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IS CIVILIZATION IN DANGER?

Some modern thinkers feel that modern civilization is in danger, and that it may be swept out of existence, as the civilizations of Greece and Rome were destroyed 2000 years ago. One more war like the last one, they declare, would wipe out modern civilization, since engines of destruction have been so perfected that whole populations could be annihilated.

Then the selfishness, the corruption, and the luxury of the people are alleged as reasons to think that our civilization is doomed. It is pointed out that already half of our people refuse to vote and take part in their government. It is complained that the people give up serious thinking, and give their attention to

TAX REDUCTION PROSPECTS

Some of our statesmen think that federal taxes can not be cut much of any by the next Congress, owing to special demands for money now making themselves felt. A big sum will be voted for control of Mississippi valley floods and for relief of the poor people of that section. And then it is expected that a big sum may be appropriated to facilitate some plan for marketing farm crops.

It will be disappointing if some plan can not be framed for further reduction of taxation. The so-called nuisance taxes affect many people of moderate means and should be repealed. Also the corporation taxes seem to operate to a large extent to increase prices, as many sellers of these goods add these taxes to the price of their product. Every dollar taken off in taxes means that a dollar can be spent in buying the products of industry.

HOME TOWN THOUGHTS

If we can't think of anything else to do for our home city, we can at least keep our mouths shut when tempted to make disparaging remarks about it.

If a man thinks he is sick, he will probably be sick soon, and if a town thinks it is falling behind, it undoubtedly will do so in the near future.

The politician who can't express his ideas, is not likely to get many votes, and the business that can't or doesn't tell what it has to sell, is not likely to obtain many customers.

JUDGING SPEED

It is remarked that very frequently when people are brought into court for overspeeding of automobiles, they testify that they were going quite slowly. Very often they will say they were going about 15 miles an hour. Yet at the same time the police officer is likely to testify that they were going 25 or 30 miles, perhaps more.

Do such people deliberately tell an untruth, or did they really think they were going slowly? Some of course will lie about it. But it seems likely that the majority of them really thought they were driving cautiously, but were running at a far more rapid rate than they realized.

There is something very relative about speed, and it all depends on what one is used to. Cautious people who usually operate their own cars at about 18 to 20 miles an hour, will say that when they were first taken in machines running 30 to 35 miles an hour, they felt alarmed and thought they were going very fast. But such ones after they have ridden a good deal in cars driven at that rate, will get quite used to it, and will fail to realize that they are going fast.

After people get in the habit of

with their hands. But such work often pays better than office jobs now.

Anyone who does good faithful work in any kind of calling has a right to a happy day on Labor day, for his work has contributed to keep the world going. Any work well done is a splendid service, and helps promote human progress.

A LABOR DAY THOUGHGT

In Europe the labor elements take May 1 as their Labor day, when they protest against real or alleged wrongs. Serious riots often result, and the occasion is viewed with apprehension.

In this country we observe our Labor day principally with pleasant sports and popular happiness, and no turmoil marks the occasion. We have come nearer learning that Labor will secure its advancement better by hearty co-operation with capital than by fighting it.

When the meaning of our Labor day is discussed by ministers and various orators, the thought that should be emphasized first is the necessity of industrial co-operation and sympathy. The capitalist must consider what chance for comfort and well being his workers get in his employ. The worker must see that his labor can not be a success, unless he gives his most loyal effort, and unless his policies promote the good of the whole community.

Labor day will as usual be celebrated this year by working very hard to have a good time.

MODERN HYGIENE'S RESULTS

Dr. C. E. Turner, who recently completed a survey of the schools of Cleveland, Ohio, remarks that the health instruction and physical exercise which have been made a part of the best modern school courses. will enable the children of to-day to live 10 years longer than their parents will. He points out how proper dieting and scientific physical development tend to get rid of serious defects in youth, when the human body is plastic, and its faults can be thus corrected.

Old time education simply trained the mind, but paid very little attention to the body, and quite tragic results often followed. Young people were turned out who had a finely developed mental capacity, and their brains were well equal to the problems of life. But in many cases their mental ability did not count, because they had to carry around the burden of poorly developed bodies. This low physical condition was like a weight strapped to their backs, which they had to bear through life.

As a result of various weakness they would have nervous break downs and serious diseases, and the full realization of their powers was prevented.

far from these old haunts, they are always dear to us, and these old songs somehow suggest these clinging memories.

DIGNIFYING NATIONAL BEAUTY

The state of South Dakota has begun work on the great mountain memorial on which will be shown the figures of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt, with a record of the steps of American progress.

This is an age when much of our fine scenery is being defaced and marred by the cheap exploitations of man. Some places will allow the finest natural beauty to be spoiled, if a little money can be made out of them. When so much of this spirit prevails, it is pleasing to see one of our states dignifying a spot of great scenic beauty, by linking it to the great men of America's past.

THE SMUGGLING OF ALIENS

Secretary of Labor Davis is getting after the many thousands of aliens who have entered the country illegally.

The American people have taken steps to check immigration, because they felt such action necessary to preserve the distinctive character of our nation. It is a just cause for indignation, that many thousands of foreigners slip across the line who could not enter legally. Some plan needs to be formed to identify the aliens who have a right to residence here, and those lacking such a right should find their situation so uncomfortable that they will vacate of their own accord.



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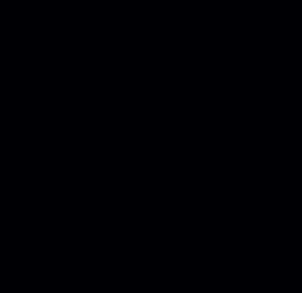
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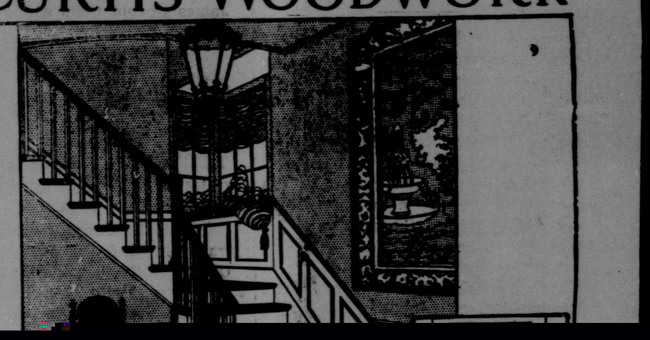
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