

THE LAST STRAW.

The last straw necessary to break the backs of the calamity howlers in the camp of the G. O. P. is to be found, we think, in the fact that even the railroads have suspended the agitation of freight rates and are directing all their energies to handling the unprecedented volume of freight traffic that is pouring through them. The other day the Associated Press told the country about the great volume of business of the railroads entering New York. Moved by this report the Chicago Tribune assigned a reporter to find out what the railroads entering that city were doing.

"A man with a glass eye could see what is doing in Chicago," he said in summing up the results of his investigation.

"Aside from fat steel earnings, bank earnings, big crops and generally bullish sentiments," he reported, "the Chicago railroads alone have considerable evidence."

Following are some of the items of evidence he discovered:

"Just a week ago today the Santa Fe railroad hung up new loading record, with 6,114 cars. Day before yesterday it hung up a new one, and the officials will not be surprised if there is another one soon."

"We thought we had gone about as high as we could," said Vice-President Edward Chambers, "when we raised it to 6,114 cars. Thursday it went to 6,136 cars, making a new big day. That is a lot of business for a railroad that is not depending upon war orders. Last January we were doing about 4,000 to 4,500 and that gave us the best year up to that time. It is a genuine revival in general business. You can say that I am decidedly bullish."

"Arthur Hale, chairman of the American Railway Association, reported on October 1 car surplus. They were 88,061, as compared with 133,382 on October 1, 1914."

The railroad buying and inquiries for the last ten days have taken the hungry look out of the army of men depending upon that business. The following paragraph, including only a few of the big orders the last few days, is interesting:

"Santa Fe, thirty Mikado locomotives, 4,000 cars, 10,000 tons steel rails; Illinois Central, fifty-nine locomotives, 1,000 refrigerator cars, 55,000 tons steel rails; Baltimore and Ohio, 1,000 hopper cars, 500 box car bodies; Central of Georgia, 500 fruit and box cars; Philadelphia and Reading, 2,500 cars; Great Northern, 20,000 tons steel rails; Pere Marquette, 17,000 tons steel rails; Wabash, 7,500 tons of rails; Monon, 5,000 tons of rails."

"The Michigan Central, Lehigh Valley, Chicago Junction and Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Western have ordered or inquired for 13,105 tons of rails and forty-eight locomotives of the Pacific and Mikado types, respectively; Western Maryland, 1,000 hopper cars, and the Central of New Jersey for 2,500 cars of various types. Other railroads, including the New York Central, Louisville and Nashville, Norfolk and Western and the Russian government are in the market with huge orders or inquiries."

"It is beginning to look like the lists we used to publish in the good days of a few years ago," was the comment of the man who has made a business of gathering the weekly statistics for the trade."

But it is no use. The Republican newspapers have all received the hard times and high tariff tips and they go right along insisting the country is undergoing dire punishment because of Democratic government at the present moment and is headed for the demerit bow wows in the immediate future. Though one rose from the dead and told them the people are generally prosperous and enjoying good times, despite the world-wide disturbance of the European war, they would not believe it.—Winston Journal.

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THE LURE OF THE FLESHPOTS.

The Shelby Highlander has changed its politics, or rather has decided to enter the field of partisan politics, for its editor, Mr. R. H. DePriest, announces that instead of being "independent" hereafter he will be a "Republican." The reason assigned for the change is the "hard times" of the past year, which, it is claimed, has affected the Highlander's business materially and which the editor attributes to the Democratic tariff. If the Democratic tariff were really to blame for the business depression in the office of the Highlander (which it is not) and if by turning himself over to the Republicans he could really bring about better times, (which he cannot) still it would be had enough for an editor to swap freedom for dollars. But in view of the fact that business is booming now as it has not boomed before in 10 years the Highlander has no longer an excuse for tumbling from its eminence of independence. Certainly it was no principle that caused it to change and the best that can be said for the Shelby paper which deserts Woodrow Wilson in this crucial hour is that, like some of the cowardly and unpatriotic children of Israel who followed Moses grudgingly, it longs for the fleshpots of Egypt more than it loves humanity, justice and liberty.—Winston Journal.

A BRAVE ADVENTURE.

We heard the other day of a young man in the twenties just starting to get a high school education. He gave up a good, well established business and sold out in order to attend a high school.

When a young North Carolinian gets a vision of the years to come and realizes the fields of useful endeavor lying open before him, there is a girding up of the loins, and a squaring of the shoulders, in an eager, straightforward endeavor to enter into the inheritance.

Success awaits this young man as it does any other who forgets the things which are behind and presses forward to the prize of the high calling which is before.

WHERE NORTH CAROLINA STANDS.

One hundred and seventy-eight homicide cases came to trial in North Carolina in the fall court of 1910 and the spring court of 1911. In 1913-14, the number of homicide cases was 248.

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ALL TOGETHER.

From all over the state comes news to the effect that farmers, school men, farm wives, county demonstration agents, and all live citizens are getting together to learn and study rural conditions. The work of farm life schools is more popular than ever. Dairy schools are being established. Catawba county is to organize a community improvement club at Startown. Gaston county is establishing a Domestic Science course at the Belmont school. It is all together for a solid and united community service.

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THE MODERN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The latest bulletin by the United States Bureau of Education, whose publication was recommended by Doctor Claxton, needs to have general circulation among the school boards of the country. It is a study in the wider use of the school buildings and deals with the extension of public education. It is written by Clarence Arthur Perry of the Russell Sage Foundation. One presentation of fact which has struck The Observer as worthy of comment, is found in a summary of activities which have been unevenly and inadequately performed by the home that are being continually taken over by the public school with excellent result. It is put in evidence that parents, as a rule, have always cared in some manner for the bodies of their children, their solicitude having resulted in little more than trimming the hair or providing clothes. Yet few fathers, even today, have attained to the height of their obligation in this matter, which is to say, few parents are systematically having their growing sons and daughters professionally examined for bodily imperfections, defects of the teeth, the throat, and the sense organs, thus making possible the institution of corrective measures while they are still feasible. By making medical inspection a school duty, the discharge of this family obligation is being raised to a higher level of thoroughness and efficiency; for the mass of the children the performance of this function is being vastly improved through its assumption by the public school. To take a common but vital activity that may be well performed by the few, but is carried on imperfectly by the many, and lift it universally to a higher plane—this is the essential function of public education.

Since public education introduces no new activities, but deals always and only with those which are common to the life outside of the school, the improvements it effects are necessarily improvements in manner. Its achievement is that the activity it takes over goes on in a better, more uniform way than it ordinarily does when left to itself. In other words, public education always changes human conduct, and if it were not for the fact that we are accustomed to associate moral with deliberate wrongdoing and not with careless or unenlightened actions, it would be the right name to give to the specific work of the public school. That a close kinship exists between morality and the essential nature of public education is obvious. If further evidence were needed to substantiate the claim that this improving function constitutes the essence and core of public education, the permanency of this characteristic would afford it. In the early days the public school was exclusively devoted to the intellectual and the academic. Now the handling of the saw and the toothbrush drill are taking their places alongside of parsing and ciphering. Once society felt an educational duty toward children only; now through its state and city colleges it is taking in adults. No matter, however, what changes occur in the field or range of public education, its bettering, uplifting character persists unchanged.—Charlotte Observer.

THE END OF THE ROAD

(Collier's Weekly.)

For each of us there is somewhere a road's end; and what shall we find there? Even if we are, frankly, pilgrims of happiness, let us recall that happiness is invariably denied to those who greedily clutch for it; the bluebird is easily frightened, and was never long caged. This is a world for children and for those whose spirit is as that of a little child. The true unhappiness is invariably denied to those given by God in sound sleep and the dawning of a new day; in the warmth of sunlight and resilience of an earthly path through the woods; in the bodily fatigue that follows physical toil manfully done or other work accomplished according to our powers; in lightening some other toiler's too heavy burden; in the love of man and woman and child—yes, and of the brute creation. The multiplication of "things"—creature comforts, rich foods, potent drafts, all that money can buy, are mere substitutes for true satisfaction. He is a happy man for whom the world is still full of freshness and wonder; whose needs are commonplace—not numerous; who has given few hostages to fortune; whose present is laying no dead hand, no "mortgage," on the future. It is one of the anomalies of our city life that those things which cost men most are the things which yield the smallest return in real satisfaction—that men's dearest purchases are made, not because they make them happy, but because of the impression they make or may presumably make upon some one else for whom they have no love. Social life is at best but a compromise; but let us stubbornly refuse to compromise our joy in living simply—for to live simple is the only way ever discovered by which we may live well.

FOR SUMMER PASTURE

Suggestions on Planting Bermuda Grass in South.

Resistant to Heat, Drought and Trampling by Live Stock—Tendency to Become Sod Bound—Used to Arrest Soil Erosion.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Bermuda grass is well and favorably known in the South. On most soils it is grown primarily as a summer pasture, although it is cut to some extent for hay. It is resistant to heat, drought and trampling by live stock, but the leaves are easily killed by frost, and the plants rarely survive the winter north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers. Hence Bermuda grass finds its chief field of usefulness in the southern states as far north as Virginia and Kentucky. On account of its dense growth and abundant leafiness, Bermuda grass yields very heavily in proportion to its height. Ordinarily it will average about one ton of hay per acre to a cutting, but double this yield has been obtained under favorable conditions. While yields are small on poor land, a rich moist soil will produce a fairly heavy yield, and two crops can ordinarily be cut each year. Both pastures and meadows should be plowed once every few years on account of the tendency of this grass to become sod bound.

Bermuda grass has about the same feed value as timothy hay when used as a feed for horses. Mules do about equally well upon either Bermuda grass or timothy. The former hay, however, has no fixed status on the market, which is, of course, a handicap when the crop is offered for sale. Louisiana uses more Bermuda grass hay than any other state.

The propagation of Bermuda grass is largely by sowing, or planting small pieces of rootstocks or of the sod. The work is easily done, the rootstocks being chopped up in a cutting box and sown broadcast on well prepared and ground, and then covered with a disk or common harrow. In some instances the sod itself is used. Some farmers prefer to plant cuttings in shallow furrows 3 feet apart, the plants being set about 18 inches apart in rows. A corn marker or shovel cultivator may be used for opening the furrows. After the cuttings are dropped they should be covered at once with soil. The covering may be done either with the foot or hoe. To save the loss of the land while Bermuda grass is starting, it may be planted in rows of any intertilled crop after the last cultivation. Bermuda grass does not thrive, however, if too densely shaded. When an old field is plowed the sod can be torn into shreds and used in starting a new field, by throwing pieces into the furrow after the plow, and covering with a harrow.

The farmer may desire to start his field of Bermuda grass by sowing the seed rather than propagating by rootstocks. The seed of Bermuda grass is now grown in Arizona, and this is of much better quality than that formerly on the market. The seed is very fine and rather high priced, therefore the seed bed should be well prepared and firm, in order to avoid too deep sowing. The seed should be sown at the rate of 2 to 3 pounds per acre, and covered with a roller. The best time to sow in the extreme South is in February or early March—farther north in March or April. The seed is mixed with meal or soil, so as to make a larger bulk and make it easy to scatter more evenly.

Bermuda grass is sometimes planted with hairy vetch, lespedeza or other crops in permanent pastures, thus improving the quality of the pasture. On Bermuda grass and vetch pastures the live stock should be kept off for a period in June or July to permit the vetch plants to produce their seeds, and in the fall to allow the young vetch plants to make a start. Bermuda grass is also the common lawn grass in the cotton states, it being fairly easy to propagate where other grasses would require so much work as to make them impracticable. A still further use of Bermuda grass is for planting on steep land and in gullies to arrest soil erosion as well as on sand where there is a tendency to drift. A number of other hay crops are described in the new Farmers' Bulletin No. 677, Growing Hay in the South for Market, which may be had free upon application to the editor and chief of division of publications, U. S. department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., as long as the supply lasts.

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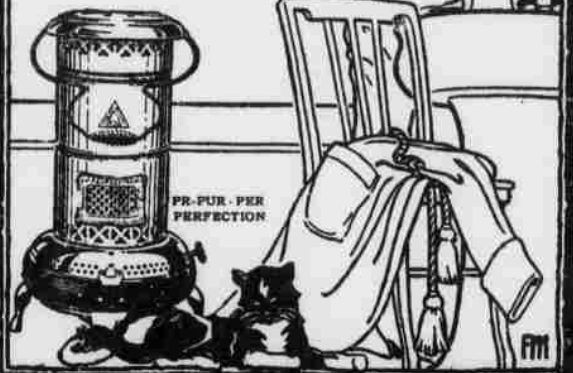
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