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## HINES PLAN OR PLUMB PLAN.

How far Walker D. Hines reflects the opinion of his chief in the views as to the future of the railroads may never be known. Whether the president entertains ideas that may have been voiced by the federal railroad director, or whether these are the outgrowth of his own experience, they are of interest because of their source. Also because the question of railroad ownership and control is to be a "paramount" in the coming campaign, at least from the democratic camp.

The plan of compulsory consolidation of existing lines into groups is open to several serious objections, chief of which is the danger that the strong lines of the country will find themselves saddled with the weaker ones, to their detriment. This is repugnant to sound business principles. It is unwise and unfair to require a prosperous, well directed business to sacrifice any part of its earnings to assist another that is neither prosperous nor well directed. Senator Cummins has provided for the pooling and pro-rating of net earnings, which amounts to the confiscation of the earning power of a strong road in favor of a weak, something that lacks support in justice or equity.

It is possible to provide a pooling arrangement of gross earnings, an operating contract, or some similar device, subject to the approval by the government, which would meet conditions contemplated in either of the three plans now proposed. Such agreements were specifically forbidden prior to the war, but experience has shown their need, and wisdom suggests their adoption.

As to the tripartite control, shared by owners, employes and public, we already have something closely approaching that in the Interstate Commerce commission. It is a governmental agency, the only means by which the public can participate in railroad management. Railroad employes and owners are a part of the public, and in general terms their interests are identical. The owners are interested in selling and the public in buying transportation service. All meet and are served by the commission.

Most of the confusion in the public mind concerning the railroads flows from the activities of miracle workers, who are going to provide cheap rates, high wages and efficient service through some form of hocus pocus that will set aside the ordinary rules of business, suspend economic laws and afford something for nothing. Whether the Cummins plan, the Esch plan, the Plumb plan or the Hines plan be The comrades aboard the "soviet ark" are adopted, money will be needed to build, equip and operate railroads, and this money must come from investors or from the general funds. If it is put in by the public, it will be because it produces an income; if from the government, it will be drawn from the the public by taxation, and that is all there is to it.

### Socialists Put to Test.

A startling and somewhat drastic action by the legislature of New York will have the effect of putting socialism squarely before the people. In requiring that the five avowed socialists elected to the house give proof of their qualification to sit a way is opened to determine Sometimes trial juries meet public expectasomething of the nature of the political doctrine they profess.

The so-called party is a nebulous, vague and inchoate body. The spectrum of its doctrine "Nor care what land thou bear'st me to, so ranges from the infra red of mild protest to the ultra violet of downright anarchy. It is divided and subdivided into groups, loosely articulated, composed of people of uncertain mind revolving around some individual of positive or negative capacity, all groping for something they have not got. So far as its alleged fundamentals are concerned, they have uniformly been rejected by civilized society. Communalty in property long ago vanished before the rising sun of enlightenment; such revolting doctrine as communalty in women, public provision for the production and care of children, and their accompaniments, even savage races have abandoned. The "dictatorship of the proletariat" means control by the unfit; the altruism hugged by the dreamers never did and in man's imperfect state never will exist. Most manifestations of socialism are harmless, the danger only arising as they lead the individual on by imperceptible gradations until he becomes a destructive instead of a constructive agent. For the Utopia to which they look will only be attained when all existing forms are destroyed and new relations set up. In New York the socialists are challenged just now on a definite point. They owe allegiance to an organization, agreeing to be bound by its determinations, which has openly opposed the government of the United States Into that organization on terms of equality enemies of the United States have been admitted. On this the right of the representatives of the party to participate in the government of the state of New York is questioned. The answer will be interesting to all Americans.

# Dr. Butler on Prohibition

From the New York Times. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, undoubtedly the fittest of all proposed candidates for the republican nomination for president, has given a

clear answer to the superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon league, who asked his views about Anti-Saloon league, who asked his views about the first the bulks in bours hibition because he did not believe it either "a just or proper way to deal with the problem." But the eighteenth amendment is become a part ling this article, like a bolt from But the eighteenth amendment is become a part of the fundamental law. "As such it has the same claim to the respect and obedience of the people as other provisions of the constitution." But you have evidently been "seen." Else why do you de-part from your topic of "No Place for Racial Groups," to take a walt may be discussed in congress and argued in When did you discover that this beople as other provides and argued in the courts, "but for the executive department of the courts, "but for the executive department of principle "contains the germ of much mischief?" Does the proposi-

dent cannot, use other language. The constitu- powers from the consent of the govmatter of curious speculation whether the pro- much mischief?" It contained the tion must be obeyed. And yet it may be a erned," also hibition amendment will be and can be enforced; whether it may not ultimately fall into that in-nocuous desuetude which enwraps one or two of its predecessors. While it may have the same claim to the respect and obedience of the neople as other provisions of the constitution. The reason for your covert atpeople as other provisions of the constitution, it is obvious that it doesn't have it. Not in this feetly plain: The campaign for sale it is obvious that it doesn't have it. Not in this generation, at least, will it be sustained by that overpowering public opinion which is the real sanction of law. In Kansas and some other severely Puritan states it has that sanction; yet money behind it than the Irish will even there the bootlegger and the blind tiger be able to raise by the sale of their are found. All over the country now we see bonds. Hence England can obtain wood alcohol slaughtering on a great scale. the publication of articles like this percentage of fatalities from this source. Their appalling increase in this last month, since the beginning of rigonomy eachibition on the since the Granted we work There has always been a certain small, steady editorial where the American advoreginning of rigorous prohibition and the ban- here, either Irish or Hebrew, Gerbeer with even the modest alcoholic man, Russian or Anglo-Saxon. ishment of content of 2.75, startles even the prohibitionist of the strictest sect, but can hardly surprise any-worn the uniform of his government body who has seen prohibition inflicted upon an as an American I want to see the

unwilling community. Moonlight stills, a huggermugger traffic dif-ficult to stop, a multitude of household manufac-tion. 1 denounced Prussian tyrantures and substitutes, a world of evasions and ny in Belgium and France, and I frauds are sure. An immemorial and worldwide have the same right to denounce habit will make a long and bitter resistance. English tyranny in Egypt, Hindus-tan and Ireland, now that the war Have not our earnest reformers gone too far, with Germany is over. We are not tried to do too much at once? Beer and light longer an ally of England nor even wines, as common and regarded as harmless as water, have long been used in continental Eu-Legion Weekly" advises. "Let us Prohibition makes them impossible, prac- stop press-agenting for John Bull." tically forces the use of strong drinks or their Time was when Americans be-deadly counterfeits. It is improbable, perhaps, lieved, through English propaganda. deadly counterfeits. It is improbable, perhaps, that Irishmen were unable Saloon league lash, will dare to deviate into America, in Canada, common sense to permit the use of light wines and even and beer. That is a way to moderation, to tem- strated that that was all rotten bosh perance, which the prohibitionists mistake for The Ulster argument is also found total abstinence. In their eagerness to destroy to be hollow. Now the only excuse total abstinence. In their cagerness to destroy the saloon, the too zealous friends of prohibition are bringing about the prevalence of a land cannot be free because she is much more sinister and perilous means of liquor supply, a supply of much more than intoxicating, Who gave John Bull of exterminating, liquors.

The Vicious Circle

If wage advances are granted upon the basis of increased living costs, and are brought up to the point where they equal advances in the prices of necessaries, will those so favored agree to wage reductions commensurate with decreases in the cost of living when the price tide has turned and trends downward? If they will not so agree, how can the general public hope for relief front high prices? If wages advance with living costs as the "vicious circle" expands, how can the circle contract if wages do not bear their proportionate share of the shrinkage?

The circle will not contract, but rather wil continue to expand and expand until the break ng point is reached. Extravagance will beget higher prices until there will be renewed demands for wage increases to meet the extreme conditions, and all the efforts of the government will be powerless to remedy the

The Bee's Dollar-Making Strong for Ireland. Omaha, Jan. 6.-To the Editor of

the Bea: Your editorial lace for Racial Groups" in today's Soliciting Advertising. uncorrupted by British propagandist funds; hence the amazement at find-By JESSIE T. ROBERTSON. The Want Ad section forms a n its columns; but did you know that you could make money by soiciting advertisements? Several girls in the Jefferson Vo-A candidate for president should not, a presi-tion. "Governments derive their just cational high school, Los Angeles,

earn 30 cents an hour after school and on Saturdays by sitting at the telephone in the office of a big daily and taking down classified ads which come in over the wire. The girl who, by good salesmanship, can emphasize the value of repetition in advertising receives a cash bonus.

Ideas

Boys can arrange with many dail-es to solicit want ads in their home district on a 25 per cent commission. The neighborhood and smalltown weeklies present a similar opportunity. A high school boy, last year, solicited general city advertising for a suburban weekly on a liberal percentage basis.

A good plan is to make advertisng cards for display in public places. Decide upon a calendar, a match holder, a paper holder, or

N SMITH We are no

in Australia in England, have demon left them is the recent statement of Sir Ian McPherson, who says:

but Irishmen

Who gave John Bull the right to keep the "key to the Atlantic" in the pocket of his ample breeches? EDWARD H. WHELAN, American Legionary and O. R. C.

(Editor's Note: A couple of years ago The Bee was roundly denounced as having sold out to England be-cause it objected to the German hyphen. This did not deter it then from standing for what it believed to be right. The Bee's interests are in and for America, first, last and We have only passing all the time. concern for the affairs of any other country, no matter where. That is why we publish this letter.)

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

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whatever you think will be most "Ire- popular. Go to a printer and get a sample of whatever you are going to use. Mark off spaces on the and thus receives an impression card, all around the matchsafe or the paper-holder. Go to different | and chemicals to make it an electric business men and sell them space conductor. Then the wax is susfor an ad. Your prices will be gauged by the number you will be able to put into circulation. If you have an article which will be used in every home, you can charge much more for advertising than if you are only placing it in offices or ousiness houses. Ask your printer about the price. You will give away the article, and make your profit from the advertising.

Another plan is to get out a nouschold-expense book, or a farmer's account book. Get some older person to help plan it then take a alike. Electrotypes are also used in dummy" copy to your bank, or the book and magazine offices because building and loan association, and they are light and easy to store and persuade them to buy it for free because, in a magazine of large ciring bottles with long rubber tubes distribution to their customers. You for babies, because of the danger of can sell it for about half the actual culation type would wear out before all of the edition was printed."

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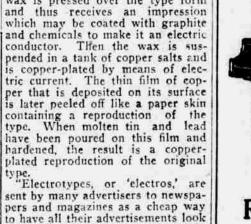
IN THE BEST OF HUMOR.

"The workmen have struck again, sir." "What for, more money?" "No, sir; not this time." "For shorter hours, then?" "No, sir: this time it is for longer linner hours."-Detroit Free Press.

Ice.")

some purposes, stereotypes ar soft, soon wear out, and do not make Apartment a perfect impression. Electrotypes are better because they have a copper surface which wears longer and "Such plates are made by elec-

trolysis-the process you learned about in school whereby an object is plated with a metal by means of electric current passing through a liquid containing salts of the metal. An electrotype is made by plating with wax. In the process, a sheet of wax is pressed over the type form



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"Under which king, Bezonian?" Bryan or

Fair profits for dealers will be admitted, but

"Progressive polyandry" is a new term for

Have you read the president's statement

We hope General Pershing enjoyed being

The Aztec tocsin had nothing on the siren

here as much as the people enjoyed having him.

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What The Bee Stands For:

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Removal of the capital to Omaha is little more chimerical than some of the other proposals before the constitutional convention.

" As soon as we get the air mail hangar and a few other little matters settled, let us renew consideration of the union passenger station.

Just why fresh meat should be shipped from Chicago to Omaha for a local banquet is a question the local packers might want to

If Mr. Bryan is, as reported, in favor of abolishing the two-thirds rule in the democratic convention, the pext candidate will be named by a majority only.

Those suspected bank burglars may have taken an airplane to get from Omaha to St. Paul, but it is certain the actors on the scene went away in an automobile.

State Engineer Johnson's report on the progress of the good roads campaign in Nebraska is more than encouraging. It shows the people are at last awake and busy on the greatest undertaking in their history.

What will become of the reformed train robbers, bank burglars and other outlaws if the government refuses to allow them to exhibit themselves in fictitious exploits? Will they go to work or resume their nefarious vocation?



Maeterlinck's attempt at a lecture in phonetic English appears to have been about as complete a failure as it is possible to conceive. Yet has the Belgian poet in all his career had a greater personal triumph than he won over his vast Carnegie hall audience? It could not comprehend his English and only partly understood his French and was naturally bored by the expedient of having his discourse translated sentence by sentence from the platform. But it saw the thing through, made light of its own impatience by cheering the lecturer and advising him what to do in his dilemma, and by a generally polite behavior mitigated the ordeal for him and itself.

It was an exhibition of public manners altogether creditable and equally remarkable as a personal tribute to a distinguished visitor. The audience, to be sure, was a friendly one, whose estimate of the port was too deeply rooted to be altered by a contretemps. It had come to praise, but the opportunity to scoff was an unusual one. Perhaps we have improved in these matters since Mrs. Trollope wrote about us.

But the fact seems to be established that even a great author cannot master a foreign language in six weeks well enough to lecture in it. The expectation that he could, both on his own part and that of his agents, showed a rare confidence in human ability. There remains the problem of continuing M. Maeterlinck's lectures in a language he does not understand and which the conditions of his contract are said to call for, or of giving them in French. No doubt most of his admirers will prefer to hear him in his native tongue and to catch only a sentence here and there in the precise and beautiful original rather than to gain the substance of the lecture in lame and halting English-a disillusioning experience. And perhaps more Amer-icans now understand French more or less well than is supposed. At least they have a new in-centive to learn it.-New York World.

### Co-operation to Meet Living Costs.

Railroad section hands and shop laborers are moving in a practical way to meet some of their living costs. They have purchased an overall factory and plants for producing other articles most purchased by them and will operate the establishment for their own benefit. Other railroad unions are talking of engaging in a similar venture. Co-operative merchandising is not an experiment. While it has prevailed to but a limited extent in America, in other lands, notably in Great Britain, it has been widely practiced and is very successful. If the labor unions find themselves situated so that they can engage in the manufacture as well as the sale of the goods their members need,' they will have a great advantage in the matter of price to consumer, as they should be able to eliminate most if not all the profit taken between factory and user. It is a definite way to solve the cost of living problem, and the outcome of the trial to be made by the section hands will doubtless determine others who are contemplating engaging in a like undertaking.

The first air mail reached Omaha an hour ahead of schedule time, and it was not a good day for flying. Wait till the boys get accustomed to the route, and see some records , hung up.

The English language contains something like 480,000 words, but at that it falls short of enabling a good citizen to express his opinion of the bolsheviki.

New Yorkers evidently feel they have had enough of the radical reds, and are leading off to pull their teeth. This country is not ripe for the "revolution."

lisease

This government cannot undertake to guarantee any class of workmen earnings sufficient to offset increased prices; nor can it underwrite the profits of any employer. Its concern should be devoted solely to the general public, and in the public interest its influence should be exerted toward narrowing the "vicious circle" of rising wages and prices until it approaches its normal circumference, where all the people and not a favored class may share in the prosperity and abundance with which this country is blessed .- Washington Post.



#### THOMAS P. REYNOLDS.

The guy whose sturdy muscles put a city on the map is frequently, considered an inconsequential yap. The gent who digs a tunnel through a mile or two of rock, who fires a ship around the world and steams her back to dock, is rated in the social world at small court avoirdupois because he lacks the special gift of got his luncheon and returned to radiating noise.

But Thomas Reynolds cultivates the worker's self-respect. He poses in the public eye, upstanding and erect. When restless labor marshals forth its sundry crafts and trades to march them down the avenue in holiday parades, his ! distinguished stunt is furnishing the leadership. the proud and pompous front.

And when a crowd assembles to consult on labor's weal, his vocal talents furnish an impressive, earnest spiel. He barbs the claims of capital with eloquence and wit. He gives the heads of industry a hard and heavy hit. The audience applauds him with approval long and lour, for Tom's a workingman of whom his fellow men are proud.

He ran to be commissioner and only lost He ran to be commissioner and only lost These enterprises involve a capital the race because his legs were not so swift and of about \$5,000,000 each, and the skillful as his face. The voting public is a chump of proved and certain class, for which the only comment is: Alas, alas, alas! In stolid innocence and unappreciative calm they cast their foolish ballots for another man than Tom.

Next Subject-Charles R. Sherman.



Cardinal Vico, pro-prefect of the Sacred

Congregation of Rites, born in the archdiocese of Ancona 73 years ago.

Lieut. Gen. S. B. M. Young, U. S. A., retired, orn in Pittsburgh 80 years ago.

Rt. Rev. John E. Fitzmaurice, Catholic bishop of Erie, born in Ireland 80 years ago.

Thomas E. Kilby, the present governor of Alabama, born at Lebanon, Tenn., 55 years ago-William H. Nichols, who built up an organization controlling a large part of the chem-ical manufacturing industry in the United States and Canada, born at Brooklyn, N. Y., 68 years

Mark W. Potter, president of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railway, born at Kaneville, Ill,. 54 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

A quarter of a million dollars was left W. H. Lowe in the will of J. C. Horren of St. Louis, his father-in-law.

The Omaha Petroleum and Land company filed articles of incorporation for \$5,000,000, and were to deal in oil and mining lands.

General Manager Dickinson of the Missouri river division of the Union Pacific was at Sidney giving his attention to the recent wreck of the fast mail train at that place. Charles J. Green and Col. E. A. Webster were in Washington, D. C.

cost of the book, because you will Almost automatic measuring and make your profit from the ads cutting devices feature a new cylin-drical display rack for several rolls which you can then solicit for inside pages of the cover. of oilcloth (Next week: 'Cleaning Silverware

A bulb-operated syringe with a tube that fits tightly over the bowl has been patented for cleaning tofor Pay.") bacco pipes.

Of European invention is a paper automobile tire covered with numerous metal stirrups to form a protective tread. An English inventor claims that

his fork with dlamond-shaped tines is more easily cleansed than one with flat tines. Paducah, Ky., has a corps of policewomen, previously nurses em-ployed by the McCracken Public

"You claim there are microbes in kiss-s?" she asked the young doctor. "There are," he said. "What disease do they bring?" she Health league. asked. "Palpitation of the heart."-Ladies Home Journal. A tug has been chartered to keep the Machias river open until the last of January, so that it will be pos-sible to launch the schooner which "Didn't you tell me Jibway was going to make an important change in his manner of living?" "Yes. Jibway has been promoted to a \$10,000 a year job, and now he can sleep an hour later every morning."----lsirmingham Age-Herald

will be completed then at the shipyard, where 150 men are now employed. E. W. Greider, a compositor

It is said that two first-class jute

Defining Holland.

to say that Holland is a madhouse .-

DAILY CARTOONETTE.

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A QUARTER! -

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1918.

the St. Paul Dispatch, having half Teacher-What are the properties of heat and cold? Small Pupil-The property of heat is to even and and cold to contract. Teacher-Now give me an example. Small Pupil-In summer, when it is hol, the days are long; in winter, when it is cold, the days are short.-Chicago News. an hour for lunch, telephoned to his fiancee, met her at the office of the commissioner, was married. work on time. The greatest manifestation of pe-

troleum in Trinidad is the famous Asphalt lake, which covers a flat area of approximately 120 acres, about 27 miles south of Port of Spain, the capital, and about half a "I want to register a yow." said the obtitione, bringing his fist down hard of the table.

"Oh, what's the use of registering it?" replied the practical friend; "It can't vote"-Yonkers Statesman, mile from the Gulf of Para. Imports in November, 1919, amounted to \$420,000,000, against \$402,000,000 in October, 1919, and

Young Man-I should like to ask yout advice, sir, as to whether you think your daughter would make me a suitable wife. Lawyer-No: I don't think she would. Ten dollars, please.—Boston Transcript. \$251,000,000 in November, 1918. For the 11 months of 1919 imports were \$3,528,000,000, compared with \$2, 20,000,000 in the first 11 months of

OUR GRAVES IN FRANCE.

mills, in one of which American capital is interested, are to be es-tablished in Calcutta, British India. Turn not sgain our mother earth From her wrotecting elasn. Turn not sgain our mother sarth From her protecting class. Tear not afresh our hearts--We who in sorrow smile. Who think our dead are gathered round. Assolide and free from clay. O grave hold fast thy treasure! Grasp firm thy trust, O land! Thou'rt honored by the tombs that stay--Those tombs that speak herees caim. Those crosses and those pointed stars! Disturb not now their blessed charge-Their charge to guard our loves. Oh, who would ops a closed grave? O mother, pause--pray yet sgain. Nor ask it of the Lord! Sound sleep our boys; stirt not their dust! The God's own acre guards them now. -Louis Leakey in New York Times. one is reported to be entirely Amer-ican, having been designed in Bos-ton, and is to be equipped with Since many prominent German of-ficials have decided that William the Sudden is mad, it is not out of place

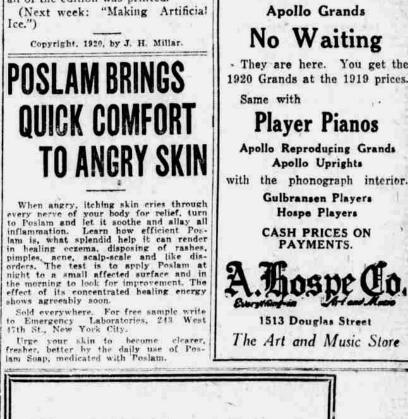
-Louis Leakey in New York Times.

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Cincinnati man discovers drug that loosens corns so they

> Local druggists are having a tremendous call for freezone, the drug which is said to shrivel a corn, root and all, without any pain. A few drops applied directly upon a tender, aching corn relieves the soreness at once, and shortly the entire corn, root and all, lifts right

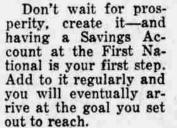
out with the fingers. This new drug is being dispensed at small cost in quarter ounce bot-tles, which is sufficient to take off every hard or soft corn from one's feet. It is a sticky substance which dries at once and does not inflame or even irritate the surrounding tissue or skin: There is no excuse for anyone inviting death by infection or lockiaw from cutting their corns



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