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SHORN LAMBS ARE AFRAID TO VENTURE AGAIN.

The people who make their living by shearing the lambs that venture into Wall Street are a dreary lot these days. The gamblers who haunt the deserted precincts of the stock market are shaking in their shoes for fear of another eruption that will drive even further away the innocents who have it figured out to their own satisfaction that they can beat the professional speculators at their own game.

Knowledge of a most sensational action by the two boards was kept secret for twenty-four hours till the few in possession of the facts could buy the stocks. It was sure to send up. The matter did not interest the public much, because the public was not fooling with stocks then and is not now.

That deal will be long remembered by the outsiders and it is no wonder that the men who sell stocks and bonds are in great distress because the public will no longer buy their wares.

To be timely once in his life some statistical crank has figured it out that the human skin contains 3,500 perspiration pores. They are all working over time these days.

Hay, who, as Secretary of State, had many strong likes and dislikes, always referred to him as "that dirty little dog, Castro." Judging from recent happenings, Secretary Root probably thinks the same thing, but he is not the sort of man to give such a thought public utterance.

Venezuela is one of the South American countries that will not pay the claims of the foreigners without being coerced by a warship.

Our strained relations with Venezuela are due to this trust. It had a very fine concession for which it agreed to perform certain services to Venezuela. It did not carry out its part of the agreement and Castro declared the concession forfeited.

A London waitress was recently remembered by the patrons of the restaurant where she had served for years by a tip of \$500. No, girls there are no vacancies there—the place has gone out of business.

A man in Philadelphia is building collars for himself and family. A person just has to do something of that sort in that town from getting the blues.

That New York man who disappeared the other day and now has three wives looking for him must have been popular at home.

A sixty year old lady in New Rochelle, N. Y. kicked a burglar till he yelled in agony. She is available for a place on the "All Star Ladies" football team.

Nobody has called Foraker's candidacy "the Jim Crow boom," but it would be a proper classification.

WITH THE PARAGRAPHERS

Every Texan who has any trust whiskey in his possession will do well to carry it inside.—St. Paul Dispatch.

There does not seem to be anything seriously the matter with July weather when you get the right brand.—Brooklyn Times.

The most noted crop of Kansas is at last being mowed. A farmer of that State has sold his whiskers for \$8.—Cleveland Leader.

Just at this time the Hon. Charles Warren Fairbanks is being rough-housed by the churches.—Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

A Congressman turned somersaults over two car seats recently in a wreck, but his trainings in Congress made the feat an easy one.—Youngstown Telegram.

Whenever a man gets to foolishly thinking he is the idol of the people he ought, in justice to himself and for the reduction of the size of his head, to unpire a ball game.—Chicago Record-Herald.

With a record-breaking immigration

the year, and 15 babies born to six couples in one little town in Alabama in two weeks, what is the matter with Theodore Roosevelt?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Respect for the judiciary and its judgments and decrees—are not the State courts entitled to some of it? Are the Federal courts alone to monopolize it all even to the point of showing no respect themselves for the State courts and State institutions?—Springfield Republican.

If the Democratic National Committee doesn't meet in the goodly, and now quite godly, city of Louisville, Marso Henry won't give the party even a peep into the recesses of the Presidential stable.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

Now a Tennessee Judge is thinking of filing the Standard Oil Company about \$30,000,000. If this thing keeps up John D. may begin to feel like 30 cents.—Atlanta Journal.

The fact that some German officers were in a balloon over Berlin three hours ago and not to be regarded as a record breaker, is the air for several years.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Swirl society in Newport seems surprised to learn that an ape dresses as well and behaves as well at the table as its own members, but the rest of the world is not surprised.—Philadelphia Record.

NATURE AND NATURE-WRITERS.

The Tendency to Sacrifice Truth for Romance.

"In writing of nature and her creatures there devolves upon me one of the necessities for an integrity of observation and verification. The writer must gaze against uncorroborated facts," says John Burroughs in the August Delicatore. "Literature and science do not differ in matters of fact, but in spirit and method. There is no live literature without a play of personality, and there is no exact science without the clear, white light of the understanding. What we want, and have a right to expect of the literary naturalist, is that his statement shall have both truth and charm, but we do not want the charm at the expense of the truth. I may invest the commonest fact I observe in the fields, or by the roadside, with the air of romance, if I can, but I am not to put the romance in place of the fact. If you romance about the animals, you must do so unequivocally, as Kipling does and as AEsop did; the fiction must declare itself at once, or the work is vicious. To make literature out of natural history observation is not to pervert or distort the facts, or to draw the long bow at all; it is to see the facts in their true relations and proportions and with honest emotion.

Truth of seeing and truth of feeling are the main requisite; add truth of style and the thing is done."

How We Do Change.

Oh, the dear old swimming hollow! It was there we used to wallow in an unhygienic pool of brackish ooze. Whilst the insects stung like fury and a self-appointed jury tied our clothing into knots and hid our shoes. There were lots of bottles busted; there were piles of tin cans rusted; there were heaps of deadly junk on every hand. And it makes me weak and chilly as I think of the lacilli. How we dodged 'em I shall never understand.

Oh, the dear old swimming hollow! All that poets love to follow back the trail that leads to boyland and to you. But as I recall the brambles that were wont to mar our rambles, my regrets, I must confess, are very few. Youth is ever gay and sunny and it may seem very funny to get bit and stung and harried, when a cub; but the years those joys are dimming and I'd rather do my swimming in the prin and porcelain precincts of a tub.

Compulsory Education.

Compulsory education is not generally enforced, says Ossian B. Lang, in the Forum. The idea of compulsion does not appeal to the average interpreter of liberty in this country. It is "sweet land of go-as-you-please" with him. Undesirable citizens reared under the sway of anarchical tendencies have become the spokesmen of untrammeled individualism. A natural result is the entrenchment of selfishness. It is this which has encouraged child labor. Nor are self-sh parents the chief offenders. From a purely selfish standpoint compulsory school attendance would seem to be a most desirable provision. Every one is agreed that the welfare and prosperity of the country depends upon the widest diffusion of education. The natural resources derive their value from intelligent development and exploitation. Assuming that he does not value education for its own sake, he certainly can find abundant advantages held out to trained intellects and skilled hands.

Apparently our failure to enforce the universal education of the young is not due to selfishness. In reality it is due to unenlightened selfishness. Public opinion must grow strong in the faith that ration compulsory education laws, rigidly enforced, are essential to human welfare. Of course, the education offered must be really worth having as equipment for the exigencies of practical life. That is tacitly assumed by the vast sums of public money ungrudgingly expended for the schools.

Special Election For Shoe Workers.

The Hickey-Tobin controversy over the general presidency of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union will be settled at a special election Thursday, Sept. 12, at the same time the regular election takes place. The general executive board in session recently at Montreal has so decided. A motion in the general board to refer the election controversy to the next convention was defeated. Then was adopted a motion to refer the matter to referendum vote by the membership in a new election.

Boilermakers Alter Laws.

The United Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders' union met recently in annual convention in Boston at which some important changes were made in the laws. One new feature was the establishment of an organization board. Another was the provision for no examining board. Action was taken respecting the handling of controversies, especially the difficulties now confronting the union in New England.

Land of Small Wages.

Belgium is a land of low wages. In Ghent the minimum pay an hour for printers, roofers, glaziers, painters and boilermakers is 7 cents—70 cents for ten hours—and of blacksmiths, locksmiths, carpenters, masons, plumbers and electricians 80 cents.

LABOR'S DEATH ROLL

Nearly Half of Pittsburg's Mortality Due to Accident.

LIFE THE PRICE OF INDUSTRY

Official Records of the Coroner of Allegheny County Show the Awful Toll Exact by Mill, Mine and Furnace. Railroads Add to the Slaughter.

Only those who study the statistics of coroners' offices have any conception of the terrible price in flesh and blood this country has been for years paying and is still paying to gain "industrial supremacy." And even such statistics do not furnish a complete record for the reason that many casualties in large manufacturing establishments are "hushed up" and never reach the notice of the civil authorities. But the information obtainable from reliable sources is sufficient to stagger the sensibilities of all who hold human life as one of the earth's most valuable possessions, writes Joseph R. Buchanan in the New York Journal. When the story is heard one is prone to ask if, after all, progress, which costs so much, is a good investment for the human race.

Under the laws of Pennsylvania the various coroners in the state are requested to compile records of the deaths occurring from accidents in their respective jurisdictions, setting forth the details in each case. A correspondent has just been looking over the records in the office of the coroner of Allegheny county, which he says should bear the inscription, "Human lives sacrificed upon the altar of industry." This record is a volume which mutely proclaims what it costs besides money for Pittsburg and its district to maintain the title of "workshop of the world."

It shows that nearly 50 per cent of the deaths in Allegheny county are violent and are the result, directly and indirectly, of the rush and grind of the manufacturing of the district. The deaths resulting from accidents in the mills, mines and railroads of Pittsburg in 1906 reported by the coroner were 919.

Some of the victims were burned by molten metal, a blast furnace burst or a huge ladle was upset in the steel mills; others were caught in the rollers in a plate mill and some crushed in the machinery of the rail mills.

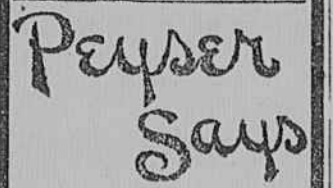
Many were killed in mines by falling slate, some by gas explosions and others by falls from derricks, scaffolds and like structures. Not a few met their death while working about the numerous electric cranes—those huge mechanical arms that with almost human precision pick up massive pieces of structural steel about the plants and place them wherever may be indicated at the simple moving of a lever.

For the first five months of the present year there were 1,065 deaths, 344 of which may be classed as "sacrifices." For the same period in the preceding year there were 1,015 deaths, of which 350 may be put in the same category. Comparing the loss of life by the accidents with the tonnage and production of the Pittsburg district, one life has paid for every 50,000 tons of coal shipped, and the annual shipment is about 50,000,000 tons. For every 3,500 cars that carry freight out of or into Pittsburg a life is lost. This is exclusive of cars that are carrying freight through to other points. Every 7,000 tons of the 7,000,000 tons annual production of iron and steel has been put out at the cost of the life of one of the manipulators somewhere in its manufacture, and of the 800,000 tons annual output of steel rails every 80 tons has been put upon the market only after some one of its producers has been killed.

If the statistics were obtainable it might be shown that Pittsburg does not exact a higher comparative sacrifice of life in the mad rush than many other industrial centers.

The packing district of Chicago, the sugar refineries of Brooklyn and the building industry of New York and other cities of skyscraping structures could furnish a record that would rival the "workshop of the world" in the race for industrial and commercial supremacy.

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