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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station.
- 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pavement of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha with a Brick Surface.
- 3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the
- Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean. Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

Work of the Unemployment Conference.

The way to cure unemployment is to furnish employment, and the way to provide that is to get the industries of the United States going at something like normal capacity. This conclusion is easily reached by a committee that is to present a program for the unemployment conference at Washington. Working out of the details may present some difficulty, but not any that is insurmountable. What will chiefly be required is a spirit of co-operation on part of those most concerned.

In a general way, the plan contemplated will require short-time employment of workers to keep business going full time. Manufacturers will be asked to arrange their pay rolls so as to divide the work that is available among as great a number as possible. This will call for acquiescence in a limited wage by workers who are now getting in full time, they being asked to divide with their fellows who are idle. Then the manufacturers and jobbers are requested to aid in passing along as rapidly as possible any concessions in prices, that consumption may be stimulated and demand thereby increased.

Simple enough in its outline, and perhaps capable of application, this program at leas: has the merit of being practical. It is not a final solution, however, for it does not involve the readjustments in industry that must be made before the definite end is attained. As an expedient the shortening of hours and consequent employment of more workers to secure the same output is permissible, if the unit cost be not increased by a consequent addition to the wage item. In other words, all the workers will be put on part time, instead of having some on full and others on no time at all.

Some doleful predictions of breadlines and souphouses are already heard, but these should not be fulfilled. We have plenty to feed and clothe everybody in this country, and, as the president stated in his opening address to the conference, there should be work for all who are willing to work. A rearrangement is needed, and this may be worked out by the conferees and presented in such fashion as will appeal to the general public and so be adopted. Anything that will bring a change is certain to be welcome, for the outcome can scarcely make matters worse.

The Cowardice of Cain.

Hanging, in the opinion of an old English historian, was the worst use a man could be put to. Yet it is hard to say what else Carl Wanderer was fit for, A greater crime than that of which he was convicted-the murder of his wife and her unborn babe and the slaying of a tramp on whom he hoped to place responsibility for the deed-can not be imagined.

Human life appears to have meant nothing to him, although he tried hard enough, by every subterfuge known to the law, to save his own skin. That he went to his death on the scaffold singing does not disprove his essential cowardice. Nor does the fact that he had served in the army and was eager to cut his domest ties and return to it necessarily indicate an, real

Here was a man afraid to face life and abide by its rules. Having assumed the responsibilities of a husband and father, like a craven he attempted to find a backdoor of escape. Instead he discovered that the way he had chosen led only through the trap door of the gallows. Too late, if ever, he learned that taking life is cowardice and that the heroic thing is to abide by the dictates of conscience and civilization however hard they may seem to bear.

The Cld-Time Fiddler.

In these days when anybody who cares to can turn on the machine and hear Kreisler or Kubelik, or anyone of a number of really remarkable violinists play immortal compositions, the "old-time fiddler" loses a great deal of his importance. Yet there was a time when he was really an adjunct, even a necessity. A generation or so ago the fiddler was almost indispensable to society. He was a part of the new communities, of the rural life that had not as yet coalesced beyond the formative stage. Inthose days the "barn dance" was a reality, and not an imitation prepared with much scenery and equipment that seldom found place in a regular barn. Maybe the dance was held in the school house, or the kitchen and "settin" room" were combined for the time, and the dance was held therein. Wherever it was, the fiddler was the prime factor, as without him there would be no dancing. Tangoes and fox trots, glides and dips, bunny hugs and toddle walks were not known, but the honest-to-goodness dancing of the plain quadrille, the Virginia reel, and now and then the lancers, with an occasional waltz, schottische or polka for those who were advanced in the art, called for vigor and zest that now is lacking. Jazz was unknown, but the simple melodies that were adapted to the movements stirred the young folks and the old as well to rhythmic response, and the evenings so spent linger yet in the minds of any whoever took part in the proceedings. The old time fiddler may now afford occasional entertainment to the people who never knew what a boon he was, but some still honor him because of his contribution to a life that was drab enough without him.

Wrong Kind of Voting Club.

Violence is to be deprecated at all times, and clearly the naturalized citizen who attempted to make his wife vote by crashing a stool against her head was in the wrong. As he admitted afterwards to the judge, he had not ascertained whether she would have marked her ballot in accordance with his if she had gone to the polls. Those who have any claim to being judges of human nature will say that after her beating she nost probably would seek revenge by killing her husband's vote, if she voted at all. Thus are to be seen the difficulties which surround a man who wishes his wife to take her rightful place in

politics. It may be that this immigrant was acting on the theory that in order to be thoroughly Americanized his wife should take an interest in the mayoralty campaign in New York City. After leaders in the struggle for woman suffrage endured jeers and insults, picketed the White House and went to jail for their faith, he may have reasoned it would be ingratitude indeed not to accept the privilege and duty they had won. But as a new citizen he may have set a higher value on his right of the ballot than do many men v ho have been born here. The same hard fight, marked by a great deal more violence, was necessary before the right of manhood suffrage was won-and yet there are many American-born men who never have voted, and many more who participate in fewer elections than they ignore.

All in all, the women have met the duties of citizenship as well as could be expected, and much better than many predicted. Not voting is a practice not peculiar to their sex, and the woman who does not mark a ballot is no more to be clubbed by her mate than is the man who likewise abstains.

Motor Drivers Still Unreliable.

A resume of motor accidents reported to the police for the month of September shows a total of 64, or more than two a day. This makes no account whatever of the minor mishaps and collisions which are never called to the attention of the authorities. The record is not one in which the motorists should take pride, especially as the police assert that in almost every case the accident was due to a violation of the traffic rules. Careless or indifferent drivers jeopardize the safety of all others. No amount of expostulation or exhortation seems sufficient to touch these. Police courts hold no terror for them. A traffic officer is quoted as saving that hundreds of arrests have been made within a month of violators of traffic regulations, who have been released from custody on payment of a light fine, or with a reprimand. Unless the law is brought to bear more heavily on these offenders, the record of September for motor accidents will be extended through October and so on indefinitely. Visitors to Omaha marvel at the disregard for rules of safety shown by drivers, and they might, if they remained long enough, learn as have the residents to marvel at the leniency shown those same drivers when they are called to account. A change of policy

Wilbur Glenn Voliva having joined forces Rev. John Jasper and a few other notables, the law of gravitation may be considered repealed. There ain't no such thing; it's all bunk, says the successor of Elijah John Alexander Dowie. Nor is the world round, all the astronomers and scientists, geographers and explorers forever and ever to the contrary notwithstanding. What is more to the point is the discouraging fact that there are those who will accept Mr. Bryan or Mr. Voliva at their face value, and repudiate the teaching and experience of men who have devoted their lives to elucidating the simplest of nature's problems. These unreasoning followers of equally unreasoning leaders do not try to grasp the fact that gravitation is not a man-made device, but a law of the Eternal Absolute. Science does not invent laws, but merely discovers and applies them, and in doing so brings man into a better and closer relation with his Creator, because of added understanding of the divine plan and consequently a more reverential acceptance of the divine will. Not "Back to God," but "Forward to God!" should be the motto. Happily, the eternal laws are not subject to mutation or human tinkering.

Of course, if all fires were prevented, the insurance companies would have to go out of business. Inasmuch as this is impossible, there is no objection heard to the observation of fire prevention day, and indeed any lessening of the waste of conflagrations is a good thing all around.

The Iowa farmer who compelled nine boys whom he caught in his melon patch to gorge themselves on watermelons only succeeded in making them do what they would have done if left alone. One never gets too much melon at a certain age,

Lord Cecil, in demanding that the League of Nations take some definite step to encourage disarmament, either is striving to embarrass the powers or clings to an illusion in a most unstatesmanlike fashion.

"The pen is mightier than the sword," concedes the Sidney Enterprise, "but just the same there come times when the pen wielder wishes for a gat." Presumably the editor has something on his mind.

Obregon's edict stopping gambling will hit the pleasures of a number of Americans who go across the border to let out a notch, but still it is not likely to lead to international complica-

The Iowa judge who holds that a dog may bark when he pleases might have gone on and said that Fido would do it, too, in spite of all the laws of man.

One advantage of the congressional recess has been that it allowed members to come home and make the discovery that railroad rates are

It remains to be seen if all the wild horses and all the wild men can pull the promoters into treedom again.

At all events those boys who sought to extort \$200 have led the way in cut prices for blackmail,

THE HUSKING BEE -It's Your Day -Start It With a Laugh

SUCH IS LIFE.

We welcome the frost on the pumpkin
For the pleasure it brings us, oh boy,
And even the city-bred bumpkin Greets frost on the pavement with joy; For summer, that gay-hued deceiver But vamps us with its brilliant sun While the autumn tells us our hay fever

Yet e'en while we chortle with pleasure And feverish tears cease to flow, We find that the fall brings its measure Of trials, tribulations and woe; Our smile gives away to dejection, We long for a quart on our hip, Over night we have made a connection With Grippe.

PHILO-SOPHY. A system full of symptoms accompanied by a slight affectation of the eye-lid ought to be good for the right kind of a prescription.

One can usually tell a professional man Only yesterday we saw a chimney-sweep going up Douglas street, carrying a leather portfolio

Producers and promoters are beginning to realize that the American people want clean entertainment put on by persons with clean records. They rang down the curtain on one Jack Johnson up in Massachusetts the other

Jack Lee says 100,000 Nebraska farmers milk 435,000 cows. But we've had information to the effect that their wives do the most of a piece of work, the light smokers could respond more quickly than the heavy smokers. This was taken as an illustration of smoking on this job of milking.

New York has flopped back to normal after five months of daylight saving. But what good is it after you have saved it? One can't use it at night and in the day time one doesn't need it.

UPWARD AND ONWARD.

Full many wonders now we find, Men ride in planes towards the stars-Reporters soon may be assigned
To gather in the news from Mars.

Four Days' Treatment Restores Gray Hair

-Promise in a St. Paul ad. Yeah, but Mary-e'en though gray hair may be a badge of mature judgment and ripe intelligence, and command respect-who, may we rise to awsk, wants his gray hair restored? Unless, indeed, it be to a bald head,

Light occupation: Spinning a put and take top without betting on the result.

LACTEAL LAMENT. Cafeterias must be laboring under the mis-

apprehension that milk is a bootleg beverage, and has in some mysterious manner become mixed up in the Volstead fiasco. Waiter slips us a glass with the half of one

per cent cream carefully concealed on the botom and nicks us at the rate of 40 cents per qt Per Q. T .- we never issue a chirp. Congratulate ourselves that we can still get it without a doctor's prescription putting us on a milk diet. Which also reminds us that we wouldn't so much mind paying 20 cents for two fingers of corn-flakes (Nebraska's other bumper crop),

paper napkin with it, Oh, I don't know. Times aren't so rotten Pity Poor Old Science. when a young woman can shoot \$80 in a beauty parlor. Business is good, thank you.

OLD HOME WEEK. Each treads his dalig round.

Of tasks that must be done, For children, home and native land The struggle must be won. But blood is thicker than water

Of all the world, most dear. The heart turns toward the nest,

And we who are children here Will always hold each other

Yearns like the homing dove, After years in other lands Home-land holds its love.

NOT UP-TO-DATE. The boys who wrote threatening letters to prominent them K. K. K.

Cleopatra was, we take it, the original vamp. We are not informed as to whether or not she bobbed her hair-but we believe she "rolled 'em." Only thing lacking in the ancient civili-zation—Cleo didn't have the movies to go into.

"Yes, it is a cold world," argued the pessi-"But that fact doesn't worry the coal men," commented the man with the philosophical turn

of mind. STILL SPEEDING. Automobiles are moving slowly, says a trade report. On the market, bo, on the market!

Not on the boulevards. SLEUTHING.

Said Andy Trapp to Robert Munch, "I think it's time to have a lunch, We've worn the soles half off our shoes In running down a bunch of clews."
"Quite right. And while we feed our face We'll look for yeggs about the place;
Be sure you've got your gun and sap,"
Said Robert Munch to Andy Trapp.

AFTER-THOUGHT: The only eye-opener left the nation is the alarm clock.

A Genius in Royalty

Among those who believe that 1921 will reward fighters is King Constantine of Greece. Much royalty has fallen upon many evil days, but the Greek royal family by constantly adding a little bit to what it has has preserved its solvency and its serenity. Its checks are good at the bank, the proletariat does not bother it, war merely annoyed and peace did not destroy it, and now it is opening up many attractive Turk-ish subdivisions and is contracting competent

American marriages,

It acquired the dowager interests in the Leeds tin plate millions, and in Paris Grand Duchess Xenia is shopping preparatory to tak-ing over the main account by marrying William Leeds. The cost of the lingeric for the wedding, Paris reports, will run into hundreds of thousands of francs, which, even at the prevailing rate of exchange, is a few dollars in American

We can imagine the king saying ding the expense. The boy is a nice boy and the finest lingerie in Paris is none too good for him. The family can afford it. Things are going pretty easy and it looks like a soft winter.

Tino is the only genius developed in royalty n the last fifty years. Europe does not know now to keep him from chasing the Turks out of their territory and America does not know how to keep him from walking off with American gold.—Chicago Tribune.

keeps-Fitchburg Sentinel.

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TOBACCO AND WORK.

I do not suppose the average man or woman cares two whoops, but those who do care can get some scientific information as to the de-gree of harmfulness of smoking and

erators, they found that the heavy family, smokers were able to do more work This than the light smokers in the early work hours, but they fell off in their than the light smokers in the early worthy. The members are devoted work hours, but they fell off in their to one another, unusually thrifty output so rapidly that at the end of and will not, except in dire need, the day they were doing much less accept charity. work an hour than the light smok-So low was their output in the late hours that their total output are planning was less than that of he light best we can.

When the group was called upon to speed up to take care of a piece

Mental workers.

A group of glass blowers was taken as typical of conditions among men doing heavy manual labor. The conclusion drawn from this study was that smoking had little effect on the output of men smokers had a slightly lower output

hand, seemed materially to; lower ated Charities was a great success output. The investgators concluded but evidently Mrs. Smith does not that tobacco was a poison which know that we have hundreds of lowered physical capacity, but that families during the winter, who the smoker did not absorb much of it. Chewers, on the other hand, absorbed large doses of it. The solution of tobacco was readily absorbed by the membranes of the mouth and, in addition, some saliva containing nicotine was swallowed and the stomach absorbs more

rapidly than the mouth. The articles in the Journal of Industrial Hygiene refer to several studies made by other careful investigators. An editorial in the Journal of Tropical Hygiene refers to studies which showed that the use of tobacco had been found to lessen the endurance and vigor of foot ball players and to other studies. foot ball players and to other studies which showed that in certain college groups the proportion of to-bacco users among the men with low scholarship records was higher low scholarship records was higher street car company was granted in-than among those with high rec-ords. However, that may have been of all things were high. Employes again.

Try Giving Skimmed Milk.

A mother writes: "My 3-months-old baby girl has a breaking out on both cheeks. She has had it for about three weeks. It seems to be the restaurateurs didn't insist on serving a getting worse. At first it was like tiny white blisters, but now they have turned red. I thought it probably was eczema, so stopped all butter and am giving her whole mile, cereal, fruit cooked strained vegetables, and hard breads. What should I do, to clear this up and prevent spreading?" REPLY.

Eruptions of that character on the faces of babies generally are due to some food. The offending food may be something which agrees with most children It is right to suspect fats. Try giving skim milk instead of whole milk.

Tumors and Cancer.

Mrs. R. H. S. writes: "Will you tell me if a tumor of the womb turns into a cancer or can it cause death if not operated on? Do tumors stay in one place or move

REPLY.

There are several kinds of uterine tumors. Cancer is one. Occasionally a tumor which started out something else will become a cancer. Malignant tumors spread to different parts of the body. tumors grow locally, but they do not jump to new areas.

Work More Than You Eat. Mrs. L. A. M. writes: "1. Will hot Epsom salt baths or sea salt reduce flesh? I am 21 and weigh 180. "2. I would like to reduce. How may I?"

REPLY.

2. Eat less than the work you do calls for. You can eat abundantly of bulky, watery vegetables, but be very stingy with bread and all foods made from wheat, oats, rve, rice, and other grains, with sugar and all foods, beverages, and confections in which sugar enters, and with potatoes and beans.

Better Be Examined, Mrs. C. A. writes: "I had a hem-orrhage of the lungs six years ago and this week I had the same thing. Will you tell me of some preventive that will arrest the trouble again? Do you think a vaccine should be injected into my lungs

by a specialist?" REPLY. There is no vaccine that will help. Horse serum injections are helpful for a very short period, but that is not what you are after. Have you consumption? Above all, be certain on that score.

Don't Go to Extremes.
M. F. writes: "Kindly state what effect cucumbers and onlone sliced ach when eaten solely as a meal with no other ingredient. Are they hard or easy to digest? Do they contain much putriment?"

REPLY. Such a mixture eaten without bread or other food would-be very hard on the stomach. It is almost without food value. When cucumbers and onions are eaten as a small part of a nical they furnish salts and vitamines and help to fill all useful functions.

"Twill Serve.
That "slave auction" on Boston Common may have been a press-agent stunt, but it will be used by sensational reformers for years to present form of government.-Buf-

If Women Would Be Safe. Young women attending parties at which bad liquor is diluted in movie actors should at least be armed with virtue or firearms. Virginia Rappe didn't even have a custard pie.—Kansas City Star.

A Drummer's Proverb.

A salesman is known by the companies he cers—Fitchburg Scntinel.

Extensive and Impressive.

Lord Northeliff says "the United States begins long before you get to it." And by George, it continues long after you have left it.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

How to Keep Well The Bee's Letter Box

Omaha, Sept. 29 .- To the Editor of The Bee: In answer to the letter signed "Sweet Charity," and written to the Omaha Daily News by Mrs. Jennie Smith, we feel that we should not pass this by without a word of explanation. We feel that the article is misleading to the public.

the American Medical association sells a booklet in which Jackson gives his opinion as to the amount of tobacco an ordinary man can stand after he has become accustomed to the drug. The Journal of Industrial Hygiene, during the last year, has carried two articles on the effect of the use of tobacco on capacity for work. These studies were made in California by Baumberger, Perry and Martin.

Examining a lot of-telegraph operators, they found that the heavy Mrs. Smith refers to a family of the men strike and service is more to compare the control of the mother recently died, the father the mother recently died, the father or walk. In either event we pay.

Let us back up the men to this

This family is in every way to them whenever it was asked. We are planning now to help them as best we can. As to supplying their winter coal, if this is necessary, of course we are propared to do it. That is our business to turnish ma-

Now, as to Mrs. Smith's suggestion that we take some of the money earned from the dinner-dance and pay off the mortgage on the little home which this family occupies, let us saylin; all fairness that this would be an utter impossibilit. Should we attempt to pay off the mortgages, standing arginst the homes of the worthy families of mortgages standing against t homes of the worthy families Omaha, it would take hundreds

thousands of dollars. Chewing tobacco, on the other given for the benefit of the Associthrough sickness and other reasons, must be provided with food, fuel, clothing and shoes. How far would \$7,000 go if we attempted

to pay off mortgages? If Mrs. Smith, or others, who are criticising our work, wish to know how we meet our multitudinous problems we would be more than willing to have them visit our office, 522 Federal Reserve Bank building, and see for themselves, how we, at the best of our ability, try to lighten the burdens of the unfortunate ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.
Mrs. G. W. Donne, Secretary

Public and Trolley Pay. Omaha, Sept. 27 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Just a few things that the public should consider. The street car company was granted in-

thousands of men were in the United States service, and trained men were hard to get. Wages of street car men today are not what they should be for skilled and trained men. The public depends upon them for safety and should insist that good wages be paid and only the best men em-

ployed. The public pays the freight. If street car men accept a reduc-tion of wage, then the public should

extent. If their pay is reduced, in-sist on a reduction of fare. If their pay is maintained, maintain the fare. The fare was raised to help the men in the first place.

Cost of Lamb Chops.

Omaha, Sept. 29.—To the Editor f The Bee: We have laws reguof The Bee: lating rates of interest; a law regulating the length in hotels, on beds, and sanitation in hotels. Now if this state has the power to regulate rates of interest, and a law regulating the length of sheets regulate rates of interest, and length of sheets, it certainly has the power to regulate selling prices, or is required to do business, this information from a very good attorney. So if the governor is seri-ous about helping those who cannot help themselves, here is his op-

portunity.
Fat lambs sold on the market September 28 for from \$6 to \$8 per 100 pounds. Listen on the same date, I had four little lamb chops for supper, that I paid 40 cents for I got three small mouthfuls of meat from each chop. That costs three and a third cents a chew. if you can. There is room here for a lot of fun, at my expense, and I like fun as well as lamb chops, if it does not cost more than the chops But, believe me, there is a serious side to this question, and a deep rumbling can be heard that bodes no good to this nation, if these con-ditions are allowed to run much longer. A. M. TEMPLIN.

Platte County to Vote on

Additional Bond Issue Columbus, Neb., Sept. 30 .- (Special.)—A special election will be held here October 18 to vote on a bond issue of \$100,000 for completion, furnishing and equipping the new court house building. The completed structure will cost in the neighborhood of

Cherry Trees Bloom Wymore, Neb., Sept. 30 .- (Special.)-A number of people in this

Crash Victim Sues Priest for \$30,400

Rev. Patrick A. Flanagan of the Holy Angels church, was sued for \$30,400 in district court yesterday by Jay Vestal, who alleges that while he was driving a car June 18 he was run down by Rev. Father Flanagan's car and badly injured. He lost one eye, two of his ribs were broken, his nose is permanently crooked and he suffered other injuries, he alleges,



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Illinois Central System Holds Railroading

Right now, when optimism in all branches of industry is needed more than ever before, we regret to note an unorganized but none the less effective effort to make railway work appear unattractive to our young men. Non-railway men have expressed discouraging views, and even some railway officers have lent their opinions to this unprogressive effort. For the most part, fortunately, these views are merely opinions without a statistic in support.

Is as Attractive Now as Ever

We, of the Illinois Central System, do not subscribe to these pessimistic opinions in any single particular. We believe-indeed, we know-that the present-day complexity of railway organization demands men better trained and more resourceful than ever before, and that opportunities for advancement, to the right men, are as good as they ever were.

There is danger, however, that, although unfavorable opinions of railway work are false, constant reiteration may result in their acceptance as fact, and some promising young railway men may be side-tracked into other missions of less benefit to themselves and to the public. Any business is largely what you make it. Railway men should point out how attractive their business really is. What other present-day businesses have greater romance, better compensation and swifter

chances for advancement than railroading? These three factors—opportunity, compensation,

adventure—are the lodestones that draw young men today as truly as they did their fathers

twenty, thirty or forty years ago. What has railroading lost in these respects that other businesses have gained? As construction of new lines, with consequent opening of new territory, has almost ceased, perhaps some of the romance has faded out of railroading. The day of the empire builder is past. But have other businesses fared better, What competing industry has more adventure, even today? Only on the frontiers of civilization, which have crept far outside our immediate problem, will you find the great adventures again-and out there, the chances are, you

will find the railroader, next to the soldier perhaps, the envied man.

In place of the old frontiers we have something far more productive of opportunities for service-a large population busy in the further development of our country. In this development the railroads play a part of tremendous importance, for business of every kind is dependent upon adequate transportation. In providing that transportation at minimum cost and at the same time improving and enlarging the transportation plant, to keep it abreast with the country's growth, the present-day railway man has a problem bigger than his grandfather and his father faced in the days of pioneer railroading, and he is better paid.

But how about advancement? Has a young man in railway work a chance as good as those in other lines? Will merit find its own place at the top? We believe no other business offers better opportunity for advancement to the young man who insists upon advancement. Inertia won't push him to the top any more today than it would forty years ago, but his boss' job is always just in front of him, and the pursuit is still the same old game.

The young men who are now coming along in railway service don't know much about the conditions that prevailed a generation ago, and we doubt that many of them care. All that a young man who has the right kind of stuff in him is concerned about is the problem of tackling the task confronting him today, and he doesn't care a rap about how somebody did the job before. He has his own future to carve-and many young railway men are carving theirs

For example, of the official positions on the Illinois Central System, 85 are held by men less than 30 years of age, 122 are held by men between 30 and 35 years of age, and 213 are held by men between 35 and 40 years of age. Three of the executive positions are held by men less than 40 years of age. This proves that opportunity still exists in the railway business. The best man will seize it, as he always did and always will. The same effort wins in railway work as in other lines, and the final rewards compare favorably with those in most competing industries.

The editor of an important newspaper wrote the other day: "There is no more interesting calling than that of railreading. It is a man's game, and next to our own we esteem it as a vocation of less monotony and more adventure than any other." This is a competent outsider's opinion of the railway business. While we do not agree with the exception he made, we

believe it is otherwise a correct opinion. Moreover, we believe it would be conducive to the good of the railroads if similar opinions were adopted and expressed more frequently. We believe the contrary viewpoint is erroneous, and its adoption by many of our citizens would be detrimental to the railroads as well an to the public welfare.

Constructive criticism and suggestions are invited.

C. H. MARKHAM. President, Illinois Central System.