

Today

Ed Lasker and Quaffan. Figures Do Anything. When Bryan Quotes—He Omits Part. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

"New radio devices make talk private." Will there be enough combinations to supply a separate code for each of the earth's 1,600,000,000 people? Yes, and 10 or 1,000 codes for each one. The alphabet, alone, twisted around, in various combinations, makes all the world's books and talk, out of 26 letters. Edward Lasker, the chess player, who has been urged to teach chess and mental training by mail, tells an interesting tale of the first chess game. King Hashran, Indian potentate, ordered the Sage Quaffan in the sixth century, to invent him a new game. It must be a game calling for courage, foresight, ingenuity, power of intellectual concentration, and free from all element of chance. Quaffan brought to the king a chess board, with men, pawns, queen, etc., as we now use them.

The king, delighted, said, "ask any reward, great Quaffan, it shall be yours." Bumping his head on the ground several times, and hoping the king might live forever, Quaffan said, "I ask for corn, in accordance with the number of squares on this chess board—namely, one grain of corn for the first square, two for the second square, four for the third, 16 for the fourth and so on." He bumped his head again, and waited.

"Foolish Quaffan, your request is granted, but why did you not ask for something worth while?" "Live forever, oh, king, and let your royal mathematicians figure out the amount of corn."

Before the mathematician had multiplied up to the 13th square all the corn in India was exhausted. The total number of grains needed would cover the British Empire with corn 14 inches deep.

That number amounts to "two raised to the 63d power."

In other words, write down 18 and add 18 zeroes thus, 180,000,000,000,000,000, and you have the number of corn grains, 180 quadrillions—more than the wealth of the world could buy.

How King Hashran, whose word was precious, settled that deal in grain with Quaffan, the sage, Lasker, worthy successor of Quaffan, does not know.

But he throws light on man's nature, with this fact. The king, noble soul, wanted a game without chance. But common nature longs for chance, for accident, for something depending on what we foolishly call luck. So, in many places and for many centuries, in Asia especially, men started their chess games by shaking dice. The dice decided which piece the player must move first, thus adding foolish chance to a noble game.

If Mr. Lasker starts his teaching of chess by mail, as this writer and others have urged him to do, he sure to join the first class. You will learn more than chess from Mr. Lasker.

The beauty of quoting authorities is this: You can take what you want from your authority, and leave the rest. Who knows it better than William Jennings Bryan, as sincere and honest a man as ever believed in his own opinions on things about which he could not possibly know anything?

For instance, Mr. Bryan says that to teach Darwin's evolution is a crime, an insult to human intelligence, and an affront to Providence.

Why? Because the Bible says all animals and man were created in six days—which would not allow time for evolution. Mr. Bryan believes that God named, one at a time, the various species and varieties of mammals, birds, reptiles, fishes, insects, infusoria, microbes and germs of all kinds.

The varieties are so numerous that it would take more than six days merely to name them all, talking at top speed. But that only demands another miracle—of fast speech.

While Mr. Bryan says Darwin must be a liar, because the Bible seems opposed to his view, Mr. Bryan denounces wine as even more criminal than evolution. If you ask him why Divine Power was used to change water into good wine, and save the wedding guests from drinking plain water—probably infested with germs, never found in wine—he brushes your question aside, as trivial. "The Lord just made a mistake, that was all."

It's the same with politics. Mr. Bryan, self-chosen protector of religion and the democratic party, rebukes Governor Smith of New York, because Mr. Smith signed a bill depriving prohibition of state enforcement. In his attack on Governor Smith, Mr. Bryan quotes Thomas Jefferson.

But Mr. Bryan does not quote Jefferson on the drink question. Jefferson advocated the use and encouragement of light wine and beer. He demanded removal of all taxes and restrictions from the sale of wine and beer, and wrote to the legislature of Virginia highly recommending a man who wanted to start a brewery.

In his rebuke to Governor Smith, Mr. Bryan says one thing, however, that is sound. "Wait till the women speak on prohibition," says he.

Women vote, women hate saloons and whiskey, as well they may. Women believe that any modification of extreme prohibition would bring back the saloon and would not drive out whiskey. Those now young will be old before prohibition can be much changed, with women voting.

Railway Workers Start Arguments for 'Living Wage'

Ten Classes of Employees Seek Increases Ranging From 8 1-2 to 15 Cent an Hour.

Chicago, June 11.—Arguments for increases in wages for 10 classes of employees in the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers' union, ranging from 8 1-2 to 15 cents an hour, effective February 15, last, were started before the United States labor board today, by F. H. Fijozdal, president of the union, and other officers of the organization. More than 30 class one carriers are included in the hearing, although some carriers were eliminated almost at the last minute by making wage agreements with the organization.

The union leaders base their opening arguments on increased wages in other industries, the relation between cost of living and wages; hazards of employment; training and skill required; degree of responsibility; character of regularity of employment and inequalities in increases of wages or treatment as a result of the board's previous wage orders or adjustments.

"A comparison of the wages now received by the maintenance of way and railway shop laborers, under decisions of the United States railroad labor board, with the wage necessary to maintain the worker's family in

accordance with the standard set up by the government, will explain our presence before the board, and our request for a revision of wages so soon after the board's last wage decision, Leo Keller, statistician for the union, said.

Support of Plea.

In support of a plea for a "living wage," as the union leaders interpret a clause of the transportation act that provides for giving of a "just and reasonable wage," Mr. Keller read expressions of opinion on that subject from men prominent in public affairs, including William G. McAdoo, former director general of the railroads, and former secretary of the United States treasury; Senator Robert M. La Follette, Vice President Calvin Coolidge, Secretary of Labor Davis, Senator Hiram Johnson and Senator Copeland.

Statistics were presented by the union leaders in support of a contention that cost of living has advanced; that wages for similar work in other lines of industry have advanced; and that the present rate of pay to maintenance of way employees is not commensurate with a "just and living wage."

Two-Thirds in Debt.

For the first time in a wage hearing, the maintenance of way leaders presented a compilation of questionnaires broadcast to members of the organization through the union's official magazine. A total of 3,742 questionnaires were compiled and from that the union leaders asserted that to every employee having a bank account there are 5.14 employees without one; that nearly two-thirds of the organization's 350,000 members are in debt to the estimated extent of more than \$44,000; that the average family for each employee is 5.38 persons; that the average cost per meal per person in each employee's family is 6.3 cents.

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Woodrough Opens Federal Court at North Platte

Federal Judge Woodrough, accompanied by Assistant United States Attorney Keyser, Marshall Cronin and Clerk Hoyt opened federal court at North Platte Monday.

Former Beatrice Man Is Killed in Train Wreck

Beatrice, Neb., June 11.—Jack Lane, railway conductor, brother-in-law of Charles Avey of Beatrice, and former resident, was killed in a wreck near Fresno, Cal., Sunday, according to a message received by Mr. Avey. He was 45, and leaves a widow.

Rail Surcharge Case to Be Heard

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has come from Kansas City that the Chicago & Northwestern railway has let a contract for the construction of a 50-mile link from Lincoln to Virginia, Neb., and will take over the old Kansas City & Northwestern line and run trains from Lincoln direct to Kansas City. No announcement of such a deal has been made here.

Hog Prices on Market Here Lowest Since Nov. 27, 1911

The estimated available cost per hundred pounds for hogs on the market yesterday, that of \$6.65, is the lowest since November 27, 1911, when it was \$6, according to the local office of the United States Department of Agriculture. Heavy receipts were held partly responsible. It was also said that packers have plenty of pork on hand, and that their storage facilities are crowded.

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Woman, 95, Given Birthday Party

Mrs. Mary Nesbit Tells Her Friends She Has Lived Long Enough.

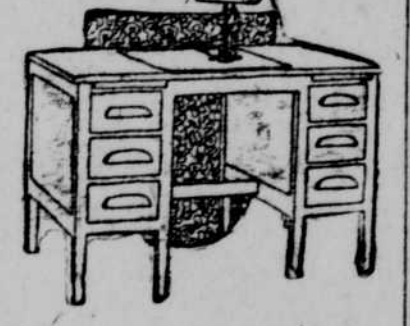
Happiness and pathos vied for places at the birthday party given in the Old People's home yesterday for Mrs. Mary Nesbit, who was 95.

Happiness won, but pathos was not put to rout, for the frail woman calmly, announced during the gay little party that she believed she had lived long enough.

"I have had a very happy life and a very, very long one," she told her friends who gathered about her yesterday. "I am now ready to go when I am called."

There was a birthday cake with 95 pink candles for Mrs. Nesbit. On the cake was a small corsage bouquet. The cake was held high aloft, and then Mrs. Nesbit blew out the candles. Mrs. Isaac Carpenter cut the cake.

Rev. J. W. Hamilton of the North Presbyterian church said grace at the beginning of the birthday dinner and gave a toast at its close. Fred Nesbit, the son, and Earl, the grandson of Mrs. Nesbit, were among those



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You can have a roof made of tapered shingles, in three beautiful pleasing colors, that break up, with the shadow lines of their thick butts, the monotony of an untapered shingle roof.

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present. There were large quantities of flowers, and during the afternoon scores of friends called on Mrs. Nesbit.

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Palmolive has won millions of users by its remarkable aid to beauty. The demand has spread almost the world over—wherever beauty lovers exist. Its unique results have made Palmolive the world's leading toilet soap.

What you prize in Palmolive is the skin effects which ordinary soaps never brought you. Then don't be cheated of them. Don't let somebody make you think that a like-looking soap is Palmolive.

Another value you get in Palmolive is a 25-cent quality for 10 cents. That is due to enormous volume.

A beauty soap—a scientific toilet soap for 10 cents is unique. You are cheated of that extra value when you get an imitation. Nothing in all ages has compared with a blend of palm and olive oil for skin beauty.

Never in a soap has that blend been perfected as it is in Palmolive Soap. That is why it won supreme place with beauty-loving people.

Be sure you get it. Look carefully at the name and the wrapper. Otherwise an ordinary soap may be substituted, and you will think that Palmolive has deteriorated.



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Palm and Olive Oils—nothing else—give nature's green color to Palmolive Soap

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