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No New Things

The drift to the city from the country, which so many deplore, is no new thing. It has always been so for history shows that the great cities of old as well as those of modern days were not built up by the natural increase of their own population, but by constant accretion from the country. In fact the city is an immense maelstrom remorselessly sucking in the brain and brawn of the country.

That, on the whole it is a misfortune, few will question. For every one person who goes from the country to the city and benefits by the change there are probably a dozen who do not benefit, for with most of them the change means a deterioration, physically, financially and morally. But this fact does not check the migration, for it is not the failure of the dozen that is considered but the success of the one.

The man who can solve the problem of how to keep young men and women on the farm and in the small town will prove one of the greatest benefactors of all time. Many plans have been proposed and county life has more advantages than in former days, yet the drift continues. Perhaps nothing but the force of economic circumstance will cause a turn in the tide.

Has Organized Labor Had a Share in Raising Prices?

That the various trade unions numbering about three millions of workmen in the United States, have been successful in obtaining higher wages, and shorter hours, would seem to show with reasonable certainty, that they had contributed a share of the increased cost of the goods or commodities, made by them in the factories where they worked, or else where.

In 1907 the United States Department of Commerce and Labor investigated the wages of 350,758

workmen including the building trades, marble, and stone cutters, printers, foundry men, machinists etc. Taking the average wages for the ten years from 1890 to 1900, as a basis for comparison, it was found that the average wages per hour, of these 350,758 workmen were 28.8 per cent higher in 1907 than in the basis period.

In the manufacture of nearly everything made in this country, the cost of labor enters most largely into the cost of the finished product.

Is it reasonable to believe that the manufacturers after having counted the cost of material, and labor, and fixed their prices to yield a reasonable profit, would be able, or willing, to pay their workmen 28.8 per cent higher wages and not make themselves good by raising the selling price of their products. Indeed we know that in some instances when manufacturers, and mine owners have been forced to raise the price of their operatives, they have been forced to raise the price of their products in proportion to raise in wages.

The building trade union have succeeded in obtaining a greater rise in wages than any of the other organizations. According to the report of the department of Commerce and Labor the building trade, comprising 45,537 workmen obtained an average rise of 47 per cent an hour higher than in the average basis period of 1890 to 1900.

Shunk.

The robins, and several other species of summer birds, have returned from the south, and we are happily anticipating, "The Good Old Summer Time."

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gleochner, and Mrs. Anthony Heinze and daughter, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Heinze, Saturday.

Francis Kilmer spent a few days at Elmira, last week, where his grandmother is very ill.

The web social, which was held at the high school, Thursday, was largely attended and the proceeds were quite large.

The revival meetings held by Messrs. Misner and Kamde were largely attended. They will continue this week.

Mrs. W. H. Fanning who has been very ill for the past week is better at this writing.

The Messrs. L. M. McBride, E. C. Campbell, H. R. Fanning and B. O. Bagley spent Sunday at Hillsgrove.

The sad death of Mr. Chas. Tinkham occurred Saturday evening. He has been in poor health for nearly three years and confined to his bed during the past winter. Besides many friends, he leaves to mourn his loss a wife and two sons.

Mrs. Chandler Brown spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. E. M. Lettis.

Mr. Edwin Frey, who has been attending high school, left last week for York State where he has procured work for the summer. Ed. is a diligent boy and he has the best wishes of a host of friends and school-mates for a happy and prosperous future.

Mrs. Jennie Battin and daughter, Miss Hazel Voorhees spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Brown.

Mrs. Anna Williams a loved and respected resident of this county is hovering between life and death at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Bohn of Elmira, N. Y.

SALE.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will hold a sale at the home of Mrs. John Smyth on Wednesday afternoon and evening, March 30. There will be for sale, shirtwaists, plan lawn and hand embroidered, also of calico; toilet covers; bags; aprons; curtains; and some fancy articles.

Ice cream will be served at the usual price. Everybody is cordially invited.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. John Kernan.
Mrs. John Kernan died Friday March 18, at her home in Ringdale, at the age of 76 years. Mrs. Kernan is a native of Sullivan County and has spent her life in these parts, she and her husband having cleared the farm on which they have lived for a long time.

Deceased is survived by a husband and five children viz. William, Garrett and Mary of Ringdale, Thos. K. of Dushore and Elizabeth of Laquinn.

Funeral services were held from St Basil's church in Dushore, Rev. Father Kier officiating. Interment was made in St Basil's Cemetery.

Fred Anderson

Fred Anderson an aged resident of Forksville, died at his home in that place, Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock. Dropsy, from which deceased he has suffered for a long time, was the cause of death.

Deceased was veteran of the civil war, and was a well thought of personage by all who knew him. He was a brother-in-law of Sheriff Brown of this place.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 o'clock P. M., from his late home.

ESTELLA.

David Gloeckler and wife of Forksville, spent Sunday at the home of her brother.

C. B. Wheatley is at Highland View.

Mrs. Elizabeth Boyles, an aged lady of this place, is quite ill.

About twenty cans of young trout-fry from the state hatchery were put in the streams of this vicinity recently.

Bruce Molyneux is moving his family to Overton where he has a position in the creamery.

Ellory Brown is working for Albert Kaye.

Albert Wheatley has gone to Penn Yan, N. Y., to work on a farm.

Lots of sugar making now among the farmers, who can feed you lots of taffy nowadays.

MUNCY VALLEY.

Myrtle Boudman of Sonestown, spent Saturday afternoon with friends here.

Mrs. Wm. Moran and children, visited relatives in Hughesville recently.

Vearle Jillson is on the sick list.

Mesdames Bradley and Houseknecht and children visited friends in Sonestown Thursday.

Kathryn Brook was in town Saturday giving music lessons.

Accident Narrowly Averted.

What might have been a disastrous accident was prevented at Sones' saw-mill at Celestia on last week Wednesday, when the safety plug on the boiler blew out keeping it from bursting. The inspirator "kicked back" keeping the water from entering the boiler. When the plug blew out the men working on the mill, hastened out of danger thinking an explosion imminent. No harm was done.

Subsiding with Dynamite.

"Strange are some of the farming methods of California," said Benjamin Mann, of Germantown, who recently returned from a visit to the Pacific coast. "One day in the vine country I heard a tremendous bang, bang, bang, and started from my seat, thinking that a dreadful explosion had occurred. But my host told me, with a laugh, that his men were merely plowing with dynamite. Then he went on to explain that when it was desired to loosen up the soil to a depth of three feet or so dynamite cartridges were set in the earth and fired off. They broke up the ground beautifully. They did the work much better, and much more cheaply, than any machine or any manual labor could do. And, in addition to this, they destroyed the parasite called the phylloxera, the bane of the vine growers. No vineyard whose soil had been dynamited, my host said, ever suffered from the phylloxera afterward."

MONKEYS POST SENTINELS.

Fight Under a Leader and Roll Stones Down on Their Enemies.
Aesop's ape, it will be remembered, wept on passing through a human graveyard, overcome with sorrow for its dead ancestors, and that all monkeys are willing enough to be more like us than they are they show by their mimicry.

An old authority tells that the easiest way to capture apes is for the hunter to pretend to shave himself, then to wash his face, fill the basin with a sort of bird lime, and leave it for the apes to blind themselves. If the Chinese story is to be believed, the imitative craze is even more fatal in another way, for if you shoot one monkey of a band with a poisoned arrow, its neighbor, jealous of so unusual a decoration, will snatch the arrow from it and stab itself, only to have it torn away by a third, until in succession the whole troop have committed suicide.

In their wild life baboons, as well as the langurs and many other monkeys, undoubtedly submit to the authority of recognized leaders. There is co-operation between them to the extent that when fighting in company one will go to the help of another which is hard pressed.

In rocky ground they roll down stones upon their enemies, and when making a raid, as on an orchard which they believe to be guarded, the attack is conducted on an organized plan, sentries being posted and scouts thrown out, which gradually feel their way forward to make sure that the coast is clear, while the main body remains in concealment behind until told that the road is open.

From the fact that the sentries stay posted throughout the raid, getting for themselves no share of the plunder, it has been assumed that there must be some sort of division of the proceeds afterward. Man, again, has been differentiated from all other creatures as being a fool-using animal, but more than one kind of monkey takes a stone in its hand and with it breaks the nuts which are too hard to be cracked with the teeth.

How Wars Begin.

"Here's a remarkable statement," said Mr. Bibbin, looking up from his newspaper. "What is it, dear?" his wife asked. "It says there has not been a decade in the last five centuries in which war has not been waged somewhere in the world."

"Isn't that dreadful? Why can't people be reasonable and live in peace?"

"Because people are mostly intolerant fools," Mr. Bibbin answered. "I declare it makes a man ashamed of his kind." He crumpled the paper and dashed it to the floor.

"There, there, Elias," said his wife, "don't get excited over it."

"Who's getting excited? I s'pose I've got a right to express an opinion in my own house."

"It's no more your house than mine, I'd have you know," said Mrs. Bibbin. "I guess I worked and scrimped as hard as you did to get it."

"See here, madam!"

"Don't you madam me, Elias Bibbin. I won't stand it."

"Oh, you won't, won't you? Well, if you were a man I'd punch your impudent jaw!"

"No you wouldn't, you big bully. You wouldn't dare say boo to a man."

"I wouldn't, eh?" He strode toward her, shaking his fist, "for two cents I'll—"

"You lay a hand on me," said Mrs. Bibbin, snatching up the rose vase, "and I'll—"

Just then the door bell rang.

The Patron at Fault.

"This last lighting bill is five times as big as the one previous and I'll swear we didn't use half the light this month that we did the month before!" declared the irate patron, bursting into the Lighting Company's office with the bill in his hand.

"That's our certified amount against you, sir," calmly returned the man behind the desk.

"Certified fraud! It's preposterous to assert that my meter showed any such usage. I shan't pay such a bill!"

"Then, we'll be compelled to turn off both your gas and electricity, sir. We never dispute our meter reader's figures."

"But your meter reader never read any such amount of my meter!"

"Beg pardon, he's a reliable employee, he called as usual to read your meter, didn't he?"

ARTFUL BILL DROPS IN.

Calls to See His Friend Tom About a Small Money Matter.
Bystanders saw the derby-hatted, bushy-eyebrowed little man enter the office of his friend with the air of one who has something on his mind.

"Well, well! If there ain't Old Bill!" exclaimed the man sitting at his desk. "What's on your mind, anyhow?"

"Oh, just dropped in, Tom," replied Bill. "Found myself on your door and just thought I'd see how everything was with you."

"Glad you did. Well, how're you makin' out?"

"First rate. How's things with you?"

"Oh, I can't complain at all. How are all the folks?"

"Fine. Everything's coming all right with you, is it?"

Now, after the conversation had run along in that strain for a little while, the bystanders in the office decided that the caller had dropped in to make a touch.

Bill shifted from one foot to the other uneasily. He seemed to lack for a word. Evidently it was coming.

"Oh, by the way, Tom!" spoke up Bill suddenly, with much show of spontaneity, "I was just on my way down to pay my rent and it just struck me that I haven't quite enough on me. Could you let me have that ten-spot I lent you down at the club last night?"

There. He'd said it. The worst was over. And it wasn't a touch after all, but a man trying to collect a debt in an inoffensive way, which is thrice as embarrassing.

Tom looked at his visitor. "Didn't I ever give that back to you?" he asked. "Huh! Why didn't you speak of it before?"

"Oh, I haven't needed it—wouldn't have thought of it now, in fact, if I hadn't been standing here and just happened to think about—not having enough to hand to the landlord."

"Sorry you had to ask for it," apologized Tom.

"Oh, that's all right, I guess I know you well enough to feel free to ask for what I want, hey? No need of formality or anything between us. Of course, I wouldn't have mentioned it at that if I hadn't just been here and happened to think"—and so on.

And having collected a debt that had been on his mind for months, while he wondered how to get it without giving offense, Bill went his way in a high state of inward glee.

MIND'S INFLUENCE ON BODY.

Dr. Vaughn Says the Dogma is Worth out a Scientific Support.

Taking for his subject "The Physical Basis of Life," Dr. Vaughn, speaking before the Association of American Physicians, said that much had been heard of late concerning the influence of the mind over the body. That assumption was as old as the philosophy of Plato. It always had been and remained to-day a dogma without scientific fact. Every attempt to apply it to the treatment of disease had led to the development of conscious or unconscious charlatanism and resulted in more or less marked atavism.

Medical observation and study had shown that healthy cerebral function was to be found only when the activity of the brain was influenced properly by normal function of all the correlated organs.

"We know equally," said he, "of the influence of the brain on the other organs of the body. We are fully aware of the fact that impulses may be started in the brain through any of the five senses that may favorably or unfavorably influence the activities of the correlated organs. And for centuries the medical profession has employed this physiological principle in the treatment of disease."

Onionology.

After eating onions a girl should immediately sit down and peruse some work of fiction that is calculated to take her breath away.—Chicago Daily News.

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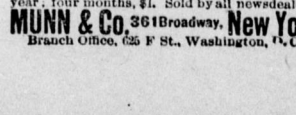
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