

My advice to you is to do the very best you can, but don't worry about it. If your company or corporation is going to put something in which they think is going to reduce the cost of operation do not worry about it, all you can do is to run your plant at the lowest possible cost, consistent with true efficiency, and if you do that, I think you will all hold your jobs, and I am quite sure that those present, as I said before, will have left long, long before the steam engine is put out of business.

Mr. Lewkowitz,—

I take great pleasure in moving a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Wickens for the excellent paper which he has prepared and read before us to-night.

Mr. Gardner,—

I second that.

Chairman,—

You have heard the motion, that a very hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Wickens for the interesting paper which he has given us to-night. What is your pleasure?

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Wickens, I have great pleasure in tendering you the unanimous vote of thanks of this meeting for the splendid paper which you have read, and which has resulted in such an excellent discussion.

Mr. Wickens,—

I can assure you, Mr. Chairman, that I appreciate very much the vote of thanks that you have just tendered to me, and I also wish to state that it has given me a great deal of pleasure to have had an opportunity of reading this paper to-night.

If this paper has helped any one man here to-night to a line of thought that will be useful to him, I am glad I spent the time I did in preparing it.

I did not expect to convert our friend, the Chairman, at one attempt. I have known him for a number of years, and, while we have many things in common, this is a subject on which we do not see eye to eye.

Chairman,—

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