

U. S. GETTING OVER SPREE OF INFLATION

Luke Grant, Editor of North Shore Bulletin, Writes in Optimistic Vein

Luke Grant, editor of the North Shore Bulletin, is in an optimistic frame of mind and in the October issue of that weekly he predicts that these United States will soon recover from the spree of inflation which it has been enjoying during the past few years.

"The outlaw railroad switchmen are at work throwing switches instead of bricks and the anthracite coal miners have quit fishing and started digging," he writes. "The railroads are moving their cars more than ever in their history and workers generally are settling down to business and giving a fair day's work for a fair day's pay. We're all getting over our spree as 'twere, and hitting the selzer and lemon. We'll be quite sober soon. We are beginning to find out that we can't joyride to the millennium and the discovery is going us a lot of good.

Number of Causes

"There are a number of causes for the falling prices. In a complex civilization like ours it is difficult to say which is the primary cause. As we look at it the bankers and the workers are going at it hand in hand. That seems a very ridiculous statement to make, you know. You can't imagine the hardy son of toil locking his brown, calloused hands in the soft white hand of the so-called 'capitalist'. But in a way it amounts to that, although he may not know it. To make the simile a little clearer, when the banker curtails credits and the laborer increases output, they really join hands to swat the high cost of living. That is exactly what they have been doing for the past two

months and that is what put the skids under inflated prices.

"By shutting down on loans to speculative enterprises and 'luxury' industries the bankers brought about a decrease in the consumption of luxuries. By increasing his productivity the worker reduced the labor costs on manufactured products. The combined assault brought results."

CHICAGO MOTOR CLUB SECRETARY REPORTS CONDITION OF ROADS

Charles P. Root, field secretary for the Chicago Motor club, who has completed logging the road from Chicago to Los Angeles, gives the following summary of road conditions:

Illinois—Roads fair to bad. Iowa—Good for the better part; all good in eastern two-thirds and bad from McCook west. Colorado—Fine. New Mexico—Rather bad, except in spots. Arizona—Fine in eastern part; not good in western part. California—Bad spots in desert, but boulevard after crossing the mountain. Where the roads are designated good the assumption is that the tourist takes his trip before the rains set in, as most of these roads are dirt.

Motorists are advised to carry travelers' checks rather than currency.

From Springerville, Ariz., Mr. Root reports gasoline to be selling at 60 cents a gallon. This is the highest price paid for gasoline on the road. Mr. Root also reports there are hundreds of tourists making this trip at present.

BUSIEST RAILROAD CROSSING

The busiest railroad crossing in the world is that of the Chicago Elevated railways at Lake and Wells streets. At that intersection 218 trains of 1,100 cars pass in one hour, an average of 18 cars a minute. Were the cars coupled together in a solid train, they would reach from the city hall to Eighty-seventh street, a

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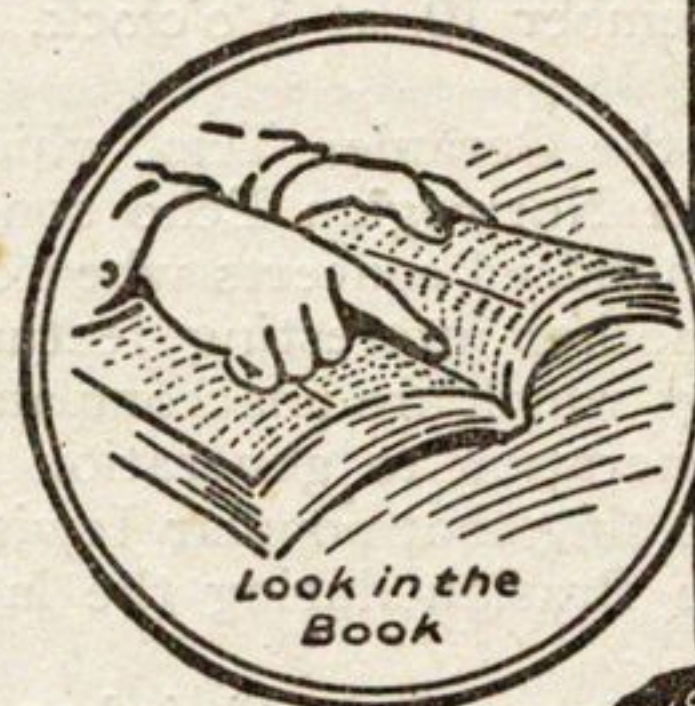
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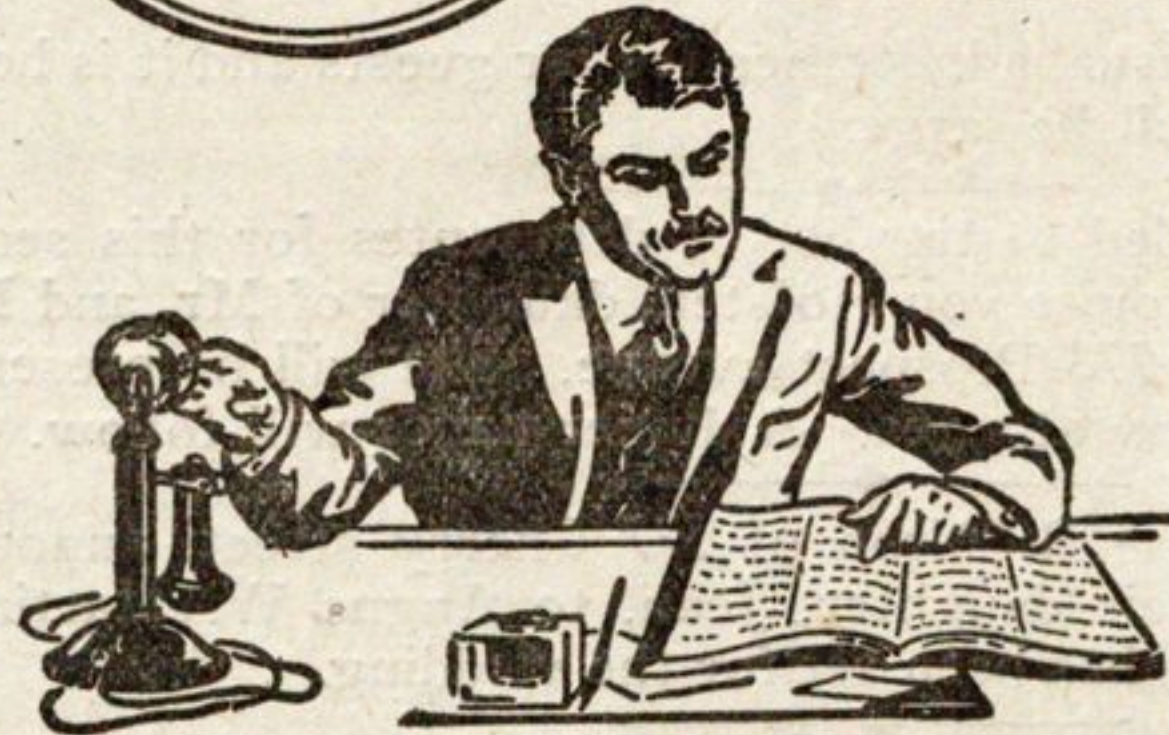
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