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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.

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.

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.

As to the tripartite control, shared by owners, employes and public, we already have something closely approaching that in the Interstate Commerce 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.

A startling and somewhat drastic action by the legislature of New York will have the effect of putting socialism squarely before the people.

The so-called party is a nebulous, vague and inchoate body. The spectrum of its doctrine ranges from the infra red of mild protest to the ultra violet of downright anarchy.

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.

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?

Maeterlinck in Phonetic English. Maeterlinck's attempt at a lecture in phonetic English appears to have been about as complete a failure as it is possible to conceive.

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 prohibition.

A candidate for president should not, a president cannot, use other language. The constitution must be obeyed. And yet it may be a matter of curious speculation whether the prohibition amendment will be and can be enforced.

Moonlight stills, a huggenmugger traffic difficult to stop, a multitude of household manufactures and substitutes, a world of evasions and frauds are sure. An immemorial and worldwide habit will make a long and bitter resistance.

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 necessities, they too so favored agree to wage reductions commensurate with decreases in the cost of living when the price tide has turned and trends downward?

The circle will not contract, but rather will continue to expand and expand until the breaking point is reached. Extravagance will beget higher prices until there will be renewed demands for wage increases to meet the extreme conditions.

The Velvet Hammer. DuArthur Brooks Baker. THOMAS P. REYNOLDS.

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

And when a crowd assembles to consult on labor's weal, his vocal talents furnish an impressive, earnest spiel. He harbs the claims of capital with eloquence and wit. He gives the heads of industry a hard and heavy hit.

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.

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.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Strong for Ireland.

Omaha, Jan. 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial on "No Place for Racial Groups" in today's Bee is surprising. It is a piece of British propaganda, pure and simple.

When did you discover that this principle "contains the germ of much mischief?" Does the proposition "governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," also "contain the germ of much mischief?"

Granted, we wish no racial groups here, either Irish or Hebrew, German, Russian or Anglo-Saxon. But I am an American who has worn the uniform of his government when he didn't have to do it; and as an American I want to see the American principle of self-government applied to every civilized nation.

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

OUT OF THE ORDINARY. "Z" is the least used letter. In ordinary books it occurs on an average twice in 1,000 words.

Almost automatic measuring and cutting devices feature a new cylindrical display rack for several rolls of paper.

IN THE BEST OF HUMOR. "The workmen have struck again, sir." "What for, more money?" "No, sir, not this time."

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Little Folks' Corner

Dollar-Making Ideas

Soliciting Advertising.

The Want Ad section forms a large part of the daily paper. You may have found a job by looking in its columns; but did you know that you could make money by soliciting advertisements?

Several girls in the Jefferson Vocational 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.

A good plan is to make advertising cards for display in commission. The neighborhood and small town weeklies present a similar opportunity. A high school boy, last year, solicited general city advertising for a suburban weekly on a liberal percentage basis.

Another plan is to get out a household expense book, or a farmer's account book. Get some older person to help plan it then take a "dummy" copy to your bank, or the building and loan association, and persuade them to buy it for free distribution to their customers.

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Every Day Science

for Boy Mechanics

Electrotypes. By GRANT M. HYDE. "Why is it, Daddy, that all these advertisements in this automobile are alike in all the newspapers—exactly the same pictures and printing—as if they were all printed at the same time?"

"Because they are printed from 'electrotypes' supplied to the newspapers by the advertisers. I told you about stereotyping—the reproducing of type matter by means of a wet paper-mache mat, later baked hard to form a mold for casting a lead plate. Electrotyping is a finer and more costly process for doing the same thing. Although very useful

for some purposes, stereotypes are soft, soon wear out, and do not make a perfect impression. Electrotypes are better because they have a copper surface which wears longer and prints better.

"Such plates are made by electrolysis—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 electrolyte is made by plating with wax. In the process, a sheet of wax is pressed over the type form and thus receives an impression which may be coated with graphite and chemicals to make it an electric conductor. Then the wax is suspended in a tank of copper salts and is copper-plated by means of electric current. The thin film of copper that is deposited on its surface is later peeled off like a paper skin containing a reproduction of the type. When molten tin and lead have been poured on this film and hardened, the result is a copper-plated reproduction of the original type.

"Electrotypes, or 'electros,' are sent by many advertisers to newspapers and magazines as a cheap way to have all their advertisements look alike. Electrotypes are also used in book and magazine offices because they are light and easy to store and because, in a magazine of large circulation type would wear out before all of the edition was printed."

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