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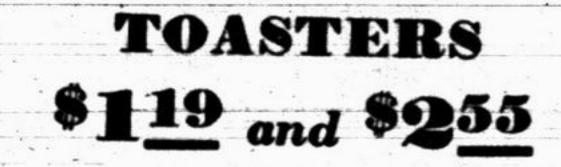
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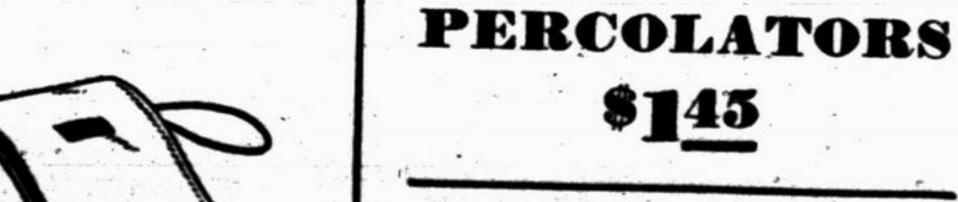


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HIGHLAND PARK MAN WRITES EDITORIAL

M. F. Gallagher in Daily News Tells Role of Library in Hard Times

The following "guest editorial" in the Chicago Daily News of Tues- the famous "Ben-Hur." day, June 14, was written by Mich- Hall Caine was a prospective arael F. Gallagher, a trustee of the chitect until his reading in the Liverman of the trustees' section of the spired him instead to enter the field is here re-printed because of local himself indebted to the libraries of interest:

and women whose morale is threat- for his education. ened by idleness and discourage- Every community has its potento the public libraries. Reading Library association, working in cofore by those undergoing enforced ganization on unemployment relief, leisure.

Hard times cause the taxpayer to pause and consider the value to the community of public lirabry service. Thus he realizes how great are the aid and comfort of books in combating discouragement and sustaining morale. Books were a stabilizing influence during the war. Their steadying influence is at work now. The message of books was never more needed, not only for enlightenment of the mind but for spiritual sustenance as well as to will be a vital factor in the reconawaken faith and courage and the struction. Public libraries have in will to achieve.

the libraries help men and women have always operated with strict to equip themselves for new jobs economy and honesty within their and provide free recreation. We need limited legal income. They have only to recall a few of the thou- not contributed to the huge debts sands who have used library books or deficits by which many of our as an aid to their work. Henry cities are now burdened. No ex-Ford in his earlier days haunted travagant appropriations of public the Detroit public library searching money have been made in their befor a solution to his quest of a half. At the present time, with the self-motive power for buggies. The people's demands upon them steadstimulating pages of an English ily increasing, any movement for magazine convinced him of the a drastic reduction in revenues, alpossibility of the internal combustion engine.

It was from that same library that Thomas Edison borrowed books when he was a train boy on the Grand Trunk line and too poor to buy them. In his eagerness to test some of the theories he found in the books he built a laboratory in one end of a baggage car. His experiments set fire to the car and he was expelled, laboratory and all but Edison remained an omnivorous reader.

George Westinghouse found a magazine article in a public library which described the boring of a tunnel through the Alps by a pneumatic drill. In a flash he had the germ of an idea for which he had been searching. It resulted in the Westinghouse air brake, which has done so much to make travel safe.

John Burroughs recalled in later life the inspiration he gained from a life of Washington found in school library. James Whitcomb Riley's biographer tells of that author's use of his township library in Indiana: "Almost all he accomplished in those years of growing manhood was directly or indirectly traceable to the influence of library books."

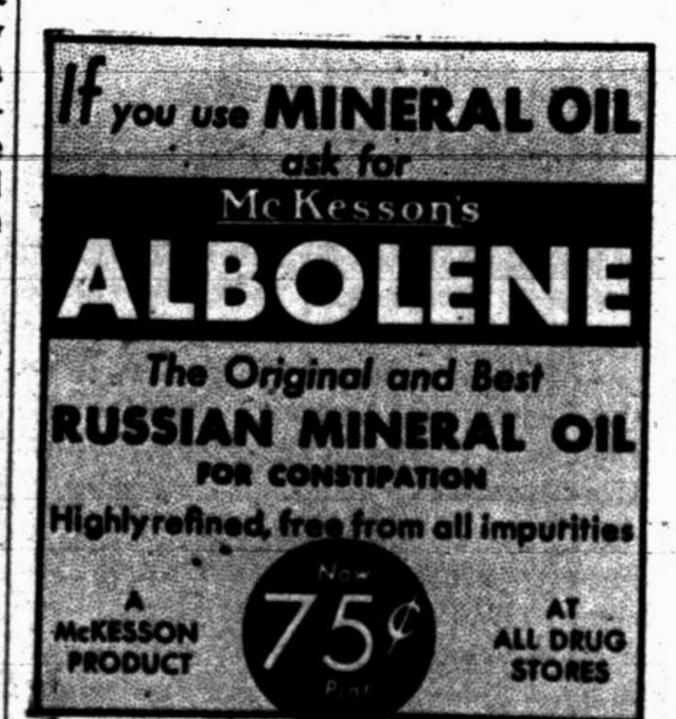
Lew Wallace at 10 years of age became an avid reader of library books. As a man he found the library of congress a great delight and said of it: "I spend most of my time in the library. I have gone through everything on the shelves relating to the Jews. From the mass I selected two works indispensable to my plot." His plot was

Highland Park library and chair- pool (England) public library in-American Library association. It of literature. Will Durant declares Jersey City and Newark, N. J., This country has millions of men rather than to school or college,

ment. Unemployment has sent peo- tial geniuses, who may be inspired ple in greatly increasing numbers by library books. The American rooms are thronged as never be- operation with the president's orhas stressed the need for making available in public libraries (1) books for workers which will enable them to prepare for future work, (2) books for those seeking to "think through" the present social and economic problems and (3) books to provide healthy recreational reading.

The public library, a means of education and a great, free, beneficial, humanitarian agency, is and no way contributed to the sad In addition to bolstering morale, plight of public finances. They ready barely sufficient for publiclibrary needs, should be vigorously resisted.

> Other departments of government - fire protection, police, public schools, streets, social welfare-will have influential champions working valiantly to keep them going in full efficiency. Public libraries, completely nonpolitical in character, must have the devoted, enthusiastic aid of trustees and all others who know the libraries' fiscal needs and who appreciate the value and importance of library service to a community.



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