

# THE MUELLER RECORD

May, 1920



## Wonderful Stepping Stones

Will we get to our big Opportunity and be able to cash in on it when we catch up to it?

Yes, if we've got some cash—the best introduction to Opportunity.

Nothing is a bargain if we can't buy in.

W. S. S. and Thrift Stamps hold money ready for Opportunity and make that money grow while she is approaching.

Savings Division  
War Loan Organization  
Treasury Department.



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## MOLDERS BREAK RECORDS

Ten More Men Are Now in the 200 Class  
On June 3d, R. Disney made 320 molds in ten hours, and for three successive days he made over 200 molds.

R. L. Key of the night shift, made 310 molds on June 2d.

R. E. Thomas of the day shift, made 265 molds in nine hours and for three successive days he averaged 250 molds.

The following men have made 200 or more molds in a day:

J. Burkholder.

W. L. Marshall.

C. Oldham.

C. Masters.

Jos. Molohon.

Thos. Hennich.

W. Trotter.

C. Hoffman.

These men are strong for piece rates. If we don't miss our guess there will be others arriving in the same class. Go to it, boys!



## THEODORE N. VAIL

Theodore N. Vail, who died recently, was one of the world's great business men. Like many successful business men he had a humble beginning.

He narrowly escaped being a country doctor. While studying in his uncle's office he took up telegraphy as a side line and mastered it.

Going to the west, he worked for the Union Pacific.

Then he entered the mail service and in 1875 was called to Washington to become general superintendent.

After five years, recognizing the future of the telephone, he set himself to the task of making it a universal convenience. In a year's time he accomplished wonders in this field.

At 42 he resigned and traveled in Europe and then went to South America to introduce the telephone. Fourteen years later he came back with a comfortable fortune and settled on his 3600 acre farm at Lyndville, Va., intending to rest the remainder of his days.

In 1907 he was again called to the presidency of the A. & A. T. Co. although protesting that at 62 he was too old to go back in the harness, and at 75 he seemed just as aggressive and vigorous as ever. He was plain and candid in his utterances, especially concerning himself.

"You might as well always tell the truth," he said, "It does not pay to try to fool anyone. You only fool yourself."

Another of his sayings—"If we don't tell the truth about ourselves, some one else will."

## MUELLER CHORUS

### Large Musical Organization Now Being Formed

Much interest is being taken in the organization of a Mueller Chorus, which is to give a concert at the picnic this year. Mrs. Ella Rost is the moving spirit and she and her assistants are getting good support in all departments. At first the plan was to have a girls' chorus, but a number of men in this plant are good singers and it was decided to include them also. On Thursday night of each week the chorus will meet at the Mueller Club for rehearsal and a social time. Singing will begin at 8:00 and continue until 8:45. This will be followed by dancing, until 9:30. Music will be furnished by an orchestra composed of Mueller people.

Mr. Charles Auer, cashier, is director of the chorus; Dean Gorham is secretary; Bob Collins, Manager, and Miss Frew has charge of the music. The following represent various departments:

Miss Allen—Main office.

Mrs. Bailey—Grinding and Inspection Depts.

Mrs. Murphy—Core Room.

Mrs. Geibe—Brass Finishing.

Miss Hendrian—Assembling.

Miss Arend—Polishing Dept.

Anyone who can sing and is interested in joining the chorus, may see one of the persons named above. If your department does not yet have a representative, arrange for one or see someone of those mentioned above.



## SOME PHILOSOPHY

The old colored woman had considerable philosophy.

"No, Sah, Ah Doan't Ride on dem 'ere things," said an old colored lady looking in on the merry-go-round.

"Why, de other day I seen dat Rastus Johnson git on an' ride as much as a dollah's worth an' git off at the very same place he got on at, an' I sez to him: 'Rastus,' I sez, 'yo' spent yo' money, but whar yo' been?'"

What's true of 'Rastus is true of others, not only as to spending money but in other ways as well—in work for instance.

There are men in every walk in life who work their heads off and never get anywhere because they have failed to work with their heads.

What the old colored woman said is worth thinking about.

## MUTUAL AID REPORT

Balance April 23, 1920.....	\$ 844.74
Received from Company.....	50.00
May dues.....	384.40

\$1,279.14

Less benefits paid listed below... 363.76

Balance May 26, 1920.....	915.38
Inez Austin .....	27.15
Fay Bowers .....	5.00
Alva Davis .....	.71
H. Diemler .....	4.30
R. E. Fowler .....	2.84
Win. Hill .....	1.42
Martha Gendry .....	4.65
Thos. Martin .....	10.00
Benner Root .....	6.42
Roy Tull .....	5.71
Geo. Anderson .....	14.65
John Arnett .....	1.42
Robt. E. Gates.....	2.13
Mrs. Ida M. Gay.....	4.26
N. B. Long.....	19.65
C. C. Morris.....	9.29
Maurice McLaughlin.....	49.30
Roy Whittaker.....	16.07
Joe Wilkerson .....	5.00
John Ashcroft .....	16.78
J. D. Graves.....	21.07
Clerical Help .....	3.00
J. R. Buchanan .....	4.29
J. K. Burkholder.....	10.00
J. A. Hogan.....	4.65
Mrs. Ora Hogan .....	4.65
Grace King .....	19.65
T. Lemmon .....	5.71
Mrs. Stella Meador .....	2.13
Austin Smith .....	4.65
Roy Smith .....	7.13
Fenwick Thomas .....	.71
W. L. Beaty .....	1.42
Z. Crouch .....	19.65
Karl Davee .....	12.84
Mrs. Mary Ensign.....	.85
Warren Hubbard .....	5.36
Harmon Hicks .....	1.41
Frank Orr .....	12.84
John Shelton .....	10.00
E. Waddell .....	5.00
	\$363.76



## THANKS

The following letter from the company is self-explanatory:

"We wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our employes who so kindly subscribed for the very beautiful wreath which was left at the Mueller-Cruikshank Mausoleum Sunday morning. You may rest assured that the Mueller families are very thankful for your kind consideration. H. Mueller Mfg. Co."

## A MIDNIGHT MEETING

The most unusual departmental meeting ever held by us was that of the evening of May 11th, when the firm members and a few of the office heads of departments had a night get-together session.

It was thought that this would be a good plan whereby the entire force could be reached with the least inconvenience to the working men, although it may not have been as convenient for the others. The attendance, interest and benefits derived from this meeting, fully justified the belief. At 11:00 P. M., 150 "night-hawks" came trooping into the club rooms, and W. T. Mason assisted by Bert Jackson, Loren Burleigh, A. M. Cobb, Robert Mueller and C. N. Wagenseller, proceeded to see that they were taken care of in regard to eatables and cigars, the tables having been nicely set prior to the arrival of the men. Cigars were passed to the men, and everybody "smoked up" as soon as the dinner was over.

Mr. Adolph Mueller presided and made a somewhat extended talk to the men along the lines of talks at previous meetings. Mr. Philip and Mr. Robert also spoke, and quite a number of the employes were called upon. The session lasted until 12:30, when the men returned to their duties in the factory. It was undoubtedly one of the very best meetings we have held for a long time.



## CONVENTIONS

Mr. E. K. Shaw, of the Credit Dept., accompanied by Mrs. Shaw, attended the National Credit Men's Association convention held at Atlantic City during the first week in June.

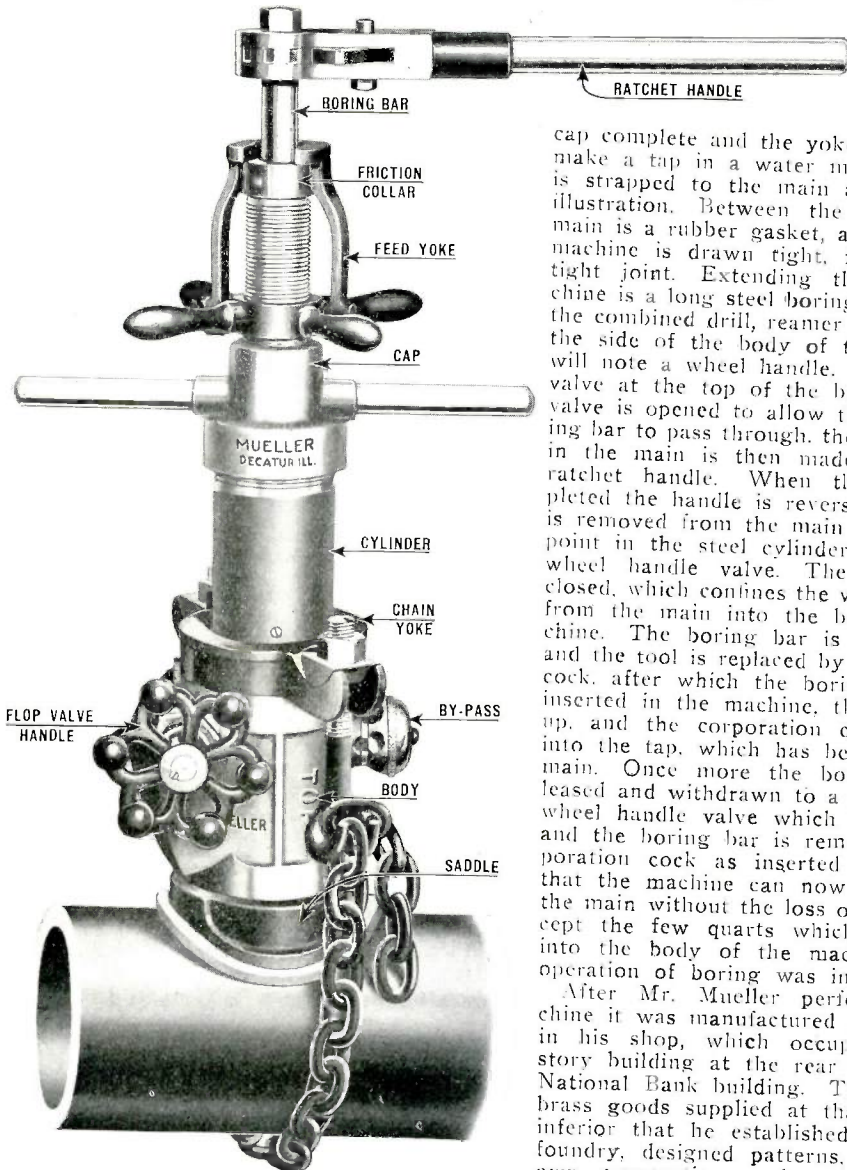
E. H. Langdon attended the National convention of Industrial Relations Association of America. This convention explained to the 2500 delegates in attendance that industrial relations mean the human side of industry, and concern itself with various plans for improving the relations between employers and men. It is remarkable how much progress is being made in various concerns in the United States in developing harmonious relations. Misunderstandings and mistakes of past generations must give way to mutual confidence and cooperation. Many companies are learning how to do this, among them the H. Mueller Mfg. Co.



## MARRIED

Wilmer McDougall, formerly of the Receiving Dept., has returned to Decatur after a visit to North Dakota. He is now employed in the brass shop. He was married May 9th to Miss Helen Strand, a North Dakota girl. They will begin housekeeping at 1204 North Edward street.



**MUELLER TAPPING MACHINE**

The foundation of the present Mueller business centers on one article—the Mueller Water Tapping Machine. This article was the invention of Mr. Hieronymus Mueller, father of the present owners of the business. Its purpose is to cut a hole in the street main and thread same for the insertion of a corporation cock without shutting off the water. (The corporation cock will be described later on).

There are some sixty or more parts to a Mueller Water Tapping Machine. A curved piece of iron, called the saddle, fits the outside of the water main. Upon this rests a brass cylinder. Next comes the seamless steel cylinder, and on this rests the brass

cap complete and the yoke and handle. To make a tap in a water main, the machine is strapped to the main as shown in the illustration. Between the saddle and the main is a rubber gasket, against which the machine is drawn tight, forming a water tight joint. Extending through the machine is a long steel boring bar, into which the combined drill, reamer and tap fits. On the side of the body of the machine you will note a wheel handle. This controls a valve at the top of the brass body. This valve is opened to allow the tool and boring bar to pass through the body. The tap in the main is then made by working a ratchet handle. When the tap is completed the handle is reversed and the tool is removed from the main and raised to a point in the steel cylinder just above the wheel handle valve. The valve is then closed, which confines the water that comes from the main into the body of the machine. The boring bar is then taken out and the tool is replaced by the corporation cock, after which the boring bar is again inserted in the machine, the valve opened up, and the corporation cock is screwed into the tap, which has been made in the main. Once more the boring bar is released and withdrawn to a point above the wheel handle valve which is again closed and the boring bar is removed. The corporation cock as inserted was closed so that the machine can now be lifted from the main without the loss of any water except the few quarts which have escaped into the body of the machine while the operation of boring was in progress.

After Mr. Mueller perfected this machine it was manufactured in a small way in his shop, which occupied the three-story building at the rear of the Millikin National Bank building. The character of brass goods supplied at that time was so inferior that he established a small brass foundry, designed patterns, and made his own corporation cocks. As the sale of machines increased the demand for these corporation cocks increased also, and in a very short time a nice little business was built up, and this small beginning was gradually developed into the big factory, which now covers the best part of four city blocks.

We make not only all the parts of the tapping machine as illustrated, but also make the tools. In addition to the machine illustrated we make ten other styles of tapping and drilling machines for the use of water and gas companies.

It is interesting to Mueller employees to know that 90% of the water tapping machines used in the United States are Muel-

ler made machines. There is nothing we manufacture which is of more importance than the water tapping machine, for the reason that whenever we sell one of these to a new water company they naturally buy the brass goods which are necessary for installing the water service. One tapping machine will last a new company a lifetime, but they are constantly in the market for brass goods, so that through the superiority of our tapping machine over all other makes we have an entering wedge for business which makes us customers not only for the sale of the machine but for repeat orders for goods in the future. And the beauty of the repeat orders is in their constantly increasing size, because as each little city develops and grows, it is compelled to buy a larger quantity of brass goods each year.

#### ONE OF THE WAR STORIES

The following is one of the stories growing out of the war:

"What's the matter? Don't you like the job?"

"I likes the job fine."

"Ain't the pay enough?"

"I can't complain. It's as high as anybody's gittin'."

"Then what's the trouble?"

"Well, it's like this, boss: I goes down there and the guy looks at me card and says 'All right,' and puts me on the pay roll. There ain't nothing for me to do, so I hangs round and has it pretty soft. Then I notices a bird a-followin' of me everywhere I go. I just can't shake him. Wherever I walk that bird's right behind me. So I'm scared, boss. There's something queer about this and I want to quit."

"Why, you blamed fool," said the boss, "go on back there. That guy's your helper."

#### NEW ENGINE

A new Chuse engine, directly connected to dynamo, is being installed in the power house. When the new equipment is all in place, the power plant will be one of the show places of the factory.

#### POLISHING ROOM COMPLIMENTED A Bunch of Hustlers Come in for a Good Word

Among the meetings of departments held during the month of May, that of Monday, May 10th, which included the Brass Finishing Dept., the office men and others, proved to be most interesting.

There was a good supper and cigars, and Mr. Adolph Mueller called the meeting to order for business at about 7:00. He explained that the purpose of these meetings is for friendly conference, and to get together in the interest of the business, which is as much to the interest of the employees as the company.

Manufacturers figure that the production per hour per man is far below what it was prior to the war. This is true notwithstanding increases in wages and other concessions by manufacturers. In some instances in our factory the production is not up to normal, but he did not believe it was as low as claimed in other factories. In some departments, he said, we are practically up to 100% in production, and mentioned the polishing department especially.

It was a pleasing task to walk through that department and see the speed at which the men were going, and it shows that they are earnest and interested in their work. Men who shirk their tasks or fall below the normal average are doing this to the detriment of their own interest, for, the speaker explained, in an organization of any kind, or in our social life generally, those who fail to measure up and do their part are not only injuring their own interests but the same is reflected on the interests of every citizen.

The company is enjoying a good business and all it needs is goods to take care of this business. Mr. Adolph explained at some length the work of the Industrial Court in Kansas as explained by Governor Allen at the last meeting of the National Manufacturers Association in Atlantic City.

Quite a few speeches were made during the evening. These included short talks by Messrs. Philip Mueller, Bert Kitchen, Robert Mueller, Mr. Volkmann, Barney Marty and Mr. Tilbury. Mr. Philip Mueller in his talk explained in some detail the plans for prizes for the best suggestions. He thought probably they might be larger than they were last year and might cover a larger scope. He urged the men to think of new things which would lessen costs and labor and expedite production, advising them that mental study in this direction would result in bringing out other ideas. Mr. Robert Mueller talked about cooperation, and dwelt particularly on the good which resulted from the friendly feeling among the employees. He felt that we should all encourage the habit of never failing to speak to each other when we pass in the factory or on the street.

#### BRASS CHIPS

One smell of Bert Jackson's "spring daisies" satisfied Brugh Werner that the odor was not to his liking.

Something for nothing is always paid for.

Don't forget the orders. We can't fill them without goods. If we don't fill them we don't get the money. If we don't get the money we can't employ people. If we can't employ people a lot of you will be out of a job. Don't you see how the thing works right back to you.

Bobbie Mueller has returned from Buffalo and New York City. At the former place he attended the annual convention of the Natural Gas Association.

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Miss Anne Wicks, formerly of the Advertising Dept. but now a multigraph operator in St. Louis, called on Decatur friends last week.

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The hairpin found in the directors' room was sent Katie McKeown with a statement that if properly approached nothing would be said about it in the Record. She promptly sent back the reply, "You'll be properly approached if it does appear in the Record."

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Marie certainly pulled a surprise on the Main Office.

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Miss Paradee of the Filing Dept. now gets occasional use of her chairs. Their popularity was such that she seriously considered placing carpet tacks in the seats. News of her intention circulated through the office and she now gets occasional use of her chair.

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Charley Morris of the lead room is now a character of natural importance. His picture was used in trade journals in connection with an advertisement of our lead hanging machine.

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If Thompson of Dept. 30 has found any more Pocketbooks lately.

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Burke is making lots of money sub-renting office rooms.

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What is the sign when you see Charley Wagenseller talking to Oscar Cross.

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Ask Charlie Morris which show at the Carnival took in the most money.

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Bob Anderson of Dept. 23 has a new Buick. And he is single too.

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We hope that Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. did not bluff Bill Mason out from going down any more.

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Burke told around how he bluffed Chat and Duffey—but we see Duffey moved in just the same.

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When is Bill Ferry going to start using the education he got several months ago.

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Bobbie Mueller says the way to remember anything is to not have anything on your mind to forget.

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Roy Whitehead who was recently married, surprised and pleased the employes of the Drafting Room by treating the men to

cigars and the young ladies to a box of candy, all of which was very much appreciated.

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Don't dare Charles Auer, girls—unless you want to be spanked.

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Dept. No. 20 has a very fine bunch of singers in their department. They sing mostly, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." We think if they would take lessons from J. M. C. of M. that they would in time of trouble make an excellent bunch for the stage.

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Charlie Armstrong of Dept. 45 is now riding the girls around in his car during the noon hour.

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Loren Burleigh departed for Washington, D. C. Saturday night, May 29th. The last seen of Burleigh, at 10:00 P. M., he was making a wild chase trying to find an open store to buy a pair of socks and a collar for his trip.

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Shirley Reynolds of the Shipping Department is the proud father of an eight pound boy born Wednesday morning, May 12th.

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Ed Overbaugh of the Electrical Dept. has resigned and gone into business for himself.

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W. R. Brown of the Engineering Dept. who was conducting experiments with regulating devices has severed his connection with the Mueller Company and has returned to his home in Chicago. Mr. Brown has done some interesting and valuable work for the company.

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Glen Riley of Dept. 7 is now in Brown's Business College.

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Abram Loveless has returned to work in the foundry.

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Pat J. Walsh, efficient and amiable watchman, who guarded the 'gate' at the Club room, has been transferred to Dept. 7, where he has more work and shorter hours.

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Watchman Chas. Connelley has been removed from the foundry entrance to the Clubroom, and is now endeavoring to learn the lingo of Muzzy's parrot. We feel that in this case, however, the parrot's color will not be the protection it was when Pat was on the job.

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It's evident the bunch like to kid Charlie Armstrong, judging by the number of suggestions sent to the Record.



D. L. King of the day foundry was married on May 26th to Miss Fern Dively. They will live at 525 North Jackson street.

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Notie Wright, of the Core Dept., and some of her friends, were visiting in the country recently. Miss Wright went fishing with some success, but from reports we gather that she came very nearly being "caught" herself, by an enterprising Hebrew fisherman.

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Miss Minnie Bolz, formerly of the Core Dept., and since attending Nurses' Training School in Chicago, was graduated recently. Mrs. Murphy and Miss Emma Bartuschefski attended the exercises.

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Foundry friends of Vernon Haynes are figuring on taking up a collection to keep him in chewing tobacco. "Chicken" will hold the purse. Nothing less than \$1.00 will be accepted.

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Shorty Griffiths who presides over the Core Storage, put a tack point up in his buddy's chair. He fogot about it and later returned and sat down on it himself.

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Ask John Faith whether he would rather smoke "White Owl" cigars, or guess at the time of day. For further particulars see Morris Gustin.

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Ask "Kentucky" what he would rather do—Eat New Orleans molasses, work on the railroad, or ask Duke for "molders' Glue."

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The beginning of a menagerie has been acquired in the foundry. The charter members are "Chicken," "Crow" and "Hound." From his roaring—a lion will probably be captured shortly.

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The startling discovery has been made recently that the glass in the factory windows is transparent. The window washers are credited for this discovery.

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Walter Drew said he had bought an automobile, but by the way it kicked the nail off his finger. It must have been a mule.

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George Webber's little granddaughter, who is somewhat shy, was afraid of him when she first met him. Mr. Webber in trying to win the child's confidence said:

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"Why, don't you remember me? I knew your father and mother long before you were born."

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Grant Moon was called to Ohio last week on account of the serious illness of his brother.

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Louis Offner of the Grinding Dept. says, "These big rains are hard on my health."

## BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE

Lack of education need not necessarily be a barrier to success. Many men have succeeded against the handicap of being uneducated. There was Mike Murphy who got a job as village sexton and discharged his duties satisfactorily. After completing his first burial he was asked to sign the certificate.

"Oi can't write," said Mike, and was discharged.

Out of a job, he turned to contracting, and finally became wealthy. Soliciting a loan of \$50,000.00 at the bank, the president graciously acquiesced, making out the necessary note and presenting it for Mike's signature. Again Mike said: "Oi can't write."

"What?" exclaimed the astounded banker: "And you have accumulated all this wealth without knowing how to write! What would you have been today with your talents, if you could write?"

Mike thought a moment, and said: "Oi would have been a sexton."

There is a good point in that reply. Mike, like many others, would have followed the lines of least resistance. Could he have written he would have signed the first burial certificate and continued to sign them, with the result that he would have continued to be a sexton. His lack of education forced him to do something else and he was successful. There are hundreds of men in the world who make no progress because it requires less mental and physical effort to stand still. And sometimes a little learning is an aid to this lethargy rather than an inspiration to strike out for something higher up.



## SUCH IS WAR

"Heah Ah comes back from de war and finds you married to Baltimore Joe, and yo' done swore to be true to me."

"True? But was you true to me when you kept on writing all about your engagements with de big Bertha ovah thar?"



## THE CORRECT DIAGNOSIS

The physician had been called in haste to see a small negro who was ill. After a brief examination the doctor announced: "This boy has eaten too much water-melon."

"Oh, doctah," expostulated the parent of the ailing one, "dey ain't no sich ting as too much watah-million. Dat niggah jus' ain' got 'nough stomach."



An old colored man was burning dead grass when a "wise guy" stopped and said, "You're foolish to do that, Uncle Eb; it will make the meadow as black as you are."

"Don't worry 'bout dat, sah," responded Uncle Eb. "Dat grass will grow out an' be as green as you is."—Boston Transcript.

### JOHN SHELTON'S ACCIDENT Sustained Several Broken Bones as Result of Fall From Bicycle

One beautiful afternoon in the middle of May, John Shelton answered the "call of the wild" and set forth to the open country on his bicycle. He made a considerable circuit out southeast of town, and returning, while coasting down an incline in the road he fell headforemost from his wheel striking with all his weight on his left shoulder, and breaking three bones.

With some difficulty John gathered himself up out of the dust to find that his left arm was useless. He picked up his bicycle with his right hand and started to walk to town. This happened about a mile beyond the Moffat bridge. Several times automobiles overtook him and he tried to get the attention of the driver long enough to ask for a ride, but four cars refused to heed. On reaching the grade leading to the bridge, he realized that his strength was failing and managed to get on his wheel and ride to the house at the foot of the hill. The farmer living there put John in his car and brought him to town where he was treated by Dr. Lyons at Saint Mary's hospital. After a few days there he was taken to his home.

In order to hold his shoulder in a fixed position until the broken bones have a chance to unite, his chest and arm are held rigid in a plaster cast. John will have to keep his hand in this position for a number of weeks. He maintains his customary cheerfulness in spite of his hard luck and suffering and will appreciate it if any of his friends will stop in and visit with him. He lives at 1685 North Monroe.

For many years John has been president of the Employees Aid Society and never until last week has received any benefit for himself.

### NOONDAY ATHLETICS

The vacant lots at the corner of College and Eldorado have been secured by the Y. M. C. A. Playground baseball is in full swing every noon. Volley ball was given a sendoff recently, when Mr. Brannon, physical director of the City Y. M. C. A. was a guest of the noonday lunch club. The noon meeting of the firm was called off and all hands came out to see the game. Volley ball will be played in the west court Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a fine pickup game with lots of fun in it. See that you get your chance at it.

The east end of the north lot is equipped for basket ball. Those interested in these sports should get together, organize teams and reserve the grounds on days desired.

The girls in the Core Dept. have been practicing baseball pretty regularly and will soon have a good team. Mr. Cranston is coach. The girls in the brass shop are talking of baseball. We look for them to start a team and advise them not to delay.

### WHY BARNEY WAS HAPPY

We failed to note in our April issue the happy surprise that Barney Marty gave the girls in the brass shop. Just as they were finishing their lunch in the rest room, a freezer of ice cream appeared with the "compliments of B. J. Marty." This act of thoughtfulness was not forgotten by the girls.

May 20th was Mr. Marty's birthday, but he did not think much about it until he returned home in the evening, and found a box of fine red roses on the table. There was also a large cake, and various other gifts. Then he remembered that it was his birthday.

The roses had been sent by the girls in the brass shop. Barney has been noticeably happier ever since. We might note in passing, that with the bouquet sent by the girls was a note of congratulations enclosed in a sealed envelope. This combination was too much for Mrs. Marty, and the note had been opened when Barney arrived.



### A WEDDING

Henry Carr of the Reclaiming Plant was married June 20th to Miss Kate C. Ellis at the bride's home. They will reside at 969 North Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Carr grew up in Monticello.



### FOR YOUR BENEFIT

#### A Series of Articles Descriptive of What Our Company Makes

Elsewhere in this issue of the Record we publish an illustration of the Mueller Water Tapping machine, together with a brief description of same. This is the first of a series of illustrated articles on the goods which we manufacture. These will appear in the Record each month.

The purpose of these articles is the education of Mueller employees in the line of goods which we make. Every reader of the Record should make it a point to follow these descriptive articles. Among the 1200 employees now employed in this factory, there are hundreds who have not the slightest idea what this company makes and markets. They may all know in a general way what the line is, but when it comes down to specific instances of goods they do not know. Every employee will be benefitted by reading these articles. Each employee who has a knowledge of our line of goods is more valuable than one who has no such knowledge. Young men who work in the different departments of the factory, who may anticipate a position of traveling salesman can profitably devote their time to not only reading these articles but by supplementing the reading by a close study of the catalog.





A CORNER OF THE GRINDING DEPT.  
GRANT MOON, FOREMAN AT LEFT,  
AND LOUIS OFFNER AT RIGHT.

### WE WONDER—

- Why Sam Harris doesn't come to work on a rainy day.
- If Johnnie Patterson will sell us more pop-corn next fall.
- Why Jack Gunther says he needs the fire chief for protection when on duty in drafting dept.
- Why John Marty and Ernest Kyle look so lonesome lately.
- Whether "Shorty" or "Skinny" will win in the wrestling match on Mueller picnic day.
- How Ernie Kyle ever got 'em to grow.
- If overalls are going out of style.
- Why Roy Campbell is practicing penmanship and letter writing.
- What Johnnie Albrecht will do with his stool when he takes his vacation.
- If Charley Armstrong intends to add "Confectionery" to the "Honey business."

When Miss Helen Riggs of the Finished Stock Dept., was asked if she had any news for the Record, she said sadly, as the spring breezes sighed through the trees, "Nothing ever happens here." Ain't it awful, Mabel?

### PARTY FOR MISS ENTLER

Nellie Wicks entertained 12 girls at her home May 7, in honor of Emily Entler, formerly of the drafting dept., who is to be married to Harold Jeffrey of Plymouth, O.

The house was beautifully decorated, the color scheme being pink and white.

Kewpies dressed as bride and groom with an officiating minister were placed on the table. The place cards were pink and white hearts with dainty pink ribbons attached.

Miss Entler was given a beautiful hemmed linen table cloth. A feature of the hemmed linen table cloth. A feature of the rolling pin, which was covered by loving and kindly sentiments written by Miss Entler's friends in Dept. 50.

### THE REAL THING IN ANCESTORS

"Have ye anny ancisters, Mrs. Kelly?" asked Mrs. O'Brien.

"An' phwat's ancisters?"

"Why people you shprung from."

"Listen to me, Mrs. O'Brien," said Mrs. Kelly impressively. "I come from the rale shtock av Donahues thot shpring from nobody. They shpring at thim!"



### BUT WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Now that the nation is dry, an enterprising dopeologist has compiled the following for the benefit of the disconsolate "wets": Rye, N. Y.; Bourbon, Ill.; Green River, Ky.; Cliquot, Mo.; Champaign, Ill.; Brandy Keg, Ky.; Brandy Camp, Pa.; Brandy City, Cal.; Port, Okla.; Sherry, Tex.; Brandywine, W. Va.; Ginn, Miss.; Wine, Va.; Tank, Pa.; Booze, Tenn.; Drinker, Pa.; Aqua, Va.; Vichy, Mo.; and Lithia, Fla. Take your choice. —The Wheeling Register.



### NOWHERE TO GO

O'Hara stood surveying the body of his friend, lying in state. Then he began to smile.

"What is there funny about it?" demanded an outraged friend.

"'Twas only last week as Clancy was sayn' to me how there ain't no heaven an' no purgatory. An' here he lies now, poor man, all dressed up an' no place to go."

—American Legion Weekly.



### A CHALLENGE

The foundry has issued a challenge for two wrestling matches. Two men in that department are willing to meet any other two men that are employed by the H. Mueller Mfg. Co. in a wrestling match to be held on the day of the Mueller picnic. Weight limit 165 pounds. Acceptors please leave names at Employment Dept.



### ROTHSCHILD'S MAXIMS

- Attend carefully to details of your business.
- Be prompt in all things.
- Consider well, and then decide positively.
- Dare to do right, fear to do wrong.
- Endure trials patiently.
- Fight life's battles bravely, manfully.
- Go not into the society of the vicious.
- Hold integrity sacred.
- Injure no man's reputation or business.
- Join hand only with the virtuous.
- Keep your mind from evil thoughts.
- Lie not for any consideration.
- Make few acquaintances.
- Never try to appear what you are not.

Observe good manners.  
Pay your debts promptly.  
Question not the veracity of a friend.  
Respect the counsels of your parents.  
Sacrifice money rather than principle.  
Touch not intoxicating drinks.  
Use your leisure time for improvement.  
Venture not upon the threshold of wrong.  
Watch carefully over your passions.  
Xtend to every one a kindly salutation.  
Yield not to discouragement.

From an alphabetical list of maxims framed and hung in the Rothschild's London Bank. Baron Rothschild used to recommend these rules to young men who wished to "get on" and achieve success.

### FEEDING THE FISHES

The courtyard between the power house and the Clubroom has all been paved with cement, which adds much to the tidiness of this part of the plant. The fishpond has been surrounded by a circular flower bed, fish have been brought out of winter quarters and now disport themselves in the aquarium. Mr. Cruikshank sees that they have regular meals and William Doyle will soon have flowers and grass growing about the pool. We trust that the fish appreciate the efforts that are being made to beautify their surroundings.



ALVA RANDALL AT THE PRODUCTION CONTROL BOARD

### ROY COFFMAN PROMOTED

Roy Coffman has been promoted to General Chief Inspector. Just what this involves, we do not thoroughly understand, but have been told that if anything goes wrong anywhere Roy is to fix it up. He is to see that the goods and equipment are all right and everything moving according to schedule. Roy is the man to handle such a job. Success to him.



### OSCULATORY ARITHMETIC

He was teaching her arithmetic,  
He said it was his mission;  
He kissed her once, he kissed her twice,  
And said, "Now that's addition."

Then followed smack by smack,  
In solid satisfaction;  
She timidly gave him one back,  
And said, "Now that's subtraction."

Then they both together hugged,  
Without an exclamation;  
She kissed him and he kissed her,  
And said, "That's multiplication."

Then dad appeared upon the scene,  
And snorted in derision;  
He kicked poor him three blocks away,  
And said, "That's long division."

W. F. DORMEWITZ.



### DEATH OF MRS. LINCOLN

Mrs. Agnes Lincoln, wife of Chas. E. Lincoln, salesman in the Indiana territory, died at her home in Indianapolis, Monday May 31st. Several days before her death their infant daughter was brought to Decatur for burial. Mr. Lincoln has been with the company in the capacity of salesman for a number of years, and was formerly employed in the Shipping Department.