

## CO-OPERATIVE EFFICIENCY.

What our race needs most at this time is co-operative efficiency. What is meant by this is the ability and disposition to do team work in the accomplishment of great tasks. The race has many brilliant examples of individual success. One man or one woman has been remarkably successful in some given field. These individuals have been pointed out as examples of what the race can do, and the race has been given credit as a whole for the genius and progressive spirit of these successful individuals. The serious side of this is that it has been almost impossible thus far to work these strong, progressive characters into a great co-operative effort for the accomplishment of some monumental undertaking that would bring credit to the race. A combination of thrift, business ability and capital is sadly needed for the employment of our youth on a large scale. Our schools are sending out well-prepared young men and women each year, and there is nothing adequate being done in a co-operative way to give encouragement and support to these young people. One man may run a skiff, an express wagon, a small store or a farm, but to run a river packet, a transportation line a department store or a factory requires a combination of capital and business ability on a large scale. One of the essentials in co-operative work is confidence—confidence in the ability and integrity of your associates and confidence in the final outcome of the enterprise. It often becomes necessary for an associate in business to yield or subordinate his opinion. This is done by frequent conferences and the interchange of opinions. When there is suspicion and an eagerness for immediate results, business enterprises among us often fail. The power of initiation should be cultivated. It is not enough to be able to find fault with a plan proposed by another. This is the principal virtue some business associates possess. Let there be more co-operation and a more genuine loyalty. The race cannot succeed without these.—National Beacon Light, Memphis, Tenn.

## WHY NEWSPAPER MEN BECOME MILLIONAIRES

A child is born in the neighborhood, the attending physician gets \$10. The editor gives the loud lungened youngster and the happy parents a send off and gets \$0. When it is christened the minister gets \$10 and the editor \$00. It grows up and marries. The editor publishes another long-winded, flowery article and tells a dozen lies about the "beautiful and accomplished bride;" the minister gets \$10 and a piece of cake and the editor gets \$000. In the course of time it dies. The doctor gets \$25 to \$100; the undertaker gets from \$50 to \$100; the editor publishes a notice of the death and obituary two columns long, lodge and society resolutions, a lot of pretty poetry and a free card of thanks gets \$0,000. No wonder so many editors get rich.—Exchange.

## NEGROES BOYCOTT WHITE UNDERTAKERS

A campaign urging the Colored people of Topeka, Kans., to boycott white undertakers has been conducted for several weeks through the columns of the Topeka Plaindealer. As a result, it is reported one organization with Colored membership has voted that its members leave word that Colored undertakers be called to take charge of their bodies.

## VOTE FOR MICHAEL CLARK

I want all voting men  
To hear this kind remark,  
When I vote for Sheriff  
I'll vote for Michael Clark.

He is a trusty good road-officer,  
I am sustained in this remark,  
And all of our boys in November  
Will vote for Michael Clark.

He's a man that's not cranky,  
I've oft heard this remark,  
He's a man that is very careful  
Not to do things in the dark.

He never uses coarse expressions  
To the crew on the car,  
When he has to call them down  
He's careful not to go too far.

He never acts the critic  
In a sharp and cutting way,  
He says a prestige gained policy  
Is by guarding what you say.

To get the best a-going,  
I'll drop this kind remark,  
When you vote or Sheriff,  
Be sure to vote for Michael Clark.

By W. B. Wykoff,  
A Pioneer Motorman.

## BROWN CREEPER

(*Certhia familiaris americana*)



Length, five and one-half inches.  
Range: Breeds from Nebraska, Indiana, North Carolina (mountains), and Massachusetts north to southern Canada, also in the mountains of the western United States, north to Alaska, south to Nicaragua; winters over most of its range.

Habits and economic status: Rarely indeed is the creeper seen at rest. It appears to spend its life in an incessant scramble over the trunks and branches of trees, from which it gets all its food. It is protectively colored so as to be practically invisible to its enemies and, though delicately built, possesses amazingly strong claws and feet. Its tiny eyes are sharp enough to detect insects so small that most other species pass them by, and altogether the creeper fills a unique place in the ranks of our insect destroyers. The food consists of minute insects and insects' eggs, also cocoons of tineid moths, small wasps, ants, and bugs, especially scales and plant lice, with some small caterpillars. As the creeper remains in the United States throughout the year, it naturally secures hibernating insects and insects' eggs, as well as spiders and spiders' eggs missed by the summer birds. On its bill of fare we find no product of husbandry nor any useful insects.

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