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THE UNITED STATES BEHIND IN ITS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

That the United States is behind Europe in general and Germany in particular in the matter of its industrial schools is the opinion of a learned German scholar, Dr. Homan von Schurman, who has just returned to Berlin from a visit to this country. He has been studying the industrial schools and is of the opinion that too much money is being spent in the day school and not of the opinion that too much money is being spent in the day school and not enough in the night school for the benefit of the junior apprentice.

"It is all very well," said Dr. Schurman, "to teach the small boy the elements of manual training, but experience has shown that this primary teaching, given prior to the time when a boy decides upon his vocation, has very little lasting effect."

"In six cases out of ten a boy will learn, we will say for example, something in the woodworking line, and when he has spent two or three years and has a fair amount of practice, along with a great deal of theory, he will go out and look for a position. He finds that it is possible for him to get into the iron working business, where he has a friend who can get him a place, but he does not know much about iron working."

"Now, it would have been much better to turn that boy out of school earlier, after he had finished his mental training, and let him get his position in the iron shop. Then, if he could get the benefit of an apprentice's night school, where he could take up the line of his chosen vocation, he could make himself far more valuable to his employer, and he would have a chance to rise easier and quicker from the bench to a more responsible position. He would apply himself more closely at school because he would be learning the theory of his chosen vocation, and he would appreciate that he was getting along faster than the boys in his shop who were plodding along content to slowly master what they could from their daily tasks."

All of which is most excellent food for thought for those who are at the head of our educational systems.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIVING.

This is the season of the year when Christmas shopping is the cry, when the idea of present-giving occupies the spare moments of those who are fortunate enough to have loved ones to give presents to. It isn't necessary to call attention to the fact that it is not the value of the present given, but the spirit in which it is given, that is the thing. It is this spirit, which, at its best, must be properly felt before the idea of Christmas can be properly connected with the greatest religious festival in the world. There are altogether too many sordid motives nowadays actuated in the giving of Christmas presents. The spirit in which the little gift is given can make it transcendently beautiful and valuable to the one who gives it and the one who receives it. The person who gives a present, expecting to get back what he paid for it, or more, gets mighty little joy and satisfaction out of Christmas and the sentiments that accompany it. Many people display selfish motives in their Christmas gifts and blacken the beauty of the day and all that it means. The little gift with its accompanying sacrifice is dearer by far than the elaborate one which costs the one who gives it nothing but money, whose loss he or she will never feel. Make some one happy; don't try to make them satisfied and if you cannot make some one you love happy, because of their selfishness, make some poor person happy.

A BIG FIGHT IS IMPENDING.

The wisdom of the members of the Gary bar in isolating themselves from the Lake County Bar Association the other night may be questioned. When the appeal is made to the Indiana state legislature in January for a superior court at Gary, it will look extremely queer when the Lake County Bar Association goes on record there as opposed to the project. The spectacle of a house divided within itself will be presented and how much Gary will get out of it remains to be seen. It would have been much better to have compromised and obtained something than to have left the meeting and obtained nothing. The action of the Gary lawyers in withdrawing from the meeting was both uncourteous and uncalled for. It is true that it was spectacular and sensational, but it was highly impractical. That the Lake County lawyers, outside of Gary, are almost unanimous in saying. It is evident that the fight to be conducted from Lake County in the Indiana legislature this winter at Indianapolis, will be a memorable one and one from which Gary will receive an immense amount of valuable advertising, whether win or lose.

SOME GEOGRAPHICAL REFORM.

The extension of the civil service rules including a percentage of the fourth class postmasterships is being widely commented upon, but no convincing reason is given why the new order is applied to postmasters east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio, and not to similar postoffices outside of these bounds. It has never been understood that the merit system depended on geography. It will be difficult to persuade the south, for example, that its exclusion is not due to recognition of the fact that to require applicants to pass examinations and to file satisfactory petitions from bonafide patrons of the office, would in a majority of instances mean postmasters not in political sympathy with the present or the next administration. Is politics hunting, as carried on in the south, of a character that entitles it to special consideration?

THE ERECTION OF a hospital by the Inland Steel company at Indiana Harbor is a scheme that will bring credit to the officials of that industry. Too little care are consideration is given nowadays to the poor fellows who are marred and bruised while at work in mills, and any steps taken to alleviate their pain is an act of the greatest humanity. Other big industries might build temporary hospitals with much credit to their directors.

NO, GENTLE READER, the new tie invented by the Griffith man is not one that your wife can get you for a Christmas present. It is for railroad companies and yet a railroad man could not wear it.

JURY AWARDED A husband \$500 damages on the claim that a man had hypnotized his wife. Looks like a bear movement in either the hypnotic or wife market.

IT WILL HAVE to be admitted that as far as being a good press agent for his native town, Belling Nelson is certainly the Durable Dane of Hegewisch.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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IS HETTY GREEN HAPPY?

Item.—A plain old woman, wearing a dowdy black dress, with a slatternly appearing old hat tipped over a shrewd eye and a cunning face.

That is a pen picture of Hetty Green, owner of many millions, as she sits at her private desk in the big bank she owns in New York city.

Since the days of Russell Sage this woman has more ready cash to lend than any other person in Gotham. When taxes come in slowly and the city authorities need money to meet the heavy expenses they go to Hetty Green for it—and pay good interest for the short loan, you may be sure.

For many years Hetty Green lived in a cheap flat in Hoboken, just across the river from Manhattan, and paid therefor a rental of \$19 per month. New York gaped when she gave up her flat and moved into the high priced Plaza hotel. It did not last long, though Hetty could have bought the hotel and never missed the money.

She went back to Hoboken and tried to rent the old flat, but it had been leased. She is still looking for a flat in that neighborhood.

You see, rents are cheaper and living is cheaper in Hoboken. And the grasping old woman pinches the nickels closer than you or I.

She lives only to pile up extra dollars.

So far as known, Hetty Green never gave away a dollar. It would be difficult to make her believe in the beatitudes. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Therefore it is almost superfluous to inquire whether, with all her dollars, she is happy.

Not necessarily. Dollars won by commercial conquest may give to the conqueror a certain species of satisfaction, but dollars cannot bring happiness. Happiness and dollars belong to different worlds.

Wealth itself is like salt water. That is to say, the more you drink of either the more you want.

And so this money mad little woman, at a time when she ought to be dancing her grandchildren on her knee, sits long hours in the bank. Besides the bank which she controls, she has many millions invested in real estate and securities.

She denies herself the comforts demanded by a twelve dollar a week clerk and goes on squeezing out dollars.

For what?

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 9.
1608—John Milton, English poet, born.
1674—Earl of Clarendon, lord chancellor of Charles II, died in France.
1793—The "Minerva" appeared in New York City, edited by Noah Webster.
1811—Americans under General Harrison left the battle ground at Tippecanoe on their return to the United States.
1830—The first locomotive built in the United States was finished and tested at the West Point (N. Y.) foundry.

1841—First through train ran from Boston to Albany.
1861—Confederate congress passed a bill admitting Kentucky to the confederacy.

1874—Ezra Cornell, founder of Cornell university, died. Born Jan. 11, 1807.

1902—Germany and England joined in a naval demonstration against Venezuela.

THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY.

George Grossmith, the well-known English actor and entertainer, was born Dec. 9, 1847, the son of the late George Grossmith, who was prominent as a journalist and lecturer. The younger Grosssmith left school when 19 years of age to assist his father in reporting for the London Times. A few years later, having quit journalism, he began his career as an entertainer. In 1877 he made his first appearance on the stage in Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "The Sorcerer," at the Opera Comique, and for several years thereafter he continued to appear in the operatic successes at that theater. In 1889 he abandoned the legitimate stage to enter the field as a monologue artist and in this line of entertainment he speedily became famous. In late years he has made extensive tours of Great Britain and Ireland, Canada and the United States, and everywhere met with success.

RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

The man who said we were going to have an open winter is up near the stove with his back to it and his hands behind him.

AT SOME PARTIES HALF THE EVENING IS SPENT IN COAXING PEOPLE TO SING, AND THE OTHER HALF IN LISTENING TO POOR MUSIC.

Delavan Smith has the honor anyway, if honor it may be, of being the only person from Indiana in the Roosevelt Anglia club.

As soon as a girl gets married, she begins to hear nothing but hard times.

Quiet But Memorable "Blow-Out."

In a quiet, cozy little back parlor there was assembled yesterday afternoon a score or more of congenial spirits, the guests of two of Jackson's most highly respected citizens. They had been invited to meet and break bread with Mr. W. M. Curry, the guest of honor of the occasion. . . . Mr. Curry, the guest in whose honor the "blow-out" was given, is one of the many westerners who have made Jackson their home during the past few years and whose home is just west of the city has been the scene of numerous such festive occasions.

There was no speech making, no toast, no oratory, but the function is said to have been one of the most enjoyable, one of the most social, and one of the longest to be remembered in the history of the town.—Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger.

We have reached an age when we admit that a man may have an opinion different from ours and not be either a fool or a scoundrel.

"The mystery of 1908" is the way Mr. Bryan speaks about the recent election. Yet, it was a mystery, why Mr. Bryan was ever nominated for the third time.

A man falls in love with a girl because she is such a dear little Temperamental thing and then Falls out of love with her because she has such a Temper.

Nice Visit at Shatner's Shanty.

Our first visit of the season to Shatner's Shanty occurred last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Upon arriving at the camp, at 9 o'clock a. m., Mr. Shatner thought he would add to his bill of fare a mess of trout, but, alas, he was fortunate enough to catch only those under lawful size, hence the dining department was that much short. On Friday evening as the shadows of night began to draw over the mountain wilds Harry Peters of Lumber City arrived and joined as in the camp. On Saturday morning he and Mr. Shatner tried their luck at fishing, but no go. Mr. Shatner wore his long rubber hip boots constantly, so great is his fear of serpents. He also took with him to the camp six pounds of brimstone and a huge chunk of limberger cheese. The brimstone was for the purpose of driving out gnats, spiders and mosquitoes, as they are unusually plentiful this year, no doubt owing to the excess of moisture. At 7 o'clock on Friday evening Shatner made the stove red hot, poked it full of wood, set it in an iron kettle and into that he dumped the brimstone, then closed all doors and windows and got out. He said he was going to raise h—ll and he did. He also claimed that everything would run that was in the shanty, and he was right. A roll of good fresh butter ran all through the cupboard. Then Shatner tried to introduce the other campers to his limberger, but they were averse to having anything to do with it.—Reedville News in Lewistown (Pa.) Democrat-Sentinel.

A silk purse may be made from anything nowadays, provided it is lined suitably with long green and gold.

Mr. Wickey has looked at the mit that Mr. Simon holds, and intimates that it looks to him like a Jack of hearts, a ten of clubs a five of spades and a pair of deuces.

Some how it is pretty hard for a red-headed girl to convince people that she is religious.

Some people in Hammond have such a scornful expression that they look as if they had lived near a glue factory all their lives.

LABOR NEWS

Fifty per cent of all the men employed in the printing trades in Kingston, Jamaica, have given notice to their employers that they will go out on a strike next Monday because the employers have refused to pay the American union scale of wages. The cost of living in Jamaica is less than one-half what it is in America.

An official census of Berlin and its suburbs shows that there are in that territory 40,124 persons without employment at the present time. Of this number only 1,716 are women. The figures do not include pensioners, but they comprise 1,938 others who enjoy small fixed incomes. The small number of unemployed women is due to the great demand for domestic servants.

A special organizer has been appointed by the Bakers and Confectioners' International for the purpose of inducing French and Italian bakers at San Francisco to join the union.

Public employment bureaus, whose services in placing laborers are gratuitous, exist in the larger cities and towns of Alsace-Lorraine, as well as being more or less developed all over Germany.

A new regulation in Spain prohibits women under twenty-five and all children under sixteen working in trades wherein there is danger from poisonous fumes and dust, or risk from fire and explosion.

Boston (Mass.) Association of the Amalgamated Engineers recently decided to hold its fifty-eighth anniversary reunion Feb. 19. The Fore River, Quincy and Lynn branches will cooperate.

Empress -to-Be Of Germany Who Sells Jewels To Aid Families Of Mine Explosion Victims



The Crown Princess and Her Babies.

Pointed Sentences From Roosevelt's Last Message

The huge wealth that has been accumulated by a few individuals of recent years, in what has amounted to a social and industrial revolution, has been, as regards some individuals, possible only by the improper use of modern corporation.

Men of property should recognize that they jeopardize the rights of property when they fail heartily to join in the effort to do away with the abuses of wealth.

Democracy is in peril wherever the administration of political power is scattered among the variety of men who work in secret.

Concentrated power is palpable, visible, responsible, easily reached, quickly held to account.

The power of the Interstate Commerce Commission should be made thoroughly-going over railroads, so that it could exercise supervision and control over the issuance of securities as well as over the raising and lowering of rates.

We must stand heartily for the right of every decent man.

The anarchist is the worst enemy of liberty and the reactionary the worst enemy of order.

Telegraph and telephone companies engaged in interstate business should be put under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Long delays in the administration of justice make in the aggregate a crying evil.

The power of injunction is a great equitable remedy which should on no account be destroyed. But safeguards should be erected against abuse.

The courts are jeopardized primarily by the action of federal and state judges, who through inability or unwillingness fail to put a stop to the wrongdoing of very rich men under modern industrial conditions.

Judges who have not kept abreast of the times do lasting harm, because they convince the poor men in need of protection that the courts are profoundly ignorant and out of sympathy with their needs.

Our currency system is imperfect, and it is earnestly to be hoped that the currency commission will be able to propose a thoroughly good system.

If there is any one duty which more than another we owe it to our children and our children's children to perform at once it is to save the forests of this country.

The chief argument in favor of curtailing the scope of the secret service was that the Congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by the secret service men.

shot twice and instantly killed tonight by a colored man whose name is not known, and who is said to have lived at Henderson, Ky. Baisch was talking to two women, and the negro passed and remarked, "Hello Honey." The white man upbraided him for the remark, when the latter drew a revolver and fired. The murderer made his escape.

MAIL CARRIER HELD UP. James McCann of Jeffersonville, a private mail carrier for the Pennsylvania company between the freight and passenger station in this city, was held up at 7 o'clock tonight by two white men and robbed of the mail which he had. Until a month ago McCann carried the cash of the day's receipts from one station to the other, and the robbers evidently thought he had this money.

ORDER OPTION ELECTION. Petitions for county option elections were filed yesterday in Wabash and Lawrence counties and in each case the county commissioners ordered that a special election be held Tuesday, Dec. 23. The commissioners of Whitley county will act Thursday in connection with a petition filed in that county last Saturday.

LAST WITNESS CALLED. Perry Collins of Rushville, the last to take the stand of the six persons now on trial for the alleged whitecapping of John B. Tribbey, testified today that he took no part in the whitecapping and knew nothing of it at the time. The ceremony was performed at Chicago, where the license was issued.

OLD MAN MARRIES GIRL. The announcement today that Attorney John Brubaker of Warsaw, 60 years of age, had on Sunday been united in marriage with Miss Emma Hollowell, 18 years old, of Goshen, has created something like wild astonishment here. The ceremony was performed at Chicago, where the license was issued.

WINS BTE AND LOSE. It now develops that Ethel Foster of Fairmount had two strings to Cupid's bow when she wagged Conductor McMahon of the I. U. Traction line that she should have the choice of marrying him in event of Taft's election. Miss Foster has made no effort to collect her bet, and probably will not, for there is said to be another more dear to her than the good-looking traction man.

THE CREAM OF THE Morning News

President Roosevelt's final message to congress is the most vigorous of his series and his plea for reform in many lines and positive declarations of policies deemed best for this country.

Charles P. Taft, brother of the president-elect, threatens libel suit because of charges of graft in connection with Panama canal purchase.

President Roosevelt urges an emergency army measure under which it will be possible to put 2,000,000 men in the field in case of need.

Ohio C. Barber, president of the Diamond Match company, attacks the railroads at the annual dinner of the Illinois Manufacturers' association.

W. A. Brubaker's demand of Mayor Buesse that President Schneider of the board of education be silenced on all questions or dismissed is spurned.

Policeman is killed, four persons mortally wounded and two others are shot in a battle between the officers of the law and religious fanatics in Kansas City.

Francis D. Hirschberg is shot dead in his St. Louis home and mystery surrounds the firing of fatal bullet. Victim was prominent insurance man and a director of the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

Names of several women mentioned as co-respondents by Helen Kelly Gould in her suit for divorce from Frank Jay Gould are made public when the New York justice refuses to modify complaint.

Federal council of churches adjourns after adopting strong resolutions condemning militarism and the divorce evil.

Attorneys for the Standard Oil company decide not to put William Rockefeller and James A. Moffett on the witness stand at the present hearing in New York of the government's dissolution suit.

UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA

STRONG OLD MAN. John Skinner of Hartford City, aged 83 years, asserts he is the most powerful man of his age in the United States and issues the following challenge: "I hereby challenge any man of similar age to run, jump, wrestle, fight or cut cord wood for any amount of money not to exceed \$50. JOHN SKINNER."

SELL TOBACCO POOL. The Southern Indiana Tobacco Growers' association of Boonville today sold a pool of 3,000,000 pounds to C. P. McClary, local buyer, at prices ranging from 3 to 14 cents per hundred. The pool was in three grades. It was the largest sale of tobacco ever made in southern Indiana by one firm. It will put \$225,000 in the hands of growers.

DIVORCE DAY BRISK. Divorce day in the various divisions of the Marion superior court yesterday was unusually brisk. In all sixteen separations were granted, while several cases were continued and others were taken under advisement.

LIVED IN INDIANA. Older residents of New Albany remember Mrs. Florence Maybrick as

Florence Chandler, a bright sunny-haired little girl, who lived with her mother and little brother in this city for a year or so during the civil war, who has just inherited a fortune.

WANTS NEW CONSTITUTION. "The time is ripe when Indiana should adopt a new constitution," said Dean Enoch A. Hogate of the Indiana University Law school at Bloomington, before the freshman law class this morning. "Our present constitution," the judge said, "was made at the time Indiana was purely an agricultural state and is inadequate for the state under the present industrial conditions."

ORDERS SPECIAL ELECTION. Governor Hanly yesterday issued a writ calling a special election in Vanderburg county to fill the vacancy of Walter Legeman, whose death occurred Nov. 28. The date of the special election to fill the vacancy is called today, Dec. 23. Legeman represented Vanderburg county in the state senate.

REMARK CAUSES MURDER. Arthur Baisch of Evansville, 27, was