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AS TO THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

The text of the constitution that has been worked out by the members of the constitutional convention during the two years, almost, of effort, is not particularly interesting reading to the general reader, but it is quite plain in its meaning and of such importance that every citizen who will vote upon its acceptance or rejection should go through it with sufficient care to know what are its virtues and what its weaknesses.

It is not a perfect document from the point of view of any individual. Such an achievement would be impossible. The question that is to be brought before the electorate is not so simple as that of the acceptance of a complete and perfect instrument. It will be a matter of deciding whether that result of the deliberations of the men who were chosen to represent the people of the state in the convention which has produced the proposed constitution meets, with reasonable adequacy, the conditions of the times, and takes account of the probable developments of the future. We must determine in our own minds whether the new is better than the old and consider whether it is the best that can be produced under the stress of present political and economic conditions.

These questions can be answered only after study of the text of the proposed new code. This study is a duty of citizenship that cannot be shirked by any who take their obligations at all seriously.

BUT WHEN?

It has been a costly experience to the operators and the miners of the anthracite coal region to suspend work there, a costliness which will, so far as the operators are concerned, be cheerfully passed on to that long suffering body, the ultimate consumer, when the time comes that the bins must be filled before the winter begins.

There is a regular procedure that must be followed, just because it always has been followed. There is the occasion that breeds discontent, then the threat of strike, then the strike and, finally after the maximum ill-feeling has been developed and the chances of a peaceful settlement are quite out of the question, there comes the conference, a long drawn out affair in which the single purpose seems to be a determination not to yield an inch on both sides.

Some day, perhaps, mankind will see the folly of the order of the program. Some day there will dawn the realization that moving the conference to the top will avoid the bad feeling, will hasten the agreement and help in the solution of the problem that has brought about the trouble. It looks simple enough, but it is the simple things that, generally speaking, escape the notice of those who are hastening along through life, doing the obvious next thing, without thought of choice as to what that next thing should be.

SCAT!

When Suzanne was getting the worst of it in a tennis match with one Molla Mallory over here in the United States not long ago, she became suddenly ill and unable to finish the match. She lost thus, technically, to Molla. Alibis, affidavits, charges and counter charges followed. Suzanne averred that she had been shamefully used and justified in refusing to continue. Molla said everything was lovely. Suzanne wanted another chance.

Now that Molla went to Suzanne's territory and was beaten in liberal fashion, more alibis and charges of unfairness have developed. It was nearly dark, the court was soggy, the court was uneven, she was "off her feed," says Molla. Suzanne says everything was lovely. Molla wants another chance.

Is this Molla-Suzanne row a forecast of woman's influence on sportsmanship? Men through ages of competitive sports, whether the prize were a wreath of bay leaves or a purse of a million dollars, have wrought a tradition that the best sport is the game loser. Everyone wants to win; to lose gracefully is an accomplishment.

Will women in sports accept this ideal or must they go through a tempering process of several thousand years?

GRADE CROSSING DRIVING

The present national campaign for safety that is being carried on by the railroads should do something to stop the careless driving over the treacherous grade crossing. One look at the posters that have been placed generally along the railroad right of way should bring a determination to every driver who stops to examine them, never to be the cause of such expressions of horror and terror as are depicted upon the faces of the occupants of that pictured car.

Imagination ought to be sufficiently developed in the person

who sits at the wheel of an automobile to impress him with the result of failure of a plan which includes a small margin of safety in crossing the tracks. Even with chances against such accident as does happen to every motor occurring just at the moment the car is passing before an oncoming train, there should always be reckoning with the result should such an unlikely thing be. Personal recklessness is no excuse for endangering the lives of those others in the car who have nothing to say about the chance that is taken.

HEARING MONEY TALK

Union funds and property of union members are liable to attachment for damages growing out of a strike, says the legal department of the American Federation of Labor.

The opinion is based on the supreme court decision in the case of the Coronado Coal company. The supreme court handed down this decision in hearing the appeal

of the United Mine Workers union, found guilty of violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust law in a coal strike in Arkansas in 1914 and fined \$600,000. The order does not affect national union

funds but those of local unions. Confiscation of a man's dollars, whether he be employer or employe, sometimes effects what an appeal to his conscience fails to do.



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