THE ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Following is a Financial Report of the Board of Eudcation of Andover Free School and Academy

The Board of Education of Andover High School that, for the year ending the following report of receipts and disbursements. Owing to the change in the time of the Annual School Meeting this report covers a period of fifteen months from April 1st, 1915, to July 1st, 1916.

Balance on hand from previous year	$193.17
Raised by taxation	5855.51
1915	
April, 8, Public money	318.75
21. Cora Barrett, tax	8.15
May 17. County Treasurer returned school tax	3.92
18. Levi Rogers lost tax	12.92
June 26. John Common, Supervisor, public money	412.75
Sept. 22, Note	696.99
Nov. 29. County Treasurer: Academic Quota	160.0
Academic Attendance	47.99
Non-resident Tuition	422.28
1916.	
Feb. 23. County Treas., bank tax	200.40
April. 1. John Common, Supervisor, public money	316.0
May 31. John Common, Supervisor, public money	412.50
June 22. Note	146.96
22. County Treasurer	9.00
	$10,622.22

Disbursements

Teachers' Salaries	
L. C. Sterner	$1,625.65
Isabel Mackay	174.00
Ruth Seabury	159.50
Gladys Estabrook	145.00
Hazel Strickland	643.50
Nina Hollenbeck	544.50
Marjorie Armstrong	689.50
Julia Lynch	666.00
Carolyn Hincher	640.00
Mary Snyder	664.75
Blanche Redmond	445.00
Ruth Anderson	495.00
Genevieve Burdick Supply Teacher	6.00
	$6,398.40
Almond Crandall, janitor	382.5
Empire Gas & Fuel Co., fuel	624.10
1915	
Apr. 6. J. A. Hunt, int. on bonds 12, 13 & 14	14.40
Burrows National Bank, int. on bond,	96.00
John Lever, int. on bond No. 19,	3.60
14. Lydia A. Benton, int. on bond No. 18, 1 yr.	7.20
16. Bacon & Vincent, Regents paper	14.15
Gridley, Fuhrman & Martin, 1 bbl. of oil	9.75
Reporter Co., stationery & class record cards	5.50
23. C. D. McCarn, cleaning clock	.90
May 3. Evelyn Hough, int. on bond No. 16	3.60
Evelyn Hough Int. on bond No. 17,	3.60
June 15. Milwaukee Dustless Brush Co., 1 brush	5.00
Clark & Norton Mfg. Co., valve & stem for gas engine	2.22
Reporter Co., envelopes, Etc,	3.25
F. D. Rice, rent of piano, 10 months	30.00
25. Richard Hammond, services as Truant Officer	25.00
30. Jas. P. Cannon, Treas., water tax,	43.30
July 8. Cannon Bros. Orchestra, music for Commencement	10.00
Cannon Bros., engrossing diplomas & ribbon	3.58
Mrs. Almond Crandall, laundry work and making towels	9.00
Home Enterprise Co., use of Auditorium	15.00
Bacon, Vincent & Smith, supplies	2.16
J. J. Dougherty, labor & materials repairing engine	8.00
J. H. Backus, printing annual report & notice of school meeting	27.78
Sept. 14. D. Hawkins, repairing steips	2.50
21. J. H. Backus, Commencement programs	1.75
Rand McNally & Co., balance on maps	23.80
C. D. McCarn, cleaning clock	.50
J. D. Cheesman & Co., 6 qts. ink	4.50
J. D. Cheesman, insurance	36.00
Henry Stephens, insurance	108.0
Oct. 1. Jay Scribner, int. on bond No. 17	3.60
4. J. A. Hunt, bond No. 12 & Int., on bonds 12, 13, 14, 15	194.4
11. Burrows National Bank bond No. 12 & Int.	696.00
21. John Lever, int. on bond No. 19	3.60
22. Andover State Bank note and Int.	700.00
Nov. 2. Macmillan Co. Club, books & express	6.22
L. C. Sterner, taking census & express	8.05
Max Richardson, labor	3.50
W. S. Clark, labor, moving seats Etc.	3.71
C. D. McCarn, cleaning clock	.50
A. L. Jones, labor, paint and varnish	3.16
Dec. 6. Lydia A. Benton, int. on bond No. 18	3.60
14. Calvin Slocum, int. on bond No. 16	3.60
15. J. D. Cheesman, insurance	36.00
David Davenport, cement, paper, burner, 2 Hrs., labor	6.80
Dec. 15. Clark & Norton Mfg. Co., parts for engine	9.92
C. E. Brown, waste paper baskets, shade rollers, Etc.	8.75
Bacon & Vincent Co., dictionary, gelatin, crayon,	19.80
Milton Bradley Co., supplies	29.34
R. A. Pease, cash paid to Olin Gas Co., for repairs on engine	.80
1916	
Jan. 17. Milwaukee Dustless Brush Co., brush	4.60
J. H. Backus, Collectors Notice, report cards	20.75
Jas. P. Cannon, Treasurer, water bill	24.31
Gridley, Fuhrman & Martin Co., Hdwe supplies & oil	71.46
Baker Bros., Hdwe. supplies and labor	12.08
Bacon & Vincent, Regents paper	3.45
Cable Co., 100 caples 201 Best Sonds	3.50
L. C. Sterner, telephone bills & express	2.26
22. Richard Hammond, Truant Officer	10.00
Feb. 15. Allegany Mutual Telephone Co., dry batteries & labor	2.55
Cannon Bros., buttap	1.85
Mar. 17. Dr. Brainard, medical inspection	18.80
J. H. Backus, health certificate, report cards & stationery	14.35
W. S. Clark, material & labor repairing engine	18.88
W. P. O'Connell, sand and cement	6.21
J. D. Cheesman & Co., supplies	2.95
F. A. Owen Pubs. Co., Norman Instructor & books	6.00
Apr. 10. J. C. Scribner, Int. on bond No. 17	3.60
15. Burrows National Bank, Int., on bond	81.00
Ginn & Co., Pubs., Biology supplies	.88
Longmans Green & Co., books & express	12.60
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co., compasses & lenses	8.25
Brooklyn Biological Supply Co., cray fish & frogs	3.88
Brundage Drug Co., books and supplies	22.20
21. Lydia A. Benton, Int. on bond No. 18	3.60
21. Richard Hammond, services as Truant Officer	5.00
May 19. Longmans, Green & Co., books & express	8.46
Gridley, Fuhrman & Martin Co., oil & Hrwe. supplies	4.42
June 16. John Lever, Int. on band No. 19	3.60
Baker Bros., Hdwe., supplies & oil	6.53
A. M. Burrows Sons, oil & supplies	10.80
Baker Bros., wire staples & paint for fence	16.89
Florence Earley, envelopes & postage	1.98
W. S. Clark, labor & engine oil	3.70
R. A. Pease, labor and grass seed	3.00
Bacon & Vincent, Regents paper	6.00
Florence S. Earley, secretary's salary	25.00
20. J. D. Cheesman & Co., ink	2.10
26. L. C. Sterner, express	1.64
Balance on hand	54.26
	$10,622.22

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Education.

FLORENCE S. EARLEY, Secretary.
JESSE S. SNYDER, Treasurer.

Andover, N. Y., July 1st, 1916.

SHOULD SLOAN'S LINIMENT GO ALONG?

Of course it should! For after a strenuous day when your muscles have been exercised to the limit an application of Sloan's Liniment will take the soreness and stiffness away and get you in fine shape for the morrow. You should also use it for a sudden attack of toothache, stiff neck, backache attack utes and the many accidents that are incidental to a vacation. "We would as soon leave our baggage as go on a vacation or camp-out without Sloan's Liniment." Writes one vacationist: "We use it for everything from cramps to toothache." Put a bottle in your bag, be prepared and have no regrets.—Advertisement.

A VERY SENSIBLE CORN REMOVER

A raccoon will get the corn in the field and a Racoon Corn Plaster will get the corn on your toe if you give it a chance. That' why so many people are saying, "The Coon Gets the Corn." Will you let him get yours? Why not end your painful corns by trying Racoon Plasters at once? Delays are dangerous. Ask your druggist for a package or write, Racoon, LeRoy, N. Y., for free sample. 29

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In pursuance to an order of the Surrogate's Court of Allegany County, New York State, made by Hon. Elba Reynolds, Surrogate of said County of Allegany, Notitce is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Adelaide E. Beebe late of the town of Andover, Allegany County, New York, deceased, to present the same with proper vouchers thereof to the undersigned, administrator of the estate of said deceased, at the store of Geo. H. Beebe, at Andover, N. Y., on or before the 28th day of July, 1916.

Dated at Andover, N. Y., January 11, 1916.

GEO. H. BEEBE, Administrator.

CHARLES M. LASH, Attorney for Administrator, Andover, N. Y. 29

Read the classified ads.

INTERNATIONAL SUNSHINE SOCIETY CARE FOR THE BABY BLIND

One of the most important things before one today is the care and education of the baby blind. A child blinded in infancy or born without eyes presents a strange and pitiful sight. It has a soul and is human, a part of the great Creator's work. It requires special cares and attention so that its facilities are drawn out. If a seeing child requires constant care how much more then does a child blinded in infancy require. Every minite it must be shown special care. Its little brain must be occupied, it must be loved that the confidence needed may be gained. In order to stamp out the helplessness of the adult blind the baby blind must be cared for.

The experience wrought from the care, education and development of blind babies in the few years since the establishment of this important work by the International Sunshine Society has proved to us and to those familiar with the work, that there is no longer any need for a blind child to grow up feeble-minded or crippled because of lack of care, as the care and education are now provided.

The International Sunshine Society with general headquarters at 96 Fifth Ave., New York City, have two established homes for blind children, one at Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, New York and the other, The Arthur Sunshine Home, at Summit, New Jersey. The Arthur Home has forty-five babies, several from New York State, some from New Jersey, one from California and others from Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Maryland and Minnesota. Here the children are cared for under the care of trained nurses and graduate kindergarden teachers. The children's eyes are examined constantly by the oculist and treated by specialists when considered necessary. It is not our aim to give industrial training, but in the playground exercises and the summer school recreations, many of our games have really developed into organized play from which have resulted basketing for the older girls, chair caning for the older boys, sewing for the younger girls, thus preparing the little fingers for the real manual industrial training they are to receive when they enter the state schools.

In the same way the babies in the preliminary kindergarten play with pegs and pegboards, blocks and all the Montessori equipment. The children are taught both the braille and print systems.

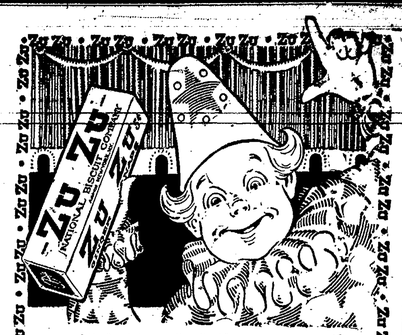
The older children play freely in the yard and the older boys use the equipment with facility. Teachers always supervise the recreation.

They aim to correct the mannerisms to which the blind are especially prone and to encourage freedom of action. Older children have responsibilities in connection with the care of the building and the guiding of the younger children. Manners at the table and elsewhere are under the watchful eye of some teacher or nurse.

On February 15th, 1910 President Woodrow Wilson, then Governor of New Jersey, provided that every blind child under the age of twelve should receive $300 per year for care and education. During the past year Governor Fielder passed the bill and the baby blind of New Jersey are now receiving $450 per year. March 22nd, 1912 Governor John A. Dix of New York passed the act amending the education law providing for the education of the blind in that state at $365 per year. Other states have since then passed similar bills providing for the education of their blind babies. But then we have blind babies come to us who have no father or mother, from states that do not provide for them, it is these little waifs that "Sunshine" must and does support. Through the efforts of kind friends throughout the United States the funds are usually raised to keep these little tots from going to the poor-house. Not always the easiest task but an offering for "Sunshine Work", a thanks offering for ones own good health will help these blind babies. The International Sunshine Society is non-sectarian, the dues are kind deeds such as sending flowers, fruit, post cards, etc., to the sick and shut-in, helping the destitute, or scattering sunshine into any dark corner where it is needed most. The sunshine motto, if lived up to will bring untold happiness into the lives of others.

"Have you had a kindness shown,
Pass it on.
'Twas not meant for you alone,
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
'Till in Heaven the deed appears,
Pass it on."

L. E. HENSCHELE,
New Jersey Chairman of the Press



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THE SCOLDING MOTHER "GETS HER'S"

Famous Child Educator Gives Address on Proper Way to Rear Youngsters, Closing Philistine Convention at East Aurora.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF NATURAL EDUCATION

THOU shalt not administer unto thy child physical punishment.
THOU shalt not scold thy child but give rewards for good behavior.
THOU shalt never say "Must" to thy child.
THOU shalt not give thy child occasion to disrespect thee.
THOU shalt never frighten thy child.
THOU shalt not allow thy child to say "I can't."
THOU shalt always answer thy child's questions.
THOU shalt not tease thy child.
THOU shalt make thy home the most attractive place thy child can find.

East Aurora, July 10.—(Special). — Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner, famous child educator, closed the Philistine convention yesterday afternoon at the Roycroft, with a stirring talk on child education. Five hundred people listened to Mrs. Stoner's address.

"Talk to your babies as if they were human beings, not vegetables," said Mrs. Stoner.

"Give your children a foundation upon which to grow."

"Give your boys and girls a rest between the ages of 12 and 15 years."

This latter advice, according to the educator, is soon to become generally recognized. She pointed out that boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 15, were in their most pronounced "growing" period, and close application to school duties, as well as the lack of physical exercise, was harmful of the child's heath. Mrs. Stoner proposes to start a country-wide reform and possible crusade against the present custom of schooling.

She dwelt at some length on the second of her ten commandments of Natural Education, "Thou shalt not scold thy child, but give rewards for good behavior."

"Oh," she said, "and this sub-ject of scolding is one of the greatest evils of the mother wife of to-day. I don't blame a man for getting an affinity if he has a scolding wife."

Mrs. Stoner recommended that mothers, in the school where they may be taught the scientific method of rearing children.

The illustration which she used before her audience with her own daughter, a beautiful girl of 13 years, were full of interest. Miss Alfred Stoner Jr., as she is now is heralded far and wide as the "perfect" child. To say she is unusual, is putting it mildly. Miss Stoner's language all of her own, is made up of a combination of Spanish, German, French, Latin and English. She recited "Mother Goose" rhymes in her new language and gave familiar quotations from American authors.

AUTOMOBILE NEWS

Interesting Information Given by the New York State Automobile Bureau.

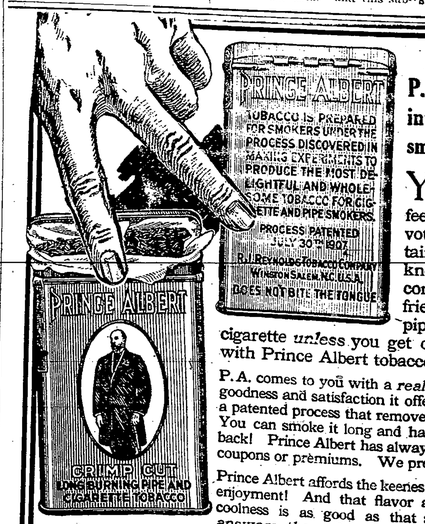
A total of 85,785 chauffeurs registered in this state up to the present time. Of the number 977 are doing business in New York City.

Records in Secretary of State Hugo's Office show that during the last month over one hundred cars changed hands daily in the Albany District alone, to give some idea of the great demand these days for second hand cars.

Chiefs of police in all of the cities and incorporated villages in New York State have been notified the past week to approve all motorcycle riders whose machines do not bear the license plates. Reports have reached Secretary of State Hugo to the effect that many riders are lax in taking out the plates.

The contract has just been placed for the 1917 New York State auto license plates. They will be of an olive color with white letters, the numbers being hyphenated as are those of this year's. Approximately 300,000 sets will be required, from present indications, to meet the demand. In placing the order the Secretary of State Hugo, made provisions for delivery of the plates next fall in order to insure a quick delivery at the opening of the automobile year, January 1st, and during the weeks that follow.

You ought to have a want ad talk to interested people about your house every day until it is sold.



P. A. puts new joy into the sport of smoking!

YOU may live to be 110 and never feel old enough to vote, but it's certain-sure you'll not know the joy and contentment of a friendly old jimmy pipe or a hand rolled cigarette *unless* you get on talking-terms with Prince Albert tobacco!

P.A. comes to you with a *real reason* for all the goodness and satisfaction it offers. It is made by a patented process that removes *bite and parch!* You can smoke it long and hard without a comeback! Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality!

Prince Albert affords the keenest pipe and cigarette enjoyment! And that flavor and fragrance and coolness is as good as that sounds. P.A. just *answers the universal demand for tobacco without bite, parch or kick-back!*

Introduction to Prince Albert isn't any harder than to walk into the nearest place that sells tobacco and ask for "a supply of P. A." You pay out a little change, to be sure, but it's the cheerfullest investment you ever made!

Prince Albert is sold everywhere, in tippy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors—and, that clever, crystal-glass pound humidor with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such splendid condition.

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DISCOVERY IN CHEMISTRY

This is a recent discovery of Doctor Pierce, who is head of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N. Y. Experiments at Doctor Pierce's Hospital for several years proved that there is no other eliminator of uric acid that can be compared to it. For those easily recognized symptoms of inflammation—as backache, scalding urine and frequent urination, as well as sediment in the urine, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, it is simply wonderful how surely "Anuric" acts. The best of results are always obtained in cases of acute rheumatism. In the joints, in gravel and gout, and invariably the pains and stiffness which so frequently and persistently accompany the disease rapidly disappear.

Go to your nearest drug store and simply ask for a 50-cent package of "Anuric," manufactured by Dr. Pierce, or send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce for a large trial package. If you suspect kidney or bladder trouble, send him a sample of your water and describe symptoms. Doctor Pierce's chemist will examine it, then Dr. Pierce will report to you, without fee or charge.

NOTE:—French scientists affirm that "Anuric" is thirty-seven times more active than lithia in eliminating uric acid, and is a harmless but reliable chemical compound that may be safely given to children, but should be used only by grown-ups who actually wish to restore their kidneys to perfect health, by conscientiously using one box—or more in extreme cases—of "Anuric" (thanks to Doctor Pierce's achievement) is by far the most perfect kidney and bladder corrector obtainable.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are the original little Liver Pills. One little Pellet for a laxative—three for a cathartic.

LOOK GOOD—FEEL GOOD

No one can either feel good or look good while suffering from constipation. Get rid of that tired, dragging, lifeless feeling by a treatment of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Buy a box today, take one or two pills to-night, in the morning that stuffed, dull feeling is gone and you feel better at once. 25c at your druggist.—Advertisement.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Elba Reynolds, Surrogate of the County of Allegany, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Lorenzo B. Green, late of Andover, N. Y., deceased, to present the same with proper vouchers thereof to the undersigned, one of the administrators of said estate, at the Law Office of Crayton L. Earley in the Village of Andover, N. Y., on or before October 25th, 1916.

Dated April 8, 1916.

C. E. BROWN, Administrator

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CASES OF SUMMER COMPLAINT

Stomach and Intestinal disturbances are frequently corrected by the use of Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. They tend to Cleanse the intestinal tract and promote digestion. Used by Mothers for 28 years. All druggists sell them, 25c. 31

A HACKING COUGH WEAKENS THE SYSTEM

Don't suffer with a hacking cough that has weakened your system—get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. In use over 40 years, and benefiting all who use it, the soothing pine balsam with tar heal the irritated air passages—soothes the raw spots, loosens the mucous and prevents racking the body with coughing. Dr. King's New Discovery induces natural sleep and aids nature to cure you.—Advertisement.

ALLEN'S FOOT-EAST FOR THE TROOPS

Many war zone hospitals have ordered Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to shake into the shoes and use in the foot-bath for use among the troops, because it gives rest and comfort to hot, tired, aching, swollen, tender feet and makes walking easy. All druggists everywhere. 25c 31

REMOVE FACE BLEMISHES

Pimples, Blackheads, Acne, Tetter, Ring Worm and that dreaded Eczema can be permanently removed from your face and body by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. It is no longer necessary to go around with an unsightly complexion and suffer the pain and annoyance that goes with unsightly ailments. Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment is a time tried, guaranteed remedy. Good for infants, adults and aged. No suffer with skin ailments. Buy a box today, start using it at once. Money back if not satisfied. 50c at your druggist.—Advertisement.

OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From the Seat of Government by the News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones.

THE GERMAN SUBMARINE

Washington, D. C., July 15.—Jules Verne's "Nautilus" was no better than a tug boat in comparison to the Deutcland, which has brought a million-dollar cargo from Germany to the United States. The Germans gave ample notice to the world that they were going to do this, and the captain of the great new U-boat carried out his promise that he would not run the blockade of the British fleet, but would go under it. The achievement is one of the most remarkable in the history of navigation. Robert Fulton's Clarenont was no more of an object of curiosity at its time, than is the new Deutcland, which avoids bad weather and enemies by simply going down to the desired depth where it remains safely for a day or a night, or at any other period. The Deutcland submerges 150 feet with comparative ease, and it dips out of sight in a minute and a half. In that way it has an armor protection a great deal more secure than that made by the Bethlehem Steel, or any other of the interests that have waxed fat by selling their goods to Uncle Sam. There may be air-holes in the armor plate sold to the Government, there is always that chance. But 150 feet of salt water takes all the terrors out of dreadnaughts and torpedo boat destroyers and other kinds of water craft. Washington is liberal and neutral enough to take off its hat in commemoration of this great accomplishment by the Deutcland.

Ripon's Extraordinary Request

The established supposition that the public treasury exists for the benefit of individuals and the community that can pull something out of it, may have to be revised in view of the recent action of the city of Ripon, Wisconsin, which has made a request through a resolution of the city council and commercial club and by a petition of many of its citizens, asking that the $75,000 appropriated for its public building, be diverted to the use of the military aviation corps, or other purposes of preparedness. Mayor L. W. Thayer and Postmaster C. H. Ellsworth of Ripon, who were asked for a statement of the U. S. Press Association, have declared that the entire course of the city of Ripon is based upon patriotic reasons. So far as is known this is the first instance on record where anybody has refused to benefit from drawing on the federal treasury. Ripon claims that by right it should have its public buildings, but it prefers that the amount it will cost, shall be, in substance, used as a contribution towards preparedness. A number of publications have contained editorials to the effect that this is one case where "Pork barrel legislation" has been discredited by the citizens, intended to receive its benefit. Ripon is a fine city and entitled to a public building, and the fact that the action of its citizens may delay the erection of the same does not in any way disprove the contention that public improvements should be made throughout the country for the uses of the government, and for the benefit of the people of the favored localities.

The Farmer's Lot

Congress has looked with favor upon the measure to extend better facilities of credit to the farmers throughout the country, while the good roads bill, made in the name of the farmer but secured at the instigation of the automobile users, will help to make the idea of the farm more attractive. In the hope that the percentage of farmers owning their land may be increased, the federal government is providing the necessary machinery to make loans easier. This measure may produce wonderful results, if it accomplishes its purpose in making it possible for men of small means to divorce themselves from the factory and the "regular pay roll." Uncle Sam's broad acres are hungry for more men and women who will produce, rather than consume the natural products of life.

Peary Changed His Mind

Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary recently became a candidate for the United States Senate from his home state of Maine. When he entered the fight it was with the announcement that his sole idea was that if elected he might aid in the cause of preparedness, of which he considers the only issue before the country to-day. He expressed particular anxiety for the building of an aeroplane coast patrol and naval base in Maine. The Peary candidacy lasted a whole week, in which period the Admiral decided to rest upon his laurels as the discoverer of the North Pole, in preference to adding to his autobiography the distressing fact that he "also ran" for the United States Senate. His previous "one idea" resulted in the discovery of the North Pole, and thereby Admiral Peary made a wonderful dent in the world's history. But the man who seeks election nowadays under the apprehension that because he has an enthusiasm for any one single class of legislation and expressed the belief that nothing else matters, is bound to find out just as did Admiral Peary, that the American voter has a much wider perspective of the needs of humanity and of the country. Admiral Dewey, as the hero of Manila Bay, was the idol of the American people, but when he attempted to secure the presidency simply because he had directed a few hours of wonderful fighting, he made the distressing discovery that he was "not in it." And Peary was likewise disappointed in discovering that because he often went hungry on the northern hikes was "quite another matter" from that of representing a state like Maine in the Senate. The only real hero who succeeded in landing a political office was Lieutenant Hobson. Hobson possessed qualifications as an orator of rare ability, and by the use of his splendid accomplishments as a "spellbinder" he talked the people of the Alabama district into sending him to Congress, where he "made good" and thereby secured several re-elections.

The Humanitarian Cult

The Humanitarian Cult is publishing advertisings signed by its founder and leader, Mischa Applebaum, on behalf of 184,890 members. Just at present the organization is buying advertising space for the purpose of sustaining views of the head of the institution concerning the garment workers' strike of New York. Incidentally the copy gets in a few paragraphs about infantile paralysis and then winds up with a line of poetry that breeds sweet sentiment. When one reads such sentimental messages to people the query always is "Who pays for the stuff?" Thomas W. Lawson, in the days of sensational articles of "frenzied finance" introduced this method of publicity, which has recently been utilized by Henry Ford in his campaign for peace, as well as by organizations advocating preparedness. Quite a number of big business interests in the country have also followed the plan in stating their views with reference to public questions before the American people. Their theory has been that they desire to make a frank, open statement, and that by using advertising space that their identity with the publication will become firmly fixed. Naturally the newspaper publishers and the advertising representatives have looked with favor upon this plan of propaganda. Its success in reaching the desired aim has resulted in its use by Mr. Applebaum, whose copy is so extraordinary that it would perhaps find no space in print except among display advertising.

Keeping the Same Men

Most of the Congressmen are strongly convinced that the present Representatives should be kept in Congress. Former speaker Cannon is frequently quoted as favoring this proposition. Either or some other one of the old members can be relied upon for a speech along this line most any time of the week. The theory is correct, in that a man who has proper qualifications and ability, is able to get better results when he "learns the road," and the "ropes" and adds to his acquaintance at the National Capital. Men grow in Congress in the exact proportion that they do in private life. The rule, therefore, ought to be the same; a good man in Congress, or a good man in the management of a business, or in an other capacity, becomes more valuable as the result of his experience. But if a mediocre Congressman should be fired by the people who selected him with as much freedom as would be applied in the case of the "hired man" who made a practice of "showing up only on payday. You cannot make a good Congressman out of an incompetent simply by keeping him in a job for which he is unfitted.

RAILROAD WAGES

Shall they be determined by *Industrial Warfare* or *Federal Inquiry?*

To the American Public:

Do you believe in arbitration or industrial warfare?

The train employes on all the railroads are voting whether they will give their leaders authority to tie up the commerce of the country to enforce their demands for a 100 million dollar wage increase.

The railroads are in the public service—your service. This army of employes is in the public service—your service.

You pay for rail transportation 3 billion dollars a year, and 44 cents out of every dollar from you goes to the employes.

On all the Eastern Railroads in 1915, seventy-five per cent of the train employes earned these wages (lowest, highest, and average of all) as shown by the payrolls—

	Passenger Range	Passenger Average	Freight Range	Freight Average	Yard Range	Yard Average
Engineers	$1641 3224	$1931	$1585 2992	$1783	$1303 2178	$1543
Conductors	1553 3004	1831	1552 2901	1642	1145 1991	1315
Firemen	951 1704	1128	933 1762	1109	752 1633	935
Brakemen	957 1707	1141	862 1521	973	834 1635	1085

The average yearly wage payments to *all* Eastern train employes (including those who worked only part of the year) as shown by the 1915 payrolls were—

	Passenger	Freight	Yard
Engineers	$1796	$1546	$1384
Conductors	1724	1404	1238
Firemen	1033	903	844
Brakemen	1018	858	990

A 100 million dollar wage increase for men in freight and yard service (less than one-fifth of all employes) is equal to a 5 per cent advance in all freight rates.

The managers of the railroads, as trustees for the public, have no right to place this burden on the cost of transportation to you without a clear mandate from a public tribunal speaking for you.

The railroads have proposed the settlement of this controversy either under the existing national arbitration law, or by reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission. This offer has been refused by the employes' representatives.

Shall a nation-wide strike or an investigation under the Government determine this issue?

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