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THE DOLLAR KEEPS A-COMING

By Lewis L. Clarke, President American Exchange National Bank, quoted in "Pacific Banker."

A dollar, unlike a man, can, if it chooses, remain indefinitely idle, but its natural habits are against its doing so.

When business is slack and dollars in consequence lose their jobs, they look around to see whether or not they can find employment in the same community in which they have been working. If that is not possible, then they go afield to look for satisfactory

When there are a lot of idle dollars, such as is the case at present, they are forced into a position where they bid against each other for work.

It is natural that when industry and agriculture do not offer employment, the dollar should look for a prime security as a possible avenue of employment.

The dollar very properly has two things in mind, to-wit, per cent. per diem earning capacity and the privilege of terminating its contract of employment at any minute. In other words, it seeks to keep itself privileged to advance or retreat via the liquidity of the security whose temporary employment it has entered.

Men often speak of the shift in labor, meaning transmigration from one job to another. Physical labor is never so shifty as is the little dollar, which, generally speaking, has no sentiment in regard to any job that it holds. It is quite ready to transfer its allegiance at any moment and without notice. Wherever there is any indication of higher wages or earning power, there the dollar will troop ostentatiously and proffer its services.

At present the dollar is not the least bit proud of its earning capacity, but just as soon as business begins to pick up and a demand for the dollar becomes acute, instead of offering its service at a reduced per diem wage, as at present, it will strut before you and figuratively say "WHAT AM I BID?"

TODAY

BY ARTHUR BRISBANE

Wall Street buys and sells 2,000,000 shares a day now, and nobody no-tices it. We quickly get used to prosperity. Brokers would consider a "million share day" an insult. But call money with which lambs gamble went to five and a half per cent, yesterday. A few days ago it was two and a half. Wall Street does notice that it's rather sad to pay for gambling money as high an interest rate as merchants and manufacturers have to pay for legitimate business loans.

The real stock gambling will begin after the new year. I hen look out for skyrocketing, to be followed by some falls that will make the speculators know just how Humpty Dumpty fell.

Senator Underwood, and others whose pure, innocent souls are above mere profit, might like to know something about the value of power shares and what it would mean to the General Electric company if kind Mr. Underwood should make the General Electric the private owner of Uncle Sam's plant at Auscle Shoals.

Take one little light and power investment made by the far-seeing B. F. His wife asked him to invest for her \$10,000. He paid \$9,300 for \$10,-000 par value of power bonds. They carried the right of exchange for common s'ock at par. (lie exchanged the \$10,000 bonds for 100 shares of common stock. The company issued ten shares of stock for one. The \$10,000 investment could be sold yesterday for \$69,500. You'll admit that properties going up like that are really too good for Uncle Sam to keep.)

On New Year's eve the old Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, Phila-delphia, will ring 148 times, once for each year in the life of this nation. And the radio will carry the sound of the bell all over the land, and across the water. That would interest in-

Ingratitude.

From the Chicago News.

The old lady was taking her morning walk, strolling leisurely across the fields in which some cows were grazing. She was not a bit frightened of cows; in fact, she thought them the sweetest creatures in the world. But on this particular morning there happened to be a bull feeding there as well, and he did not like the old lady's red bonnet.

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Suddenly she became aware that the bull, with lowered head, was charging straight at her. She just managed to reach the gate in time. Then she turned round with indignation on every line of her face and exclaimed:

"You ungrateful creature! Here I've heen a vegetarian all my life and this is what I get for it."

tensely two men that signed the Declaration, Jefferson and Franklin, both interested in science. Both had genius, but neither could have imagined the radio, except as a random guess. Even genius cannot think very far ahead of its own period.

Scientists by modern methods, prove that the earth's solid crust is at least sixteen hundred million That adds considerably to the old idea of a world created 6,000 years ago. Feeble human imagination cannot grasp such a period as 1,600,000,000 years. Only 12,000 years ago, we were in the Stone age. But the earth's great age encourages us to believe that this planet and human beings on it will exist for several hundred millions of years more at least, as science predicts. A great deal can be done in that time. Even 1,000,000 years should show considerable improvement, when you consider what men have accomplished in 12,000 years.

It appears that four gentlemen have been representing the Philippine government in the United States, with an expense account. It also appears that, by a gentleman's agreement, each one of them charges exactly \$900 every month for clothing. This teaches not only that Fili-pinos are hard on their clothes, but also, that they have not mixed with American politicians for nothing, and are now about ready to govern them-

Trinity University in North Carolina has changed its name to Duke University, thereby acquiring many millions, generously given by James B. Duke. The university gets \$6,000,-000 at once, for buildings, and ultimately will have as endowment the income from \$25,000,000 more.

"What's in a name." is answered by Mr. Duke effectively. That university by any other name, would not have got \$31,000,000. Who can estimate the future value of such gifts to education? What a blessing

Kindness Rewarded.

From Answers, London.

One day a small boy was vainly trying to reach the front-door bell of a certain house. He made several determined efforts, and after a quarter of an mined efforts, and after a quarter of an hour of unsuccessful attempts he was nearly in tears. At that moment a kind-hearted old gentleman came by. Taking pity on the lad, he was moved to kindness, and, going up to him said: "Let me ring it for you, Tommy." Whereupon he pulled the bell violently, so that it awoke the echoes inside the house.
"And now, what do we do?" asked

"And now, what do we do?" asked the kind one, with a smile at the boy. "Run like the dickens," answered the lad as saited the action to the word.

that men now give vast fortunes to money as of old in an effort to buy special Divine favors for their own unimportant souls.

J. P. Van Zandt, of the army air service, having travelled 6,000 miles on various European air lines, reports that flying is past the experimental stage and under conserva-tive conditions, as safe as travel on the land.

Since the war commercial planes have travelled more than 26,000,000 miles. On a purely business and non-experimental basis, within 25 years any long distance journey by train will be confined to old fashioned, conservative people. In 50 years, for long distances, trains will be used as little as stage coaches are used now. For some it is hará to imagina that. But many find it hard imagine anything.

The Penalty of Genius.

From the New York Sun,

Physiologists who teach that genius is the result of chemical abnormalities of the endocrine glands of the human body are consoling to those individuals who have passed through life without achieving greatness. In accordance with the most modern teaching, genius has its penalties. So oppressive are they that the average man if he knew the price he would have to pay for eminence in this life would select the comfort and security of the humbler

In a comparison between the life of Napoleon and that of the average citizen an author, who rests his conclusions on a study of the endocrine glands says the great French general had a pulse so sluggish it rarely moved more rapidly than 50 beats to a minute, while the only reaction to this slowness of circulation was supplied by occasional epileptic fits to which he was subject. Abdominal pain made it impossible for him to sleep more than a few hours.

Such a picture would reconcile almost anybody to obscurity. Other famous men seem to have suffered almost nearly as much, if the con-clusions of the new school of physiologists are to be trusted. Abnormality of his glands filled the later days of Charles Darwin with suffering. He slept little, suffered almost continuously from fatigue and the more active misery of heart trouble, which superinduced chronic insomnia.

In war, statesmanship and letters the great have been compelled to pay for their renown. Other famous men have suffered just as much as the two most eminent examples of what the scientists of this particular school say the glands may cause. The sufferings of Dostoievsky were familiar to the world long before gland therapy occupied the attention of physicians to the degree it does today. Lord Byron, whose extrava-gancies of conduct seem more and more incomprehensible to a soberer generation: Julius Caesar, Mohammed and Flaubert are other great geniuses whom the gland therapy does not hesitate to call epileptics. Their renown brought on consequences which few men would have been willing to undergo in life even if there was the certainty of their fame to follow.

COMPENSATION Mabel J. Bourquin.

'What, after all your labors, was the prize? With bleeding hands, and wounded bosom bare, Love answered, "This, the crown of thorns I wear;" But, oh, the rapture in his shining

From the Chicago News.

A young clerk reported to his chief that he had lost the key of the safe, and, consequently, could not get at im-portant books and documents.

"But I gave you a duplicate key," said the chief. "You haven't lost that as well, I suppose?"
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