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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the Truth-WATSON.

Thursday, October 30, 1930

PERK UP

About the worst thing we can see with these "hard" times is that we have lost our business morale. In other words, we have lost confidence in our future, and until we regain that confidence these so-called days of depression will be with us. And the pity of it is those business men who should know better are among the leaders in the crepe hanging. As a result, there are really hard times for those who depend for their daily bread upon their employment by industry. No one industry can be blamed, but we venture to make the statement if our business leaders would but perk up and convince themselves that 's times are not so hard as they would like to imagine, this unemployment bogey would disappear in a few weeks. And anyway, there are good times ahead of us-and almost in the immediate future. They will be here sooner if we take off our goggles of gloom and get down to business.

No less an authority than Roger W. Babson says business is to pick up this early winter. While Mr. Babson is no know-it-all, and these long-range prognosticators are not always right, he is the man who predicted the stock market crash of a year ago and his remarks may therefore be looked upon as Thaving some weight. According to his findings consumption in the last twelve months has fallen off about ten per cent, while production has been curtailed twenty per cent and transportation has fallen thirty per cent. According to this the inventories of the manufacturers are becoming abnormally low. Mr. Babson says if these three had fallen in the same proportion there might be no sound reason for a pick up in business. His claim that the widespread conviction that the country was suffering from over production was to a great extent hysteria. He advises industrial leaders to cut their overhead, give more goods for the same money, expand their research laboratories and spend more money in advertising.

It might be a good thing if we were to place some faith in Mr. Babson's predictions. He may change. not know what he is talking about but his past record as a business barometer is good enough to stamp him as one of the authorities of this continent.

It might be well, also, for those of us who are not financiers or in control of big business to take the plinders off our bridles and get down to actualities. Most of us are not capable of running anything larger han that in which we are engaged. If our capacity s of the two-dollar-and-fifty-cent kind, then that is our reward. Why blame someone else because we surselves have not the ability to climb? There are is many opportunities today as there ever werenore, in fact. If we fail to reach out and pluck hem, it is probably due to our inability to handle the ituation. Then, place the blame where it belongs. 'here are altogether too many "Andy" Browns in he world. They know how to run every business ut their own, and waste their time on foolish and no ccount stunts that can never get them any reward. 'imes are not hard. Times are merely adjusting hemselves back to sanity after an orgy of high rages, collected in far too many instances by worknen untrained in their particular occupations. For oo many years the skilled mechanic in the ordinary nes of trade has been underpaid according to what is untrained brother was receiving, but being paid ll his particular trade could afford. The high rages of the unskilled laborer have been responsible nore than anything ese for the inventing of autonatic machinery, and when this same laborer with is high wages has developed expensive habits on the ssumption he was to continue along the same lines adefinitely, he finds it hard, even almost impossible, adapt himself to the changed conditions which are ow on our doorstep.

When the railroad train succeeded the teams in his country as a means of transportation many hought we were ruined; now the same cry is being aised when trucks are superseding the railroads. In few years no doubt the truckers will be bemoaning heir fate because freight hauling will be done by airlane. It is a changing world, has been changing ince time began, and those of us who have read the istory of the Luddite riots of 1811-17 can see imilarity in 1929-30. It therefore remains to do the est we can with what we have. The country will ome out all right, and so will the workmen. But it ill take some time to get matters readjusted to the ew era upon which we are now entering.

PROSPERITY AHEAD

The despatches in the daily press telling of the tablishment of industries in Canada that formerly ed their products in from the United States convince the most skeptical that the public R. B. Bennett Premier of Canada and put tales of Baron Munchausen.

the Conservatives in power. The Fergus News-Record frankly admits that the increasing of the tariff has been a good think for Fergus. The Owen Sound Sun-Times recently advised the Board of Trade of that city to get busy and entice some of the United States industries that were sure to come to Canada, to locate in the Scenic City. And neither of these papers are particularly favorable to the Conservative party.

THE DR. BLAIR EPISODE

Dr. Blair, the new M.P. for North Wellington, has been called upon to explain his recent statements across the floor of the House at Ottawa when he made the assertion that the Old Age Pensions Act in Ontario was being used for political purposes by lastically the Fielding budget of 1897 the Conservative party in the recent federal election. Both the Wellington County Pensions Board and Duncan Sinclair, the latter the defeated Conservative candidate, have asked Dr. Blair to either prove his case or apologize.

The Chronicle is waiting for Dr. Blair's reply. We know of one case in North Wellington where an old age pensioner had his pension cancelled, and he ert Borden was the first prime minister pected of being able to walk. She received the notice the day after the election, too, but the explanation as to why it was cancelled will exonerate the Pensions Commission in Toronto or the Conservative party. The Pensions Commission cancelled the pension for reasons, and the Conservative party had nothing to do with it. We are naturally waiting for Dr. Blair's reply to see what sort of excuse he intends using. If he still accuses anyone of playing politics we intend to tell the whole but even these are not certain, as both conceal. Her actions are suspicious. truth, with names and dates. Somebody in North they seemed expedient. Some other sworn to avenge the sinfulness of the Wellington is going to be mad, and Dr. Blair will people are more directly interested— world and the Greene family in parfeel foolish to think he was so easily made jump to conclusions in the height of an election campaign.

The limelight is something we all like to bask in, but we should be sure we have our toilet arranged before somebody snaps the switch.

KEEPING DOWN THE COSTS

Everything is too dear. How often have we heard that expression! But what are we doing to make it any cheaper? A few days ago we did a piece of work for a nearby corporation for which we charged one dollar and fifty cents. We received payment for it the other day-by cheque drawn on a bank in a nearby town, and on which we had to pay an exchange charge of fifteen cents. This is a straight ten per cent, as any schoolboy can tell you. It would not have been so bad even then had we not found out that this same corporation has an account in Durham banks and could just as easily have issued the cheque on one of these, and there would have been no ex-

This is but one instance of many, but we think it a reasonable explanation as to why the cost of many things is not decreasing. It may not be a cheque, but it is something else, and we are forced to the conclusion that about all the most of us want to do about the high cost of living is talk about it.

"Who Are Fanatics?" asks the Chesley Enterprise. Easy. They are the fellows who do not agree

It is said that the plug hat is "going out". And why shouldn't it? Imagine a man nowadays, driving a modern low-slung car, trying to look dignified as he drives to church!

The Wellington County Council is now in session. And the Fergus News-Record, which loves county councils like a small boy loves castor oil, is just rarin'

There is no "obey" in the new marriage vow of the United church. Mere married man will now know definitely where he is "at". They simply never did do it anyway.

Simcoe county is said to be the centre of population for Canada. Perhaps this is what makes Editor Elliott of the Alliston Herald look so big in the

Last week's Meaford Mirror tells how to prepare turkey for Christmas. What would interest US more than anything else we can think of just now would be for the Mirror to tell us how we were to get the

And now the two Kincardine newspaper editors are scrapping and washing their dirty linen. We hope to see the final meet down at the Coliseum or at the Arena in Toronto. From the preliminaries so far it looks like a perfectly good scrap and should pull a good house. The winner should take on Gus Sonnenburg.

Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Shamrock V. has arrived in England after a tempestuous voyage. We would have liked to have seen the Enterprise, the successful defender, after the three thousand mile passage across the Western ocean.

The use of the Bible in swearing witnesses in Every vision and aim will glow court cases has been discontinued in Essex county. This procedure might very well be extended all over Promise will gleam with its rainbow that to us appeared anything but "the truth and Love will lead to life's lost delight; nothing but the truth," and this despite the fact that the witness had taken his oath on the Bible. So far Thus as we live our life, looking ahead, as we could see the evidence could not have been very did the right thing when they elected the much worse had the oath been given on a copy of the

A Puzzler

One of the anomalies of the times is how the attendance mounts at colleges and universities during a period of depression and falls off in times of prosperity. By the time this year's freshmen class graduates, artisans will probably be enjoying high wages and driving 8-cylinder cars, while the college men with parchments will be looking for employment sufficiently remunerative to provide a living and pay for laundering their white collars-but such is life!—Farmer's Advocate.

Why? Oh, Why?

If protection of industry is such an iniquitous thing as the Globe declares, why did the Globe support so enthuswhich under Laurier established the highest tariff wall Canada ever had and behind which Canada prospered immensely for fifteen years? It was when the selfishness of the western wheat exporter who cared nothing about industrial employment in the east or any-Sir Wilfrid Laurier hit upon the disastrous expedient of reciprocity in trade with the United States. Sir Rob- mother, bed-ridden for years but sigto lower the tariff at the behest of the hated her children. Did her twisted bad to worse ever since. The crisis | Rex Greene, the unbalanced boy who of last July would have come in 1915 owned the mysteriously missing gun, had the war not intervened.—Alliston outspoken in his suspicions, crazy-act-Herald.

Tariff Helped Fergus

tariff. Some of these are dictated by you think he is the murderer? the party politics to which a person has Mrs. Mannheim, cook in the Greene subscribed for years or for a lifetime, home, the woman with something to desire a higher tariff to keep out com- the death-dealing gun? petition, or classes of people who want

lower tariffs on what they must buy. While there is plenty of room for discussion under these heads, there is no argument about the fact that the recent raises in tariff, as applied by Premier Bennett and his government, have aided Fergus. The new tariff has assisted in bringing another industry to town. Because of higher duties on incubators, the Buckeye incubators will be made in Fergus by Beatty Bros. Limited. Some other towns have been clamoring for their Councils or Board of Trade to get busy and secure Cana-

dian branches of American firms which had been hit by the tariff. Our enterprising Fergus company seems to have produced quicker results. The raising of chickens has changed

considerably in the last few years and the incubator output now consists, to a large extent, of huge machines for chick hatcheries, instead of many small incubators for individual farms.-Fergus News-Record.

THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

Happiness Is To Be Found, Not in Contentment But By Caring For the Everyday Tasks That We Perform, According to "The Country Gentleman.

"If you don't care for the things you can't obtain you will be fairly happy." On the surface it is not an inspiring message. Not to care for the things we can't obtain is to resign, give up, be supine. And when we quit in life's struggle we pay a dear price, indeed, for our meagre mete of happiness. Most of us, perhaps, would rather keep on fighting. There is joy in the fight; joy at least to know there is fight in

Let us reverse the formula. "If you care enough for the things you have obtained, you will be supreme-

The humble farmer, on his little farm-if he loves that farm-may be happy beyond compare. If he loves it well, he will till it well, intelligently, thoroughly and it will yield him rich store. The widowed mother, in the little cottage, has her children, and if she loves them well they will be her life. The clerk at the desk, if he loves his work, will be happy in it. Or the motorman in his cab of steel, may find in the easy response of the throbbing motors and his rolling palace, a sense of responsibility for the passing multitude that will bring his pride and joy.

To be truly happy in our lot we need not be contended. Indeed, happiness and contentment, while we keep moving on life's highway, are not to be reconciled. If we love the work we do we shall be thrilled not alone to do it well, but to do it better.

Far away fields are always green to too many of us. Only after many fruitless pilgrimages is the simple truth borne home that if the field at our door is not attractive and verdant it is because we do not water its shrubs and grasses. If we love our field we will tend it. And, more important, if we tend it we will come to love it.

And this to them in whom ambition burns. Only by the degree to which you prove yourself true to the modest task of today can you fit yourself for, or inspire others to entrust you with, greater duties tomorrow.

LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, life is always kind; Looking ahead, we can hourly find Much that will bring to us strength and

Tasks to be done or duties clear. Looking ahead, we can better plan

Work we would do for our fellowman, Bright with the future's hope-brimmed

Looking ahead, we can still devise Over the journey a splendor is shed; Courage and power each day dawn

anew. Looking ahead to the good and the true.

NINE SUSPECTS COMPLICATE THRILLING MURDER MYSTERY

Can you pick the maniacal killer that menaced the Greene family and com-Dine's famous story which Paramount has made into a gripping motion

Nine persons had the opportunity of committing the crimes, each displays strange symptoms of fanaticism or hate, and each had a motive which could be satisfied with the killings. Can you pick the killer? Sibella Greene, the out-spoken

daughter of the Greene family, who

admits her hate for her brothers and sisters and talks in terms of killing. Did she kill the three members of the Greene family? Ada Greene, the timid girl, twice at-

tacked by the mysterious killer and where else began to assert itself that narrowly escaping death both times.

Mrs. Tobias Greene, the crippled westerners and things have gone from brain engineer the mystifying murders?

ing. Did he commit the crimes? Sproot, the butler, the first on the scene of the murders, a quiet, sinister There are varied opinions about the character of the Greene household. Do.

manufacturers of certain goods who ticular. Was it her hand that wielded Mrs. Greene's nurse had the op-

portunity to commit the crimes. Was she motivated by robbery? Did she Barton, the second maid, hated her

employers for the many slights they had put upon her. Was she guilty?

Baffled Pacifist

Judge: "The two men were fighting with chairs. Didn't you try to establish

Witness: "No, there was not a third

ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY EXPERTS

There seems plenty of evidence to

show that most bad motor accidents are caused by so-called expert drivers and not by novices. The green driver is generally fairly careful. Comparatively few women are responsible for serious accidents. But many a bad mitted the startling series of crimes in driving test does not reveal how reckles or defiant of other people's rights he may be, and these are the things that make trouble on streets and high-

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"Why ever are you sitting there when you ought to be in bed?" PETER: "There's a mosquito in my room." MOTHER: "Ih hasn't bitten you, has it, dear?" PETER: "No, but it came close enough for me to hear its propeller."

-The Humorist, London.

SOCIAL AN

Dr. Thos. Mad friends around h Mr. George A Mich., and Mr Detroit spent a their mother, 1 has been quite port that Mrs.

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and Mrs. George Mr. and Mrs Ontario, announ daughter. Thomas Veitch and the late Township, Count to take place qu

The engageme Mary Elizabeth. the late Mr. Whitmore, to V only son of Mr. of Durham, the in November.

8th day of Nover

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Orangeville. Miss Vera Mo ing in St. John spent Thursday home here. Mr. Cecil Mc visited his siste

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