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Richmond, Va., looms up on the horizon half as big again as it used to be.

There are so many people who are good that aren't the least bit interesting.

It sounds paradoxical to say that the girl of the period looks like an exclamation point.

A great temerance wage is passing over Great Britain. It may cease to be the "tight" little Isle.

Living without an income appears an easier proposition to some society men than living within one.

Human interests first, property interests second—is the new thought in all progressive citizenship.

Secretary Wilson prophesies the largest corn crop ever harvested, if the frost holds off a little longer.

Birmingham, Ala., according to census reports has made an increase of 245 percent. That's going some.

As Bernhardt says she never will retire, she would be a competent person to give a few private lessons to Dr. Cook.

The mutiny among the West Point cadets shows that you can't make a boy into a soldier merely by rigging him up in uniform.

Three New York balloonists have disappeared. Now their friends are up in the air.

How can a woman put her best foot forward when she has a hobble skirt on?

Emerson said: "Mankind is as lazy as it dares to be." And many of them dare to be disgustingly lazy.

The modern form of putting your money into the kitty is to get an automobile with a costly purr.

The closed season for deer hunting is welcomed by the deer quite as much as by the life insurance companies.

Chicago is now the fourth city in the world, but New Yorkers say they feel skerry on its lonely streets after sundown.

Yale professors get more pay, but the higher education will exist only in name until the football coaches get more.

Jap ships can't flog their prisoners on United States soil, which means not merely going to sea, but giving them a bath.

Almost any aviator can take passengers up in his aircraft but the one who brings them safely to land has quite a feat to his credit.

A Racine woman, 81 years of age, has entered a university to satisfy her desire for knowledge. Why not? It's better than gossiping.

Now Aviator Chavez is dead after crossing the Alps, and these new improvements in transportation keep on filling the orphan asylums.

The average cost of breakages to an aeronaut while learning to fly is estimated at \$2,000. This does not include arms, legs, necks, etc.

With Gaynor, Harmon, Wilson and Folk the democratic presidential timber lot is getting beyond the sprout-land-stage of growth.

The old guard has no use for an expresident that not merely won't stand without hitching, but declines to remain in the back pasture.

A German inventor has completed a crewless warship, but if he really wants to advance civilization he should get up a girlless kitchen.

President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton is running for governor of New Jersey, and policemen might as well prepare to arrest drunks in Latin.

Uncle Sam's customs men take the surprising position that a liar who comes from the Paris boulevards is no more glorious than one from the corner grocery.

A college professor has figured out that time moves in a curved line. That must be in youth. Later on it certainly gets there by the shortest route.

"When labor and thought are linked together in every phase of our industrial life, we shall have less grit in the machine and more gold in its produce," says a keen public man.

Chili, as well as Mexico, is celebrating a century of independence this

fail. Chili has developed steadily and rapidly during the hundred years and shows every sign of continuing to do so.

Pittsburg will become smokeless about the same time that New York becomes noiseless, London fogless, Chicago modest and San Francisco pious.

One of the most remarkable discoveries of the recent political campaigns was an aspirant for office who declared to be a candidate "at the earnest solicitation of friends."

Helen Taft quits Bryn Mawr for the white house. She would rather be a boarder in the house of our president, than dwell in the tents of learning on Parnassus.

Thunderbolts have twice shattered the statue of Henry Clay at Lexington, Ky., though when alive he vainly endeavored to get in the way of the presidential lightning.

They talk of spending \$40,000,000 on fortifying the Panama canal, but if a \$4 dinner were given a few of the political bosses across the water, it might make them feel good enough to accomplish the same result.

Chicago's "Three Million Club" still has some years in which to work. However, the time will come when the figures will have to be raised.

As Secretary MacVeagh is to receive a \$250,000 house as a gift from his wife, he won't have any excuse now for not staying at home evenings.

President Taft has placed 8,000 assistant postmasters on the "classified service" list, thus transferring them from the spoils sphere to that of merit.

Eighteen thousand veterans took part in the last Grand Army procession, but over 40,000 army and navy pensioners answered to the last roll call last year.

Our battleships may not be as dangerous as enemies, but one blows up often enough to remind our sailors that they are sometimes dangerous to their manipulators.

Walter Brookins' fine achievement for winning the Record-Herald prize for cross-country flight goes far toward establishing public confidence in the ability of a man to manage his machine.

It is claimed that T. R. owes the Pennsylvania road \$100,000, though it is claimed the company says it has charged it up to advertising. Probably the regular freight tariff on big sticks under the interstate commerce law.

Another association of doctors has decided that the food faddist does more harm than good. If many people would pay less attention to their digestive apparatus they would run better. Constant attention seems to irritate them.

Thackeray said, "You can't order remembrance out of a man's mind." No, and often he remembers what he would like to forget while the things most valuable to be remembered are forgotten.

Henry Watterson says the next president will be a democrat. But while Henry has attained a great reputation as a brilliant editorial writer, he has never shone conspicuously as a prophet.

Stimson, candidate for New York governor, is the sugar trust prober. No man can run for office successfully this fall unless he has extracted the appendix from some of the fat-test trusts.

Chicago is now the second city in population in the United States and the fourth in the world. Yet there are people still living who were numbered among the first 100 inhabitants. This is a marvellous record.

General Louis Botha, the first premier of the United South Africa, was defeated for re-election by Sir Percy Fitz-Patrick, but under the election system he will be chosen for some other constituency and still head the ministry.

The first export from New York was tobacco and after about 200 years of the trade an average of \$29,700,000 has been shipped annually for the past five years. And this together with the larger amount that is used at home goes up in smoke.

Russia continues the persecution of the Jews as unrelentingly as ever, though on a smaller scale. Heretofore 4 percent of the students in St. Petersburg might be Jews, now that percent has been lowered with the evident intention of shutting them out of technical institutions altogether.

Times are changing, and the sugar trust, which the government is trying to dissolve, has just reduced sugar ten cents a hundred. Formerly the corporations paid for the anti-trust suits by raising the price of their product.

The Chinese are peculiarly fond of

ingenious devices and scientific instruments. They often carry two or three watches, wear foreign glasses and are extremely pleased with musical instruments, telescopes, field glasses and such conveniences. Evidently the empire would furnish a fine field for selling some strictly new and clever invention.

Any one who places no more value on his life than to go over the Niagara falls and through the whirlpool rapids in a steel barrel, must feel that he is of little consequence in the world and to attempt the useless and tollhardy feat a second time as "Bob" Leach" determined to do, simply doubles the idocy of the performance.

The prison ship Southey has just come out of dry dock at the Portsmouth navy yard where six carloads of sea growth were scraped from her hull. The mass of matter weighed over forty tons. About two-thirds of it was starfish and mussels. The ship had not been cleaned for about a year, still to those ignorant of sea life it seems incredible that such a growth of matter could adhere to a ship's bottom in a year's time.

There is considerable fear that the cholera may reach the United States through the emigrants from Italy. The ocean becomes year by year less of a barrier to old world ills and diseases. Naples is a favorite point for American tourists and many have already landed there without proper official declaration of their danger. There is imperative need of the most rigid care being exercised in this matter.

English has made another long stride toward becoming the world language. The Chinese government, has decreed that English shall be compulsory in all the schools of the empire and shall become the official language between the various provinces which speak dialects radically from one another. English is now the language of commerce in all non-Russian and non-Turkish Asia. It is the official language of an empire of 300 million Hindus and now of 400 million Chinese. Many of whom will speak it in their homes.

The remarkable growth of the city of Seattle in population and in importance as a seaport makes more harbor facilities necessary. In recognition of this need the last congress passed as one item of the river and harbor bill, an appropriation for the building of a lock that will make possible the opening of a canal from the sound to Lake Washington. This canal will add Lake Washington to the present harbor space increasing it from ten miles of water front to more than 100. The lock will be the largest in existence except in Panama.

This present era is a very trying one for novelists, who do not want their books to seem out of date in a short time, to decide how to transport their heroes and heroines from place to place. To have them drawn by spirited horses is to have them back numbers. To dash along in a motor car is the proper thing at the present moment, but by anticipating a little he could send them sailing along through space in an airship. Which will stand the test of time?

Experience has taught those who are engaged in an effort to improve the moral conditions of the laboring classes in large centers, that men and boys can be won from what is bad only by the substitution of what is good and being educated to appreciate it. There must be equal fun, equal chance for excitement, rivalry and risk in this substitute, as is always found in evil. This element is necessary to feed the inborn desire in every human being for enthusiasm and love of venture.

The United States geological survey which has the handling of government statistics on the production of cement, reports an output of Portland cement of 51,000,000 barrels in 1908, while in 1909 the number of barrels went to 63,000,000. The use of this great quantity of a new building material does not bear adversely upon the sale of other building material, as was at first feared. Those who figured on an alarming decline in other industries as this new one advanced failed to properly estimate the tremendous growth of the country and the ever increasing demand for material of all kinds.

American and European bankers are in a controversy concerning the refusal of the European bankers to accept American cotton bills of lading unless they fear the guaranty of an American bank. The New York banks refuse to extend such a guaranty and so matters are at a deadlock. Fortunately the pressure to accept the bills and let business move on is quite as heavy on the European bankers as on ours, since they must have the raw cotton or stop their mills. So \$400,000,000 worth of cotton will be accepted some way without any serious delay.

This seems to be an age of alliance. The most enduring of our day is the triple alliance of Germany, Austria

and Hungary, which has lasted twenty-four years and bids fair to continue indefinitely. Now we behold the strongest nations of the world, seeking to form these alliances and promoting by them. The question arises whether America might not also be strengthened by such friendly alliances. Are we losing in the world because we fail to secure the responsibilities and the rewards granted us by other world powers? These are questions for our statesmen to ponder carefully.

VICTORY FOR MODERN FARMING.
 Scientific agriculture, aided by the newspaper publicity, won a big victory in Nebraska this year when the farmers of the state, following the suggestion of the Omaha Commercial club, gave careful attention to their selection of seed corn. Last spring it was found that the corn crop of 1909 was practically all unfit for seed and warnings were issued. As a result, pretty nearly all the corn used for seed, was tested before planted and a failure was averted.

It was a bit victory for modern methods of farming.

The fund started in the east to erect a suitable memorial for Dr. Edward Everett Hale, flourished encouragingly for a few months after his death, then, as is usually the case, public interest dwinded, or passed to other things and the subscriptions stopped at \$3,500. Now the rest of the country is being appealed to, to aid in raising the additional thousands needed. The appeal may be successful, but the psychological moment for making such an appeal is passed. Had it been made immediately after the death of Dr. Hale, it would have received a much heartier response. So soon are even the greatest forgotten.

The present attractive style of naming farms started as a pretty sentiment, but really it is more far reaching and may even enter the field of commercialism. The unnamed farm has nothing to distinguish it from a hundred and one others, but give it an appropriate name or euphonious name such as Woodland Place, Fair Oaks, Meadow Brook or Rose Dairy, and the farm assumes dignity. Label the market products with the farm name and if they are of good quality the farm will soon have a large number of friends who are interested in its butter, eggs, vegetables and fruit. Naming a farm is a good start. Try it.

THE AUTO RACE NONSENSE.
 The appalling list of casualties resulting from the sixth annual Vanderbilt cup race in New York, must command the sober thought of the nation and must bring about, it would seem, some regulation to prevent a repetition of this form of useless slaughter in the name of sport.

What matters it to the general public whether a car can travel 100 miles or 100 1/2 miles an hour? This sacrifice of human life in auto racing is about the silliest form of manslaughter in existence today, and the quicker it is done away with, the better.

The car manufacturers are glad to put their machines in the races for the advertising they get. But it's a pretty dear bit of publicity, after all.

THE TIMES' EXPLOSION.
 The catastrophe that befell the Los Angeles Times was shocking to a degree. The fact that the Times and the labor unions had been at such bitter warfare for so many years, lends serious apprehension to the case. The national union leaders declare their faith in the innocence of the unions so far as this deed is concerned and well may the public hope that they are right. At all events, the matter should be probed to the very limit and the guilty parties run to earth and punished. If the explosion did result from the war in which the Times and the unions were engaged, union men in other parts of the country will feel that a serious blow to the cause of organized labor has been struck. If the unions accused by the Times management are innocent, then they should be particularly anxious to trace the cause to its true source, for the sake of vindication.

OPEN AIR AT NIGHT.
 Now that the cool fall autumn nights are coming on, how many of us will have the resolution to keep our windows wide open at night and to breathe the fresh air, instead of the poison stuffed atmosphere in closely shut rooms?

It is not many years since most of us believed that windows open an inch or two at night during cool weather gave the human organism all that was necessary for health. And most of us felt as afraid of a little cool air on our faces, as of being exposed to the smallpox.

People who have learned to take out door air freely into sleeping rooms every month in the year, find a tonic inspiration better than anything the druggist can hand out. In this indoors age, most town dwellers are shut up in the bad air of offices and factories during the day time, but they can get during the night time the good air that gives out-door workers their robust physique. So pile on the coverlets as you need them, but don't

turn your room into a woodchuck hole by closing the windows.

NEWSPAPER ERRORS.
 Some people seem to think they prove their own brilliancy by being able to point out errors in a newspaper. After taking their leisure to pick flaws in work that had to be done in a hurry, they call the newspaper man by telephone or hail him on the street, for wrong capitalization or a split infinitive, if they can find nothing more serious.

Everyone makes mistakes in his profession, but with most people only the boss knows about it. The newspaper man's mistakes are spread out for all the world to see.

The conditions of newspaper making demand that it be done at high pressure. If the editor went at his task with the extreme caution manifested by the lawyer when he writes a will, there would not be time to do much writing. And few people realize what infinite pains even under existing conditions are taken to avoid error so far as possible. The bulk of the mistakes are the result of inaccurate information given to reporters.

AROUND TOWN.

And one more rainy wash morning. This rain may lay the dust, but it won't lay any paving brick.

Can anybody in the class tell why they call it Indian summer? If you don't feel optimistic these kind of mornings, the trouble is with YOU.

A great race that: Its fatalities exceeded only by the Paris-Madrid race.

Do you ever pick up a paper without reading of some new death among the aviators?

Don't shy any bricks at the paving people. The company is already shy a brick or two as a result of the work of vandals.

A woman who once lived in Norfolk is said to have been so lazy that she'd lie abed all morning rather than get up and build a fire.

A Norfolk trainman was hurt yesterday trying to board his engine. How would you like to board an engine in these days of high prices?

There's some satisfaction in not being rich: You aren't apt to have a bomb placed under your house, even though the house, itself, is on the bun.

Not counting the meeting of the democratic central committee the sporting world of Norfolk saw a busy day Friday. The West-Sullivan fight arrangements were completed and the Tilden-Visner baseball game for which \$200 was in the pockets of the managers on both side sended up in a disagreement.

There'd be some class to school days if a fellow could belong to the football team and play a game every Saturday, and practice every evening after school, like the Norfolk high school eleven does nowadays. When you and I went to school, we had to spend all day Saturdays cleaning the ashes out of the cellar and running errands.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.
 Some men have this way of telling a lie: "I don't know it, but I firmly believe," so and so.

We've noticed that the traveling passenger agent of a railroad has mighty little to do. Speaking for himself, a man rarely says that competition is the life of trade, as if he really meant it.

Some poetry impresses us as the work of a man so smart he could go crazy and make it pay; not only could, but did.

There are all kinds of tastes in this world, including people who enjoy the illustrated song at a moving picture show.

Have you noted how cordial and pleasant a hostess can be when her summer guest announces that she will depart the following day?

An Atchison wife actually saves money out of her allowance! She lately drew \$150 out of the bank, money she had saved from her allowance. And what do you suppose she did with it? Gave it to her husband? You may doubt this story, but we can prove it.

Mrs. Lysander John Appleton can make a sacrifice without a tremor. An aunt died recently, and her last request was to be buried in her new black silk. Mrs. Lysander John would have inherited that new black silk, but she says she knew her duty and buried her aunt in it without a sign of regret.

Women are noble, and self-sacrificing, and all that, but there is something weird about them. For instance, there is the case of Frances Peters, of Kansas City. She had two admirers, noble young men who wanted her to marry them. But she wouldn't do it, although she consented to make a nest-hiding trip with a young preacher who didn't want to marry her, and who, through a blunder, killed her.

CHILDREN NEED VERY BEST ROADS

BAD HIGHWAYS PREVENT REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS A TASK

National Grange is Urged to Work for Better Highways as a Help to Youngsters and Greatest Interest in Church and Civic Improvement.

One of the advantages that good roads are to a community that are often lost sight of is the prevention of children attending school regularly, thus furthering the ambition of every parent that his or her child shall be well educated, and another is the prevention of social intercourse, which is only fully developed when the "going" is easy over well cared for highways.

In an article written for the national grange by Logan Waller Page he says: "The advantages of good roads extend to every citizen, whether he lives in city or country, and to every enter-



GETTING AN EDUCATION.

prise, whether it be agricultural, manufacturing or mining. All are more or less dependent on the common highways as an avenue of the commercial transportation, and in proportion as these highways are improved so as to facilitate transportation are they benefited thereby. These benefits have been carefully computed and estimated in dollars and cents, and so enormous have they been thus demonstrated to be that they present a convincing argument to any thinking man of the importance and necessity for road improvement.

"But there are other elements of advantage which more urgently recommend the improvement of our roads, advantages which deserve far more serious consideration than any financial advantages which we may gain and which cannot be measured according to any monetary standard, but must be looked for in the elevation of our citizenship and the moral and intellectual advancement of our people. "Most of our cities and towns have good streets and driveways, which facilitate business and recreation. The people live close together, and social and friendly intercourse is easy. The schools and churches are within easy reach of all. So our urban population has ample facilities for business, for recreation, for social intercourse and for attendance upon church and school. "It is different, however, with the two-thirds of our people who are engaged in agricultural pursuits and live away from the centers of business and population. They have not the paved streets and good roads of the cities and towns. They live apart from each other and have no roads such as afford easy and convenient means of transporting business, of social intercourse and regular attendance upon church and school. To them will flow the maximum of benefits from improved roads. Improved roads will bring them in closer touch with the centers of progress. It will give them enlarged ideas and assist them to adopt the new methods which are so necessary for them to keep pace with the march of progress along other lines, and as they advance so will our entire country and in equal ratio.

"Good roads would revolutionize our country schools. Contrast the lot of the country child on his way to school in winter with that of the city child with only a few blocks of paved streets to walk. Our country child, with satehel over shoulders and lunch basket in hand, must brave the cheerful firebre of home from half an hour to an hour before school opens in order to be there on time. The roads are wet and muddy many months of the year. The country is open and the cold winds are unmerciful in their attacks upon him. So that by the time he reaches the schoolhouse, which is of ten unscientifically ventilated and poorly heated, his feet are so cold and his body so chilled that he is unfit for study or recitation most of the day, and the exposure and chilling of the body invite pneumonia and other diseases.

"These conditions cause broken and irregular attendance. They create an aversion in the child for the school room instead of a pride in punctual attendance and studious advancement. Not only this, but a mother hates to see her children trot off to school two or three miles away in cold, bad weather. She fears that the injurious effects upon the body from the exposure will do greater harm than the beneficial effects upon the mind will do good. She realizes that a vigorous mind can only dwell in a healthy body, and that it would be a misdirected ex-cuse of maternal care to force her children to school under conditions of exposure which endanger their bodily health.

"Improved roads would be a great factor in reducing the percentage of illiteracy which exists throughout the country. Our present illiteracy cannot be reduced to any appreciable extent except by marshaling all of the children, both city and country, into the schoolrooms. This can only be accomplished by a system of compulsory education. Some of our states have already passed compulsory education laws, and in many other states the sentiment in favor of such laws is so pronounced as to indicate their early enactment. These laws prove a blessing when wisely framed and properly administered. There are no obstacles to their efficient administration in our cities. Everybody is in close proximity to the schoolhouses and can easily reach them with but little exposure in the worst weather. But in the rural districts the opposite is true. If all of the roads were in good condition so as to remain high and dry it would be possible to successfully enforce such a law even in the rural districts, but with the present condition of some of the roads it is humanly unable. And the states in their efforts to this respect, by closing their children would be attempting an unkind beneficence for which they would pay by a resultant loss in the physique and mental vigor of our future generations.

"Church attendance would also be stimulated by road improvement. When one has a nice smooth road to travel over he doesn't mind driving three or four miles to church. Small congregations would thus be augmented. The people would become interested in and take a pride in their churches. Larger and more comfortable churches would be built, and both children and grown people would attend church more regularly than they do now with our bad roads and distant and uncomfortable churches, for church-going is not only beneficial from the religious atmosphere which pervades churches, but there is also an attractive social feature connected with them which is a benefit and a blessing to the people.

"The schools and churches of a community are its greatest moral and educational forces. Next to them perhaps stands rural mail delivery, which brings the people of the rural districts in daily touch with the cities and business world. It places in their hands the daily papers, magazines and all of the current literature of the country, so that they may be as well informed as to what is transpiring in the political, literary and commercial world as their brothers in the city. The beneficial effects of this service upon the rural population are immeasurable, and nothing contributes to its efficiency and regularity more than improved roads."

NEW DUTIES FOR MISS TAFT.

President's Daughter May Leave Bryn Mawr to be White House Hostess.

Washington, Sept. 27.—It is probable that the winter will bring forth a bud in the white house to be a leader in the young people's smartest set. It is understood that Miss Helen Taft will return here for the winter and assist her mother in the social affairs of the season, if not actually "presented" this year. There is no record of her having re-entered Bryn Mawr college for the new term. Miss Taft is far better educated now than the majority of young women of her own circle, who consider themselves quite well equipped mentally for their duties in life.

Should she remain here for the winter she would, of course, be a factor in social affairs, even though Mrs. Taft should not consider her a debutante. It would be difficult to keep her out of the many affairs, large or small, which are sure to attract her. Mrs. Taft has always exercised the authority of a wise mother, and kept Miss Taft in the background socially from the time when the chief executive returned from the Philippines to take up the duties of secretary of war. Usually, when her associates, both girls and boys, were dancing or out in theater parties Miss Taft was at her studies or some wholesome outdoor exercise, and she has made far better use of her time than many of her friends. Should she spend the winter at the white house there will be much gaiety there for the young people, for Mrs. Taft will have decided to permit her only daughter to enjoy the privilege of being belle to its fullest capacity, if she does not return to school.

It was stated from the family circle about inauguration time that it was possible they would allow Miss Taft to remain out of her college work for a season or two during her father's administration, as she was quite young enough to be able to fall behind her classmates and graduate in a later class.

A New Neligh Schoolhouse.
 Neligh, Neb., Oct. 4.—Special to The News: Bids were opened and the contract let by the members of the school board at a special called meeting Saturday evening for the building of a new schoolhouse in the Second ward of this city.

The lowest and best bid was that of Howard Kester of Neligh, who agrees to comply with the plans as voted on at a recent election for the sum of \$7,981.60. J. B. Lytle of this city was the next lowest bidder, being \$3.40 higher than Kester. Work on the new structure will be started at once so as to enable the same to be enclosed before cold weather sets in.

Implement Men Will Meet.
 Retail implement dealers and traveling men dealing in implements will hold a meeting at the city hall in Norfolk Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock with a banquet and social session following in the evening at 8 o'clock at the Pacific Hotel. A large number of retail implement dealers and traveling men are expected to be here. Henry C. Buckendahl of Pierce is president.

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