



SKILL . . . still an asset
Throughout the depression, a friend tells me, his industry, which is the largest of its kind, has kept all its skilled workers on full pay. "We can't afford to let them go," he said. "There are far too few men who can work accurately in terms of a thousandth of an inch, and modern industry needs more and more of them."

Henry Ford has to train boys in his own great industrial school, to have a large supply of highly-skilled technicians, capable of building the automatic machines which enable the unskilled to produce accurately-machined automobile parts.

For every really skilled hand-worker out of a job there are, I venture, a hundred college men looking for work. And when industry picks up again it will be the

skilled mechanics who will be put to work first.

Nine high school graduates out of ten, probably 95 out of every hundred, would be better off and have happier, more productive lives if they were apprenticed to one of the trades that require a combination of intelligence and manual skill, instead of going to college.

PRICES . . . on farm products
There is only one way in which prices of farm products can be kept at levels which will enable the farmer to earn a surplus above his bare living. That is for farmers to combine and sell their produce only through their own marketing agencies, fixing the price themselves.

Farmers are the only class of people who are permitted to combine to maintain price under the anti-trust laws. The whole purpose of the Co-operative Marketing Act, under which the Farm Board was created, is to help farmers to do just that.

If politicians would keep their hands off and not try to feather their own nests at the expense of the farmer the plan would work. Common sense and business methods are all the farmers of the United States need.

FOOTBALL . . . then and now
At Rutgers University the other day I saw a tablet in the gymnasium recording the fact that on that spot, in 1869, was played the first intercollegiate football game, between Rutgers and Princeton. There were 25 men in each team and the game, recently imported from England, was more like soccer than like the 'varsity game of today.

It was a good many years after that before anybody thought of charging admission to college football games. As soon as that custom became established the game ceased to be a sport and became a commercial enterprise, which has no more proper place in education affairs than horse racing has. But

G. A. R. Greeted at Lincoln's Home Town



Seventy-five thousand people crowded into Springfield, Ill., home town of Abraham Lincoln, to witness 800 members of the Grand Army of the Republic in parade and annual convention. Photos show the "thin blue line" on parade, and insert, Wm. F. Wright, Chicago, newly elected National Commander for 1932.

probably more young men go to a particular college because of its reputation in football than are attracted by the quality of its teaching staff.

EXCHANGE . . . how it works
I met a friend wearing a new hat the other day, and admired the headpiece.

"The New York store which handles this make of hats wanted \$12 for one like this," he told me. "I sent to London and got it for \$8, including the duty. With English money more than 30 percent lower than ours, they can sell their goods to us at a profit, but we can't sell

to them, because we have to get our pay in money at the full gold value."

Another friend told me that Japan has captured the rubber overshoe business of the United States. The Japanese yen is down to about half of its par value in gold. That makes no difference to the Japanese workman, whose pay will buy just as much food and clothing as before except for imported commodities. It also enables the Japanese manufacturer, paying his help in depreciated money, to sell his goods here below our cost of production.

The problem of how to equalize money between the nations is more important than any amount of tariff discussion. There isn't enough gold available for the world's trade purposes. The proposal to restore silver to its former position as money is gaining adherents everywhere.

SHIPS . . . their speed

When we read that Gar Wood has run his Miss America speedboat at the rate of 120 miles an hour it is natural to wonder why it takes the fastest passenger ship afloat nearly five days to cover the 3500 miles between New York and Cherbourg, France. Doubtless a ship could be built which could cross the ocean at a speed around 100 miles an hour, provided nothing broke, but it wouldn't be worth while. To gain such speeds practically every available space inside the hull would have to be crowded with machinery.

The new Italian liner, Rex, largest ship to be built since the war, is about as fast as it pays to make ocean liners; she can keep up a continuous speed of 27 knots, or about 31 land miles per hour, and in her 880 feet of length can find room for more "pay load" in passengers and cargo than any other ship afloat, although two or three are larger.

When the time comes, as it will, when people can afford to do some more expensive experimenting with huge flying boats and dirigibles, the speed route across the Atlantic will be through the air, and passengers will be found who will pay enough for a quick passage to Europe to make such ventures profitable.

PEOPLES' COLUMN

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READER URGES THAT WE GET BACK TO GOD

To the Editor:
Please give me space in your Peoples' column for a few words: The people of the United States are just now in a turmoil over the question of strong drink and politics. Very few of us know that we are in the making of history. If the people could read and understand we are about on par with the Egyptians 500 years before Christ. They worshiped cats and dogs and held them as sacred animals. History tells us that Camlyses won a great victory over Egypt by marching a gang of cats and dogs in front of his army. This was about 1000 years after the life of Joseph. We are just bordering on the same sort of superstition, some women now think as much or more of a poodle dog as they do of a baby and the men are already worshipping fine cows and hogs. It is a very common thing to hear of a cow selling for \$1,500 or \$2,000 and one man sold a dog for \$1,000 not long ago. About seven years after Egypt's idolatry the world had reached a high standard of intelligence. When Paul contended with the Greeks at Athens they worshiped all kinds of gods and even had an inscription to the unknown god. Pretty soon afterwards we went into what is known as the dark ages and for some 800 years the Romans played havoc with the people who did not adhere to

their religion. This was known as the days of Christian martyrdom. About the 15th century the bonds of Romanism were broken and the light of Christianity shown and the world received it gladly and men carried the good news of salvation everywhere.

About seventy-five years ago Satan, it seems, got among us and we began to commercialize the gospel and now it is costing a lot of money to hear it preached. The common people have little say so in what kind of gospel it is and none in the matter of books that are taught in the schools. All of our different denominations have programs they are trying to put over, and when it is put over, in most cases, it is just getting over a fence. Even the good women are striving hard to help in the work, thinking that it is the work of the Lord. We have about reached the point where we have no God, only in name. Our hearts are not in the work. It looks like the more we learn the further away from God we get. So let us all turn back to the ways of the Lord and let man made ways go and not go on until we get into another war where blood will be shed as it was in the days of ancient Rome and Greece. Get your mind off of fine cars, fine homes, fine cows, fine hogs and many of the things we are worshipping and fix them on right-

eousness so the world can see. We are standing in our own way just now.

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