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More "Unemployment Insurance"

A big eastern soap manufacturer has adopted a form of unemployment insurance. The company adds to its profit sharing scheme a clause that "guarantees full time work for not less than forty eight hours per week in each calendar year."

If applies unemployment insurance from within. And it adopts the right form of insurance—steady work. Here is another example of fore-sight and it is referred for consideration to manufacturers.

In a number of states unemployment insurance has been considered by the legislature. State machinery, a state system of employment offices and a compulsory insurance department were to be forced upon industry and the taxpayer.

Industries must employ a fair number of men regularly, not a horde irregularly—unless they want to witness proposals in the legislature for unemployment insurance bills.

A Bad Place To Live

If a city which has a large fire loss per capita annually was recognized as a poor place for an investment, it is probable that the city authorities would very soon see that steps were taken to guard against destruction by preventable fires.

In 1922 the United States shows a list of 62 cities with a fire loss running in excess of \$5 per capita.

Many of these cities ran far in excess of the \$5 per capita loss each year for the full five years. Others for one or more years out of the five. The losses in these cities per capita ran from over \$5 to as high as \$91 and the average cost per family of five for fire losses in the cities listed is about \$50.00 a year.

For 1922 the per capita loss for every man woman and child in the United States was \$4.75, an amount greater than for the year 1921 which included the San Francisco conflagration.

With such a national per capita loss, a person should be careful about moving to a city with a much greater local per capita fire loss, as one would be about moving to a city with an abnormally high tax rate.

Progress Results From Vision

In closing his address before the Public Utility Commissioners of New England and middle Atlantic states in session in New York City Oct. 13 for discussion regarding greater super-power development, Secretary of Commerce Hoover said:

"It is fitting that I should make some remark upon the remarkable progress and ability shown by the whole electrical industry since the days of Mr. Edison's initial genius. They have come to have a large vision of co-operation and service and have in a very great measure realized their responsibilities to the public. One mark of their progress is that despite the greatly increased cost of labor, coal and other materials, there is but little if any increase in the cost of light and power to the consumer today over pre-war prices. Under the protection of state regulatory bodies over 2,000,000 of our people have invested their savings in this industry. From an annual utility production of 4,000,000,000 kw. hr. twenty years ago we have increased to 50,000,000,000 today with an increase in consumption from 60 to 500 kw. hr. per capita. It is a magnificent achievement of the initiative and ingenuity of these industries, and that it has attained such a growth under public regulation is itself proof of the ability and co-operation of our public officials. I believe that the same vision applied to the wider problems which spread before us will maintain the same initiative and secure like progress in the future."



NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

Miss Helen Schultz, operator of the Red Ball Transportation Co. which runs busses in Iowa, is the center of a legal battle in which she is endeavoring to prove to the satisfaction of the state board that her service is a public convenience, within the meaning of the Iowa motor-carrier law. This is denied by the opposing railroads, the Chicago Great Western, Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, Chicago and North Western, Minneapolis and St. Louis, Fort Dodge Des Moines and Southern, and the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul roads. These roads are supported in their contentions by the county supervisors of Worth, Hardin and Franklin counties who also declare the heavy busses damage the highways excessively.

Friends of the highway bar idea contend that the remedy for any damage done roads by bus operation lies either in higher taxation of such busses or the construction of roads able to bear the traffic of heavy busses. They say that the bus is a convenience, as much a necessity to the towns served as trolley cars, and point to the fact that in the beginning the railroads were against the establishment of interurban trolley car service, but that in later years the railroads found them of such value in relieving them of the unprofitable short haul that many railroads have built trolley lines themselves.

Restriction of a public utility to serve private interests has been so often tried in this country and so often decisively repudiated that the eventual outcome of this case should not be hard to predict.

Natural Beauty Not to Be Marred by Commerce

Several states have passed laws prohibiting signs on roads with the idea that the automobile carrying tourists and sight-seeing travelers is not an asset to the individual business house but to the state and that travelers should not be compelled to have their beautiful views and vistas profaned by painted boards.

Speaking of this idea in Illinois Governor Small said: "Illinois has seen the logic of preserving the right of way in this respect with the result that we have hundreds of miles of drives fringed with grass, trimmed to a lawn-like nicety, and unmarred by unsightly bill boards, which are so often seen in neighboring commonwealths."

Col. C. R. Miller, director of the Illinois Department of Public Works and Buildings, said:

"Connecticut has followed Illinois' clean highway policy, has passed a law prohibiting signs on the right of way. Minnesota has also followed suit and a law in that state effective December 1, 1923, provides for the elimination of advertising signs and prohibits the construction of new ones."

CHRISTMAS

(Dr. W. Roy Butler)

The robins come at early spring. They build a nest and rear a brood. Cheer us with songs during summer time. At autumn frost their work is done. They leave us for a while.

A babe was born in Bethlehem almost two thousand years ago. Man groped in darkness till the day the light of hope he brought to us. Will shine forever and always.

Santa Claus is very near. The children are picking out stockings to hang around. Ready for Santa Claus. When behind his reindeers drives to town.

My heart would rebound with great joy. Could I but see that sight again. Little stockings hanging round to be filled. When Santa comes in snow or rain.

Decorate U. S. Gunner for Vera Cruz Feat

Washington.—President Coolidge, in the presence of Secretary Denby, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and ranking officers of the navy, presented a Congressional Medal of Honor recently to George Bradley, chief gunner, United States navy, for meritorious service under fire on the landing of American naval forces at Vera Cruz in 1914.

Bradley, attached to the battleship Utah as chief gunner's mate, was in charge of the ammunition and special details at Vera Cruz.

BAGPIPE MONKEY IS GIVEN TO ZOO

Red Howler Ape Fills Up With Air, Then Lets Out Fearful Yell.

New York.—Because a Bronx resident with a small apartment and several children did not care to keep a huge monkey with an uncertain temper, a long red beard, teeth like a wolf's and a roar like thunder, the animal has been turned over to the Bronx zoo and will soon be exhibited there.

It is a red howler, one of the rarest of the monkey family. There have been two gorillas in this country before, but no red howlers. In its throat it has a big air reservoir like that of a Scotch bagpipe. It pumps itself up and then lets fly a howl that would startle the lion house.

The red howling monkey was a present to the zoo and one of the most unusual the institution has received. Staggering under a large box, the owner breathlessly entered the office of Raymond L. Ditmars, curator of the snake house.

"May I present a monkey to the zoo?" he asked.

"Certainly," said the curator. "I'm thankful," said the visitor, depositing the box and wiping his brow. "I was afraid you wouldn't take it."

Gift From a Sailor.

"This was a gift from a relative who is a sailor. We always thought we wanted a monkey for a pet. He said he would get us a fine one, and he brought the one in the box on a trip from South America."

"It did not look to us like the kind of a monkey to play with children, because it was so big and had savage teeth and gave such roars. We had to thank him for the gift, but I have been saying with us while the ship was in port, and we had to have the monkey there during that time. He left recently and as soon as I thought it safe I headed for the zoo with it."

Curator Ditmars thanked the zoo's benefactor and went on with some writing. Some time after the visitor was gone he took off the lid of the box. He related what followed, saying:

"The monkey kept on rising and rising, showing a big head, then a long beard and then a large but very emaciated body. It looked to me like a bad one, and I edged out of the office. I thought I would try to start right with it by giving it some bananas, because obviously it had not been fed the proper food for some time."

Is Friendly With Monkey.

"When I came back and tossed it some bananas it let out a fearful howl. I recognized it at once as a red howler and one of the finest gifts the zoo has received in a long time. We have never had one before. I worked with it cautiously and found it fairly docile. It showed or annoyed it will show its teeth in ugly fashion and growl, but ordinarily is gentle and has had some training. It was practically starved, and I saw that it was necessary to give it careful attention and feed it up if it was to live, so I took it home with me. It behaved very well and has been putting on flesh. It has made friends with a small mustached monkey at my place at Seaside, and the two are great companions, but the little fellow has to be watched to prevent him from feeding green apples to the howler."

To Investigate Waters of Springs in Arkansas

Washington.—A conference of leading members of the medical profession called together by the National Research Council at the request of Secretary of the Interior Work has unanimously adopted resolutions urging a thorough investigation of the physiological action and therapeutic value of the waters of the Hot Springs National park in Arkansas. It was announced at the Department of the Interior recently.

The proposed investigation, according to the resolutions, should be made for the protection of the public in the use of the mineral water of Hot Springs and for the information of the medical profession. Besides announcing that the clinical and laboratory facilities already available or procurable by the government would be sufficient to conduct such an inquiry the physicians present at the conference appointed a special committee to outline the details of the investigation.

Escapes From Prison by Slide on Electric Wires

Jefferson City, Mo.—Sliding forty feet over slender electric wires of an improvised roller made of a broom handle, then leaping thirty feet from the wall to the ground, Arthur Kench, twenty-two of New York escaped from the Missouri penitentiary here. Guards saw the convict on the roof of the shirt factory, but supposed that he was an electrician making repairs. The guards did not shoot as he alighted on the wall because they were afraid of hitting a guard on the tower.

Kench came to the prison from Kansas City in April, 1922, to serve ten years for robbery.

Passed Dying Wife.

Chicago.—On his way home, Ben Garber, of Chicago, passed an accident in which a woman was injured. At home the man could not find his wife. She died as he was on his way to a

THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME

By MARY MARSHALL DUFFEE

FOR MEN WHO DANCE

When an occasion is piled high with difficulty, we must rise to the occasion.—Abraham Lincoln.

DON'T ruin the gowns of the girls with whom you dance by the mark of your hand. In the good old days men used to wear white gloves at dances and this solved the problem. If your hands are moist be careful enough to place a handkerchief in your hand to prevent its touching the fabric of the gown, though this should be done without ostentation and without permitting the handkerchief to be too apparent.

Don't forget that it is your duty to see that the girl whom you are escorting at a dance has her dances taken. You can do this by introducing her to any men you know or by seeking introductions yourself to other men in order that you can present them to her.

Don't forget to remember your duty as a guest if it is a dance given in a private house. To do this you should make sure to ask your hostess or members of her family for dances, and if there are house guests for the occasion to pay especial attention, particularly when they are not so vivacious or animated as to win instant popularity.

Don't, under any circumstances fall to claim a dance that has been promised to you by any of the young women present. If you find that you must leave earlier than you had expected, be sure and seek out the young women whom you must disappoint and make your excuse. If you are positively unable to find them before leaving, go to your hostess or one of the chaperones and request her to make the explanation to the young women in question.

Don't under any circumstances criticize the dancing of your partner or in any way attract attention to her awkwardness, even though she is a most inept dancer. If her failure to keep step is so potent as to require comment assume the blame yourself.

Don't suggest discontinuing the dance, but leave that to the young woman with whom you are dancing. If you, perchance, have a strained ankle and find yourself really unable to dance, explain this to the young woman with whom you have engaged the dance, and offer to release her from the engagement if she wishes, assuring her at the same time that you would be charmed to chat with her during the dance if she will be so kind to you.

Few Can Stand Alone.

The greatest man living may stand in need of the meaneast, as much as the meaneast does of him.—Fulter.

Bandits Take Tombstone Weighing Over Half Ton

Winchester, Va.—The wave of banditry that has had the local police force guessing for the last two weeks seemed to have reached its climax when Punk & Son reported to the police the theft of a large tombstone at their place of business, almost within the shadow of the entrance of Mount Hebron cemetery.

The tombstone had been sold to a customer in Frederick county, and had been handsomely carved and lettered. When employees went to the show-rooms to get the stone it could not be found. The stone weighed more than half a ton.

NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS

Saled proposals will be received by the town of Boone, North Carolina at noon January 7, 1924, for the purchase of \$15,000 6 per cent Street Improvement bonds, dated January 1, 1924, maturing \$1,000 each year, 1927 to 1941, both inclusive, in denominations of \$1,000 each, interest payable semi-annually, and both the principal and interest payable in New York.

Legal proceedings and preparation and sale of the bonds under the supervision of Bruce Craven, Esq., of Trinity, North Carolina.

Bidders must deposit with the Treasurer before making their bids a certified check drawn to the order of the Treasurer upon an incorporated bank or trust company, or a sum of money for or in an amount equal to 2 per centum of the face amount of the bonds bid for, to secure the municipality against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. Said bonds will be awarded to the highest bidder at not less than par, unless all bids are rejected.

J. F. MOORE, Clerk.

ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the board of town commissioners of Boone, North Carolina:

Section 1. That the negotiable coupon bonds of the town of Boone, North Carolina be issued in the maximum principal amount of \$15,000 for the purpose of improving the streets and sidewalks of the town.

Section 2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the said bonds as same fall due, shall be annually levied and collected.

Section 3. That a statement of indebtedness of said town has been filed with the Clerk and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. That this ordinance authorizing bonds for improvements, shall take effect thirty days after the date of the first publication thereof, unless in the meantime, a petition for its submission to the voters shall be filed under said act and in such event, it shall take effect when approved by the voters of the Municipality at an election as provided in said Act.

The foregoing ordinance was passed on the 3rd day of December 1923, and was first published on the 13th day of December 1923. Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of said Ordinance must be commenced within thirty days after its first publication.

J. F. MOORE, Clerk.

Says an exchange: One of the hardest nuts to crack is to explain to a high school student what the Democrat and Republican parties stand for just now.

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MORTGAGE SALE

NORTH CAROLINA WATAUGA COUNTY

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to the undersigned by J. A. Miller and wife S. J. Miller on the 4th day of September 1922, to secure the payment of \$150 with interest on the same, I will on

Monday January 7, 1924 between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. at the court house door in Boone, N. C., to satisfy said mortgage, interest and costs, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate to wit:

Adjoining the lands of W. W. Hampton

BEGINNING on a chestnut and white pine, runs north west direction 25 poles, more or less to a hickory in the gap of the ridge, thence north East 6 poles to a Spanish oak, thence north 30 degrees East 25 poles to a black gum, thence east 20 poles to two hickories, thence north 20 degrees east 12 poles to a chestnut oak thence east 52 poles to a rock between two branches, thence south 20 degrees east 12 poles to a hickory, thence east 10 poles more or less to a conditional line between Enoch Min ton and Thomas Miller, thence with said conditional line 100 poles, more or less to a chestnut, thence north 63 degrees west 10 poles more or less to a white oak, thence north 14 poles to a cypress, thence a south direction 75 poles more or less to the beginning, containing 40 acres, more or less.

This the 6th day of December '23. W. G. WILCOX, Mortgagee.

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