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Time For Something Better

(Redford Record)

Following a quarter century of unparalleled growth, due to the inauguration and public acceptance of the motor car, Detroit enjoyed the greatest growth of any city in history.

The World War accentuated the growth, many local factories being called upon to furnish war supplies. Repair of the war's havoc also lent impetus to Detroit's continued growth.

In all this period Detroit needed labor. Far and wide went the call, and at the publication of the favorable wage rates, folks flocked in here to make their fortunes.

The inevitable depression, which could not be forestalled because there was not enough business or statesmanship ability in this nation to avert it, came. With it came economic changes. These included decentralization of the motor car industry. Detroit must in the future look to some other impetus—the airplane, the proposed ocean-tour canal, or what have you—for any continued growth or expansion of a rapid character.

The motor car industry has largely moved out—to other states and to other nations. Headquarters no doubt, will remain here. But only a part of the manufacturing.

This means that the great amount of surplus labor, much of which came to Detroit with little besides willing hands, will not be readily absorbed into the business life of the community, even though the depression gradually lifts, as it now gives some promise of doing. Meanwhile these workmen and their families, representing more than ten per cent of the community, have become objects of charity—the city poor fund, which has been so heavy a burden that financial difficulties already have arisen for its continuance.

Detroit today is over-populated. Retention of the undigested labor reservoir is a heavy burden on the taxpayers. There will have to be readjustments. Many workmen and their families perforce must come to the conclusion that, if they cannot keep themselves, they cannot expect to be taken care of indefinitely by the public.

Detroit has been extremely humane, for more than 18 months, while industry, which profits most from surplus labor, has been extremely unchristian.

The time is coming when the issue must be faced. Taxpayers cannot be expected to continue carrying ten per cent of the population as charity wards. Industry cannot expect to prosper at the expense of large masses of human beings, who, through the economic pressure of a mismanaged industrial world are caught in a devastating depression.

The sooner that industry realizes it will be best all around to have, not a great surplus of labor at the gates, but a sufficient quantity of efficient, satisfied labor within the gates, the better off all—the public, industry and labor—will be.

The trouble, apparently, has been that our economic manners have been copied from the hogs at swill time. We believe the time is ripe for something better than that. And when a better plan is worked out as it can be, the public will not have to carry ten per cent of the population as a charity load, workmen will be better citizens and factories will progress even more rapidly in their various ser-

vices to the world than in the past.

Until a proper industrial-labor plan is undertaken, there will remain political angles to the problem for a happy, progressive community, such as Detroit or any other city has a right to be.

Faith

(Angles of Business, Chicago) Don't become too excited or troubled over the apparent chaotic condition as evidenced by our friends—the American people. We recall for the moment, President Lincoln's reply to some gentlemen from the west, who called on him in protest of some shortsightedness of the government. Mr. Lincoln heard them patiently and then replied, "Gentlemen, suppose all the property you were worth was in gold, and you must have put in the hands of the bandits to carry across Niagara River on a rope, would you shake the cable, or keep shouting to him—'Blondin stand up a little straighter; go a little faster; lean a little more to the north; turn a little more to the south?' No you will hold your breath as well as your tongue and keep your hands off until he was safely over."

The people of our wealthy country are now carrying an immense weight. They are all doing the very best they can. Let's you and I, too take a part and help relieve this oppressive load. Have faith—keep silent—and we'll all get across safely.

Too Many Ministers?

(Emmet County Graphic)

Unemployment is becoming a problem in the theological field with seminaries producing more ministers than the churches can absorb. The Christian Century, undenominational weekly, published in Chicago, says that seminaries must improve the quality of preachers as well as reduce the quantity.

Explaining the surplus of preachers, The Century points out that there are thousands of churches and congregations of 40 or 50 members of a total budget for the year that does not pay the grocery bill of the abstemious preacher for six weeks. That sort of church may count as one in the census book, but it does not have a pulpit clamoring for a preacher.

Many factors contribute to diminish the number of churches, chief among them being the abandonment of rural churches, for which there is no longer a need in many communities with paved roads making town churches accessible, and the union of village and town churches, which have in the past maintained a precarious competitive existence.

"TELL US ABOUT IT"

This newspaper is always glad to print all the news but if an item is overlooked it is done unintentionally. We are not seers, crystal gazers, or Gypsy Johns. You must give the news or personal items to us for we cannot read your mind or fortell the future. If you have guests the first compliment you can pay them is to hand the item to the local paper. Never sit back and expect to see in print without furnishing the information for we have no mysterious way of reaching in the air after news.

Frank Dankow was given a sentence of 15 days in jail when he broke a mirror over the head of his landlord.

NO LEGAL LIMIT ON SIZE OF PERCH

There is now no legal limit on the size of perch, calico bass, strawberry bass, rock bass and croppies that may be taken.

The trout season will remain open to include Labor Day, which this year comes on September 7. Pike may not be speared during the next spring spearing season. These are among the important changes contained in the 1931-32 inland fishing law passed by the last session of the legislature.

The former size limit of seven inches of perch has been removed. One of the principal reasons for removing the size limit was that in many lakes, perch, because of food and other conditions, rarely had reached a legal size.

WEST FARMINGTON

The Willing Workers of the West Farmington cemetery will hold their regular meeting as a picnic at Dodge Park in the afternoon and at Walled Lake for dinner, Thursday August 6th.

Mrs. Kull of Detroit is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsted.

Mrs. Elva Tolman spent Monday with her daughter Mrs. Starr Graham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halsted entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker and son Edward of Pontiac, Miss Mary Height of Pontiac, Mrs. Denny and daughter Virginia of Detroit at a picnic lunch Thursday evening.

Richard Heliker spent the week-end with his cousin William Knapp.

Starr Heliker is staying a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Edith Graham.

Edwin Murray is visiting his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Heliker this week.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green were Mr. Hewitt and sons Frederick and Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Pike and Miss Helen Foster.

CHURCHES

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarencville
Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30
Divine Worship 10:30
This week's service will be in German.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James A. Callahan, Pastor
Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

Evangelical Church
Rev. A. A. Schoen, Pastor

Eight Sunday after Trinity.
Sunday school 9:30.
English worship 10:30.
Cedric Harger will conduct this service, while Robert Gaff will have charge of the Sunday school.

Methodist Church
Rev. F. C. Johnson, Pastor

A. G. Leonard of Farmington will preach Sunday morning, Mrs. William Richards of Northville will preach in the evening at 7:30. All women are especially invited to attend this service.

Clarencville M. E. Church
Rev. Robert Richards

Sunday Morning
11 a. m., Baptismal service.
11:30, Children's Program.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30 Fred Wilkinson, one of our own laymen will preach. He has been heard before with great profit. Be sure to hear him at this service.

11:45 Bible School with classes for all.
6:30 Young People's Hour.

7:30 Open Air service in the Town park. We are happy to announce that the service this Sunday will be a combined service of the Novi and Farmington Baptist churches. Rev. Mr. Thompson of the visiting church will preach and a very good male quartette will sing several numbers. We invite all who are not attending some other service to worship here.

What has become of the old fashioned boy who thought he had had a successful summer if father gave him a dollar to spend at the county fair along about the last week in August?

Little Practical Joke

Broke Old Friendship
Brown and White (which of course are not their right names) not only were near neighbors, but they worked in the same office in the Times Square district. One Saturday Brown received notice from his superior that he would have to leave immediately for Chicago to close a deal.

"Do me a favor," he said to White. "I generally buy a couple of books for the wife to read over the week-end, but I can't do it now. Will you stop off at the store and get a couple for her? She'll want them particularly this week-end because she will be lonesome."

White promised faithfully, but White was a practical joker, and besides he knew quite a bit about the Brown household, including the fact that Mrs. Brown did not shine particularly at preparing meals. So, in great delight, he bought two cook books, took them to Mrs. Brown and intimated that her husband had purchased them and asked him to make the delivery.

When Brown returned home there was the debt to pay. He hasn't spoken to White since, but he has sent the latter a book devoted to methods of developing feeble minds.
—New York Sun.

Long Eyelashes Called

Signs of Ill Health
Long eyelashes always have been considered a mark of beauty, but it remains for a Japanese physician to make the joy out of life by pointing out that they are also a sign of poor health. Doctor Tamooki of the pediatric department of the Kyushu Imperial university, has made a two-year study of about 1000 children and has concluded that most children with long eyelashes are in poor health.

The lashes of consumptive children grow twice as long as those of healthy children. Sickly children have longer and prettier lashes than those of good health. The lashes of healthy children will grow about an eighth of an inch during the first year of life, while those of children suffering from scrofula grow nearly a quarter of an inch. Doctor Tamooki has found. No explanation of the cause of this condition has been made, nor has it been accepted as a definite criterion of the state of a child's health.—Kansas City Star's Science Service.

The Weeping Statue

In the ruins of Arbroath abbey, in Scotland, is the decapitated statue of a Scottish king, and at his feet lies a headless lion. This is King William the First, called William the Lion. He founded the abbey in memory of his friend, Thomas Becket. Here the king was buried, and during the reformation his statue and that of the lion were beheaded. It is a strange fact that if the weather is going to be wet, the stone over the region of the king's heart always becomes shiny and moist, and sometimes water actually trickles down. That is why it is called "The Weeping Statue."

Left Payer Pondering

The farmer owned fields on each side of the golf links. It so happened that he was taking a short cut from one to another when the club's worst member was addressing his ball.

The worst member wagged his driver to and fro for several minutes, missed four swings, and finally managed to hit the ball about a dozen feet. Then he glanced up and saw the farmer.

"I say," he protested, "only golfers are allowed on this course, you know." The farmer nodded.

"I do know," he replied. "But I won't say nothing' if you don't."—London Answers.

Long Freight Trains

The average number of cars carried by freight trains in 1922 was 48 per train. The Erie railroad ran a train of 251 cars, 8,547 feet long, on July 23, 1914. The train weighed 17,912 tons. In November, 1914, the New Haven ran a train from Victoria, Va. to Bonnoke of 201 cars, 8,482 feet long, weighing 14,578 tons and making the 123 miles in 7 hours and 35 minutes. Both the New Haven and Virginian trains had only four loaded cars. The Canadian Pacific ran a wheat train of 185 cars, weighing 8,275 tons. This is about the heaviest train run for that number of cars.

Lives of Mosquitoes

There are many different species of mosquitoes and duration of life varies in different species. The old belief that the natural life of a mosquito is only 24 hours is without foundation. In no species do the young pass through larva and pupa stage in less than 48 hours. Adult mosquitoes live for several months and in some species the females may hibernate through the winter and furnish eggs for the next season.—Fadslander Magazine.

Power of Softness

A bank of snow six feet thick will stop a bullet shot at the distance of 50 yards. The bullet will not penetrate that downy bank of snow, but it will go through the solid embankment when fired at three times the distance. It is delightful! The bullet flattens the steel, penetrates the solid bank, but the soft feathery snow has a way all its own, and it takes in that murderous lead and loves it, and, as it were, soothes it.

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