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THE CURSE OF NEW LAWS.

Every time congress or a state legislature meets, the members have themselves interviewed in the newspapers and say they will work for the adoption of new laws to insure this or that reform, says Ed Howe.

These new laws are at the bottom of all our rational ills. For thousands of years the wisest men of all nations have been experimenting with laws. The notion that a little man living in a country town can go to Washington and secure the adoption of important legislation never thought of before, is absurd. Ever take a look over the authors of the new Currency law? One of them is a blind man; a man who knew so little that a number of men played a woman joke on him that had been played many times before. The other is a country editor.

The new Currency legislation resulted in the creation of a large number of new jobs for politicians, but have you observed that money is any more plentiful?

THE SMART FOOL.
 Occasionally you meet a man who is a smart fool. The ordinary fool is dull, and slow, and has the vacant stare which distinguishes a cow; but the Smart Fool is noisy, and always trying to do big fool things.

The smart fool occasionally makes a fortune by means of some swindling operation, but loses it all in a contest with the postoffice department, and goes to jail. The smart fool always has a following and some times makes money, but he always loses it; he may flourish for a while, and make people believe he is able to do something for them, but they always find him out, and he is always punished; usually he goes to jail.

A Smart Fool is as certainly a fool as the common fool, but more dangerous and more mischievous and more plausible.—Ed Howe's Monthly.

TALK CONSTRUCTION, NOT DESTRUCTION.

The Toledo Commercial club of Toledo, Ohio, is sponsor for the advice "Cheer Up! There's a Reason! Talk Construction not Destruction."

Here are a few real reasons as set forth in the New York Times, Sunday, January third.

1. The steel trade, the depression in which long antedated the outbreak of the war, is improving. Prices are hardening and the volume of business offering is growing. The Steel Corporation's new orders during the last three weeks of December showed a 50 per cent, increase over the orders which came to hand during the cor-

responding weeks of the previous month.

2. The position of the railroads has been improved by the grant of the rate increase, and preparations are going forward for increased purchases by the railways, which will benefit many trades.

3. The country's new banking system, which is designed to facilitate trade, has been established and is already giving indications of the advantages which in due course will be derived from this long-needed change.

4. The money market, after months of stress, has resumed normal status, and gives promise of greatly facilitating the large amount of financing which has to be done this year.

5. Foreign exchange rates, whose abrupt rise at the end of July was one of the war's storm signals, have not only lost all of their abnormal advance, but have returned, so far at least as sterling exchange is concerned, to the lowest level reached in a year. The danger of further gold exports has thereby been converted into the possibility of gold imports.

6. The Stock Exchange, after having been closed four months, has reopened for both bonds and stocks without untoward happenings. The heavy liquidation which had been feared did not occur and instead there are signs of renewed investment demand. Even Europe has bought a little.

Indian Creek Items.

Indian Creek, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Wish some one wise in weather-lore would tell us how long it is until Spring as groundhog day was a dark and gloomy until about 4 p. m., when the sun shone for about 15 minutes here among the hills.

Mr. Zeamer and daughter, May, have been confined to the house on account of severe colds.

J. S. Spiker and wife have been having a slight attack of La Grippe. Ed Scott went to Elgin on business Tuesday evening.

J. A. Horn made a business trip into Elgin on Wednesday and has had the La Grippe ever since.

Andrew Henderson has been having the toothache and paid a visit to the dentist on Wednesday.

Mr. Wilson and Fred Wisdom spent Thursday in Elgin on business.

The inquisitive ones might ask the writer who writes the items of Indian Creek. They might find out who knows?

Mr. Schnore made a business trip to Elgin on Thursday.

Ed M. Davies has gone to Enterprise on business.

Arthur Bussears is putting logs into his mill.

Ed Scott and Carl Zeamer have gone into the wood cutting business. Success to you, boys.

The Hon. School Board held a special meeting Friday evening transacting business concerning school matters. Also bought two hanging lamps for the school house.

Sheriff Hug made a business trip to the Adam's mill, the one Mr. Wisdom has leased.

Arthur Bussears and Ed Crow went up the creek after coyotes last Sunday, while the Lang boys went up Clark Creek and chased the coyotes down towards Mr. Wilson's the men had quite a bunch of coyotes together from off both creeks. But the coyotes made a good get away up Shaw Creek. The hunters had better practice target shooting before they take another hunt, they might be able to get one many coyote then.

The Lang boys are hauling straw from the Sommers place.

Geo. Scott is busy papering his house.

The Young Peoples' meeting is held every Sunday evening at 7:30 and quite a bit of interest is being awakened as it has good attendance, re-

gardless of the bad weather and worse roads.

Mrs. Sande's made a business trip to Elgin on Saturday.

J. S. Spiker spent Saturday in Elgin.

Milton Bennett and Holly Horn made a visit to Elgin on Saturday.

Ed Crow and wife spent Saturday in Elgin.

ORCHARD AND FARM PROBLEMS

(Continued from Page 1.)

W. S. Brown; Housing of Poultry, C. C. Lamb; Some Common Insect Pests and Plant Diseases, illustrated, W. S. Brown.

Friday, Fruit Marketing and Marketing Associations, W. S. Brown; Incubating and Brooding, C. C. Lamb; Tillage Practices, J. E. Larson; Illustrated lecture, J. E. Larson and C. C. Cate.

Saturday, Legumes for Dry and Irrigated Lands, J. E. Larson; Soils and Crop Demonstration, J. E. Larson.

Domestic Science.
 Monday, Fruit and Meat Canning Demonstration, Miss Cowgill; Use of Canned Goods, Miss Cowgill.

Tuesday, Bread Making, Miss Cowgill; Cake Making, Miss Cowgill.

Wednesday, Helps for the Home Dressmaker, Miss Cowgill; Visit Local Schools in Interest of Boys' and Girls' Club Work, Miss Cowgill.

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Agriculture.

Monday, Tillage practices, by J. E. Larson; Soils and crops demonstration, J. E. Larson; illustrated lecture, C. C. Cate and J. E. Larson.

Tuesday, Legumes for Dry and Irrigated lands, J. E. Larson; By-products possibilities, W. S. Brown; Poultry feeding and management, C. C. Lamb; Housing of poultry, illustrated, C. C. Lamb and Some Common Insect Pests and Plant Diseases, W. S. Brown.

Wednesday, Care and Marketing of Poultry Products, C. C. Lamb; Fruit Marketing and Marketing Associations, W. S. Brown; Incubating and Brooding, C. C. Lamb; and Pruning demonstration, W. S. Brown.

Thursday, Care and Management of the Dairy Herd, E. B. Fitts; Milk Testing Association, F. W. Kehrl; Improving the Dairy Herd E. B. Fitts, Dairy Cow Judging Demonstration, E. B. Fitts; illustrated lecture, E. B. Fitts.

Friday, Feeding for Milk Production, E. B. Fitts; Hog Feeding Work of the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station, Robert Withycombe; Market Types of Hogs and Hog Judging; The Farmer and the Pure Breed, C. H. Kennedy; and Types of Improved Livestock, illustrated, R. E. Reynolds.

Saturday, Sheep on small Farms, R. E. Reynolds; Feeding Value of Field Peas, Robert Withycombe; How to Detect Unsoundness in Horses, C. H. Kennedy; and Horse Judging, C. H. Kennedy.

Domestic Science.

Thursday, Food as a Factor in Health, Miss Anna M. Turley; Vegetable Cookery, demonstrated, Miss Turley; Cuts of Meat, Miss Turley; and Meat Cookery, demonstrated, Miss Turley.

Friday, Food for the Sick, Miss Turley; Egg and Milk Cookery, demonstration, Miss Turley; Food Economics, Miss Turley; and Use of Left Overs, demonstration, Miss Turley.

Saturday, Bread and Bread Making, Miss Turley; Bread Making, demonstration, Miss Turley; Food for the School Child, Miss Turley; Completion of Bread Demonstration, Miss Turley; and School Luncheons, demonstration, Miss Turley.

Agriculture, Feb. 8 to 13.

Monday.
 10:00 to 11:00—Lamb, C. C.—Poultry feeding and management.
 11:00 to 12:00—Brown, W. S.—By product Possibilities.

1:00 to 2:00—Lamb, C. C.—Incubating and Brooding.

2:00—Brown, W. S.—Pruning Demonstration.

3:00—Lamb, C. C.—Housing of Poultry (illustrated.)

9:00—Brown, W. S.—Some Common Insect Pests and Plant Diseases (illustration.)

Tuesday.

9:00 to 10:00—Brown, W. S.—Fruit Marketing and Marketing Associations.

10:00 to 11:00—Lamb, C. C.—Care and Marketing of Poultry Products.

2:00 to 3:00—Lamb, C. C.—Tillage Practices.

3:00 to 4:00—Cate, C. C.—Clover and Alfalfa Seed Production.

8:00 to 10:00—Lamb, J. E. and Cate, C. C.—(illustrated.)

Wednesday.

9:00 to 10:00—Cate, C. C.—Noxious Weeds and Plant Diseases.

10:00 to 11:00—Lamb, J. E.—Legumes for Dry and Irrigated Lands.

2:00 to 4:00—Lamb, J. E.—Soils and Crops Demonstration.

Thursday.

10:00 to 11:00—Kennedy, C. H.—How to Detect Unsoundness in Horses.

11:00—Kennedy, C. H.—Horse Judging.

2:00 to 3:00—Withycombe, Robt.—Hog Feeding Work at the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station.

3:00—Reynolds, R. E.—Market Types of Hogs and Hog Judging.

8:00—Kennedy, C. H.—The Farmer and the Pure Breed.

9:00—Reynolds, R. E.—Types of Imported Live Stock (illustrated.)

Friday.
 10:00 to 11:00—Reynolds, R. E.—Sheep on the small Farm.

11:00 to 12:00—Withycombe, Robt.

Remodeling and February Cleanup Sale

Extra Low Prices on All Surplus Stocks Broken Lots Etc.--To make this the final Big Cleanup Event of the year.

- Any ladies' Fall coat, values to \$20.00 now **\$4.98**
- One lot girls' wash dresses, values to \$2.50, now **23¢**
- One lot girls' coats, values to \$15.00, sizes 12 to 17, now **\$1.19**
- Women's novelty white dresses, values to \$10.00, now **\$1.19**
- Women's silk waists, values to \$6.50, all colors, now **\$1.19**
- One lot dress goods, values to 50¢, clean up price **15¢**
- One lot dress goods, values to 75¢, clean up price **29¢**
- One lot dress goods, values to \$1.25, clean up price **49¢**
- Extra weight flannelettes for kimonos, dressing saques, etc. Reg. 18c yard, now, **10¢ and 12 1-2¢**
- Odds and Ends—Stamped pillow tops, runners, laundry bags, etc. now **1-2 price**
- One lot regular 15c flannelettes, now yard **7¢**
- All blanketets now at a saving of **15 per cent to 33 1-3 per cent**
- One lot men's overcoats, values to \$17.50, now **\$4.98**
- Men's suits at clean up prices—
 Reg. \$15.00 suits now **\$11.25**
 Reg. \$17.50 suits now **\$13.15**
 Reg. \$20.00 suits now **\$15.00**
 Reg. \$22.50 suits now **\$16.90**
 Reg. \$25.00 suits now **\$18.75**
 Reg. \$27.50 suits now **\$20.65**
 Men's \$1.25 flannel shirts **\$1.00**
 Men's \$1.50 flannel shirts **\$1.20**
 Men's \$2.00 flannel shirts **\$1.60**
 Men's \$2.50 flannel shirts **\$2.00**
 Men's \$2.50 dress pants at **\$1.90**
 Men's \$3.00 dress pants at **\$2.25**
 Men's \$4.00 dress pants at **\$3.00**
 Men's \$5.00 dress pants at **\$3.25**
 Men's \$3.00 Gordon hats **\$2.40**
 Men's \$4.00 Stetson hats **\$3.20**
 Mule skin mitts now **19¢**
 Odds and Ends \$1.50 work gloves **98¢**
 Boys' waist overalls, pair **9¢**
 \$5.00 boys' suits now **\$3.75**
 \$6.50 boys' suits now **\$4.90**
 \$7.50 boys' suits now **\$5.70**
 Boys' hats now **1-3 off**

Also Now Our BIG WHITE SEASON SALE Offers Exceptional Opportunities to Save

We are now showing the advance Spring styles in Women's and Misses' Spring suits, coats, dresses and skirts. We cordially invite you and your friends to come and see these advance models. New garments arriving by every express.

See window display of the correct new styles of Spring shoes for Women and Misses—"Manhattan" Spring shirts for men, etc.

NEW SPRING MDSE. NOW ON DISPLAY

Stacks and stacks of dainty new undermuslins—Our entire stock of gowns, combinations, drawers, corset covers, etc. now on sale at this White Season Sale.

Yards and yards of new Spring embroideries just received—the prettiest we have ever shown—all at White Season Sale reductions.

Also our entire stock of new Spring white wash goods at White Sale reductions. Supply your Spring sewing needs in white wash goods now at big savings—just as many others are now doing.



—Feeding Value of Field Peas. 2:00 to 3:00—Fitts, E. B.—Care and Management of the Dairy Herd. 3:00—Schrock, M. S.—Dairy Sanitation. 8:00—Fitts, E. B.—Types and Breeds of Dairy Cattle (illustrated.)

Saturday.
 10:00 to 11:00—Schrock, M. S.—Raising the Dairy Calf.
 11:00 to 12:00—Fitts, E. B.—Feeding for Milk Production.
 1:00 to 2:00—Kehrl, F. W.—Milk Testing Demonstration.
 2:00 to 3:00—Fitts, E. B.—Improving the Dairy Herd.
 3:00—Fitts, E. B.—Dairy Cow Judging Demonstrations.

Domestic Science, Feb. 11 to 13.

Thursday, Feb. 11.
 Morning—Turley, Miss Anna M.—Food as a Factor in Health (Lecture.) Vegetable Cookery (Demonstration.)

Afternoon—Turley, Miss Anna M.—Cuts of Meat (Lecture) Meat Cookery (Demonstration.)

Friday, Feb. 12.
 Morning—Turley, Miss Anna M.—Food for the Sick (Lecture) Egg and Milk Cookery (Demonstration.)

Afternoon—Turley, Miss Anna M.—Food Economics (Lecture) Use of the left-overs (Demonstration.)

Saturday, Feb. 13.
 Morning—Turley, Miss Anna M.—Bread and Bread Making (Lecture.) Bread Baking (Demonstration.)

Food for the School Child (Lecture) Afternoon—Completion of Bread (Demonstration) School Luncheons (Demonstration.)

SPECIAL SALE ON COAL
 Sale Starts Monday Feb. 8 ends March 1st
 Something Never Heard of Before

Owing to the weather and the great amount of coal on hand we are going to have a sale on Hiawatha and Rock Springs coal. Prices are right and must be spot cash. It means a great saving to all. Good clean coal.

- One ton lot **\$8.25**
- Five tons or more **\$7.75**

See the Mammoth Lump of coal in front of our office—Takes nine men to lift it.

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 To do all we can to make their relations here profitable and agreeable to them;
 To contribute to their enterprises, the co-operation, foresight and timely assistance which a good Bank can properly bestow.