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WORLD'S INDUSTRY

THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

Bradstreet's statistics show that the total failures in business for the nine months of this year, was 10,691, with liabilities of \$244,835,494; against 6,882, with liabilities of \$111,245,057 for the corresponding period of 1907. Only twice in the past twenty-six years was a larger number of failures reported, and only once were liabilities greater than reported this year.

The ocean transportation companies have fared ill this year; freight has been scarce and rates low. In west-bound passenger movements there has been a loss of 7,289 first class passengers. Compared with the same period of 1907, a loss of 49,099 second class, and 791,416 third class passengers. The east-bound movements show a decrease of 3,373 first class passengers, while there was an increase of 2,785 second class passengers and 244,660 third class.

AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

The American farmer's corn field measures a trifle short of one hundred million acres.

If all the corn raised in America last year had been shipped to Europe it would have required four thousand, one hundred and twenty-eight express steamers of eighteen thousand tons' register to deliver it.

The largest fleet in the world, with its 383 vessels of all sizes, would have required fifteen round-trips to move our last year's wheat crop.

The American wheat field occupies more space on the map than Portugal and Liberia combined.

The American farmer's oat field is as large as Honduras.

The State of Illinois alone produces about half as much corn as is grown in all the world outside of the United States.

The American farmer produces four of every five bales of the world's cotton.

Out potato patch is bigger than Porto Rico.

If last year's tobacco crop had been made into cigars the supply would have lasted 153,000 men for fifty years, each man smoking ten cigars a day.

The dairy products of America are much more valuable than any crop except corn, and are equal to one-third of the value of all cereals.

AUTOMOBILES.

It may be of interest to know that Chicago is an important point for the sale of automobiles; four thousand automobiles were sold in Chicago during the past year, at an average price of \$2,750, and an aggregate value of \$11,000,000.

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

The July and August reports of the earnings of about one hundred and twenty-five leading railroad corporations of the United States, show a marked decline in earnings as compared with the same month of last year.

The Chicago & Northwestern Ry. statement shows decreased earnings of \$669,010 for this summer's months, as compared with the same period of 1907.

TRACK ELEVATION.

The Northwestern Railway Company continues to make its way north in the elevation of its tracks. Announcement reaches us that the company will proceed, along towards



IN THE BABY-FOLD, LAKE BLUFF ORPHANAGE

On Saturday last the Orphanage at Lake Bluff enjoyed their Harvest Home Day, an event which occurs yearly.

Each year for this occasion it has been the practice of the friends of the institution to send in donations of every description, especially provisions for their winter use.

This year East Deerfield responded most liberally to their first invitation to do so, the result being a wagon load of good things from the farm, which were most acceptable. Mr. Cushing kindly gave all decorations from the Moraine Hotel's Harvest Home entertainment, which were used in giving the orphanage a holiday appearance.

Highland Park contributed nobly in response to the requests of a soliciting committee of the following ladies: Mrs. McGregor Adams, Mrs. C. E. Smith and Mrs. Childs, of which committee Mrs. Adams was chairman.

After a business meeting of the auxiliary of the Orphanage, there was a fine lunch served. At 1:30 p. m. the regular exercises were held on the

Evanston and Wilmette. It will not be long before they are working the whole line as far as Waukegan with the tracks elevated, and the road traffic clear of the danger line.

New depots are to be built at Evanston at all the four stopping places. The Evanston depot to cost \$80,000.

COTTON INDUSTRY CRIPPLED.

Lockout in Lancashire, England. The worst that could have been feared has happened in Lancashire. Some 110,000 men and women have been either locked out or deprived of their employment.

Of the two great unions into which the operatives of the spinning trade are organized, the executive of the Spinners accepted masters' terms. The card room workers, however, remained obdurate, and, as the masters maintained their position, work ceased. If the resistance is protracted the whole Lancashire cotton trade must close down within the next few weeks. If this should happen, 500,000 people will be workless.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN ENGLAND.

The latest financial statement issued by the British government shows a decrease of nearly \$400,000,000 in the foreign trade for the first nine months of the present calendar year. They trace the trouble back to the panic in New York last fall which

paralyzed the American market and arrested the demand for foreign goods in the United States.

Few people realize how rapidly the United States is becoming the centre of trade, and how far the slightest disturbance in our commercial conditions affects the rest of the world.

Miss Alice Davidson at her candy sale netted \$25 for the occasion, and Mrs. Raynor, of Lake Bluff, at her fancy table, took in \$30. The Orphanage received about \$600 in all.

At the Orphanage the boys and girls have not only a fine four-roomed school house of their own, where they are taught all the branches of an up-to-date graded school, including a fine kindergarten, but they also learn to sew, knit and crochet; they do basket weaving and mat weaving and are taught to cane chairs. And for the sales at their entertainments, they do

bead work and various kinds of fancy work. Their drawing and water-color work in their regular school work is very fine.

For the past two years Miss O'Brien of Highland Park has given the vocal music in their school, and also organized the "Damrosch Club" among those of the Orphanage children who could read music. In their namesake, Mr. Walter Damrosch, the little people of the club have found a good, kind friend, who is their idol.

In the household at the Orphanage, the children are taught in a most practical way to cook, bake, sweep, dust and scrub. They do the work in the laundry, dining-room and kitchen.

On Friday last, when the writer visited the institution, both boys and girls were busily raking the lawns, scrubbing porches and steps, cleaning windows, etc., in their preparation for the reception of their guests.

Being short of help, at present, owing to lack of funds, the children have to do a large part of the every day work at the Orphanage. But they find time for play, as well as study and work; and are a healthy, happy, well-cared for lot of dear children.

Bob Mizner.

The oaks should be in good autumn color at that time. Length of walk about four miles. Leaders: Anthony Hunt and Aubrey Tealdi.

NEW TRIER HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL.

The first social gathering of the students and teachers was held at the high school building last Friday evening. About one hundred and fifty young people with their teachers were present. The occasion was planned to encourage a fraternal feeling among the scholars and to take the place of the school sororities and fraternities, and to introduce the freshman class.

Each student and the teachers as well wore their names on a tag, so that no one present need go through the formality of an introduction. The special features of the evening were a guessing contest and dancing. Ice cream cones were served as refreshment. It has been suggested that this form of social be repeated monthly throughout the school year.

Department Store 236 Years Old.

The large department store in Tokyo, Japan, was established 236 years ago, and is the equal of any store of its kind in the world to-day.

The two greatest things in a business brain are concentration and comprehension.

ANNUAL GATHERING

LAKE COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Holds Convention at Deerfield.

Never before in the history of Lake County has its Sunday schools manifested such interest as at the convention which began Tuesday morning and closed Wednesday afternoon.

The delegation was larger than the faith of the workers, who anticipated about one-half the attendance.

Deerfield homes were opened, and all who wished to stay were well taken care of. The convention was opened with a praise service conducted by Rev. Joel Lininger, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Deerfield, and the day was given over to conference on many subjects of Sunday school work.

The great meeting of the convention was held on Tuesday evening, and so large was the attendance that an overflow meeting was held in the United Evangelical church.

Both speakers for the evening repeated their addresses to this audience. The meeting opened with a rousing song service, conducted by Secretary Frank E. Mayer.

Then followed the devotional exercise led by Rev. B. R. Schultze, of Highland Park. In his reading of the Scriptures, Mr. Schultze gave the convention the key note for the evening addresses. He read the story of the feeding of the five thousand, and dwelt upon the words, "There is a lad here with five barley loaves and two fishes."

Rev. Mr. Lininger contributed a solo to the praise service.

At 8 o'clock Mr. F. D. Everett, president of the association, introduced to the audience Rev. Columbus P. Goodson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Highland Park, who gave an address on "The Book of Principles for Right Living." Mr. Goodson's address was an eloquent appeal to the study of the Bible, and he held the attention of his audience to the fact that the Bible is a living book and that it would never become obsolete. Speaking well for Illinois he says, "There are more Bibles sold in this state than any state in the Union."

The closing address was given by Henry Moser, of Sheridan, Ill., who is one of the state field workers. Mr. Moser spoke on the subject of "Sunday School Possibilities," and his address throughout was one of instruction and encouragement to the teachers and workers present.

Note books were in evidence throughout the evening, and those who were not able to attend will hear of this convention from enthusiastic delegates for days to come.

Wednesday morning reports from the different departments were given and also the county officers. At 11:30 a. m. Mr. Moser gave an address on "The Outlook for 1909."

The convention closed on Wednesday with a consecration service.

The officers elected are: Pres. Francis D. Everett, Highland Park.

V. Pres. L. J. Yager, Waukegan.

Frank E. Mayer, Deerfield.

Supt. Prim. Dept.—Mrs. W. S. Underwood, Highland Park.

Supt. Home Dept. Mrs. Frank Mayer, Deerfield.

Adult Class Dept. H. S. Vail, Highland Park.

Supt. of Temp. Dept.—F. W. Moody, Waukegan.

Supt. Missions—Miss Blanche Lovelidge, Waukegan.

No fewer than 183 languages are enumerated as being spoken by the people of India.