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> FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1923 SWEETEN 'EM, GOVERNOR.

In accusing the officials of the Grand Trunk Railroad of avading just taxation, Governor Groenbeck may have stated the truth. Perhaps he has make his case entirely stated the trust. Petitaps he his case entiely too blunt for public assimilation. Certainly he file not definitely, furthered the cause of a wider Woodward Avenue with the railroad's financial agents. And all this reflects upon the well-being and comfort of the people. Anothing that tends to delay a speedy completion of a 240-foot stretch of right-of-way between Pintiac and De/troit is not good business strategy.

If the Grand Trunk is "putting something over" on Michigan's citizens, then Michigan's officials oughtyto investigate the paster at once and present in Supris.

vestigate the matter at once and correct it. Sugar is sweeter and more tempting than vinegar, and the officials of the Grand Trunk—even though they may hail from Canada—are taught from childhood that sweet things are more palatable than the sour kinds.

JUST BE FAIR TO ALL.

The Detroit United Railway seeks an increase in fare rates over all its lines. This affects the people between Pontiac and Detroit. If the increase is granted, Birm-ingham citizens who ride the interurbans will have to pay a half-cent per mile more than they are now charged

a ball-cent per mile, more than they are now charged. Seed every car rider will object.

Why is this increase asked? Merely because the D. U. R. has of late been given competition. On nearly all its lines there have been placed motor bisses which carry thousands of former car riders. It costs about as much to run an empty car as a filled one. If but 50 people get on at a stop where 75 got on before, the only thing to do to continue car service profitably is to charge more per

There is a remedy for this condition. It must some-time be prescribed and used. And this remedy is this: treat the operators of buslines as you treat the owners of a railway; charge for the use of your pavements; make bus operators responsible for a fixed and fair schedule service; place them on a level with any other public utility; allow competition-but make it fair and equit-

The travelling public looks to its public officials to adjust such matters with fairness to all.

MAKE IT NATION WIDE.

Daily we read of grade crossing accidents with the inevitable death list.

Warning devices, gates, flagmen and even approaching trains which are in plain sight fail to deter many drivers in their mad attempt to cross tracks without hesitating a few seconds. tating a few seconds.

In their determination to eliminate railroad and in-

terurban crossing accidents, the city of North Chicago, Illinois, and Waukegan, Wisconsin, have passed ordinances, which provide that all vehicles, automobiles, trucks; and other conveyances propelled by animal or other power and used in, and upon the streets and public highways within the city limits, shall when approaching a railroad crossing, be brought to a full stop ten feet therefrom and the driver ascertain if the way is clear before proceeding

Penalty for violating the ordinance is a fine of not Penalty for violating the ordinance is a fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$200 for each offense. Similar city ordinances or state laws throughout the country would reduce to a minimum the grade crossing death toll which runs between 10,000 and 15,000 persons annually. Such a law which saves life would be, instead of an expense to the taxpayers, a money-maker through fines collected for law breaking. And it would greatly duce the accident death rate in Oakland county

ATHEISM

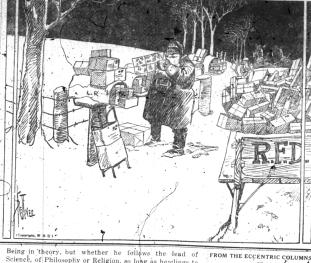
Light is the symbol of all life and the sustenance of all Light is the symbol of all life and the sustenance of all life. Absolute darkness signifies non-existence; an eternity of space without the stars. It is beyond man's comprehension, for even that which we call 'pitch blackness' upon earth has a degree of radiance. Wherever life exists, light exists, however feeble.

ness" upon earth has a degree of radiance. Wherever life exists, light exists, however feeble.
Light is hence also a symbol of faith. It may be assumed, therefore, since no living thing is entirely without light, that nothing is entirely without faith, involuntary or otherwise. Instinct is merely faith inborn. Even the lowest forms of life possess "an affinity for existence," while man, who deems himself supreme, possesses "reason." Both of these attributes are "a growth or leaning toward light." They can be viewed as nothing else. All of man's reason and science has not yet told him what life is, nor how it is produced from an inert void. More than this: it will NEVER tell him. Though he may cloak his ignorance in Laint phrases and vague hypotheses, and mystery of substance and space (of creation or not-creation) must forever remain a mystery. Analysis is one thing; omniscience is another.

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When faith enters the sphere of reason it assumes the
form of "bellet." A belief is an opinion based upon what
one knows (or imagines) to be a fact. Faith and belief
may embrace the same object, the only difference being
in the degree of perception. Numerous scientists profess
to be Atheists when in reality they are Deists. The only
true atheist is a Nihilist, and a genuine Nihilist may, by
his own definition, be non-existent. Faith in life is an
involuntary faith in God, whether a man bows to the sun,
a wooden image or his inward convictions. The formal
conception of God in man arises not so much from the
necessity of a creator or of a heaven as from the necessity
of a PURPOSE in existence. A man may deny a Supreme

Santa's Assistant



Being in theory, but whether he follows the lead of Science, of Philosophy or Religion, so long as he clings to an idea in life he is proving his inborn faith in God. Hence Atheism is only an expression. God is the positive state of perpetuation. Negatives lead only to dar tices and oblivion, for all life MUST seek light or perish. Therefore man has no other recourse than to have faith. He has it. God is

The Detroit News, in an editorial Monday, says:
WANTED A slogan. WANTED (in fact), two slogans. "WANTED—A slogan. WANTED (in fact, two slogans. They are wanted by the old line political parties, and wanted badly, for use during the national campaign which is almost upon us." Well, that's not a hard-job. We suggest that something "like this would do: "Less politics and more expression of good citizenship." Another is: "Less passing the buck and more bucking the pass."

Although backed up by her husband's millions, Ganna Although backed up by her husband's millions, Ganna Walska, wife of Harold McCormick, cannot 'make' the stardom of grand opera. It seems that God, with His infinite wisdom, has given her lots of money but ne real voice. Worder why she doesn't raise a family and then.

perhaps, God will let her sing a real cradle song.

The 66th. Congress of the United States began its sessions Monday. If every member of the House of Representatives and the Senate was as filled with real patriotism today as were the fathers and framers of our Constitution, wouldn't this be a better world by next spring?

Members of the Birmingham Village Commission Members of the birningnam vinage commission have the power to attempt measures of local government that might become world-wide in scope. Legislative that might become word-wide in scope. Legislative bodies, if they use their creative abilities, can, from time to time, aid and assist the ever-changing panorama of life. Birmingham is, in a large measure, "a world unto itself." Creative thinking accompanied by action can add to the comfort and well being of any community.

LIVIN ROOM LYRICS

CHARLES S. KINNISON of Birmfagham SUNDAY

The Sunday of the long ago—
That Sunday that I used to know—
Was very, very different.
Than the one I know today.
In younger days we were imprey.
That Sunday was a day of rest,
And as such, we observed it.
But today, it's used for play. impressed .

Then we always went to church,
But today, most of us search
For some new sort of pleasure
From the dawn to setting sun.
To say at home we're not content.
We seek instead for merriment.
We give small thought to Morship:
We are out in search of fun!

Should we all not pause awhile Midst our life of pomp and style. For a bit of meditation As to whist might be our goal? Do we owe to God no debt—Can lit be that we forget We're alive by grace of Heaven? Can't we give one thought to Soul? I have no right, I know, to say,

I have no right, I know, to say,
I how other men should spend the Day
But one day out of seven
Should, it seems, be spent in part
In a little solemn thought
On the blessings God has wrought.
For one day out of seven
Should rot thanks be in our heart?

PERSONALS

Mariotte, of Pierce street, and a former resident of Birmingham, and the three of critically ill "at his home in Mans. In deep feet which Alex book against the an under of the younger set to the dance given at the Cry Feder." A feet weeks against the an under of the younger set to the dance given at the Cry Feder. A few weeks against the an under of the younger set to the dance given at the Cry Feder. A few weeks against the an under of the younger set to the dance given at the Cry Feder. A few weeks against the an under of the younger set to the dance given at the form of Sadie and the cry Feder of the weeks against the cry Feder of the weeks against the an under of the younger set to the dance given at the form of Sadie and the cry Feder of the weeks against the an under of the younger set to the dance given at the form of Sadie and the cry Feder of the weeks against the street of the sadie of Fifteen Mile Road in an under the proposition of the propositi

Johnsie Nye walked into a hole in the mil pond fast Saturday where they had been gettin de came where they had been gettin de lace who will be so that the same with the s

A Farmington man walked into our "rinktum" the other day and wanted to assist the other day and wanted to assist the other "The Birmingham PECULIAR." We took his dollar, gash him his horse book and put his name on our list, never disturbing the serenity or explaining his mistake.

Maily of our citizens are taking advantage of the superior condition of the product of the recent cold in the first all the first and the firs

We would like to see: The side-walk question settled.—A new depot for passengers on the West side of the railroad.—A telephone line estab-lished connected with Detroit and— some of that long promised wood on subscription.

unite of that was re-ubscription.

We congratulate the people of Brimingham and vicinity upon the return of that eloquent young preacher J. B. Breaker, who has been attending a theological seminary att the property of the property of the form this village last the preactive from this village last the preactive spend his holiday wagation here and will occupy the pulp! of the Saptist Charch for three Sabbaths. Mr. Phrasher is eloquent, and very popular

Twenty-five Years Ago.

Michigan carriage makers held their
first annual convention at Fontiac.

A heavy snowstorm Sunday which broke off limbs from trees, upset telephone poles and covered over everything generally with "the beautiful."

Eirmingham has a new club, the White Club, and meets regularly with twenty members. Mrs. Bigelow entertained the club first Saturday. Tomorivality of the hostess. Every member is, urged to the bortess. A true copy.

DAN A. McGAFFEY;

Probate Register.

Every store in the Ford Block has tensy; and the offices overhead are not been smapped in Properties of the control of the con

Carb are out announcing the 30th editing anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rainey. W. Rainey. So are Cai. This is pearl wedding above the happy vent takes place Friday. We the thing the first pearly event takes place Friday. Mrs. Joe amay friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joe amay friends with the happy couple and the same with the sam

with us and wish the happy couple many happy returns of the occasion. While up North hunting. D. W. Bray caught a fine specimen of a porcupine. The other night Alex Parks went into his meat market, "Forcu" had knawed out of his barrarks went into his meat market, "Forcu" had knawed out of his barrar which was been seen in the hard and whiskers stood right up had an and whiskers stood right up had an and whiskers stood right up had a to the word of the had a to the had DAN A. McGAFFEY.

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KEEP YOUR CREDIT GOOD

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y boy, I paid a note today
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ome banking house will have to part
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And when a capiter hard second.
He always asks that he be shown He always asks that he be snown omething more tangible than air; That's why the bank has placed him there.

But you must ever watch you step; or business failures always teach, That any man han over reach; nd lots of them have fallen down Because they tried to own the town.

It is not always for the best.
That you should all your cash invest.
Because sometime there comes. h day
When someone calls on you to pay;
And maybe leaves you in the cold,
Which would be worse if you were

A banking house expects of you, To pay a note the day to due; ut if you cannot, you should go In like a man and tell them so; or better far the effort spend And have a bank to call you friend.

Forty-three Years Ago other new arrival last week at Poppleton's, a girl. With credit, you need never fear If things go wrong throughout the year, And hot turn out as you have plan-ned:

ned;
Your banker lends a helping band, ecause he learned in day of old.
Your word is just as good as gold.

In "The Michigan Investor."
By Clifton A. Youngman.

Supesintendent Sawyer and wife, of Redford, Mrs. Jeanette Lyons and laughter, Doorthy, who is attending chool in Ann Arbor, Ruth West, at ending school in Flint, and Russell West, of Pinkney were the guests of Pinkney were the guests of the superior of the property of t

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Mrs. Ada Palmer, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Mailotte on Pierce street, is spend-ing the week in Redford as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Casaldy.

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