girl, with a face like a full moon and a series of chins, is taking advantage of everybody who has to look at her when she flaunts a bob."

But why protest or ridicule or give a blow for the bob? Woman bows to the inexorable law of fashion, and, if it makes of her "a rag, a bone and a hank of hair," she stands by it to the last hair. If she is young and slender and lissome, she gets away with the bob and looks good in the getting.

So, bob or no bob, our cue is to love them. If we don't—well, see what's happening to the Cincinnati man.

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Hot Weather Child Feeding

You know what to feed your child during the hot months? Do you know what kinds and quantities of food a child between age 3 and age 10 requires. It not

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The Gimmes

By BERTON BRALEY

"Gimme, gimme, gimme!"
Hear the Gimmes as they shout,
"Gimme, gimme, gimme!"
With their fingers stretching out;
It's a universal passion
For the Gimmes are in fashion
With the great and with the small,
For the Gimmes are in fashion
"Gimme, gimme, gimme!"
Or I'll get it with a jimmy!
I am looking for a roll without delay;
Have I earned it? I should worry,
Can't you see I'm in a hurry?
Gimme, gimme, gimme! right away!"

"Gimme, gimme, gimme!"
Every nation does it, too.
"Gimme, gimme, gimme!"
Or I'll grab it off to you!
Though it means a heap of sorrow
And of war and hate as well,
Which may wreck the world tomorrow.

"Still you hear the nations yell:
"Gimme, gimme, gimme!"
Or my enemies will trim me,
Gimme! for I'm desperate today!
And the future? Hear my laughter!

I should fret about hereafter!
Gimme, gimme, gimme! right away!"

Though the future rather dim is,
This is plainer than your nose,
We have got to cure the Gimmes,
If we hope to cure our woes!
For the highest good in living
Isn't getting things, but giving.
So, I think it's wholly obvious to state,

That in seeking for salvation
Of the human population,
We have got to give the "Gimme Boys" the gate!

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Which are the five fundamental sciences?

Sociology, psychology, biology, physics, chemistry.

Where in the Bible does it say that a whistling woman and a crowing hen are abominations to God?

No statement like this appears anywhere in the Bible.

Are dogs eaten by any nations of the world at present?

The principal dog-eaters are Chinese, who keep the dog-eating dog for this purpose, and the natives of the Society Islands.

Can an American passport be obtained abroad?

Only in cases of emergency; a citizen who desires to procure a passport must apply to the Secretary of State through the nearest United States diplomatic or consular officer.

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