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The High Cost of Indiana Fires

The loss in Indiana in five years amounted to \$26,556,541, or an annual average of \$5,311,309, according to figures just published by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The data has been collected from reports on 63,000 fires, to which 25 per cent has been added to cover fires that were not reported.

The board finds that 32.2 per cent of the fires, representing a loss of \$8,561,427, were strictly preventable, 44 per cent partly preventable, and 23.8 per cent were of unknown origin.

Statisticians have figured that the total loss in five years would have built 5,311 houses costing \$5,000 each, or would have constructed 2,655 miles of macadam road at \$10,000 per mile.

We still have to learn the lesson of fire prevention in this country. Our negligence in making frequent inspections of our buildings and our carelessness in the matter of combustibles are responsible for the loss of material which never can be restored.

There was a time when the loss of the timber that entered into the construction of a residence or factory meant little, for vast areas covered with trees quickly replenished the material for the new structure. But those days are gone forever. The lumber that is used in the construction of a building is shipped a long distance and is becoming scarce. Its destruction by fire is an irretrievable loss.

The New Attack on the Primary

Opponents of the direct primary law are rallying their forces for another attack on the primary measure. They admit that their first bill was so loosely drawn that its opponents had no trouble in tearing it to pieces. Now they propose to present a measure that may prove more acceptable to the men who defeated the original measure.

Sentiment in Indiana just now will not tolerate

any amendments to the primary law unless they are drafted for the purpose of strengthening the act. Every move to weaken the inherent theory of the law, which gives to the people the right to nominate their candidates for public office, will be resented and bitterly fought.

The people guard closely their rights and seldom relinquish a portion of them without opposition. It took them a long time to take the nomination of candidates out of the hands of practical politicians, and they will not permit some members of the general assembly to restore all or part of this privilege to the political bosses. Every amendment will be examined closely to ascertain if it weakens or strengthens the power of the people in controlling the nominations, and it is safe to assert that every amendment inimical to the rights of the people will be defeated.

The Human Side of Farm Life

One of the noticeable features of farm institute programs is the attention that is being paid to the social and domestic life of the farmer. Rural life, formerly devoid of social activities and opportunities for relaxation and amusement, is being raised to a new level.

The farmer knows that he cannot keep his boys and girls on the farm unless he provides for their social life. Consequently he is making his home attractive, is buying devices to lighten the work of his wife and daughter, and is providing the family with opportunity to keep in touch with his neighbors and friends by means of the telephone and automobile.

The development of the cultural and social phases of farm life is receiving attention from his organizations and in the institutes which he arranges. And, on the other hand, the urban dweller who still believes that the farmer is enduring the privations of the pioneers will be surprised to see the comforts and conveniences which the average farm home possesses.

The farmer and his family are social units of great importance. Perhaps the best read men, judged as a class in the United States, are the farmers. They do not glance at a periodical or newspaper, but peruse it, studying facts and drawing their own conclusions. The average farmer is better posted on current events than the average city dweller, owing to his desire to become acquainted with facts, rather than with opinion.

Good Evening

By Roy K. Moulton

Expert accountant says the world owes \$200,000,000. It doesn't seem possible with so many efficiency experts on the job.

SETTLING THE HONOR

It should be known that it was neither a Texas nor an Atlanta man who was kicked on the head so hard that the mule broke its leg and had to be shot. Prior rights of Alabama to this story of the hardheaded man are hereby claimed.—Mobile Register.

"Serve-self banks" are the latest in cafeteria styles. The customer goes in with a gun and takes what he wants.

Prof. Goddard of Clark University announces that he will fire his first shot at the moon early in the summer. It will be a rocket, and the stunt will cost \$5,000. If he scores a hit, a flash visible through telescopes, will result. The rocket will travel 7,000 feet a second and will weight 7,000 pounds. It is not announced who will touch the thing off, but probably the job will be awarded to somebody who is paying for something on the instalment plan and is not particular about his future. We would advise whoever does it not to stand right up near the rocket and touch a match to it, but to get a long bamboo fishpole for the purpose. After he touched the thing off, with the aid of the fishpole, he can jump on a motorcycle and may get a safe distance away in time to save his eyebrows and part of his hair. We don't know what good it is going to do to skin the moon in the face with a rocket, but we don't know what good a lot of other new-fangled ideas are doing, so let's go ahead and shoot. We have, during the past four or five years, antagonized every nation on earth, and we might as well go ahead and poll at the planners and satellites, just to show them we are the people.

What is the object of saving? Nearly always to provide for sickness, old age; to educate children, to provide the requirements of life, to build better homes, business houses, to pay taxes for colleges, and other public buildings; to help the weak and unfortunate. In the name of common sense, can any one object to this? Is not a man with savings a better and more useful citizen than his neighbor who is always a community problem: who not only does not help the community, but does not take care of himself? Why the general disposition to criticize the frugal, thrifty man, and weep for the shiftless? Is it not mischievous in that it encourages many to become unnecessary burdens on the community? Is it not a denial of a worthy principle we teach our children.

VENTURES IN COMMON SENSE

By ED HOWE

How is a fortune made? In seven cases out of ten, this is the process: A young man finds himself with a wife, and a family of children coming on. He works and saves with a view of providing for them. From an expert workman, he becomes proprietor in a small way, and works long hours. He discovers that the more reliable he is—the better his word, the more his business grows. In the course of time, his little business becomes a big business, because of being well managed. Finally, along toward old age, he becomes well to do. And at forty and fifty, he practices fairness and politeness more steadily than he did as a young man, having discovered with advancing age that these qualities are more important than any other. At forty, fifty or sixty he is more reliable than he was at twenty or thirty, when a small business man or a high-class workman. In short, his fortune is made by long devotion to work and to good human principles.

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Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

SILK SHIRTS.

I sadly view the silk shirts I bought some months ago (ah, me, the recollection hurts!) at fifteen bucks a throw. The world was then revolving well, the coarse was hanging high; if any man had junk to sell I was on hand to buy. The haberdasher said that day, in confidential tones, "Now, here's a shirt of blue and gray I'll sell you for two bones; of honest goods this shirt is made of fabric good as steel; it will not warp or shrink or fade, or ravel at the heel." "What sort of skate I asked that guy, "do you suppose I am? I don't buy things unless they're high—sell cheap things are a shame. I am no piker, friend of mine, my troubles grow on trees; so show me silks that steam and shine, and drop the wear-well wheeze." And now my once proud spirit sags, when I look in my trunk; the silk shirts are all in rags, the lot not worth a plumb. And times have sadly changed since then and once blithe hearts are sore, and kopecks, marks and iron men grow on the trees no more. The posthole works where I'm employed are dropping men each day, and there may be an aching void where once I drew my pay. The briny from my sad eyes squirts, I heave a sigh of woe, when I survey those silk shirts I bought some months ago.

AN EGG LAUNDRY
Home Laundry, 603 St. George Avenue, good as new, with eggs to fill same; also some laying hens. Inquire 227 Maple Avenue.—Hahway (N. J.) Record.

Suburban man found several nuggets of gold in his coal. They have to make up the weight somehow.

Prexy Emeritus Elliot says Americans are ruled more and more by the herd impulse. He must have been trying to get somewhere through a bar-room rush.

Some day perhaps somebody will tell the laundries that prices, generally, are supposed to be coming down.

Protect the Children
Healthy Blood and a Healthy System
is a child's best protection against
cold, Grip and influenza. Give them
GEAWE'S IRON TONIC SYRUP. 75c.
Advertisement.

Heat of Red Peppers Breaks Chest Colds

Ease your tight, aching chest. Stop the pain. Break up the congestion. Feel a cold loosen up in just a short time.

"Red Pepper Rub" is the cold remedy that brings the quickest relief. It cannot hurt you and it certainly seems to end the tightness and drive the congestion and soreness right out.

When heat penetrates right down into colds, congestion, aching muscles and sore, stiff joints, relief comes at once. Nothing has such concentrated

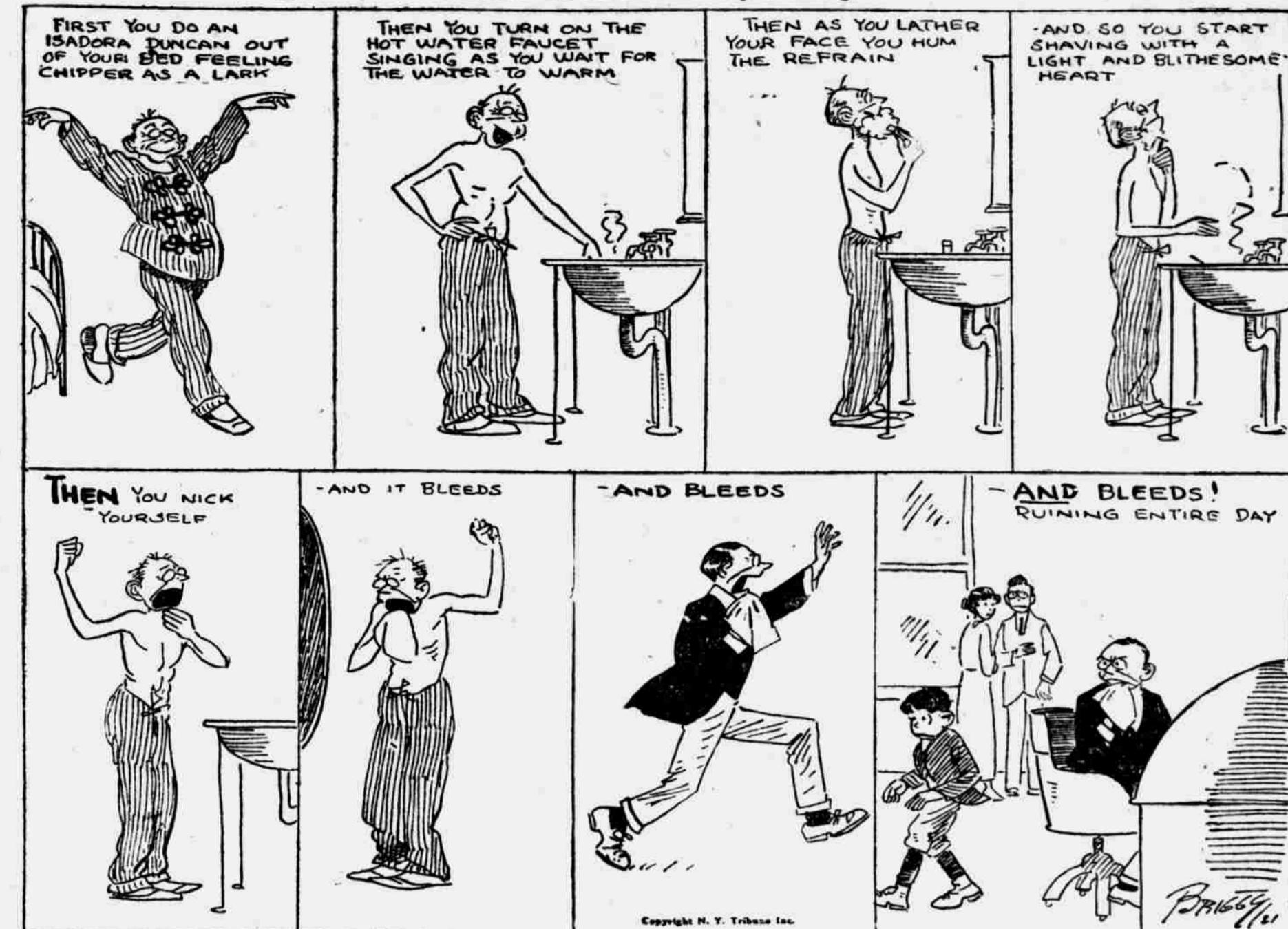
penetrating heat as red peppers. The moment you apply Red Pepper Rub for colds, backache, sore muscles, stiff neck, lumbago, or the pains of rheumatism or neuritis, you feel the tingling heat.

In three minutes the congested spot is warmed through and through. When you are suffering so you can hardly get about, just get a jar of Rowles Red Pepper Rub, made from red peppers, at any drug store. You will have the quickest relief known. Advertisement.

Cascarets
FOR THE BOWELS

Do you feel bilious, constipated, headache, upset, full of cold? Take one or two Cascarets tonight for your liver and bowels. Wake up with head clear, stomach right, breath sweet and feeling fine. No griping, no inconvenience. Children love Cascarets, too. 10, 25, 50 cents.

How To Start the Day Wrong



Answers to Questions

J. C. H.—How does Nazimova pronounce her name?—Nazimova, the actress, pronounces her name as if it were spelled "Na-zee-mo-va" with the accent on the second syllable. The first "a" is sounded as in the word "hat"; the "e" as in "meet"; the "o" as in "home," and the "a" as in "father."

Reader—What are the principal exports of the Virgin Islands?—The most important agriculture in the Virgin Islands is sugar, of which approximately ten thousand tons was exported in 1919. In 1919 the government succeeded in opening the Porto Rican market to cattle from the islands. About \$30,000 worth of cattle were exported, and it is thought that the cattle-raising industry will eventually become an important one. Exportation of cattle to Porto Rico formerly was prohibited on the ground that the Virgin Islands were in the tick-infested area.

Subscriber—When were playing cards introduced?—Playing cards were brought to Europe from the East about the time of the crusade, about 1100, very likely by the home-returning warriors. The gypsies, who at that time began to wander over Europe, are said to have introduced them, using them as they do now for telling fortunes. The first packs contained seventy-eight cards, including four suits of numbered cards, and twenty-two emblematic picture cards, which served as trumps. The numbered cards were marked with swords, cups, sticks and money. Each of these suits consisted

TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can", "Take It", "Up".

FOOTPRINTS

I recently became interested in a new writer. He wrote brilliantly. One admirer even stated that his brain was "the clearing house for the best progressive thought of its time."

And yet, it was written that "nothing remained of him but a few books."

In my judgment something vaster was left behind—the man himself! For though not many books were left of him, still—because I, for one, have been so inspired by him—there must have been left something very rich that is bound to accumulate. Tomorrow some body else will discover him, too, and find the wealth that I have uncovered.

A man leaves his footprints behind. He cannot walk, or think, or do—without something being found out.

We now unearth the tracks of those who were wont to roam this earth a thousand years or more ago. Away down the years that are yet to be, folks will be talking about the footprints that we have left.

It remains for us all to take care that our tracks are worth uncovering in the Sometime that is hidden in the Far-away.

It won't matter how we dressed or how we ate or whether we made few or many mistakes. It will matter most that we did right more times than we did wrong. And the marks where we worked and tried and lost and won, will explain everything.

Let's leave some good deep tracks today!

of fourteen cards, four of which were cards to king, knight and knave. The emblem cards bore such pictures as emperor, Cupid, a chariot, a hermit, the gallows, Death, the pope, fortune, the sun and the moon.

Readers may obtain answer to questions by writing the Palladium Questions and Answers department. All questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

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The feat had caused strenuous ex-

Dinner Stories

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Memories of Old Days

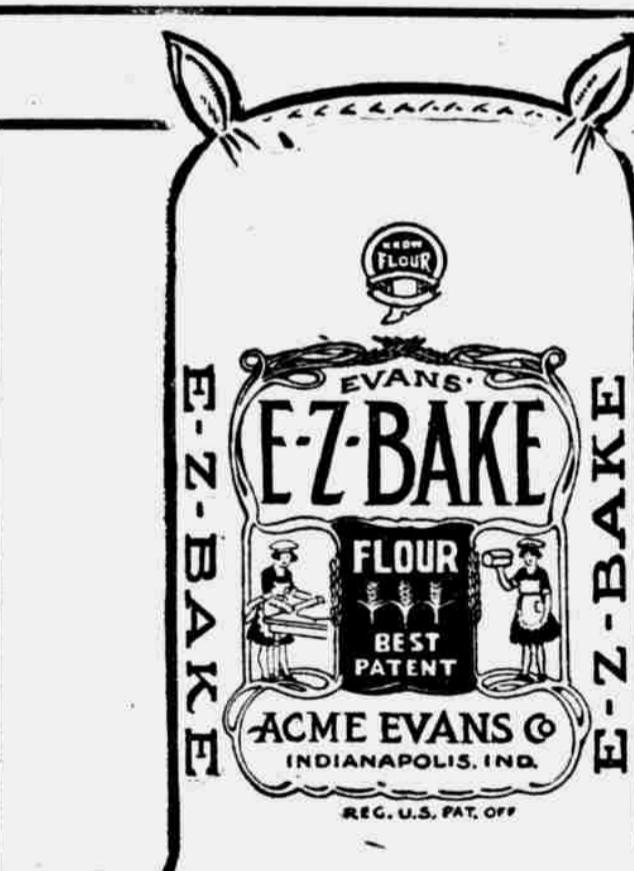
In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

Joseph Helms, prominent agriculturist residing near Centerville, produced the bushel of yellow corn that won first prize in the corn exhibition held in connection with the Farmers' Short Course and Corn School. The bushel of white corn entered by Earl Stevens living near Centerville was graded first in its class.

APPROVES STATE RAIL LOAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A loan of \$573,000 to the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad company was approved today by the interstate commerce commission. The carrier will use the money in providing new equipment.

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