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A FEDERAL WEEKLY.

Not content with the publishing business for himself, and not entirely satisfied with the Congressional Record, Wm. Jennings Bryan now proposes to have the government go into the newspaper business—or the magazine business or whatever else he would call the proposed publication. He thinks the nation ought to publish some sort of a weekly bulletin that should contain matters that somebody thinks would be of interest to the public. In a recent statement at Washington, he said:

"The public welfare demands the publication of a digest of the government's work in the form of a bulletin, published weekly, or at such other intervals as may be found best, and sent free to all postmasters, state, county and city executives, libraries, colleges, high schools, newspapers, periodicals and other public centers of information. It should also be furnished at cost to such individuals as may desire to subscribe for it, as the Congressional Record now is.

He went farther than this. The bulletin should be bi-partisan, he says, and he suggests that a certain amount of space be left for editorials to be furnished by the parties in proportion to their strength in congress. The news columns of the bulletins are to contain laws passed by congress, "digest of less important things done by congress and by the various departments of the government, reporting the important speeches delivered and furnishing voters with the information necessary to pass intelligent judgment on the acts of their public service," and he adds, "congress could from time to time direct what should be put into the paper and what should be left to the discretion of the managing board."

We have one fine example of a congressionally directed publication in the congressional record and we fail to

"OUR BEST TIP TO MEN"

is to visit West's store during the "January Clearance Sale," and pick up a high grade Tailored Suit and save \$5.00 to \$6.00 on it. "Benjamin," "Hirsch-Wick wire," "Society Brand" and "Fidelity" makes. With every suit goes a double guarantee—this store's and the makers—which is all that need be said about them.

Table with 2 columns: Price and Description. \$15.00 Men's Suits at \$11.25, \$17.50 Men's Suits at \$13.15, \$20.00 Men's Suits at \$15.00, \$22.50 Men's Suits at \$16.90, \$25.00 Men's Suits at \$18.75, \$27.50 Men's Suits at \$20.65.



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Fine Serges, Chevoits, Worsteds, in regular pants cloths, woven especially for wear—also heavy woolwinter pants for work. \$2.00 Pants now \$1.50, \$3.00 Pants now \$2.25, \$4.00 Pants now \$3.00, \$5.00 Pants now \$3.75, \$3.00 Corduroy Pants now \$2.25, Boys' Pants 25 per cent off.

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Every Article in the Store Reduced



see how the plan of Mr. Bryan would afford very much of an improvement over this. There is no doubt that a properly edited publication, devoted exclusively to the work of congress and of the departments of the government would be extremely valuable. It would give facts about the conduct of affairs at Washington that it is

impossible to glean from the congressional record. It would necessarily have a somewhat restricted circulation for it would not be of very wide popular interest, but it would be invaluable to those it served. But there is little doubt, either, that Mr. Bryan's suggested method would not supply such a publication. A digest of the things done by congress would be of value only if it was fairly, impartially and intelligently made. A digest made by one party would be sided, incomplete and practically valueless. A paper run under the direction of congress would not fill the need that exists, because the things congress wants the public to know and the things the public wants to know may not be the same at all.

Of all the imposters masquerading under the name of "food," the doughnut probably is the most flagrant.

If a man isn't married by the time he is 30, the women believe it is because he has been "crossed" in love.

Unless it is something she wants, a girl considers it improper to accept a present from a man to whom she is not engaged.

FOREST SETTLEMENT. Policy Is to Make Valuable for Settlement Lands Chiefly for Farming.

The following extracts from the report of the Secretary of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, indicate the department's policy with regard to lands in the national forests which are chiefly valuable for farming:

"It is the department's policy to make available for settlement all lands which are chiefly valuable for farming. In order to open such areas a careful classification is being made. Large tracts found to be valuable for agriculture or unsuited for permanent forest purposes are eliminated. During the last five years about 14,000,000 acres have been released. In addition, individual tracts are classified and opened to entry upon application of home seekers. Since the work was begun more than 1,900,000 acres have been made available for the benefit of 18,000 settlers.

"In short, lands within the forests really adapted to agriculture are being occupied as homesteads under favorable conditions. While the lands suited to settlement are classified and opened to entry, those which are not chiefly valuable for agriculture are retained in public ownership. The alienation of timberlands under conditions that will lead not to settlement but to speculation and to increasing the holdings of private timber owners

would defeat the very purposes for which the forests were established.

"The real agricultural problem within and near the forests is to make possible the successful occupancy and development of the lands that already have been opened to entry or actually patented. The mere private ownership of land does not insure successful use of it. In Oregon and Washington alone there are about 3,000,000 acres of logged-off land, much of it agricultural in character, now lying idle. In this condition speculative holding of the land for higher prices plays a large part. Another cause is the lack of transportation facilities. A settler may clear land and raise crops upon it, but he is helpless if he can not market them. There are great areas of fertile land unused today on this account. In many sections near the national forests pioneer conditions still exist. The population is small and the task of road building is beyond the means of the residents. There is little or no demand for timber, and the receipts for the forest which go to the community are small. The fact that the public property is not subject to taxation makes such communities feel, and very justly, that the forests are not contributing enough to local development.

"This situation should be changed. Assistance should be given in the building of roads to bring into productive use the resources of such regions. Therefore the suggestion contained in the last annual report is repeated, that upon a showing of public necessity appropriations be made for specific roads and similar improvements, to be charged against the State's future share of receipts from the forests. Such action would promote the local development of agriculture and other resources.

"To secure the maximum use of the lands still remaining in Federal ownership further legislation is needed. There must be a constructive program which will promote development and safeguard public interests. The aim should be to make these properties more useful, available to greater numbers, and effectively instrumental in building up industries."

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice water, but a temperature of about 90 degrees F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

Seaside Has New Postmaster.

Seaside, Or., Jan. 13.—F. H. Lighthorn has been appointed postmaster to succeed E. S. Abbott. Mr. Lighthorn is a real estate man of Seaside and once held the position of mayor. Mr. Abbott has been postmaster for the past eight years.

CASH SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY. Van Camp's Pork & Beans, per can 10c. Large can Oysters 20c. Small can Oysters 10c. Chiradellis Chocolate, pound can 30c. Golden Rod Naphtha Washing Powder 20c. 6 Bars Crystal White Soap 25c.

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